

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.

48-1

SODA LAKE HOTEL.--Passing through Jefferson, in Cass Co., two or three weeks since, we stopped for two days at this house, formerly kept by Mr. Perry, and now by Messrs. Nesmith & Brownell.--The house itself is one of the most spacious in the Eastern part of the State, and these gentlemen who now keep it, evince a determination to make it agreeable and comfortable to those who may stop with them. (NS 5/6/48)

48-2

(Letter published in *Jefferson Democrat* requesting Gen. J. P. Henderson to speak in favor of democratic nominees for president and vice president signed by Ury & Ward, among others; reply to S. F. Moseley, among others.) (NS 6/17/48)

48-3

RESOURCES OF TEXAS--IRON ORE.

Last week, Mr. W. M. Freeman of Cass county presented to us a specimen of Texas Iron, separate from the ore by Mr. Nash, near the south-west corner of Cass county, and not more than 30 miles from this place. The specimen furnished us has the appearance of good iron. We are informed that the supply of ore is inexhaustable, and that Mr. Nash intends, during next winter to erect extensive Iron works in that vicinity. The ore is said to contain 66 per cent of Iron. Success, say we, to the enterprize; and to all other enterprizes, which tend to develop the vast resources of Texas. [*Star State Patriot.*] (NS 7/1/48)

48-4

TEXAS IRON.

Mr. Nash who is constructing a foundry in Cass County, has sent us a small specimen of the metal, obtained by melting in his brick kiln, ore gathered from the surface.

We have shown the specimen to Mr. John W. West of our Town, who is a practical Blacksmith, and after making a nail of it, pronounces it, as good as he ever saw.--

The nail made of it, was bent like a fishhook, around and back again, some twenty times, without breaking. Some other persons of judgment in this particular, to whom the piece was submitted, pronounce it a superior article.

It is evident to any one who has ever noticed iron in the bar, that this piece is of extraordinarily fine grain, and very malleable. (NS 9/2/48)

48-5

The communication signed Jefferson, should have appeared in our column a month since, but we did not receive it until yesterday; the gentleman who brought it up having forgotten to deliver it. As it may still possess some interest for our readers, we insert it. (NS 11/4/48)

JEFFERSON, September 22, 1848.

MAJOR DE MORSE:

Supposing that you may feel some interest in knowing how political matters are going on in these "diggings" I propose to give you a short sketch of the speaking at this place Tuesday last. The whigs had announced that the "Hon. B. H. Epperson would...address the citizens of Cass county and vicinity" upon the great political subjects of the day; in addition to this, it had been rumored far and near that at the same time and place the "sovereigns" would be addressed by Col. T. T. Gamage "the whig leader, of Harrison." From these warnings it was but natural that there should be a large gathering of the people, which doubtless was caused by the great anxiety felt to hear the illustrious "whig leader of Harrison." But be this as it may, this is certain, the "Sovereigns" did come, and the Col. *did not* speak. Some "locofocos" said the Col. did not speak because Gen. Rusk was not present to answer him; however the gallant Col. gave way to his Hon. friend of Clarksville, who was to answer Major Scurry.

The discussion was opened by the Major who led off in the most gallant style, holding up whiggery in its most odious forms....

After Major Scurry had concluded, the Hon. B. H. followed in his usual "high flown" sky scraping style of oratory, dealing out denunciations to Cass and Butler....

Mr. Epperson having seated himself, Maj. Scurry rose and proceeded in his reply, which I shall not attempt to describe, further than to say that it was one of Bill's best, and satisfied the Democracy in every particular; indeed I mean not to flatter, when I say that Maj. Scurry's reply on this occasion would do honor to the most finished Orator.

Mr. Epperson attempted to reply but "broke down."

After supper there was a meeting in the Hall....

The people in these parts don't believe that Epperson knows much more about politics, than he does about history....

In conclusion I can say to you, as to the county "all is well."

JEFFERSON. (NS 11/4/48)

(Election returns mention *Spirit of the Age* of the 9th, which should have provided returns for Jefferson.) (NS 11/11/48)

(*Spirit of the Age*, Jefferson, Texas, December 16, 1848, Vol. 1; published Saturday evening by W. C. Baker & Co.; \$3 in advance, \$4 in six months, \$5 per annum.) (SOTA 12/16/48)

(Apparently an article on proposed bayou clearing down to Benton.) (SOTA 12/16/48)

WAREHOUSES.--Two large fine warehouses have been raised in (?) week. One forty by seventy feet, the other (?) seventy-five (?). Our present warehouses, with the (?) of these two, will be amply sufficient to accommodate the merchants and planters who ship at this place (?).

Merchants and planters above this (?) would find it to their advantage to ship their goods and cotton at Jefferson. The(?) steam-boat navigation is (?) and safe. (SOTA 12/16/48)

48-11

The Lake continues to rise and is in fine boating order. (SOTA 12/16/48)

48-12

The Southern mail failed to bring any New Orleans papers yesterday. We wish we knew who is so frequently guilty or negligent in detaining our important papers from the City. We would certainly advise Cave Johnson to make them *cave in*. (SOTA 12/16/48)

48-13

(Article on Cass and Harrison counties says that "Iron works can be erected (?) in Cass. One is now under (?).") (SOTA 12/16/48)

48-14

(Poem by Mrs. Emily Judson to her father.) (SOTA 12/16/48)

48-15

To the Sheriff of Cass county.--*Greetings*:--In the name and by the authority of the State of Texas, you are hereby commanded to summon, by publication as the law directs, Samuel Applegate to be and appear at a court to be holden in the town of Jefferson, to answer to the petition of Williamson Freeman, filed in the office of the Clerk of said District Court against him, and is in substance as follows: That Samuel Applegate was master and commander of the steamboat Duck River, lying in the port of New Orleans, and bound for Jefferson, Texas; that he at the special instance and request of the said Samuel Applegate, shipped or caused to be shipped in good order on board of said boat, six boxes of merchandise, marked E.(?) T. Harris, Jefferson, Texas (?). (?) aforesaid Ury & (?). (?) damage to the amount of five hundred dollars, and prays judgment, etc., for the damages he has sustained.

Herein fail not, but make due return of this writ with your action thereon.

Witness the hand of WILLIS H. CHILDRESS, Clerk of the District Court in and for the said Cass county with the seal of said Court hereon impressed.

Nov. 16, 1848.

WILLIS H. CHILDRESS,

Clerk.

To Samuel Applegate: You are (?) to appear in accordance with the above summons.

R. P. CRUMP, Sheriff. (SOTA 12/16/48)

48-16

(Nat M. Burford advertises that he lost a pocketbook containing various notes and receipts between Jefferson and Mt. Pleasant, which, if found, should be returned through the office of Sam F. Mosley in Jefferson.) (SOTA 12/16/48)

48-17

(C. Lewis & Co., in various advertisements dated October 26, offers for sale flour, lime and cement, bacon, liquors, codfish. No address is indicated, but a firm by this name was located in Shreveport.) (SOTA 12/16/48)

48-18

(Estray notice signed by P. M. Graham, Clerk of Court, dated December 9, 1848, refers to estray taken up by Ebenezer Frazier, living about eight miles east of Jefferson.) (SOTA 12/16/48)

48-19

NOTICE.

All persons indebted to the late firm of STANLEY & WARD are requested to make immediate payment.

C. N. STANLEY.

N. B. In case any one should call in his absence, they can supply the same to J. H. Hill, who is authorized to receipt for the same. C. N. S. (SOTA 12/16/48)

48-20

(H. N. Walcott advertises, among other things, bonnets and liquors.) (SOTA 12/16/48)

48-21

(J. M. Baker, M.D., office apparently at the house(?) of F. C. Baker, offers his services to the people of Jefferson and vicinity.) (SOTA 12/16/48)

48-22

(I. G. Eason, M. D., physician and surgeon, Jefferson, offers his services to the people of Jefferson and vicinity and states that he can always be found at the drug store, which appears to be adjacent to the printing office.) (SOTA 12/16/48)

48-23

I. G. EASON, M. D.

Dealer in Drugs and Medicines, would respectfully inform the public generally, that he (?) opening, and will keep constantly on hand, a large and well selected stock of DRUGS, MEDICINES, (?) also *Patent* and *Botanic*, all of which he will sell for cash, or on time to select(?) customers, at lower prices than has ever been afforded in this market. All staple articles warranted as represented. Patent Medicines speak for themselves.

Jefferson, October 12, 1848. (SOTA 12/16/48)

48-24

(Advertisement apparently for M. D. Rogers, Attorney and Counselor at Law, Jefferson.) (SOTA 12/16/48)

48-25

(Advertisement for the newly formed firm of Everett & Withers, Attorneys, Jefferson, dated January 13, 1848) (SOTA 12/16/48)

48-26

(Advertisement for William P. McNeill, Notary Public, Jefferson, dated October 26, 1848.) (SOTA 12/16/48)

48-27

(Advertisement for Western Military Institute in Georgetown, Kentucky.) (SOTA 12/16/48)

48-28

(Advertisement for regular packet *Archer* says that it will continue its regular trips between "this port" and New Orleans as soon as the water permits and that arrangements can be made with C. Lewis. Since Lewis was located in Shreveport, "this port" apparently refers to that city.) (SOTA 12/16/48)

48-29

NEW GOODS.

(Indecipherable) usually called for in this (?) section of country. Those who wish to purchase at fair and regular prices are respectfully invited to call. The near approach of pay-day and the low price of cotton, we are aware [may] deter many of our friends from supplying their wants. To all such we say come now, and get what you want; and whatever you cannot pay (?) be carefully suspended on the next crop. A good stock of BOY'S AND YOUTH'S BLANKETS & TWEED COATS. Full prices allowed for cotton.

JAMES D. TODD & CO.

Smithland, Cass co., Texas.
December 2. (SOTA 12/16/48)

48-30

(Prospectus for the *Jim-ple-Cute*, to be published weekly in Marshall, Texas, by Beazly, Fitzpatrick & Co., Marshall. The left side of the column is missing.) (SOTA 12/16/48)

49-1

Our mails have been detained by high waters. We understand that a bridge was washed away between here and Jefferson, thus destroying a connecting link in our Shreveport mail, which accounts for our getting no late papers. (NS 1/27/49)

49-2

[For the Star State Patriot.]

MARSHALL, January 8th, 1849.

MR. EDITOR.--Knowing that your readers are interested upon the subject of education, and are disposed to aid in affording means for the acquisition of knowledge by the youth of our country, I hope that the following facts may not be uninteresting to them.

The Marshall Presbytery of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, at its session held a few weeks ago in the town of Daingerfield, Titus county, Texas, appointed Rev. James Sampson an agent to the purpose of soliciting and receiving propositions from the people of different places for the location of a literary institution, empowering him to accept, in the name of the Presbytery, any proposition for that purpose which he might regard sufficiently favorable, to erect buildings, &c., preparatory for putting into successful operation a college or high school, under the Superintendence of said Presbytery; and to report his proceedings to the Presbytery at its next meeting.

Acting in accordance with his instructions, Bro. Sampson appointed a meeting of the citizens of Daingerfield, on Friday before the first Sabbath inst. to take into consideration the propriety of establishing a literary institution at that place. By unforeseen events Bro. Sampson could not be present at the meeting, and at his instance I attended and acted in his stead. The day was quite unpleasant, and there were but few people in attendance; in consequence of which, definitive action on the subject was postponed till Monday the 8th inst., at which time all the citizens of the town and a good number from the country were present.

The result of the meeting was, a unanimous determination to make an immediate effort to erect a college at Daingerfield, under the superintendence of the above named Presbytery. We intend trying to erect two buildings by subscription, within the next twelve or eighteen months--the college edifice and the president's house--both of brick; the former 60 by 33 feet, with a folding partition. A. Urquhart, Esq., has donated to the institution one quarter section of land upon such conditions as will, I think, in a few years, be a source of considerable revenue to the institution. On the day after the meeting, I presented a subscription paper to the people, and in one day obtained \$1000, and other liberal donations, I have no doubt, can be obtained. I have little or no doubt of the success of the enterprise. In conclusion I remark, that this is an enterprise in which not only the citizens of Daingerfield and vicinity are interested, but I conceive that the people of the adjoining counties, and in some degree of all Eastern Texas, and Western Louisiana, and Arkansas are interested in its success. Daingerfield is the most eligible, because the most healthy, site for a college within the bounds of the country above specified. Hence we expect to receive assistance in the erection of a college at that place, from the friends of education in different parts of the country. If our expectations are verified, we will erect a literary institution at Daingerfield that will be equalled by few, and excelled by none, in the State.

If these remarks be placed before the public, I will in another communication define the relation which it is intended, shall exist between the Church and the College.

G. S. TEMPLETON.

P. S. Will the Spirit of the Age, Northern Standard and Texas Presbyterian please copy.
(NS 2/3/49)

49-3

From the Spirit of the Age.

THE LAST DAY OF DEMOCRACY.--This day closes the administration of the Democratic party. Thank kind Providence for the change.--The reckless experiments of the Democratic administration on the currency of the country ruined our temporal prospects. Thousands of energetic, enterprising, honest citizens shared the same fate. We looked forward with some impatience to the time when the Ruler of the Universe would restore the days of Washington, Jefferson, and Madison. Thank God the time has come. Democracy *run mad* has been signally defeated. The republican principles of Jefferson are again in the ascendant. On next Monday, General Taylor will be inaugurated President of the United States. Times, from that day, will change for the better. Demagogues, intermeddling electioneering office holders, incompetent spooneyes, who have been leach-like sucking the heart's blood of the people, will all get their walking papers. Honest, competent, business men will take their places. The currency of the country will be improved, internal improvements will move like lightning--a railroad will be built to California--immigration will pour in like floods from Europe--education will be extended to all classes--missionaries "will run to and froe and knowledge shall increase"--agricultural and mechanical pursuits will prosper beyond a parallel in the history of nations. (NS 3/10/49)

49-4

THE TOWN OF JEFFERSON.

We were at this Town on last week. The district court, Judge Evans presiding, finished its session on Saturday of the second week.

Jefferson, as we understand, has some prospect of improvement in a short time. New Merchants are coming in. (NS 4/7/49)

49-5

(S. F. Moseley and W. B. Ochiltree advertise in Marshall.) (TR 5/26/49)

49-6

(Edward C. Beazley is clerk of court in Harrison County.) (TR 5/26/49)

49-7

(The Burress Iron Foundry advertises that it is about to go into operation in Marshall.)
(TR 5/26/49)

49-8

SODA LAKE.--From the exertions being made in this and neighboring counties, we have strong hopes that Soda Lake will be, by the commencement of the next season, freed from every

obstruction that at present intercepts the navigation. During the last winter and spring, steamers of a large class were constantly in the lake, and all the cotton at the different depots has been carried off. Once thoroughly cleaned out, and boats may navigate the lake whenever they can go to Shreveport. The subscriptions for this purpose have already been very liberal. We shall publish, next week, the names of the subscribers and the amounts subscribed. (TR 6/1/49)

49-9

THE TEXAS REPUBLICAN.

We have received the first number of the Republican, published at Marshall, in Harrison county, by J. A. & F. J. Patillo, and edited by J. A. Patillo. It is a sheet nearly the size of our own, is well edited, well printed on new type, and upon its first appearance certainly comes in favorable guise. Its politics are Democratic, of the unadulterated sort. We wish it well. (NS 6/2/49)

49-10

NEW PAPER.--The *Independent Monitor* made its appearance this week; it is published at Jefferson, Cass county, Texas, by Watson & Baker, and edited by Dr. J. M. Baker. We wish them success. (TS 6/15/49)

49-11

NAVIGATION OF THE LAKE.

Mr. Wm. Perry, of Jefferson, proposes to remove the obstructions to the navigation of the lake, upon the following terms:

If responsible persons will make up the sum of \$3,500, he will do the work, and receive the money after the report is made, that the undertaking is completed according to contract. This report is to be made by competent persons. Subscriptions are now being taken for the purpose among the citizens of Harrison county and others interested. The sum of \$2,000 is now about made out by subscribers and others who have promised to lend their assistance....

It is ascertained that four feet of water can be added to the navigation of the lake, by the improvement alluded to....

We have said thus much, in view of the fact, that an effort will be made at the District Court during the approaching session to make up the sum desired, and so aid, if possible, in effecting a united effort. (TR 6/15/49)

49-12

NEW PAPER.

We have received the first number of the *Independent Monitor*, published at Jefferson, Texas, with the materials formerly used for the "Spirit of the Age."

It is neutral in politics, and well filled, and published by Messrs. Baker & Watson. (NS 6/16/49)

49-13

IRON FOUNDRY.

We perceive that Mr. A. D. Burress advertises an iron foundry is in process of erection in the town of Marshall. We hail this as an enterprize adding to the internal wealth of the State, and

trust that the enterprising projector may find it profitable.--All such works diversify labor, save the exportation of money or its equivalent, and assist the development of the resources of the State by quickening enterprise in other pursuits. We have long hoped for the completion of the iron works in Cass, where the material is to be obtained in the immediate vicinage of the works, which were to answer the double purpose of manufacturing and moulding the iron. Ore of the richest character and in inexhaustible quantities, is to be found in many places in Cass, and it seems to us that the erection of works at a point near navigation would admit of extensive and most profitable business. Any one who would examine the little specimen in our possession, could easily satisfy himself of the superior quality of the metal. (NS 6/30/49)

49-14

We are authorized to announce MATT WARD Esq., of Jefferson, as a candidate to represent the Senatorial district comprising the counties of Bowie, Titus and Cass, in the next legislature. (NS 6/30/49)

49-15

Public Speaking.

The citizens of Jefferson, were on the 28th, addressed by Messrs. Rusk and Kaufman. (NS 7/7/49)

49-16

Texas Echo.

Mr. W. P. Watson, joint publisher of the Independent Monitor at Jefferson, proposes to publish a paper, with the above title, at Dallas in Dallas county, as soon as sufficient subscribers are obtained, price two dollars a year in advance, or four dollars at the end of the year. (NS 7/7/49)

49-17

The Prospect.

A gentleman writing from Dallas, to the editor of the Monitor, published at Jefferson in Cass county, says--

"You may say to the good people of your section of the country, that Judge Mills will not lose hardly a vote in this and the adjoining counties." (NS 7/14/49)

49-18

We call attention to the advertisement in our columns, of land opposite the Town of Jefferson, for sale. We should suppose from its vicinage, the tract must be a desirable purchase to persons living in Jefferson.

The sale has been previously advertised, but in consequence of the administrator being unable to leave a sick family, it was not offered according to the advertisement. (NS 8/4/49)

49-19

(Letter from William P. Saufley in Clarksville.) (NS 8/4/49)

49-20

(Perry Graham is agent for the *Texas Republican* in Jefferson.) (TR 8/10/49)

49-21

(Election returns for the Jefferson precinct published from the *Cass County Monitor*.)
(NS 8/16/49)

49-22

(James Speake of the firm of Speake & McCreary, wholesale grocers, New Orleans.) (TR 8/23/49)

49-23

(R. P. Crump, sheriff of Cass County, issues summons for John Kitching.) (TR 8/23/49)

49-24

(Sanders & Stewart are producing ploughs near Marshall.) (TR 9/6/49)

49-25

We are indebted to J. R. Tribble Esq., for a large lot of late New Orleans papers. Also to J. C. Fleating, Esq., of Jefferson, for a similar favor. (NS 9/15/49)

49-26

MR. WILLIAM PERRY informed us in a conversation, recently, that a misunderstanding had made some progress in the public mind in regard to his contract to improve the navigation of the Lake, in one particular, which is this: The contract contemplates the cutting of obstructions as low as the lowest water in 1848, instead of 1849. He will not commence the work this season, although now ready to do so, unless the water in the Lake should fall to that point. Six hundred dollars is still wanting to make up the sum stipulated. This will not be an objection to him, however, as it will undoubtedly be obtained. (TR 9/27/49)

49-27

S. F. MOSELEY, Esq., of Jefferson, will see that his favor (an advertisement,) has been received and attended to. Many thanks to him. (TR 10/4/49)

49-28

(Moseley & Hall advertise as attorneys in Marshall.) (TR 10/4/49)

49-29

We neglected to notice at the proper time, from the crowd of political matter, our pleasant visit to Jefferson. While there, we had the pleasure of seeing Mr. Sala's exhibition of paintings. They are well worthy of an extended notice, which we would give if we had room. The audience was very large, and all who witnessed them, were pleased and edified. (TR 10/11/49)

49-30

(List of 27 newspapers published in Texas; *Independent Monitor*, Jefferson weekly, said to have "died of congestive chill.") (TR 10/18/49)

49-31

(P. M. Graham, county clerk, Jefferson, publishes notice of estray taken up by Eli Ussery.) (TR 10/18/49)

49-32

("Sermon on the Poets" signed by Hurlbert, Jefferson, October 1849.) (TR 11/15/49)

49-33

(James M. & J. C. Murphy firm apparently located in Harrison County.) (TR 11/15/49)

49-34

(Matthias Ward listed as senator-elect for Texas Legislature from Bowie, Cass, and Titus counties.) (TR 11/22/49)

49-35

(Robert Crawford listed as circuit preacher at Jefferson for the Methodist Episcopal Church South.) (TR 12/6/49)

49-36

THE MAILS.--One of our subscribers at Jefferson desires us to state that the mails leading to that place are in a wretched situation; that from all quarters there are nothing but failures and mismanagement. We shall recur to this subject again, and to the mails generally in this portion of the State. (TR 12/20/49)

49-37

(William P. Saufley marries Miss Eliza Crittenden on the 25th.) (NS 12/22/49)

50-1

(Some cases of cholera noted at Jefferson.) (NS 1/12/50)

50-2

JEFFERSON--CASS COUNTY.

We are gratified at the accounts we receive of the increasing prosperity of our sister town. There are now, we understand, nine or ten large mercantile establishments at Jefferson, that are doing an excellent business. Not a bale of cotton, it is said, has, during the last year, passed by there, and the lake navigation has been uninterrupted during the business seasons. Merchants from the interior, and particularly from the Red River counties, as well as the planters, now go there for their supplies, and are accommodated on the best terms. The lands surrounding it are rapidly filling up with that kind of population most desirable.

Marshall rejoices in the prosperity of her sister towns. She, too, is improving with a prosperity almost unparalleled. Jefferson and Marshall can never be rivals. They may assist but cannot injure each other. If the *toll bridges* could be removed, the communication between the two places would be more frequent. (TR 3/14/50)

50-3

The District Court for Cass county, commenced its session at Jefferson, on Monday last, Judge L. D. EVANS, presiding. The civil docket, we understand, is quite large, including about sixty new cases. The lawyers in attendance are quite numerous.... (TR 3/21/50)

50-4

We have received a note from M. WARD, Esq., Senator from Cass county in the late Legislature.... (TR 3/21/50)

50-5

(J. W. Ferris and Thomas Watson listed as Jefferson agents for the *Star State Patriot*; also, Dr. I. Tabor in Hickory Hill and J. D. Lilly in Dangerfield.) (SSP 3/21/50)

50-6

(E. C. Hart, late C. Lewis & Co., in Shreveport, advertises Ury & Ward as references in Jefferson.) (SSP 3/21/50)

50-7

(M. Steinlein is merchant in Marshall.) (SSP 3/21/50)

50-8

EDITOR OF THE TEXAS REPUBLICAN:

Dear Sir.--I have just returned from our neighboring town Jefferson. The District Court commenced its session there on Monday the 18th instant, the HON. L. D. EVANS presiding.

The business of the Court was progressing steadily onward, and will be finished, perhaps, by the 30th.

I was much pleased with the improvement which Jefferson has made in the last six months, both in appearance and commerce. She commands the highest navigation for an extensive section of new and fertile country, which is settling and improving rapidly. Her houses are filled with goods and groceries sufficient in quality and quantity for the entire demand of her extensive patronage, and her merchants are liberal....

Her position gives her a double advantage over any other point in Eastern Texas. She has the benefit of being interior, and at the same time at the head of navigation. This may safely be accorded to her without detracting in the least from any of her neighboring commercial points. Artificial helps may give her a rival, but not a competitor. She alone will command almost the entire trade of a territory sufficient in extent and agricultural resources to make her one of the first towns in the State.

These things are now becoming known to the public, and they will be duly appreciated. The time is at hand when commercial advantages like those of Jefferson will not be ignorantly passed over by emigrants--such at least as are now pouring into Eastern Texas. The husbandman and the merchant are both alike invited. The success of the one promotes the interest of the other, and the way to the ultimate prosperity of both seems to be well understood--the exercise of a liberality, production of reciprocity between them.

OBSERVER.

March 23d, 1850. (TR 3/28/50)

50-9

(Meeting held in Linden to protest injustices against Linden in its selection as county seat; complaints directed against county chief justice Robert Arbery.) (TR 5/23/50)

50-10

(Longley, Littlejohn, & Co., wholesale grocers in New Orleans, refer to Ury & Ward in Jefferson.) (TR 5/23/50)

50-11

JEFFERSON, June 9th, 1850.

Friend Loughery:

I congratulate you upon the success of your truly popular paper. The variety it contains, the spirit with which it is conducted, and its appropriate editorials, all happily conduce to give it the interest and notoriety it awakens and merits. It is now in fact the principal means we have of obtaining the news &c.

You have frequently spoken of the notorious failures of the mails "in these latter days." You may not be aware of the fact that the people of Jefferson suffer most from the malfeasance of the "Officers of the mail bag" between this place and Marshall. The truth of this has been satisfactorily ascertained. I have on several occasions, read the *Weekly Delta*, received by mail in Harrison county, and have then waited some three or four weeks, before I could receive the same numbers in my name--and this too, when the mail would be crossing the Bayous. The same applies to a great extent to other mail matters; and I assure you it is a matter of great complaint by our citizens. If the mail contractor, or postmasters in your county cannot do their duty, they

should be ousted indignantly and others put in who can perform all the duties incumbent upon them.

Our town is improving. Several large buildings are now in progress of completion. The trade also of the place is at this time quite brisk. Wagons from the rear country are continually blocking up our streets; and the speculation in beef cattle has almost become a mania. The lake is still in fine boating order. Next week we look for the "*Oglesby*," which never fails to roll up "*like winkin*," and as regular as "tea time." Then for the juleps, ice cream, and all the *et cetera* of the "*white settlements*!" It is right pleasant such times, I ween, to walk "*down to the creek*!"

By the way, I would not fail to speak of our neighbor, sir-named "*Stephe*," the proprietor of the Soda Lake Hotel. The house is now conducted with more spirit, neatness, and order than ever before. With all the vegetables of a fine garden, and the best edibles the market affords, universal satisfaction is always given. The aforesaid "*Stephe*," alias Mr. Ellis, is also quite a pattern of the agreeable and lively gentleman. And he "calls together the *ton* about town," and the fair ones of Paradise or West Jefferson, when the pleasure loving can trip the fantastic toe to the enlivening music of the violin and "win enough glory for one day."

Very Respectfully, &c.,

JUSTUS.

(Loughery replies that the problem is not at Marshall.) (TR 6/20/50)

50-12

(Robert Arbery objects to the resolutions of the Linden meeting. Jefferson elected as seat of Cass County in 1846. Election of 1848 contested by the friends of Jefferson and set aside by the county commissioners because of suspected illegalities. Third election held in same year and enjoined by a judge of the district court on petition of D. N. Alley claiming ballot box fraud.) (TR 7/6/50)

50-13

(C. Ragin listed as postmaster at Jefferson.) (TR 7/6/50)

50-14

(Cherry, Henderson, & Co., commission merchants in New Orleans, refer to Ury and Ward in Jefferson.) (TR 7/6/50)

50-15

(Rawlins & Co., commission merchants in New Orleans, refer to N. Trawick in Jefferson) (TR 7/13/50)

50-16

JEFFERSON.

Mr. and Mrs. Steel's Examination--The Celebration of the Fourth of July at Paradise--The Ball at the Soda Lake Hotel, &c., &c.

MR. EDITOR:

We had the pleasure of witnessing the interesting ceremonies of the public examination at the Academy of MR. STEEL, near this place, commencing on the 2d and continuing till the evening of the 4th instant.

On the first two days, there was a very respectable audience in attendance, and the time was passed pleasantly and profitably, all in listening to the exercises and marking the evidences of improvement, particularly of the younger classes, the examination of which consumed the 2d, and a greater part of the 3d. We were not present on the 2d; but from what we saw on the 3d, and from what was told us, we feel safe in asserting that the examination was thorough, perfect, and entirely satisfactory. The little boys and girls throughout acquitted themselves in a manner that adds much to the already extensive and well earned reputation of Mr. S. and his accomplished lady. The satisfaction of the patrons of the school was general, and so was the proficiency exhibited by each and every pupil; yet we could mention some as being peculiarly interesting to the spectators, but we forbear from the fact that all acquitted themselves so well.

On the 4th, there was a very large audience in attendance, drawn together to aid in the celebration of the day, and to witness the *finale* of the school exercises. The ceremonies were commenced by speaking from the little boys, who distinguished themselves by the correctness of their gestures, and the perfect and distinct enunciation of every word--a part of education much overlooked and grievously slighted, we regret to say, in many of our high schools.

At half-past 9, Master Henry Hill, a lad and a pupil of the school, was introduced to the audience as the orator of the day, who delivered an original speech. We would not wish to be invidious, and must be allowed to be understood as expressing our *special* delight and pleasure at listening to him. Sentiments that would have reflected credit on an older head--an enunciation as clear and distinct as that of the most experienced speaker--an action in which every movement was expressive and graceful to the highest degree--impressed us, and the crowd generally, with the idea that, though much had been done for him by his accomplished teacher, *much more* had been given him by a higher source.

After this, the exercises were resumed and continued till 11, during which time, we would beg leave to notice a class of beautiful girls, or rather young ladies, who were examined in "Watt's on the Mind." In this, which is usually considered a dry and uninteresting study, there was much interest manifested by the class. The questions were selected from any and every part of the book, and there was not a single answer missed.

Mr. Wm. Henry Parsons then addressed the audience, in an elaborate speech of an hour and a half, on the subject of education. Mr. P. has already acquired a reputation as a public speaker. Of his style and manner it is useless to speak, from the fact that most of the citizens of Cass and Harrison have had the pleasure of hearing him. The sentiment was correct--perfect, we may say--and delivered in a creditable manner. In a word, he sustained himself with his usual ability.

After which, the audience adjourned to partake of a fine dinner, which had been prepared in a beautiful grove near the Academy. Every thing was served up in the most *recherche* style, and all partook with a zest that would have satisfied the Genius of Liberty that, notwithstanding how much soever we may be divided on matters of local interest, on an occasion like a public dinner, we are all purely *American*.

During the afternoon, the company was amused and entertained by a series of comical dialogues from the young men, in which all sustained themselves infinitely, we may say.

The company then dispersed, all leaving with regret, though happy in the belief that they had passed a pleasant day, and that they had something in the way of festivals to remember.

Did we say anything about a ball? We believe not; and here were we laying down our pen and taking a long breath, under the belief that we had done our duty. Oh, dear! Stephe and

his kind attempt to add to the amusement of the occasion came near being forgotten, and lost to the future historian! We will mend our pen, and snatch him as a "brand from the burning" from the jaws of oblivion.

But how shall we describe it? In what "set phrase of speech" shall we couch what is indescribable! We were there, and "saw it all," but of what shall we speak? We *could* talk forever of the beautiful ladies that thronged the dancing room; we could speak of a supper that would have tempted a Grahamite; we could speak of such music as the Mussulman hears, as in his opium dream he sees the Houris that gem the "gay parterre" of Paradise--of all this we could speak. But the occasion is too recent for us to make ourself coherent or intelligible; we forego it. The party assembled--danced till 10--had supper--danced till 2--had a lunch--danced "till daylight"--and then in the "morning" the young gents "went home with the *ladies*."

We had frequently wondered how much a confirmed, incorrigible old bachelor as Stephe could be such a caterer--so wise a provider of these "creature comforts;" and it was only till this evening that we learned it was under the supervision of his tasty mother and sisters. And there he was, "tripping it" on the toe--not "light," but "fantastic" among his happy guests.

Harrison county was well represented on the occasion. And we feel assured that there never has before been such an array of beauty and fashion in *our* little village. So much beauty--such a shower of rays that fell from eyes,

Bright as the wine of the vine benign,

That flows so warm in Sansovine.

Such lips, such--we are relapsing; we will say no more about forms that moved to the "melody of sweet sounds," as if their movements were the causes, and not the effects, of the music--about the tender condescension that graced the "certainly, sir," that they responded when asked to dance--and about the slow, cadence-catching, spirit-moving fall of the foot, like the fingers on a flute; like--like--like nothing but itself; but didn't it take this "individual"--p'rhaps! And then shining as queen of all, the one particular star of the occasion, was the beautiful Miss--"

There, my candle's out!

MARSHALL STREET.

Jefferson, July 5, 1850. (TR 7/13/50)

50-17

We have heard much complaint from our Jefferson friends on account of the non-reception of our papers at the regular time. They are printed on Friday evening, and put in the mail that night, and consequently should arrive at Jefferson on Saturday morning. Their failure has been owing to the strange perverseness of the mail contractor, Mr. C. Allen, who refused to carry them because they were put in a separate bag.... (TR 9/14/50)

50-18

(Letter from Jefferson objects to federal actions concerning New Mexico territory, rightfully under the control of Texas; free-soil actions will lead to secession of the South.) (TR 9/14/50)

50-19

PENMANSHIP.--We would invite the attention of the reader--and particularly a number of our correspondents and those who may contemplate authorship--to the card of Mr. SIMMS,

which will be found on the next page. Mr. S. brings with him very flattering testimonials of character, and talent as a writing master. He has also specimens of his skill. We wish he may succeed in getting a school. (TR 9/14/50)

50-20

We received a few days ago the first number of the *Herald*, published at our neighboring town of Jefferson in Cass county. Its topographical appearance is very neat and in this respect, if it is continued, it will be a credit to our State. We wish we could say as much for its editorial department; but honesty compels us to say we cannot. Judging from its tone we should suppose the articles were written by the Whig editor of the *Caddo Gazette*. We have in them the same cant about the Union and ultra southern men, comparing them with the abolitionists of the North; and submission to the behests of free-soilism, which is particularly evident in the manner in which it congratulates GEN. RUSK for having voted for Mr. Pearce's bill. It is very certain that the editorials were written in Shreveport where we suppose the paper was printed. Their paternity is evident from the article headed "Physicians," which is suited to the State of Louisiana. We would say to the proprietors, that if they intend to maintain the course marked out by this paper, we will give them plenty of work to do, and a warm field for action. The editors and proprietors are S. F. Moseby, B. F. Dennard, and G. F. Wier. The former gentlemen we venture to assert never saw the editorials in question. Irrespective of its political course, the paper is filled with an acceptable variety of reading matter and promises to be well conducted. (TR 9/14/50)

50-21

We have received the first number of the Jefferson Herald, published at Jefferson, Cass county.--The editorials of the Herald, evince much talent, and for neatness of appearance and typographical execution is not surpassed by any paper in the State. The Herald is Democratic in politics. It is published weekly, by Mosely, Dennard & Co. We welcome our old friend Sam. F. to the corps editorial, and wish him every success. By the by, we have not had the pleasure of seeing his honest physiognomy for some time, not since we played off a most capital practical joke upon him in the ball room in this town. (NS 9/28/50)

50-22

We were favored with a visit on Monday last from B. F. DENNARD, Esq., of the Jefferson Herald. We were pleased to make his acquaintance. (TR 10/5/50)

50-23

(Col. J. C. Everett of Jefferson mentioned.) (TR 10/12/50)

50-24

(*Jefferson Herald* admits that materials were taken from the *Caddo Gazette* as a specimen of what the future paper would look like.) (TR 10/19/50)

50-25

(Robbins, Arrington, & Co., cotton factors and commission merchants in New Orleans, refer to Ury & Ward in Jefferson.) (TR 10/26/50)

50-26

(Meeting held in Jefferson to debate the Pearce Bill. Dennard and Moseley spoke in favor of the bill, John Eppinger and John C. Everett against.) (TR 10/26/50)

50-27

MELANCHOLY ACCIDENT.--We learn from J. C. EVERETT, just from Jefferson, that in a fire hunt on Wednesday night, JOHN EPINGER, a citizen and promising lawyer of that place was accidentally killed by Dr. N. TRAWICK. It appears that TRAWICK had dismounted and followed some deer off, and EPINGER holding his mule moved from the place he left him, and on TRAWICK'S seeing the mule's eyes shot, killing the mule horse and EPINGER. There were two other gentlemen in company. [*Star State Patriot.*] (NS 11/9/50)

50-28

(Tribute of respect for the late John Eppinger, member of the Jefferson Bar; resolution introduced by John C. Everett, E. G. Benners, and M. D. Rogers; signed by B. F. Dennard, chairman, and Charles Westmoreland, secretary.) (TR 11/16/50)

50-29

We had the pleasure last Monday of a visit from B. F. DENNARD, Esq., of the *Jefferson Herald*. (TR 11/23/50)

50-30

THE JEFFERSON HERALD.

After an intermission of several weeks, this paper is *again* in operation. We have received the second number of it. It is *still* a neat little sheet, and quite "*promising.*" (TR 11/23/50)

50-31

JEFFERSON HERALD.

We have received the first number of a new paper with the above title, published at our neighbor town. If it shall sustain the position and character of the present number, as we doubt not it will, it will deserve the liberal support of the people of Cass and the neighboring counties. At the outset it has taken a stand in behalf of correct principles--democratic ascendancy, the Union and the Constitution, the peaceful and legitimate enforcement of rights. We wish it well! (NS 11/30/50)

50-32

The District Court commenced its session at this place on Monday last, Judge Todd presiding. The Judge is alternating with Judge L. D. EVANS. He has been but recently elected to the bench. Being a good lawyer, and a man of talent and energy, he fills the judicial station with credit to himself and satisfaction to the public.... (TR 12/21/50)