

Newspaper Materials
Relating to the
HISTORY OF JEFFERSON, TEXAS
1842-1875

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KEY

CG	<i>Caddo Gazette</i> (Shreveport)
CN	<i>Confederate News</i> (Jefferson)
DJ	<i>Daily Jimplecute</i> (Jefferson)
DST	<i>Daily Shreveport Times</i>
DSW	<i>Daily South-Western</i> (Shreveport)
ETG	<i>Eastern Texas Gazette</i> (Jefferson)
HA	<i>Home Advocate</i> (Jefferson)
HF	<i>Harrison Flag</i> (Marshall)
HG	<i>Herald & Gazette</i> (Jefferson)
JH	<i>Jefferson Herald</i>
JN	<i>Jefferson News</i>
JR	<i>Jefferson Radical</i>
NS	<i>Northern Standard</i> (Clarksville)
SWSN	<i>Semi-Weekly Shreveport News</i>
SDN	<i>Shreveport Daily News</i>
SN	<i>Shreveport News</i>
SOTA	<i>Spirit of the Age</i> (Jefferson)
SSP	<i>Star State Patriot</i> (Marshall)
SSWN	<i>Shreveport Semi-Weekly News</i>
SWJ	<i>Semi-Weekly Jimplecute</i> (Jefferson)
SWN	<i>Shreveport Weekly News</i>
SW	<i>South-Western</i> (Shreveport)
TJ	<i>The Jimplecute</i> (Jefferson)
TR	<i>Texas Republican</i> (Marshall)
TS	<i>The Standard</i> (Clarksville)
WJ	<i>Weekly Jimplecute</i> (Jefferson)
WT	<i>Washington Telegraph</i> (Washington, Arkansas)
WTR	<i>Weekly Times and Republican</i> (Jefferson)
WWT	<i>Weekly Washington Telegraph</i> (Washington, Arkansas)

All of the newspapers on microfilm or in hard copy were scanned for information on Jefferson, and the information was typed out on computer. The only limitations on what has been produced is that some of the originals were damaged (and therefore the information is permanently lost), and the quality of microfilm reproduction of some of the early issues of such things as the Clarksville *Northern Standard* is poor, which means that completeness can be achieved only by reference to the originals (which was not done). In some cases, information tangential to Jefferson's history is referenced parenthetically. Information on steamboats to Jefferson in the Shreveport navigation columns has not been included because it is covered exhaustively in my *A History of Navigation on Cypress Bayou and the Lakes*.

The only inclusions in this document that were not obtained from microfilm resources were: (1) a poor reproduction of the December 16, 1848, Jefferson *Spirit of the Age*, which was obtained from the *Jimplecute* office; a copy of an article on a proposed Jefferson hospital, which appeared in the March 22, 1870, *Jimplecute* and was included in the Surgeon General of the Army's 1870 report on the Medical History of the Post of Jefferson, which was obtained from the National Archives (Record Group 94); an original of the November 4, 1871, *Home Advocate*, which was obtained from the Texas History Museum; and (3) various copies of Jefferson newspapers in the collection of Catherine Wise (now in the Texas History Museum), including the May 14, 1853, *Jefferson Herald*; August 2, 1865, *Jimplecute*; April 19, 1867, *Semi-Weekly Jimplecute*; May 21, 1867, *Semi-Weekly Jimplecute*; September 24, 1867, *Semi-Weekly Jimplecute*; October 11, 1867, *Semi-Weekly Jimplecute*; April 4, 1870, *Daily Jimplecute*; October 2, 1874, *Weekly Jimplecute*; November 23, 1875, *Daily Jimplecute*; and December 18, 1875, *Daily Jimplecute*.

The only additional newspapers from this period that I am aware of are: (1) the November 4 and December 2, 16, and 23, 1864, Jefferson *Trans-Mississippi Bulletin*, hard copies of which are available at the University of Texas in Austin; an original of the May 6, 1864, *Trans-Mississippi Bulletin*, which is available at the Jefferson Historical Society & Museum; an original of the August 13, 1873, *Home Advocate*, which is available at the Texas History Museum; microfilm copies of the August 11 and 18 and September 18 *Jefferson Radical*, which are available at the North Texas State Library in Denton; 1875 issues of the Marshall *Tri-Weekly Herald*, which are available on microfilm from Southwest Micropublishing, Inc.; and various originals of Jefferson newspapers available in the collection of Linda Prouty in Stonewall, Louisiana, including the July 28 and September 27, 1869, *Daily Jimplecute*; November 24, 1870, *Weekly Times and Republican*; October 2, 1874, *Weekly Jimplecute*; and others.

The advertisements are (with the exception of some of the Jefferson newspapers) from the first appearance of the advertisement in the extant sources and include subsequent modifications. The date on which the advertisement first appeared in the newspaper is often indicated in the advertisement. No attempt has been made to indicate length of time of appearance.

53-1

JEFFERSON HERALD.

In the issue of the Herald for the 18th ult., we find the valedictories of both the editor and the working publisher. The first is a document whose sensible practical suggestions may be commended to the consideration of people generally--the last is a document, expressive of parting and kind wishes, especially neat and tasteful in its wording.

It appears that in future the paper will be published by Messrs. Mosely and Wortham, and edited by Judge Grinsted, late of Brownsville, on the Rio Grande, and we believe formerly a member of the Legislature. (NS 1/1/53)

53-2

Col. W. W. Morris is doubtless elected Judge of this (6th) Judicial District. We have not yet received returns from all the counties, and cannot therefore, give his majority. The Colonel was in town a few days since, and appears to be a clever gentleman, and we doubt not will make an excellent Judge. [*Jefferson Herald.*] (NS 1/8/53)

53-3

We understand that D. W. Douthit, a merchant in Jefferson, on Wednesday night last, killed an orphan boy by the name of Baker, who was engaged in one of the Livery Stables of that place. As we know nothing of the circumstances, only from rumor, and as the case is undergoing a legal investigation, we forbear comment. (TR 1/8/53)

53-4

(M. D. Rogers of Jefferson defeated in his bid for district judge.) (TR 1/8/53)

53-5

Mr. W. A. Wortham, has purchased the interest of friend Watson in the Jefferson Herald. Mr. Ferris has also withdrawn from the editorial management of the paper and is succeeded by Judge H. L. Grinstead. Judge G. is from the West, and has brought with him the reputation of being a gentleman of talent. While we wish the new conductors every success in conducting the Herald, we avail ourselves of the opportunity of tendering our best wishes to those retiring. We hope that a long career of prosperity awaits them. Mr. Ferris will still continue the practice of the law. (TR 1/8/53)

53-6

M. D. Rogers, Esq., a gentleman of sterling worth, of fine capacity, and a sound democrat. (TR 1/22/53)

53-7

The Jefferson Herald thinks that if appropriations are made during the present session of our legislature, for clearing out the rivers of Texas that Soda Lake should (?) for (?) share. More freight passes through (?) than any of the (?). (TR 1/22/53)

53-8

V. M. DUBOSE, Esq., delivered a lecture at Jefferson, on Thursday night, the 13th inst., before the Mutual Improvement Society. The Herald speaks in terms of high commendation of the effort. (TR 1/22/53)

53-9

We learn from the Jefferson Herald, that Mr. D. W. Douthit has been held to bond in the sum of \$2,000 for his appearance at the next term of the District court of Cass county, to answer to the charge of manslaughter on the person of (?) Baker. (TR 1/22/53)

53-10

Mrs. Elizabeth Jackson, with J. W. Kemp, Esq., have opened the Jefferson Hotel, at Jefferson. Their advertisement will be found on the next page. Mrs. Jackson ran an excellent hotel while she staid here, and we have no doubt she will keep a better hotel in Jefferson, as she will have greater (?). (TR 1/22/53)

53-11

The editor of the Jefferson Herald says that according to the report of the late census, there are 30,000 adults in Texas, who can neither read nor write....The whole population of Texas does not, we believe, amount to thirty thousand....we do not think that ignorance either of books or of the ways of the world, can be considered a characteristic of our people. Look at the number of schools that are distributed throughout our young and growing State; look at the number of newspapers, and the extensive patronage they receive. In no place in the Union, of the same population as Marshall, is there a newspaper as large as the Republican; and yet there is another one published in the same place; one at Jefferson only sixteen miles distant; and another at Henderson, only forty five miles from Marshall. (TR 1/29/53)

53-12

EDITORIAL LETTER.

Jefferson, Jan. 24, 1853.

To the readers of the Republican:

I left Marshall on Sunday morning, in the stage, for Jefferson. After proceeding about a mile and a half, with several disagreeable threatenings of being upset in the road, the body of the vehicle rolled completely to one side, and, on examination, we discovered that the stage was in a fair way to go to pieces, and could not possibly hold together much longer. Our stage driver, who was an amateur, and not the regular one, [being no less a personage than friend Kemp of the Jefferson Hotel,] immediately drove the carriage to one side of the road, and started back to Marshall for another, leaving the passengers in the road to amuse themselves as they might think best. After waiting a considerable time, he once more made his appearance and we soon found ourselves under way. The road is none of the best; some parts of it, indeed, sadly need working. We sincerely hope that our Legislature will set themselves to work to reform our road laws; for certainly no country in the world is cursed with worse roads than Texas.

We arrived at Jefferson between two and three o'clock, and set down to an elegant dinner at the Jefferson Hotel, kept by Mrs. Jackson and Mr. J. W. Kemp. This house is very well

managed, and is well patronized. We were surprised at the large amount of traveling custom which a hotel gets in this place. The house has been a perfect jam since we have been here.

Jefferson is improving. A number of elegant buildings are going up, and business is lively. The Lake at present is quite low, not being more than enough water for a small boat. The merchants, however, anticipate a speedy rise, which is much needed, as a large amount of cotton on the Lake has not yet been shipped, and many of the merchants expect large stocks of goods shortly.

We had the pleasure of calling on the new proprietor of the Herald, W. A. Wortham, Esq., and on the Editor, H. L. Grinstead, Esq. Mr. W. is well known in Marshall, and has many friends. Mr. G. is a gentleman of talent, and may be regarded as quite an accession to the Texas corps of editors. The Herald is doing a prosperous business.

On Sunday evening I visited the church, and had the pleasure of hearing Rev. Mr. Waskom preach a very interesting sermon, followed by an exhortation by Rev. J. M. Baker. The church was filled to overflowing. There were few ladies in the house. This was not owing, however, to any want of interest or devotion on the part of the fair, but from the fact that Jefferson cannot boast of having a large number of the sex. Indeed, I am told that there are only one or two young ladies in the place. As might be supposed, fears are entertained that cobwebs will grow over this portion of the "moral vineyard." Nothing better tends to improve the condition of young men than the society of ladies, and if in our abundance any can be shared (which I can scarcely admit,) I know of no place where they are more wanted or will be better entertained.

Gambling is carried on here pretty extensively, as it is all over Texas, notwithstanding the stringency of our laws. The game of "Rondo" is in full blast, and commands a large share of attention. This is a game which is played on a billiard table, with small balls. Two corner pockets are selected, and the balls rolled alternately from one to the other. If an even number remain outside the pockets the "Rondo" table wins. If an odd number, then the money is all shipped from the "Rondo" table, which has lost. As the table takes a percent out of each bet that is made on the table that wins, its receipts are very handsome. It is, in a word, like paying the owners of the table so much for the privilege of betting on it. The profits of the table may be judged from the fact that a company in Shreveport were willing to pay a tax or license of \$5,000 annually for liberty to carry on the game. And yet, this game is allowed in Texas, notwithstanding our lawgivers endeavored to make a law prohibiting every species of gambling. Our Supreme Court decided that unless a game was specially mentioned in the statute, it could not be prohibited. Hence, "Rondo," horse racing, or any new game that may be invented can be played with impunity. Some of our District Judges (?) ruled differently, previous to the decision, (among them Judge Evans,) and (?) instructed the Grand Juries to report all cases in which money was won or lost by betting. Such instruction was certainly in consonance with the spirit of the law; since the Legislature evidently intended to put down every species of gambling. Legislation, however, cannot do much towards terminating this vice, so long as it is countenanced by public opinion. It can do one thing, at least, and that is to prevent its practice in public. You do not see in Texas, what is quite common in Louisiana; and that is, persons playing cards in an open "coffee-house," where they can be seen by every one who may chance to visit them. I know it is contended that secret gambling is more pernicious than where it is practiced in public. This I have always doubted. No one need gamble in private unless they desire to do so, or take the pains to get themselves within the range of this charmed circle. There is not the

fashion or the allurements held out to the young from the gambling in public; and the fact that it has to be carried on in secret has a tendency to condemn it, and to stamp it with the character of a disreputable practice. To make a successful gambler a man must make up his mind to cheat, lie, and steal. If his stomach revolts at these little matters, he had better never learn one card from another. He must, moreover, conclude to follow the business to the exclusion of all others. But it is not the professional gambler that alone has to practice deceit. His superior knowledge of the game renders it usually unnecessary. The occasional player, who figures in society as a gentleman, and who would be very much offended were he called a "gambler," has more frequent recourse to the tricks of trade, or to such as he may understand. The regular gambler is usually known--he is a marked personage. He sails under no deceitful colors. The gentlemanly gambler, on the contrary, is not suspected of unfairness. He is the man that decoys and ruins youth--if not by persuasion, at least by example. A young man of 18 or 19 cannot think a practice very bad when he finds himself sustained by and in the company of the most respectable men in the place. We should, therefore, make laws punishing more severely the respectable gentlemen who give their influence, and spend their time in gaming, instead of the professional gamester who takes no pains to conceal his vocation, and who will most certainly get the money of those with him, unless they understand the whole machinery of cards. I do not mean to assert that those who gamble are dishonest in the full sense of the word. When men gamble, there is a tacit understanding that the smartest man gets the money; and many of those who would, under such circumstances use all their ingenuity to carry their point, would not in their business affairs be guilty of any thing disreputable. I know many who have been very successful in play, who are considered high minded liberal men. Yet the practice is pernicious and demoralizing and ought to be exterminated. It makes a man selfish and covetous, and has a greater tendency to harden his heart than any other vice. At least, such is my opinion.

In speaking of Hotels, I should not forget to mention that Dr. Garey is keeping the Figures House, which is also well sustained.

There is nothing new or interesting in this locality, and I am hence brought to an abrupt conclusion.

R. W. L. (TR 1/29/53)

53-13

(T. C. H. Smith and George Ward, contractors, propose a telegraph line from New Orleans to Shreveport, Marshall, Houston, and Galveston.) (SSP 1/29/53)

53-14

(Col. M. Ward and Gen. Rogers of Cass County mentioned as possible delegates for democratic convention.) (TR 2/5/53)

53-15

(Gen. J. H. Rogers of Cass County mentioned as possible candidate for Congress.) (TR 2/12/53)

53-16

See the card of Mr. J. W. Pitkin, merchant in Jefferson. He has an attractive establishment, and sells cheap. (TR 2/12/53)

53-17

Messrs. Veal & Jennings, of Jefferson, have a store crowded with goods, which they are disposing of rapidly. Their stock is well selected, and their prices moderate. See their advertisement. (TR 2/12/53)

53-18

John Sabine, has quite a fine assortment of dry goods and groceries in Jefferson, which he is anxious to dispose of as speedily as possible. See his advertisement. (TR 2/12/53)

53-19

See the advertisement for the Jefferson Hotel, Jefferson, Texas. This house is well (?) and is doing a thriving business. (TR 2/12/53)

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(See Nesmith's Livery Stable advertisement.) (TR 2/12/53)

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(See Samuel Garey's Rising Sun Hotel advertisement.) (TR 2/12/53)

53-22

LAKE TRADE.

A writer in the Jefferson *Herald* proposes to raise a subscription for cleaning out the Lake. That meetings be called at Jefferson, Smithland, Benton, Port Caddo, Marshall, &c., &c. Thinks fifty cents a bale on the crop of '53, to be collected by the warehousemen for the persons doing the work, would effect it. (SSP 2/12/53)

53-23

LAKE NAVIGATION.

A correspondent of the Jefferson Herald, makes some valuable suggestions in a late number of that paper. The editor, in speaking of him, says that he is a gentleman well acquainted with the Lake, and whose intelligence and practical business capacity entitles his suggestions to attentive consideration. We append his remarks:

"I hope that those interested in the Lake navigation will be aroused to their interest, and take active steps towards cleaning out the Lake. There is sufficient water for boats to bring out full loads of cotton if the stumps were removed. The most effectual plan, in my opinion, would be to call meetings of the planters and merchants--say at Jefferson, Smithland, Benton, Port Caddo, and Marshall, and in the neighborhood of Swanson's and Mooring's, and get them to sign an article of agreement to pay 50 cents a bale on the cotton crop of 1853, the tax to be collected by the ware-housemen for the benefit of whoever will clear out the Lake. I am satisfied that every merchant and planter in Cass and Harrison counties will cheerfully submit to it, for it will only be necessary to call their attention to the following fact, for them to see their true interest, which is, that they are now paying the extra 50 cents per bale, and receiving no benefit from it, and that even with the extra price they are not able to get their cotton to market.

"Let active men take hold of the matter at this time, whilst the Lake is low, and all are suffering from the obstruction to the navigation, (for there is plenty of water,) and I feel satisfied that there would hardly be a man that would refuse to sign.

"If those most interested in the navigation of the Lake are so dead to their interest, as to refuse to enter into some such arrangement, it will be worse than folly for any set of men to endeavor to sustain a regular trade in the Lake."

In relation to the foregoing, the editor says:

"Either the plan here proposed, or some other and better one should be immediately adopted. We feel confident from conversation with merchants and others here, that an amount of money can be raised by subscription sufficient to clear out the stumps, which now form the only obstruction to the successful navigation of the Lake. This matter has now assumed the form of an imperative necessity, and unless our merchants and planters take an immediate and active part in securing the required amount of money, they will suffer to an extent they little contemplate. Every one is interested directly who has goods to buy, or produce to sell, and ship through this channel. They are paying a heavier tax now, in the shape of high freights, than would be required to improve the Lake; and they will not only actually receive the money they may contribute back again, but will receive additional benefit from the increase of trade, and the value of their property." (TR 2/19/53)

53-24

Notice the advertisement of Elliott & Frith, Jefferson. They have a fine Drug Store. (TR 3/5/53)

53-25

(*Jefferson Herald* comments on Texas public debt.) (TR 3/5/53)

53-26

(Extension of telegraph into Texas would enable interior merchants to buy cotton because they would have knowledge of the state of the New Orleans market.) (TR 3/5/53)

53-27

(Moses Steinlein is listed as a Marshall merchant in the business directory and in his March 5 advertisement.) (SSP 3/19/53)

53-28

The steamer Venture brought down from Jefferson, the other day, a company of five or six men, having in their charge a prisoner who it seems killed a man in Hopkins county, Ky., by the name of Walden, some time back. One of the party was the brother of the murdered man, and had brought the others along to assist in taking the prisoner whenever they should find him, without any requisition, however, from the Governor of Kentucky. At Jefferson some eight or ten men endeavored to effect the rescue of the prisoner, but the citizens with praiseworthy spirit, determined that he should be carried back for trial. The scene, we are informed, was quite exciting. The citizens turned out with guns--some old flint-lock rifles that had figured probably in the time of the Moderators and Regulators, being conspicuous--pistols, &c., and escorted the prisoner through the street to the Venture, whose officers were in arms, ready to receive him.

Our informant tells us that his attention was attracted by a rough old customer in the crowd, who was intensely excited on the occasion--swore it reminded him of old times. No doubt he would have considered it fine fun to hang the man to a lamp-post, provided our sister city enjoys such a luxury. We believe the captain of the Venture (our favorite by the bye) was heard to say that *he* wished to see something like "old times" himself, and to express profound regret that the mob had not executed him summarily, in accordance with the frontier honored laws of Judge Lynch--*even at the loss of his passage money down*. This innocent gratification was not, however, afforded, and the gentleman was landed, with his attentive escort opposite our town--in Bossier parish--safely out of the reach of *habeas corpus*--which, however, would have been of little service to him, as his captor avowed his determination to shoot him, if any thing of the kind was attempted, swearing that his brother's death must and should be avenged.

They left Wednesday evening on the St. Charles. (CG 4/23/53)

53-29

The Jefferson Herald of the 23d contains a well written editorial in opposition to the project of holding a Democratic State Convention at Washington, on the Brazos, on the 15th of June next, as recommended by Hon. W. D. Miller, and the Austin State Gazette. The Herald takes the ground that such a Convention is not desired by the people; that so far from producing harmony, it would be more likely to introduce dissention into the democratic ranks. The editor contends that the present movement originated with "a few jaded demagogues and hangers-on of small aspirants for popular favor." If the convention is held, the Herald says, the result will be that a few counties on the Brazos and in the vicinity of Washington, will be represented, and Mr. Pease will be selected. (TR 4/30/53)

53-30

Our friends who attended the Odd Fellows' and Citizens' Ball at Jefferson, represent it as one of the gayest affairs of the season. It was well attended, and every thing passed off in a manner calculated to inspire good feeling. The fair hostess of the Jefferson Hotel, Mrs. JACKSON, prepared the dinner and supper, and they are represented as having been unequalled by anything of the kind in Texas, either for variety, abundance, or the manner in which they were served. We are under many obligations to her for the kind and flattering manner in which she noticed our unavoidable absence, by sending us a box of her choicest cake and a bottle of wine. The cake was delicious. To use a figurative phrase, it was fragrant with the pleasures of the Ball--redolent of "hearts and hopes."

May Mrs. Jackson witness many pleasant parties--"with a heart ever overflowing with happiness herself--ever ready to rejoice with those that do rejoice." (TR 4/30/53)

53-31

We learn from the Jefferson Herald (?) Mr. Wm. Perry, has returned from California. Mr. P. has been gone about (?). (TR 5/14/53)

53-32

(*Jefferson Herald* is published on Saturdays by S. F. Moseley & W. A. Wortham and edited by H. L. Grinstead; Vol. 3, No. 21, May 14, 1853.) (JH 5/14/53)

53-33

FREE FERRY.--Our citizens have established a free ferry at this place, across the Big Cypress, opposite Freeman's ware house, for the accommodation of the traveling and trading public. It will be kept up through the entire year, and will be at all times well attended. The outrageously high toll demanded at Urquhart's bridge have determined the citizens of Jefferson to this course. The press in our neighboring Towns will confer a favor on the public by noticing this fact. (JH 5/14/53)

53-34

We learn from the Jefferson Herald (?) of Jefferson have erected (?) on the Big Cypress at that (?) warehouse; for (?). (TR 5/21/53)

53-35

New life has been infused into the stage line in this section. We have now a daily stage line between Jefferson and Shreveport, by way of Marshall. The distance, 60 miles, is made in daylight. The enterprising gentlemen connected with these lines deserve encouragement. The first thing to be done is the improvement of the roads, which are, and ever have been, in a wretched condition. (TR 5/21/53)

53-36

EDITORIAL CORRESPONDENCE

JEFFERSON, June 2, '53

We arrived here on Tuesday night, about fifteen minutes before 11 o'clock, having left Marshall when the sun was about an hour high.

On Wednesday morning we took a survey of the town, and interchanged friendly greetings with the denizens thereof.

At 11 o'clock on Wednesday, Hon. L. D. EVANS, according to previous appointment, addressed the citizens of this place, in reference to his claims as a candidate for Governor, from the steps of the Jefferson Hotel. Although the bell was rung twice, there was but a limited attendance, not more than thirty persons being present. It is impossible, in the hurried manner in which this letter is composed, to give a just outline of his speech, but we may possibly remember its general features sufficiently distinct, to do so in a future number. Its delivery occupied about an hour, and for frankness, plausibility, clearness and force, was the best effort we have ever heard him make.

To our surprise, the speech was coldly received. Not a breath of applause was elicited, and the meeting dispersed in silence at its conclusion.

We had the pleasure of calling on our friends of the Herald, by whom we were kindly received. The prospects of this excellent paper, we judge are flattering. Friend Wortham's countenance wears the same pleasant appearance as it did of yore, although we regret to find him in bad health. Judge Grinstead, the editor, is generally esteemed for his candor, talent, and moral worth, and the Herald cannot but acquire an enviable character under his management.

We learn from Judge G. that the Hon. John T. Mills will not enter the canvass for Governor. The numerous friends of this able man, and we number ourself among them, will regret to learn this. Judge Mills is generally conceded to be one of the most talented men in Texas. He would be worthy, indeed, of a distinguished position in any State in the Union.

There are very few strangers here, and the town is unusually dull; or, at least, it is to day, Wednesday, the date at which we are writing.

Nothing has transpired here worthy of further remark. The road from Marshall to Jefferson is in tolerable good order, and the Cypresses are not so high as we expected to find them from the continued rain.

L. (TR 6/4/53)

53-37

(Attorney Granville Lewis moves from Jefferson to Marshall.) (TR 6/4/53)

53-38

While in Jefferson we received a present of a box of elegant cigars, from that prince of clever fellows, JOHN SABINE. Seated in an imposing attitude in our editorial chair, with the smoke gracefully encircling our head, and the delicious fragrance spreading beatitude over our countenance, we desire to say something particularly handsome of Mr. Sabine and his elegant establishment. As one of our candidates would say, however, "We feel unequal to the occasion." He has *pre-haps* the finest assortment of dry goods, groceries, ready made clothing, boots and shoes, (?) and, in fact, every thing that (?). If you go to Jefferson (?). (TR 6/11/53)

53-39

MASONIC BALL.--There is to be a Masonic celebration at our neighboring town of Jefferson, on the 24th. The ceremonies of the day are expected to be of an imposing character. The affair is to wind up with a Ball at night. We understand that it is to be gotten up in magnificent style. It is hoped that it will be numerously attended by the ladies and gentlemen of Harrison. (TR 6/18/53)

53-40

The advertisement of Messrs. J. W. PREWITT & CO., Jefferson, Texas, will appear in our next issue. In the mean time, we would direct attention to their large and handsome assortment of goods. (TR 6/18/53)

53-41

INFORMATION.

The Jefferson Herald, of Cass county, hoists the name of Jno. T. Mills, for Governor, and of David C. Dickson, for Lieut. Governor. *The indications are that this will be the strong ticket in Eastern Texas.*

The above piece of *news*, we find in the Galveston News.

The Galveston Journals have occasionally very novel information in relation to political movements in the East and North of Texas, "which, can be had by them only."

The mass of uninitiated up here had never even heard of the foregoing ticket, which is very respectable so far as names are concerned, but which so far as we know was merely the individual nomination of the editor of The Jefferson Herald. Doubtless there are many who might have voted for it, if the "ticket" had retained existence until the election, but as Judge Mills has not been a candidate, and as very few persons up here ever *heard* of the *ticket*, and as no Journal save the Herald, and no public meeting whose proceedings have come under our

observation, have ever proposed to support it, we are at a loss to know what sort of "indications" there have been, that this would be "the strong ticket in Eastern Texas." (TS 6/25/53)

53-42

BARBECUE AND BALLS.

Some how or other, we seem to be unfortunate in getting off to Jefferson at the right season. It was fully our intention to have visited that place on the 24th of June, but, strange as it may appear, and truth is said to be sometimes stranger than fiction, we were disappointed. Friday morning found every means of conveyance in our town engaged, and we were compelled to be reconciled to our lot.

Those who attended the Masonic Ball and the dinner, speak in terms of eulogy of the entire arrangements. The lady who presides over the Jefferson Hotel, comes in for a full share of compliments. The dinner is represented to us as having been an elegant affair, and to have been served up in the very best style. The supper at night was unequalled in Texas, and it is said could scarcely have been surpassed in New Orleans. The table presented a brilliant appearance, and was loaded not only with the delicacies of the season, but with everything that could be procured from New Orleans. They had a quantity of ice, and iced lemonades, ice-creams, bananas, oranges, &c., were on hand in abundance. And then to crown all, the music was of the richest kind. Messrs. Passier and Smith were in attendance. No one who has heard Mr. Passsier touch the chords of his violin, but is willing to concede that he is one of the sweetest musicians he has ever heard.

Thus much for the Barbecue and Ball, at Jefferson. Can the reader not perceive from the very scratches of our pen, (as he cannot hear the intonations of our voice,) how much we regret that we were not present?

The Masonic fraternity at Jefferson is very numerous, and during the day they turned out in procession, which is described as having been very imposing.... (TR 7/2/53)

53-43

We see from a notice in the Jefferson Herald, signed by Messrs. H. L. Grinsted and Saml. F. Moseley that no unkind feelings exist between them; that their relations have ever been of a friendly character, and are likely to so continue. This notice is intended to correct any impression which may have gone abroad of their unfriendliness, originating from a portion of Mr. Grinsted's valedictory. It was not, the intention of Mr. M. to exercise any dictation as to the editorial management of the Herald. His letter to Mr. G. was simply advisory, and to set forth his position, as one of the proprietors of that sheet. As we have a high esteem for these gentlemen we are glad to see this publication, and to learn that their private relations have not been disturbed. (TR 7/23/53)

53-44

From the Jefferson Herald July 23d.

THE CANVASS FOR GOVERNOR.

Ex-Governor Wood passed through Jefferson where he made a speech as reported by us last week, on his way to the upper Red River Counties, leaving the impression wherever he went that he was the available Democratic candidate for Governor, and that the safety of the party therefore required concentration upon him in order to defeat the Whig candidate; and as an

evidence of this fact he stated that Col. Johnson had withdrawn in his favor. This called forth a card from Col. Johnson on the subject, which appeared in the Nacogdoches Chronicle of the 12th inst., and which we publish to-day. The Col. denies that he withdrew in Mr. Wood's favor, and insists that Hon. E. M. Pease is decidedly the strongest democratic candidate in the field, and that concentration upon him alone will ensure the election of a democratic candidate. This statement has created an entire reaction in public feeling on the subject, as evinced in Rusk, Nacogdoches, San Augustine, Sabine, Shelby, Panola and Harrison Counties, which has already become known. We have no doubt of its producing the same effect in other counties above there as soon as the true statement is made.--We are decidedly of the opinion that Mr. Pease is the man to concentrate upon; and unless Gov. Wood's impressions can be counteracted in time, we fear he will have beaten his own party. (TS 7/30/53)

53-45

(Grinsted, late editor of the Jefferson Herald, was not dismissed.) (TR 7/30/53)

53-46

Jefferson, Cass Co., July 16th, 1853.

TO C. DE MORSE ESQR., CLARKSVILLE, R. R. CO.

DEAR SIR.--I arrived here yesterday on an official tour, which when I left Houston I intended to have embraced the whole Red River or Northern counties. I find it impossible for me at this time to carry out that intention, owing to the fact of my having received a severe sprain of the ankle which is now much swollen, and almost incapacitates me from walking. I shall therefore have (although reluctantly) to forego for the present visiting your section of country....

I shall be up in Red River within six weeks or two months. In the mean time I am desirous of extending the present coach service from Shreveport via Marshall to this place to Clarksville, several routes have been suggested to me, and I at present incline to the route via Daingerfield. As this place by Linden appears to be most desired, I think that the chances of establishing the route will be better via Daingerfield but will be governed by the wishes of the people and my own observation. Now I would like for your people to get up a petition for this route and have it ready against I come up. Another thing, I shall in all instances be governed by in making recommendations for Coach or Hack service by the disposition of the people to make roads and bridges--of course this will not be a "*sinequanon*" but will be a strong recommendation.

With the hope of shortly seeing you, I am
Yours truly,

J. W. SCOTT. (TS 7/30/53)

53-47

(May & Co. of Jefferson mentioned.) (TR 8/6/53)

53-48

(Election returns for governor at Jefferson: Pease, 111; Ochiltree, 107; Evans, 9; Wood, 2.) (TR 8/6/53)

53-49

MAIL STAGE TO DALLAS.--Last week, in noticing the arrival of our mail agent, Maj. SCOTT, among other things, we remarked that there were many routes that should be established, and the service increased on others and additional compensation allowed, which, we understand, led to the belief that he had the power to do all this himself. This is an error. He can recommend to Congress, if, in his judgment, they are proper, which would have a tendency to give more weight to them. We do hope that, before the adjournment of the next Congress, some relief will be afforded this section in the way of mail facilities. The mail stage route, for instance, from Shreveport to Jefferson should continue to Clarksville, where it would intersect with the Washington (Ark.) mail line, and a tri-weekly stage route from Jefferson to Dallas. These changes are needed worse than any other mail arrangements in Texas. We have often insisted upon them within the last 12 or 18 months but as yet they have received no attention from the proper authorities. This is a *shameful neglect*. The mail facilities on these routes are wholly inadequate. One great means of influencing their establishment we would suggest, is the improvement of the roads over which they must run; and this is an excellent time for it, as the crops are now laid by. [*Jefferson Herald.*] (TS 8/13/53)

53-50

The Jefferson Herald understands that the young men of that "city" are about to get up a "Thespian *corpse*, for their mutual improvement, as well as a source of *amusement* to the citizens." (TR 8/13/53)

53-51

We find the following flattering notice of Dr. E. P. M. Johnson, who has recently settled among us, in the last Jefferson Herald:

"We regret very much the removal of Dr. E. P. M. Johnson from our town. He was one of our best and most esteemed citizens. His eminent success as a physician, has won for him in Jefferson, the most implicit confidence, of all who have tested his skill. He has left a very extensive practice here to settle in Marshall, where he hopes to have better health. We hope he may, for there is no man better calculated to do good, either as a physician or a private citizen, than the Doctor. We recommend him to the citizens of Harrison county, and hope he may meet with that success he so justly deserves." (TR 8/13/53)

53-52

(Grinsted had been a state representative from Brownsville.) (TR 8/13/53)

53-53

We have the Jefferson Herald of the 12th, with the introductory of the new editor Frank H. Clark Esq., late *pro tem*, of a paper further north. Mr. Clark will undoubtedly make the Herald piquant and readable, and we wish him great success in his first regular entry upon editorial life. We apprehend that friend Frank is a little "fast" in turning over the state to the domination of the whigs. We object to that up this way.--It will be time enough to transfer when they show the proper documents. Our impression is that Pease is elected Governor, by one to three thousand votes.

That decided expression of preference at San Antonio, obliterates a good many *little* majorities on the other side elsewhere. (TS 8/20/53)

53-54

We neglected to mention last week that we were favored with a visit from Messrs. Frank H. Clark and W. P. Watson, of the Jefferson Herald. We are gratified to learn, through the Herald, that these gentlemen were pleased with their visit to Marshall, and with our desire to render it agreeable. With Mr. Watson, many of our readers are personally acquainted, as he was originally connected with the Herald, and has recently purchased an interest in it. Mr. Clark is comparatively a stranger in this section, but is likely to soon acquire an extensive acquaintance, as he has undertaken the editorial charge of that paper. Mr. C. is a lawyer by profession, and has the reputation of being a gentleman of talent. His introductory evinces a just idea of the responsible duties before him, and promises courtesy and good feeling toward contemporaries.... (TR 8/27/53)

53-55

Jefferson Cards.

We insert this week, the cards of John Sabine, and M. Steinlein & Co., Merchants at Jefferson. We have noticed for a long time past that these gentlemen advertise large stocks of goods, and propose to do business for moderate profits. We commend these to the attention of the very considerable portion of our readers who trade at that place.

It may be always set down as unquestionable, that Merchants who advertise largely and by calling the attention of the people endeavor to get rid of their wares speedily, are the best for the purchaser to deal with. They call everybody's attention; they sell their goods as rapidly as possible at small advances on cost and charges; then renew and go through the same routine as frequently as possible. Of course if they can turn over their capital four or five times a year instead of once or twice, they can sell at less profit on each article and still accumulate more within the year. Furthermore a liberal man in expenditure for business purposes, is a liberal and accommodating man to deal with--it cannot be otherwise. So you who deal at Jefferson, go and see Sabine and Steinlein, and Pitkin, and you who have cotton to store, call on Freeman, and you may profit by it. (TS 9/3/53)

53-56

The Jefferson Herald is certainly improving under the new administration. It is full of editorial; much of it, of local interest; and will doubtless be very popular with the sovereigns in that region, if they have any proper appreciation of fancy, life and spirit. (TS 9/3/53)

53-57

THE FIRST BALE OF COTTON OF THE SEASON.--On Monday last, the 22nd inst., Mr. J. M. Lasater, whose plantation is eight miles south of Jefferson, in Harrison county, sent to Jefferson the first bale of new cotton received here this season. The cotton was of superior quality and staple, and was purchased by those clever, accommodating and enterprising Merchants, M. Steinlein & Co., at ten cents per pound. The weight of the bale was 570 pounds, and the amount paid for it was \$57. Send in your cotton; now is the time for good prices, and our Merchants are the very men to give them.--*Jeff. Herald*, 27th. (TS 9/3/53)

53-58

Shreveport is reported as dull but healthy. Ditto of Jefferson. (TR 9/3/53)

53-59

We call attention of parents, guardians and others interested, to the card of Rev. John Anderson, Principal of the Clarksville Academy. We have been acquainted with Mr. Anderson, as a teacher, for some years, and our own knowledge of the rapid progress of his students, together with testimonials in Mr. A's possession from the highest sources both in this country and Europe, warrant us in saying that there is no place in the South where boys may be better and more thoroughly educated than at the Clarksville Academy.--*Jeff. Herald*. (TS 9/10/53)

53-60

The Marshall Republican agrees with us that there is much blame resting upon some of our Democratic candidates in the Gubernatorial contest, and says that the conductors of certain Democratic papers are more to blame than either. Of this latter charge, a grave one to be sure, we know nothing. The only papers which we noticed particularly during the canvass were the Republican, Herald and Clarksville Standard, and these discharged their trust faithfully and honestly, as we conceive, coming up fully to that cardinal doctrine of the true Democratic faith, "*everything for the cause and nothing for men.*"--*Jeff. Herald*. (TS 9/10/53)

53-61

ATTENTION.

We call attention to the cards of our New Orleans merchants, to be found in our advertising columns. The direct trade of Jefferson with New Orleans, whose merchants reap rich harvests from our trade, is not more than one-fourth what it should be. All we ask is a reciprocity of favors. As there are other merchants there who, perhaps, are anxious to receive Texas custom, which we know pays better than that of any other State, we take the liberty of informing them that *The Jefferson Herald* is the commercial paper of Eastern Texas, and that it will not subserve their interest to advertise alone in the Galveston papers. For example, the Galveston Journal contains nine columns of New Orleans cards, and says its New Orleans patronage is owing to its very general extensive circulation throughout Texas. Now from this county alone are shipped to New Orleans over fifteen thousand bales of cotton, and we venture the assertion that three copies of the Galveston Journal, or any other Galveston paper, are not taken in this county; and *we know* that the Galveston papers all combined, do not have a circulation of two hundred copies in the eleven counties composing the eighth Judicial District.

We desire to see our neighbors prosper; but when representations are made that Galveston sends forth newspapers, which have a general circulation all over the State, whereby papers in this section are defrauded of advertising, which is properly theirs--as an honest journalist, we are compelled to set the matter in its true light before the public. And if New Orleans merchants wish to consult their own interest, they will advertise in the COTTON REGION of Texas, and put their cards in *The Jefferson Herald*, *Marshall Republican* and *Clarksville Standard*--papers that *do* have a circulation in the best cotton growing portions of Texas.

Jefferson is a town of fifteen hundred inhabitants, situated at the head of navigation on Soda Lake, and only three days from New Orleans, to which city we have uninterrupted

navigation nine months in the year; and if New Orleans merchants desire our custom, they have ample opportunities of telling us so, much more to their advantage and interest than by advertising in papers three hundred miles distant, and which reach here about fifteen days after publication and which, after all, have no more circulation than that of a mere exchange with contemporary papers. Our columns are open, and we doubt not but that our friends of the Standard and Republican could find room for a few more New Orleans cards.--*Jeff. Herald*. (TS 9/17/53)

53-62

There has been a great Camp Meeting on hand of late, near Daingerfield, and a large number converted.

The Schools at Daingerfield, as we learn, are in flourishing condition. (TS 9/17/53)

53-63

(L. P. Alford purchases Planters' Hotel in Marshall.) (TR 9/24/53)

53-64

It is also reported that Mrs. Jackson, the estimable hostess of the Planters' Hotel of this place, and more recently of Jefferson, died recently in New Orleans, of yellow fever. She was a most excellent lady, and her death will be much regretted. (TR 10/1/53)

53-65

(*Jefferson Herald* recommends election of H. R. Runnels of Bowie as Speaker of the House.) (TR 10/1/53)

53-66

Important Advice.

Our neighbor of the *Jefferson Herald*, looms out largely in his paper of the 1st, and gives his opinions upon all sorts of subjects, including matrimony, in which doubtless his experience has been extensive and various--that is to say one would infer from the widely different views that he expresses upon the matter that he had been married a least two or three times, with some difference of experience in the several instances; and this with some of his other suggestions, might give us to infer a very long and chequered life, mixed up with serious mishaps. In his first column, making a notice of a wedding he says--

"Long may he and his young and beautiful bride live to enjoy those sweets which Matrimonial life can alone confer."

This is tender and poetical, but in another column on the same page, he adduces a long string of Scriptural discouragements of marriage; and then there are some other allusions to the subject and its contingencies, about which we will not say much.

If anybody can tell from his expressions what the editor's views are upon this subject so interesting to mankind in general, their perceptiveness is better than ours. It is a subject not usually a matter of newspaper discussion, but if a gentleman deliberately starts out to give his opinions upon any theme interesting to the human race, he should give them with sufficient clearness for his position to be understood, and, as in this case, where the writer may be

presumed from the tenor of his remarks, to have had a very enlarged experience, it is especially desirable that his deductions from it shall be lucid and positive. (TS 10/8/53)

53-67

TEXAS RICE.--Last week, on a visit to the hospitable mansion of Capt. Jas. C. Scott, in this county, we saw on the Captain's table, rice grown by him on his own plantation. We could perceive no difference between it, in taste and color, and the rice of Carolina, and with the exception that the grain was larger, it could not be distinguished from the best Carolina rice.--It was grown on a marshy piece of land. [*Jefferson Herald*.] (TS 10/8/53)

53-68

Biology.

Prof. J. K. HENRY, late from Jefferson and Marshall, has been lecturing in our town during this week, to large and intelligent audiences. Our own condition has been such that we could not attend, but understand that the lecture is both eloquent and instructive. He continues his course next week, we believe. (TS 10/15/53)

53-69

(Jeffersonians have raised a subscription for yellow fever victims in Shreveport.) (TR 10/15/53)

53-70

QUARANTINE REGULATIONS.--Our Council has passed an ordinance to prevent sick persons from Shreveport and other points infected with yellow fever from entering the Town. The Quarantine is at the crossing on the Lake half a mile from town on the Marshall road.--*Jefferson Herald*, 15. (TS 10/22/53)

53-71

Business for the last month has been quite brisk in Jefferson. A large amount of cotton is said to be lying up in the warehouses ready for shipment. (TR 10/29/53)

53-72

(M. Steinlein's farm near Marshall offered for sale.) (TR 11/5/53)

53-73

The last *Jefferson Herald* gives an account of a "blow up" that occurred there a few days ago. A man by the name of Mitchell, of that place, received an anonymous letter, stating that his house would be blown up shortly. According to promise his house was blown up. A keg of powder was burned under one corner of the house, but no person was injured. The shock must have been very great, as the editor remarks that some of the standing type in the *Herald* office was knocked down in consequence. Mr. Mitchell's house was blown up in the same way about a year ago. (TR 11/12/53)

53-74

(William May of Jefferson marries Miss E. Journagan of Port Caddo at Port Caddo on Thursday, November 10.) (TR 11/12/53)

53-75

(Objections raised to formation of steamboat combination by Red River boats.) (TR 12/3/53)

53-76

The Jefferson Herald of the 10th inst., contains a communication over the signature of "A Merchant," from which we may judge of the feeling that exists in that quarter, relative to this "odious monopoly." The following is an extract:

"It becomes us a people who claim to be free, to protest against the tariff enacted by the Lake boats--more particularly that clause in their proceedings which says that they will work or carry freight for 25 cts. less than any transient boat that may come in and offer to carry freight for a less rate than they themselves have established, in the city of New Orleans, in Nov. 1853; and the merchants, planters, and people, upon Red River and the Lakes, should pledge themselves in convention, that they will sustain any transient boat or boats that may come into our trade, and work for last season prices, and invite transient boats to come, under a guaranty that we would give them the preference, at those prices, in all our freights, both up and down, and that we would instruct our several Commission Merchants in New Orleans to ship only by these transient boats, and in this way break up the odious monopoly that the Red River steamboat owners and Captains are endeavoring to fix upon us, and that we will carry out these views without fear or affectation. Will the people speak out now upon this matter?" (TR 12/17/53)

53-77

(Dr. Nelson Trawick, formerly of Marshall and Jefferson, is now practicing in Shreveport.) (TR 12/24/53)

53-78

During the past summer we announced, on what we presumed pretty authentic rumor, that Mr. C. Alexander of Grand Ecore, La., and Mrs. E. Jackson, then of New Orleans, but formerly Proprietress of the Planters' Hotel, Jefferson, Texas, had died of the prevailing epidemic. While upon our late trip below, we learned that they were both living. We had the pleasure of seeing and conversing with Mrs. J. in the city, and, of course tendered our apologies for the error we had committed. She took the matter very good-humoredly, but seemed quite anxious to see what the Republican and Jefferson Herald had said about her. Send her a paper, friend Clark, containing her obituary notice. (TR 12/24/53)

54-1

Monday and Tuesday last were the days for the annual sales and the hiring of property, and our streets were crowded with people. Negroes were sold at what we considered to be very high prices. Ordinary negro men sold for from fifteen to eighteen hundred dollars; negro women from a thousand to twelve hundred. Negro men (ordinary field hands) hired from \$235 to \$312. Women at from \$140 to \$170; in these cases the hirer paying for clothing. The natural inference would be that a country must be very productive when people can afford to pay such prices for labor. (TR 1/7/54)

54-2

We would call attention to the advertisement of Messrs. Jackson & Friou, Fashionable Clothing and Gents Furnishing store, 82 Common street, New Orleans. Mr. Sam Friou, is well known in this and the surrounding counties, having been engaged for a number of years in the mercantile business at this place and at Jefferson. His establishment is one among the handsomest in the city. When you go to New Orleans call on him. (TR 1/14/54)

54-3

We see from the Austin papers that Hon. M. D. K. Taylor, of Cass county, has been seriously indisposed, but had so far recovered as to resume his seat in the Senate. The numerous friends of the gentleman will be glad to hear of his getting well. (TR 1/14/54)

54-4

A large and enthusiastic meeting of the citizens of Jefferson and surrounding country was held at the Alhambra Hall on Thursday evening the 5th inst., Wm. P. Saufley was called to the chair and Frank H. Clark appointed Secretary. H. L. Grinsted explained the object of the meeting to be for the purpose of devising ways and means to protect shippers on the Red River and Lake from the ruinous, unjust, exorbitant tariff of charges on freight, established by the Red River and Lake Steam Boatmen at their meeting in New Orleans last November, which said meeting is styled and known by the odious appellation of the "Red River Association." Resolutions were then adopted condemning the course of the Red River Association--refusing those engaged in it support, and pledging support to a line of independent boats to be brought into the trade by Captain E. Alexander, formerly of the Pitser Miller, and Richard P. Crump and their associates. Articles to this effect were drawn up and numerous signed.--*Jefferson Herald*, 7th inst. (TS 1/21/54)

54-5

The attention of the reader is directed to the card of Messrs. Brooks & Bro., wholesale and retail merchants, Jefferson. The Messrs. Brooks are among the oldest merchants in that place, and have always succeeded in doing a thriving business. (TR 1/28/54)

54-6

The attention of the reader is directed to the card of Mr. T. McALLENY, Jefferson, Texas. Dr. McA. stands high as a physician and surgeon, and is worthy of the liberal patronage he receives. (TR 1/28/54)

54-7

TRIP TO JEFFERSON.

We paid a short visit to Jefferson, during the past week, starting from home on Tuesday and returning on Wednesday evening.

Jefferson was some what duller than usual, owing to the want of navigation. For a day or two previous, we were assured, that there had been a number of wagons from above, and business was quite brisk. The business men appear sanguine. A number of new buildings are going up, and everything bids fair for an active business season, so soon as the river opens.

While in Jefferson, we had the pleasure of greeting Messrs. Clark and Wortham of the Jefferson Herald, and also Mr. W. P. Watson formerly associated with that paper. The proprietors of the Herald were anxiously looking for their new press, when they expect to come out with an enlarged sheet. Good luck to them, say we.

On Wednesday morning, between nine and ten o'clock, Mr. JOHN MORGAN, of the firm of Morgan & Tomlin, shot Wm. Henry Parsons, of the Tyler Telegraph, with a double-barrel shot gun, breaking one of his legs, and inflicting a flesh wound in the other. Parsons had come to Jefferson to attend the funeral of his brother-in-law, Mr. Frank Dennard, who died at Tyler, but whose remains were brought to Jefferson for interment. The funeral took place on Tuesday, and Parsons, instead of leaving, as prudence would have counselled, came down town. He was seen to walk out of Messrs. Owens & McLeroy's store, and to proceed in the direction of Morgan & Tomlin's. When he reached the corner, he turned across to Saufley & Nimmo's. In the mean time, Morgan, unobserved by Parsons, was advancing upon him. They both started across the street, at the same time. When about mid way Morgan hallowed to him, but Parsons did not hear him. He again called to him, and Parsons turned round, when Morgan fired upon him.

The origin of the affair is as follows. A difficulty had been pending between R. P. Crump, of Jefferson, and Parsons, growing out of the Grinsted affair, in which Crump acted as the second of the latter, and a number of cards have been addressed by each party to the public. In one of these, Crump asserted, as an evidence of Parson's cowardice, that a man in Jefferson had insulted his wife for the purpose of provoking him into a difficulty, and that he had not the courage to notice it. Parsons replied by saying that the man who insulted his wife, had permitted the seduction of his own sister, and had not the courage to avenge her wounded honor. This allusion was generally understood to refer to Morgan, who attacked Parsons in the manner before mentioned.

Morgan surrendered himself promptly to the sheriff, and will have no difficulty in giving bond, as he has numerous friends, in town and throughout the county, who hold him in high esteem.

We have no desire to make any comments, further than to say, that we regret the whole affair, from the beginning to the end. (TR 1/28/54)

54-8

SUICIDE.--On Tuesday evening the 17th inst., Mr. THOMAS HAMPER, a resident of Jefferson, committed suicide at that place. The mind of the deceased was operated upon by a morbid melancholy, indulged in for a long time, and which resulted, at last in the rash act which terminated his existence. On the evening in question he was laboring more than usual, under this monomania. He invited some of his friends to supper with him, none of them dreaming the purpose he had in view. At the termination of the repast, he arose from his chair, drew a revolver, and shot himself through the body. He lived about thirty hours. Mr. Harper was a young man in the prime of life; warm hearted but impetuous, with many noble traits of character. His parents reside in Caddo parish La. Upon them the blow falls heavily. (TR 1/28/54)

54-9

The Turnpike.

We learn from S. H. Morgan Esq., Secretary, that the citizens of Jefferson have lately taken 100 shares of the stock of this Company. The turnpike will be constructed--that is to say, speaking more precisely--the entire bottoms of the White Oak and Sulphur will be bridged to the high lands edging the bottoms. Bridges over the Streams have been some time in progress. The construction of that over Sulphur has been interrupted for some weeks by the sickness of the contractor. With the bottoms of these streams bridged, and then some comparatively light work in other places on the route, we shall have a good road to the lower counties, at all times practicable and there will be no obstacle in the continuation of the Stage route from Marshall to this place. (TS 2/4/54)

54-10

We take pleasure in calling the attention of our readers to the card of Messrs. W. C. Baker & Co., Jefferson, Texas, and hope that its publication in our columns may add largely to the extensive business which this popular house has hitherto obtained. (TR 2/18/54)

54-11

The Jefferson Herald has received a new press, and we understand will be shortly enlarged. There has also, been a change of proprietors. (TR 3/4/54)

54-12

The Jefferson Herald has entered upon its fourth year. The first number of the new volume comes out in an enlarged form, and with a change of proprietors. Messrs. Moseley, Wortham, & Co., are superseded by Messrs. W. P. Watson & Co. The company, in the new firm, we understand to be Messrs. C. L. Norris and B. F. Baker. Mr. F. H. Clark still continues in the editorial chair. We wish our neighbors success. (TR 3/11/54)

54-13

The Herald says there are 9,000 bales of cotton in the warehouses of Jefferson, and large stocks of hides, peltries, and bois d'arc seed, awaiting shipment. (TR 3/11/54)

54-14

We would call attention to the card of the steamer Bell Gates, W. Brooks, Master. Mr. B. is a Jefferson merchant, and his boat is brought out in opposition to the steamboat monopoly. It is represented as being a fine steamer; and has spring mattresses in all the berths; a nursery attached to the ladies' cabin; and will carry 1800 bales of cotton. Success to her. (TR 3/11/54)

54-15

At Daingerfield, all the Schools are doing finely; the boys' school, or College as we believe it is termed, having about 100 scholars, and both girls' schools well supported. The educational uses of the place have drawn into it residents who wish to educate their children, and as we were informed, it is rapidly improving in buildings. (TS 3/18/54)

54-16

Marshall and Jefferson Telegraph Company.

The amount of stock necessary for the completion of the Telegraph between Marshall and Jefferson has all been taken in the latter place, and work will commence immediately. On the (?) stockholders elected JOHN M. WASCOM, (?) and FRANK H. CLARK, Secretary of the (?) (TS 3/18/54)

54-17

Jefferson.

From Jefferson we learn that Brooks and Bros., have bought the "Bell Gates" carrying 2500 bales of cotton, the finest boat ever in the Lake trade, and Capt. Crump was in treaty for another boat for that trade. The People of Jefferson are determined to be free from extortionary combinations, and have taken the proper course to succeed. The Lake is now navigable, and boats have doubtless arrived at Jefferson before this. Jefferson is still improving with the constant pace which it has kept for three years past. A fine wharf has been erected, giving facility for the loading and unloading of boats. (TS 3/18/54)

54-18

The Jefferson Herald.

We issue our paper this week, with the venerable editor of the Jefferson Herald present in our sanctum. Our eyes are bad, and he reads our proof sheet, so if anybody finds any mistakes, they may know who to credit them to. The editor of the Herald is on a tour for the benefit of his health, which has been bad for some time past. The Herald has been suspended for some weeks waiting for a new Press etc.; the Proprietors being determined to commence the new volume with an enlarged form. It is now a sheet fully as large as the present size of the Standard, and greatly improved in its general appearance. With its usual spicy editorial, it will be a most readable sheet, and should prosper. (TS 3/18/54)

54-19

We understand that friend Norris of the Jefferson Herald has been carrying out practically, the known gallantry of the Herald establishment--that is, in plain English, the aforesaid CHARLES L. NORRIS has lately been married to Miss MARY MERSHON, of

Harrison county. Very cordially we tender our good wishes for the pair, and hope that the Norrises, may become as numerous as the sands of the sea shore. (TS 3/18/54)

54-20

It will be seen by reference to our new advertisements, that Mr. J. W. PITKIN, of Jefferson, has received a large and elegant assortment of goods. Those that trade at Jefferson would do well to call on him; for, aside from his stock of goods, and the length of his advertisement, Mr. P. is a clever gentleman and a fair dealer. (TR 3/25/54)

54-21

(John W. Withee is a merchant at Mt. Pleasant, Texas.) (TS 4/1/54)

54-22

Mr. F. H. Clark, editor of the Jefferson Herald, has gone to the Hot Springs, Ark., for the benefit of his health. (TR 4/8/54)

54-23

CASS COURT.--The District Court of Cass county, adjourned on Saturday last, after a session of two weeks; leaving, we believe much of the business unfinished. The District ought to be changed, so as to allow three weeks for this court.

Dr. Lander, who killed Mr. Eli Ussery, some six or seven months ago, was tried, and the jury brought in a verdict of guilty of murder in the second degree, affixing his punishment at five years in the Penitentiary. The Jefferson Herald says that Dr. L. was sentenced; but this is an error. A motion was made by his counsel in arrest of judgment, and for a new trial, and the question taken to the Supreme Court. (TR 4/8/54)

54-24

THE TELEGRAPH.--The following remarks are from the Jefferson Herald of the 4th:

"The Telegraph between Houston and Galveston is completed, and in successful operation. We confidently hope that it may not be long before we can say the same thing for Jefferson and Marshall, two of the most thriving and business towns in Eastern Texas. Gentlemen, it will never do to lag behind; it is not in keeping with our business and commercial character."

A place of the commercial importance of Jefferson should certainly not be without the telegraph. (TR 4/8/54)

54-25

(Frank H. Clark, writing from Clarksville, publishes a long letter in the *Jefferson Herald* condemning the Indians.) (TR 4/22/54)

54-26

Attention is directed to the card of P. M. Graham & Bro., Jefferson, Texas, who have just received a fine lot of dry goods and groceries, Masonic and Odd Fellow's Regalia, sashes, &c. This is an excellent house. (TR 4/22/54)

54-27

MAY PARTY.--There was a party at Jefferson on the 1st inst. A friend who was present on the occasion, says it was a superb affair. The attendance was large, and the supper prepared by Mrs. C. M. Hunt, of the Jefferson Hotel, one of the finest ever given in Jefferson. Mrs. H. sent us a piece of the cake, for which token of remembrance we tender her our thanks. (TR 5/6/54)

54-28

TRIP TO JEFFERSON.

We had the pleasure of spending a day or two during the present week at Jefferson, and as usual were much pleased with our trip. There is always a spirit of enterprize and improvement in our sister town which we admire. New buildings are going up, and business is ever on the increase. We found it duller than we have ever known it at this season of the year, owing to the low water in the Lake. The water was rising very rapidly, however before we left, and the Cleona's whistle resounded in our ears just as we were starting for home.

We indulge the hope that the present rise in the Lake may last several weeks, so as to enable our Jefferson friends to get off their cotton--of which there are, we understand, six or eight thousand bags in the various warehouses--and to get up the large stocks of merchandize and groceries which they expect to introduce into that market. Their merchants and business men seem very confident that the rise in the Lake will continue sufficiently long for their purposes.

There is a public meeting to-day at Jefferson, for the purpose of taking measures to clean out the Lake. A strong feeling exists there on the subject. The people we found to be mostly in favor of raising money by subscriptions, but whether this can be done, remains to be seen. They rely confidently, and we think not without reason, upon the assistance of Harrison county and Marshall to assist in the work.

When we consider the large number interested in the navigation of the Lake, and the small amount required to clean it out, it is certainly surprising that it has been neglected so long. Had the work been done seven years ago, it would have been a saving to Harrison county alone of thirty or forty thousand dollars over and above the cost.

When we consider the large district of country dependent upon Jefferson for trade and commercial facilities, a great portion of which cannot be diverted from it; when we reflect that not one acre in five hundred of the land in this large district is in a state of cultivation, it is evident that our sister town is necessarily bound to become eventually a large commercial place. This territory dependent upon Jefferson reaches back into the interior two hundred and fifty miles, the citizens of which are actively engaged every year in the business of buying and exporting. Jefferson cannot expect always to hold on to this large territory; but she ought to make the most of it while she has it; she ought to do all in her power to increase the value of it; and to promote the settlement of the country. The expenditure of five or ten thousand dollars in improving the roads to the prairies, would increase the business fifty percent. We are not certain that the construction of a good plank road over the Sulphur bottom alone would not, in two years, produce such an increase in her trade. This, we are satisfied, ought to be the first object of our Jefferson friends as soon as they get the Lake cleaned out.

It has been a matter of surprise to us that the people of some portions of Cass should entertain a feeling of jealousy towards Jefferson. It is, in our view, a suicidal course; for the

prosperity of the county is intimately identified with that of Jefferson. Its increase in population and wealth will enhance the value of every foot of land within fifty or sixty miles around.

While in Jefferson we called upon our neighbors of the Herald and found them in fine spirits at the flattering prospects of their very respectable journal. They have, of course, our best wishes for their prosperity.

54-29

We are always pleased with a visit to Jefferson. The kindness, sociability and liberality of her citizens, renders it pleasant to every one who goes there either for business or pleasure. (TR 5/20/54)

54-30

The advertisement of Messrs. T. & W. F. SMITH, merchants at Jefferson, will appear in our next issue. The Messrs. S. have a fine store. (TR 5/20/54)

54-31

We notice that Dr. T. L. H. CROSS, formerly of Jefferson, has settled in Daingerfield. Dr. C. is an excellent physician; a gentleman possessing a fine education, and one who has enjoyed superior advantages in acquiring a knowledge of his profession. (TR 5/20/54)

54-32

The new advertisement of Mr. J. SABINE, Jefferson, will appear in our next issue. Mr. S. has a fine stock of goods. (TR 5/20/54)

54-33

Messrs. J. T. Prewitt & Co., Jefferson, Texas, advertise a large and handsome assortment of goods. They are clever gentlemen, and we hope they may get a fair portion of the extensive trade with which Jefferson is favored. (TR 5/20/54)

54-34

LANDERS VS. THE STATE.--About twelve months ago, Dr. Landers, a physician, living in Cass county, in this State, killed Mr. Eli Ussery in the streets of Jefferson, for which he was tried at the late March term of the Court, convicted of murder in the second degree, and sentenced to five years imprisonment and hard labor in the penitentiary.

He was defended by the most able counsel at the bar, who carried the case up on appeal. The principal ground relied upon by the defence, was error in the charge of the Judge, (Hon. W. W. Morriss.)

On the 25th of May, ult, the Supreme Court, sitting at Tyler, delivered its opinion, affirming the judgment of the Court below, and laying down the law in all its original common law strictness.

Dr. Landers, after conviction, was admitted to bail in the sum of \$8,000. (TR 6/3/54)

CLEANING OUT THE LAKE.

Our Jefferson friends have gone to work in earnest, in a movement for cleaning out the Lake.

On the 20th ult., a public meeting was held at that place, at which the great importance of the matter was set forth, and a resolution adopted, for appointing one person in each district, whose duty it shall be to solicit subscriptions, and to report on the 4th of July next, at which time there is to be a public meeting and barbecue in Jefferson.

In addition to this, an able address has been prepared, one thousand copies of which have been printed. This address sets forth, in a masterly manner, the loss that has hitherto accrued from the want of good navigation, and the beneficial results which will take place from the completion of the enterprize. We regret that the matter has been laid before us too late for our present issue.

We have received a number of copies of the address, which we shall distribute to advantage.

In addition, we are informed in a note signed by the Secretary, (Mr. W. P. Saufley,) that the following gentlemen have been appointed agents: Messrs. E. P. M. Johnson, G. G. Gregg, G. W. Vivion, and ourself.

It cannot be expected, from the confining nature of our business, that we can take a very active part in soliciting subscriptions. We are willing, however, to do what we can, and to receive the names of all who feel disposed to contribute to the work. We feel assured that the money proposed to be expended, will result advantageously, not only to Jefferson, but to every one dependent upon the Lake navigation, and we sincerely hope that the contributions will be liberal. (TR 6/3/54)

BAYOU AND LAKE MEETING.

Pursuant to appointment, a meeting of the citizens of Cass and the adjoining counties, was held on the 20th day of May, 1854, for the purpose of devising ways and means to clean out the Lake from the city of Jefferson to Shreveport, and to promote the navigation thereof at all seasons of the year.

Whereupon, W. P. Saufley, Mayor, was called to the Chair, and W. P. Ward was appointed Secretary. On motion of J. W. Ferris, Esq., the Chair appointed a committee of five gentlemen, Messrs. J. W. Ferris, John Speake, Willis Whittaker, H. L. Grinstead, and Fleming Jones, to draft resolutions expressive of the sense of the meeting.

The committee having retired for a few minutes, returned and reported the following resolutions, which were then read to the meeting by the Secretary.

WHEREAS, The commerce and trade of Jefferson, and other towns upon the Lake, have increased so largely as to demand greater facilities for navigation, and whereas suitable improvements at the cost of a few thousand dollars would enable steamboats to run safely to this place for a term of from two to four months longer in the year, and would materially reduce the price of freights and insurance throughout the boating season, Therefore,

Resolved, That we will proceed to make timely efforts for the improvement of the Lake, and that the work will certainly be performed during the approaching dry season.

Resolved, That we have adopted and will faithfully execute the following plan of operations:

1st. The Chairman of this meeting shall designate districts; and appoint one person in each district, whose duty it shall be to obtain subscriptions for the purpose of improving the Lake, extending from Red River to Jefferson.

2d. Said agents, so appointed, shall report their subscriptions to a meeting of the subscribers, to assemble on the 4th day of July next, at this place.

3rd. Each subscriber shall constitute a member of the meeting, and a majority of all the subscribers shall determine how and in what manner the money subscribed shall be expended on the Lake, and shall further make such organization for carrying out the plan as they shall think proper.

Resolved, That the Chairman of this meeting be requested to designate the districts, and appoint agents at an early period--to furnish each agent with a copy of these resolutions--and to urge upon them the necessity of prompt and efficient action.

Resolved, That the citizens of Jefferson and vicinity give a barbecue in honor of the subscribers at the meeting on the 4th of July next, and that all persons friendly to the cause be invited to attend.

Resolved, That the Jefferson Herald, Marshall Republican and the Meridian be requested to publish the proceedings of this meeting.

J. W. FERRIS, Ch'n of Com.

During the retirement of the committee, the Hon. M. D. K. Taylor, being called on, came forward and addressed the meeting in a short, but pointed report, urging the great importance of the enterprize, in view not only of our present interest, but the future location of the great Pacific Railroad. The resolutions being read, they were supported in an address from J. W. Ferris, Esq. After some further observations, the vote being taken, the resolutions were unanimously adopted.

It was moved by H. L. Grinsted, Esq., that a committee of five gentlemen be now appointed to solicit subscriptions for a dinner, to be given on the 4th July next, which motion being carried, the chair appointed Messrs. M. D. K. Taylor, William Perry, W. C. Baker, James M. Murphy, and Daniel McKay on said committee. On motion, Messrs. Fleming Jones and Willis Whitaker were added to this committee.

The meeting was then addressed by H. L. Grinsted, Esq., who brought forward a statement of interesting statistics, to demonstrate the necessity of immediate action.

The same views were urged in an impressive manner by Mr. Duncan McNab.

H. L. Grinsted, Esq., then moved to appoint a committee of three to draft a short address to the citizens of the country generally, setting forth the facts and statistics relative to the navigation of the Lake; whereupon, the chair named Messrs. H. L. Grinsted, Duncan McNab, and J. M. Wascom for this committee. On motion of H. L. Grinsted, Mr. John Speake and Dr. Frank C. Baker were added to the committee. One thousand copies of this address were ordered to be printed for distribution.

On motion of Wm. Perry, Messrs. Daniel Roberts, Maddox, and Jackson Morgan, of Harrison county, were added to the committee on the barbecue.

On motion of John Speake the meeting adjourned.

W. P. SAUFLEY, Ch'n.

W. E. WARD, Secretary. (TR 6/3/54)

54-37

Fine Sheep.

We call attention to advertisement of A. H. & H. H. Black, who write to us the accompanying history of their importation, and experience in sheep raising in Texas. They have sent us a specimen of wool, which is subject to inspection at our office.

"In the year '52 we drove through from the Northern States, between eleven and twelve hundred head of the full blood Merino and Saxony woolled sheep. All but about two hundred and fifty which we lost the first season in acclimating, since that the surviving flock and offspring have been doing finely, apparently even better than native stock.

Our flock has again increased to the size of five hundred head, and yielded us the past clipping only a fraction under five pounds of clean wool to the head all round; average samples of which we send you, and which is usually worth in eastern markets from 60 to 90 cents per pound.

We have not yet shipped our present crop.--Last year we sold in Jefferson, at 40 cents, but it being the first fleeces shorn after driving them through, the wool was necessarily in bad condition, having gathered burrs and other trash *en route*.

Resp't. yours,

A. H. & H. H. B.

P. S.--We expect to have other improved stock in the market soon." (TS 6/10/54)

54-38

MARRIED.

In Nacogdoches, at the residence of the bride's father, on the 18th inst., Gen. J. H. ROGERS, of Jefferson, to Miss C. A. OCHILTREE, eldest daughter of Hon. W. B. Ochiltree. (TS 6/10/54)

54-39

CLEANING OUT THE LAKE.

Those desirous of subscribing to this object, can find subscription lists, in the hands of Messrs. E. P. M. Johnson, G. G. Gregg, G. W. Vivion, and at the Republican office. As the lists have to be returned by the 4th of July, it is important that the friends of the Lake improvement should come forward without delay. There is to be a grand celebration at Jefferson on the Fourth. (TR 6/17/54)

54-40

Old Texans Gone.

From the notices below it will be seen that two old servants of the "Republic of Texas" have gone to their long home.

For the Jefferson Herald.

CAPT. WM. G. CRUMP.--We are pained to be called upon to record the death of our lamented fellow-citizen, whose name heads this article, which occurred at the residence of his brother, about two miles from Jefferson, on Sunday night, the 21st inst. He had been in delicate health for more than two years, during which time he had borne his sufferings with characteristic firmness.

Captain Crump was a native of Virginia, but had been for a number of years a citizen of Texas, and during most of the time actively engaged in the public service, as Captain of a

company of Rangers, and as a member of the Legislature, in both of which stations he acquitted himself with marked ability. He has left a host of friends to mourn his untimely death.

Such brave spirits as his, have made Texas what she is.

May his sleep be peaceful.

G.

WM. G. CRUMP was one of the noblest hearted fellows that it has ever been our fortune to meet, a gentleman of high tone and warm heart, generous and chivalric. In the early days of the Republic he served as a Government official--acting Secretary of the Treasury during Gen'l Houston's second term, if we recollect rightly. At a later period he was a member of the Legislature. About eleven years ago he was a resident of Clarksville for some twelve months. He went from here to San Antonio, where he resided several years and thence moved to his brother's residence in Cass.... (TS 6/24/54)

54-41

We would call attention to the card of the Planters' House, Jefferson. We understand that it is an excellent hotel; that the fare is abundant and good, and the charges moderate. (TR 7/1/54)

54-42

COMMUNICATED.

MR. EDITOR:

The last number of the Jefferson Herald contains an article upon the subject of the establishment of manufactories of the South purporting to be written by the Editor of that paper. After showing that such an enterprise would pay, and urging capitalists to engage in it, he concludes as follows: "We do not favor this system *in opposition to the North*, but because it is in our true interest." This declaration will no doubt be abundantly gratifying to Messrs. Seward, Greely & Co. If we cannot come in competition with the North without humbly begging pardon and asking her permission to do so, we had better at once acknowledge her superiority and sue to be taken under her protection.

A SUBSCRIBER TO THE HERALD. (TR 7/1/54)

54-43

THE BARBECUE AT JEFFERSON.

We were unable to be present at the 4th of July celebration and Lake Barbecue at Jefferson, on the 4th. The Herald, we presume, will contain a full account of it. We have seen several, however, who were present, who expressed themselves as being highly gratified with the arrangements of the day. We understand that subscriptions to the amount of \$6000 had been received towards cleaning out the Lake, and that several lists were out which had not come in. We are requested to say to every one holding such lists, to send them in as soon as possible.

The entertainment concluded with a ball at the Alhambra. The supper was served up by Mrs. Hunt, of the Jefferson Hotel. The ball and supper are highly spoken of by those who were in attendance. Mrs. Hunt had the kindness to send Mrs. L. (our better half) a liberal supply of the cake, for which kind remembrance she returns her thanks. Judging from this specimen of the cake, the supper must have been excellent. We have only to regret that we were not present. (TR 7/8/54)

54-44

The subscriptions for clearing out the Lake, on the 4th instant, reached nearly \$8000. Several lists are still out, which will probably swell the amount much larger. Next week we will give the full particulars, and the manner in which it is to be expended; also the amount subscribed in New Orleans, with the name of the donors. [*Jefferson Herald.*] (TR 7/15/54)

54-45

We were pleased to see in our sanctum, on Monday morning, Frank H. Clark, of the Jefferson Herald, who has been for three months past, spending his time in Arkansas, at the Hot Springs, Little Rock, and elsewhere. Mr. C. is evidently improved in health, and purposes returning to Jefferson in a few days. (TS 7/15/54)

54-46

The last Jefferson Herald contains an interesting letter from Frank Clark, Esq., who recently went to the Hot Springs, Ark., for his health.

Mr. Clark is much better, and his friends entertain hopes of his recovery and speedy return. (TR 7/22/54)

54-47

The Jefferson Herald publishes a long list of subscriptions from merchants in New Orleans, for cleaning out the Lake. (TR 7/22/54)

54-48

We are under obligations to J. F. Morgan, Esq., of Jefferson, for a large supply of newspapers, embracing the leading journals of Louisville, Cincinnati, and New Orleans. He will please accept our thanks for his kind attentions. (TR 7/22/54)

54-49

The Jefferson Herald, of the 11th says:

The steamers Cleona and Grenada left our wharf a few days since, with large cargoes of beef cattle, driven here from the upper counties. (TS 7/29/54)

54-50

We received last week from Messrs. W. D. & J. C. Stevenson, Jefferson, Texas--"A Day in the Crystal Palace," a neat volume of 168 pages, descriptive of the articles on exhibition at the Worlds fair in New York.

The Messrs. Stephenson have established a Book Store in Jefferson, and propose to fill orders promptly for any works desired. They are highly commended to us. (TS 8/5/54)

54-51

Our Jefferson friends are advertising for one hundred hands to clean out the Lake. Here is a chance for laborers. (TR 8/12/54)

54-52

(Election returns from Jefferson box submitted by H. G. Mabry. Loughery notes that the overwhelming rejection of the liquor license constitutes a great temperance victory.) (TR 8/12/54)

54-53

THE VOTE OF JEFFERSON.

Attorney General.--Thos. J. Jennings, 272.

Comptroller.--Shaw, 284.

Treasurer.--Raymond, 292.

District Attorney.--S. P. Donley, 220; Jo. Everett, 16; G. W. Chilton, 9; M. D. Ector, 77.

Chief Justice.--Geo. Ury, 221; J. C. Mc Alpin, 82; Jesse Denson, 14; Robert Arberry, 2.

District Clerk.--Bob Watson, 268; J. W. Moore, 44.

Sheriff.--W. H. Crow, 220; J. T. Prewitt, 20; Joel Dixon, 62.

County Clerk.--T. J. White, 318.

Surveyor.--Thom. Heath, 318.

Assessor.--Geo. W. Norris, 170; W. H. Portwood, 64; Dav. Mc Niel, 77.

County Treasurer.--J. B. Ligon, 134; W. B. Cocke, 167; W. H. Friendsley, 10.

Coroner.--Pink Holcomb, 56; W. C. Towers, 242.

For license to retail liquors, 71;--against license, 225.

For the New County, 36;--against the New County, 241.

County Commissioners.--W. P. Saufley, 261; Duncan, 56; A. J. Taylor, 179; John White, 22; Couly, 139; Petty, 121; Haggard, 29; Fleming, 128; S. Rogers, 85; Norwood, 58; Stewart, 16; Godbolt, 18; Daniel, 4.

Justice of the Peace.--J. W. Fleming, 193; Bob Layne, 162.

Constable.--Ferrill, 114; Haney, 74. (TS 8/19/54)

54-54

The young gentlemen of Jefferson have formed a Thespian corpse. On Tuesday evening next, they perform one of their most popular pieces. (TR 8/19/54)

54-55

(J. M. & J. C. Murphy are Jefferson agents for the Shreveport *South-Western*.) (SW 8/23/54)

54-56

Dr. A. L. Lander, who was convicted of the murder of Eli Ussery, at the last term of the District Court of Cass county, and who was sentenced to five years imprisonment in the Penitentiary, effected his escape on the night of the 16th ult. The Sheriff offers a reward of \$500 for his arrest. We have been in Texas five years, and although a goodly number have been killed in this portion of it, no one, as yet, has been punished. Jordan, in Wood county, was sentenced to be hung, but made his escape before the day of execution. Shell, convicted two years ago in Cass county of murder, and sentenced to the Penitentiary for ten years, made his escape. And the same may be said of others; persons notoriously guilty of crimes of this character have been suffered to escape, when they might have been arrested. How can we expect law and order to triumph, when

such things are permitted? Have we any reason to be astonished at the number of murders, when the chances of punishment are as remote as they are in Texas?

We believe the late Sheriff of Cass, Mr. George Ury, to be a conscientious, clever gentleman, and to have made a good officer. We expect that he used his best exertions (there being no jail in Cass) to retain Lander. But what we deem particularly objectionable is, not this particular case alone, but that all escape. Out of the number of murders and deeds of violence, not one is punished. (TR 9/2/54)

54-57

Mr. William Perry informs the public, through the Jefferson Herald, that he has been engaged with twenty hands in cleaning out the Lake, and that the work on the banks from Jefferson to Smithland is finished. He is now ready to commence work on the body of the stream, but the water is too high both above and below Smithland. He says:

"We have a dam in progress above the bridge at Jefferson, which will be finished next week, the object of which is to throw all the running water out through a slough or chain of lakes on the Harrison side, which will convey the water some six miles below Jefferson, and will doubtless, make all the shallow places dry, if the lower lake comes down to near low water mark." (TR 9/9/54)

54-58

The last number of the Clarksville Standard contains the obituary of Mrs. Eliza Todd, wife of Hon. W. S. Todd, aged 40 years, 7 months, and 8 days. Mrs. T. was a superior lady, intellectually and morally, and her death will create a vacuum in society not easily filled. (TR 9/9/54)

54-59

We learn from the Jefferson Herald that Mr. Frank A. Clark has returned to Jefferson, and will soon take charge of the Herald again. It is to be regretted that Mr. C.'s health has not much improved. The Herald, under its late management, has been an interesting journal, and we wish it success. (TR 9/16/54)

54-60

MARRIED.

At the residence of Mrs. Beatie in Red River county on Thursday the 14th inst., by the Rev. MR. CORLEY, MR. JAS. M. MURPHY, of Jefferson, to MISS MARTHA HAMBLIN. (TS 9/23/54)

54-61

The Jefferson Herald says that the health of Jefferson continues good. (TR 9/23/54)

54-62

Counterfeit half dollars of the new coinage are in circulation here. They look well, have a very clear ring when struck, but are very light. They are well executed, and calculated to deceive.--*Jeff. Herald*. (TR 9/23/54)

54-63

Counterfeit half-dollars, of the new issue, are in circulation in Jefferson. (SW 9/27/54)

54-64

The Jefferson Herald is in favor of the nomination of Hon. T. J. Rusk for the Presidency in 1856, but thinks the movement, on the part of his friends, at this time, as premature. (TR 9/30/54)

54-65

Mr. J. F. MORGAN, a merchant of Jefferson, who shot W. H. PARSONS, former editor of the Tyler Telegraph, in the streets of that place, about eighteen months ago, was tried at the late term of the Cass court and fined ONE CENT. (TR 10/14/54)

54-66

The Jefferson Herald, of the 10th, says that the camp meeting near that place adjourned on the 5th. Thirty-five white persons, besides a number of blacks, professed religion. (TR 10/14/54)

54-67

It is stated that Dr. Landers, who was convicted in Cass of the murder of Eli Ussery, and in charge of the sheriff, waiting the late court to receive the sentence of five years imprisonment in the penitentiary, and who succeeded in making his escape, was never in irons as was represented, and scarcely under confinement; that he was permitted to practice medicine and visit patients in the village; and, that a few nights previous to his escape, he went to a ball! We would inquire of our neighbor of the Herald, if these things are true? They are in circulation to the prejudice of Jefferson, and to the parties who had Landers in charge. If they are false, therefore, they ought to be contradicted. Officers should be made to feel the weight of well regulated public opinion, as well as the legal responsibilities they incur from a neglect of duty. (TR 10/14/54)

54-68

The corporate authorities of Jefferson publish in the Herald an "Annual Report of the Corporation," showing the amounts collected and disbursed within the past year. Why has this not been done here? (TR 10/21/54)

54-69

MARRIED.

On the 28th ult., by the Rev. J. F. Ford, Dr. J. H. LEWIS of Shreveport, to Miss ADA S. TODD, daughter of James D. Todd, Esq., of Smithland, Texas. (TS 10/21/54)

54-70

Jefferson Herald.

We notice from the last Jefferson Herald that our townsman Frank H. Clark, Esq., has become Editor and Proprietor of that paper. We welcome him as a member of the fraternity, and sincerely hope that his connection with the press may be both pleasant and profitable. He is not

an untried hand as Editor; and now that the combined responsibilities of Editor and Proprietor have devolved upon him--he will find that he has got his hands full. As a politician, he is a firm and tried Democrat--as a writer he is sprightly, and forcible, capable of "doing good action" in time of need--as a social companion he is pleasing, with an inexhaustible fund of anecdote, and smart repartee--and as a young man of high literary acquirements he ranks high among those capable of estimating his worth. We anticipate for him a long career of usefulness in his present profession. "May his shadow never grow less." (TS 11/4/54)

54-71

CHANGE OF EDITORS.--The last number of the Jefferson Herald comes to us with the name of Mr. Frank H. Clark as editor, who has purchased that establishment, and with the valedictory of Mr. W. P. Watson, the late editor....

Mr. Clark publishes an interesting and well written introductory, the political tone of which agrees intimately with our convictions and feelings. The paper is, besides, filled with good selections and well written editorials. We wish him success; and embrace the occasion to express the confident hope that the Herald, under his management, will be an interesting and valuable paper. (TR 11/4/54)

54-72

Jefferson Herald.

We noticed in the Jefferson Herald of the 31st ult., an elaborate article from the pen of friend Frank, which not a little amused us. He would lead his readers to suppose that the health of his town was unequaled; that the whole intelligence, enterprise, and money of North Eastern Texas, were centered in that *lovely spot* at the head of Lake Caddo, surrounded by the marshes of the Cypressess; and that neither health, wealth, intelligence, or enterprise, vouchsafed to poor Clarksville. We chance to know a little of the actual resources of some of the citizens of both places, and we believe that Clarksville for its population will compare favorably in any point with the object of friend Frank's puffery. On reading the article referred to, we were forcibly reminded of a fable which we read some forty years ago. A young frog complained to its mother of the sufferings inflicted on her offspring by the ox. Resolved on vengeance, she began to puff herself, if possible to make herself equal the size of the deadly enemy of her offspring. After puffing long, and repeatedly asking the question, was the ox thus big, and thus big? The youngster exclaimed, "No, not if you would burst yourself." It is unnecessary for us to draw the moral. (TS 11/11/54)

54-73

Our friend C. N. Stanley, Esq., of Jefferson, who has returned from the North, where he has been spending the summer, sends us files of New York, Cincinnati, St. Louis, and New Orleans papers, for which he will accept our thanks. It gives us pleasure to welcome him back. The Herald says that "his health was never better, and that he is altogether as fine as silk." Glad to hear it. May his shadow continue to elongate and enlarge. (TR 11/18/54)

54-74

Friend Clark, of the Jefferson Herald, apologises in his last issue, for the want of proper editorial matter, on account of sickness. He says that he has been unwell, and at the time the

paper went to press, was barely able to set up. But for this explanation and apology, we would have supposed that the editor was in very good health, and had been enlivened by a succession of frolics. His last issue is as sprightly a number as we have seen for some time. It is truly unfortunate that such a man should be sick, and we hope to have the pleasure of chronicling the fact, very soon, of his return to health.... (TR 11/18/54)

54-75

MARRIED.

In Nacogdoches, Texas, at the residence of the bride's father, on Thursday, the 9th inst., by the Rev. Mr. Gillett, J. F. MORGAN, Esq., of Jefferson, Cass county, Texas, to Miss VIRGINIA M. OCHILTREE, daughter of Hon. W. B. Ochiltree. (TR 11/18/54)

54-76

MARRIED.

On Sunday the 5th inst., by the Rev. Mr. Bell, JOSEPH W. BROOKS, Esq., of Jefferson, to Miss FRANCES J. SMITH, of Cherokee county. (TR 11/18/54)

54-77

Mr. Ward Taylor, jr., late of the Jefferson Herald, intends to establish a new newspaper at Dangerfield, Titus county, Texas. It will be entitled the "Lampighter," and we feel assuredly cannot but prosper. (SW 11/22/54)

54-78

There was a heavy hail-storm, on the 11th inst., in the neighborhood of Smithland, Cass county, Texas. It is said that the hailstones were as large as pigeon eggs, and the ground was covered with them. (SW 11/22/54)

54-79

We call attention to card of W. M. Freeman, Notary Public, at Jefferson, Cass Co. (TS 11/25/54)

54-80

The Marshall and Jefferson papers are calling upon the citizens of Cass, Harrison and the adjoining counties, to aid in clearing out the lake and bayous, so that boats will find no impediments in the navigation. Much good has already been done by cutting away the stumps, and a few thousand dollars judiciously expended would now make the navigation easy and safe, and thereby prove of incalculable benefit to all parties interested. (SW 11/29/54)

54-81

Jefferson vs. Clarksville.

The editor of the Jefferson Herald is respectfully informed that "The Major" has not attempted the expenditure of any wit, relative to the "healthy" city of Jefferson: wit based upon actualities carries a sting with it, which the regular editor of this paper (who has been absent much of late) is too charitable to expend upon the commercial City at the head of the Lake. It

was a callous hearted pro tem of ours, who was so merciless as to jest rudely at our neighbor City.

Upon the question of the relative business of the two places--there is no doubt that Jefferson does the most, though we doubt whether any of its merchants lay in heavier stocks than our merchants do; but they purchase more frequently of such rough articles as suit their trade; Russet shoes, Lowells, Sugar and Coffee and Nails. Dainty little articles for the feminines; delicate laces, the neatest little gaiters, kid gloves, Merinos, Silks, and all the catalogue of summer gossamers, with which beauty is wont to array itself; there is not much use for in Jefferson. They *do* have wagons in town filling up the business streets, and interrupting the movement of those who would walk them--and sell salt, whiskey and domestic--they *do* have slimey fish out of their muddy Lake; they *do* drink a plenty of coarse liquor, and as our neighbor is a living example, make a great deal of noise over it. But up here, our pursuits and enjoyments are of a different sort. We do not boast much on our trade in coarse goods--we boast on our feminines--God bless their sweet souls--*all* of them! We have schools, and the prettiest array of bright eyes and blushing faces to be found anywhere. Feminines walking the streets of Jefferson would occasion a Revolution--they don't have them in that healthy place--they live a little out of Town. We visit our neighbors; pass social evenings; admire their daughters; listen to music; and quaff their Champagne. We listen to the sound of the Piano, up here, with a zest, while some other people that we know of, console themselves, by sitting in their lonely sanctums, shaking their dry bones, under chilly influences, to the croaking of frogs, and try to keep up their spirits by drinking the occasional bottles of coarse brandy or whiskey sent to them, and talking about the salt and whiskey that they deal in.

Jefferson is a considerable commercial point; we acknowledge that with pleasure--it might be greater if most of its Merchants had perceptiveness enough to know the value of advertising, and the proper medium for it--but their dullness upon this point, hurts themselves more than anybody else. Jefferson however is progressing in a business way, and will suit well enough, as a residence, those whose souls are all given to mammon: but to those who love the genial influences of life; who *feel* that there is a charm in sweet smiles; and had rather see a bright soft face, a charming manner, a graceful walk, and a little of the "poetry of motion" occasionally, than all the cotton bags, whiskey barrels, and salt sacks in the world, Clarksville has some "goods" that render it quite habitable. Master Frank is contented at Jefferson, nay, more boastfully vain glorious of his position amid the swamps of the Cypresses. We are glad that he is so pleased; but for us, whose condition he is disposed to mourn over, it suits us very well to visit occasionally the *home* he has left, and see the cheerful faces, and hear the joyous music, and mingle in the domestic pleasures, and feel that there is joy, and melody, and poetry in the world--something to live for, besides *gain*, and the eternal round of labor and anxiety, with which men wear themselves out in its acquisition. (TS 12/2/54).