

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.

72-1

FIRE.--Jefferson has been visited with another destructive fire. Total loss estimated between \$90,000 and \$100,000, with something over half covered with insurance.

The fire broke out between one and two o'clock yesterday morning, either in crockery store of V. E. Lewis, fronting Austin street, or in a store separated from his by a plank partition and fronting on Dallas street. The probability of its being in the latter is strengthened by the fact that the occupants did their cooking in that department.

All of the block between Commercial Alley, separating Boney & Brooks from the Murphy building, was consumed, except H. B. Orton's building on Vale street.

The following particulars in regard to loss and insurance, we copy from the Daily Times of yesterday:

J. M. & J. C. Murphy, loss \$30,000; insured for \$20,000.

S. Finklestein, loss \$2,000; insured for \$1,200.

V. L. Lewis, loss \$9,000; insured for \$5,000.

Boney & Brooks, loss in removing goods and damage to house, \$10,000.

Jacobson & Drennen, loss \$3,000; insured for \$1,000.

S. Higher, loss \$1,800; no insurance.

H. & J. Ablowich, loss \$2,500; insured for \$1,200.

Crawford & Crawford, loss of library, \$3,500; insurance \$2,500.

Lockheart & Co., loss \$16,000; insured for \$10,000.

J. Bruckmiller, stock of \$16,000; insured for \$8,000.

H. B. Orton, loss in damage to building, \$6,000; fully insured. [Democrat.] (TS 1/6/72)

72-2

Jefferson papers reach this Post Office very irregularly; so much so that subscribers for papers at that place speak of discontinuing their subscriptions. Look to it down there, gentlemen, you have more "heft" than we have.--Sulphur Springs Gazette.

We have seen persons from Hopkins county, who tell us the same thing. We will try and remedy the matter, if possible. The truth is, our postal affairs in this portion of the State are in a deplorable condition. Complaints reach us from every portion of the country. Mt. Pleasant, Dangerfield, Clarksville, are sometimes a week behind time. The complaints against the Clarksville P. M. are loud and deep. He ought to do better, or resign.--Daily Times. (TS 1/6/72)

72-3

OFFICE OF THE JEFFERSON TIMES,
THURSDAY, January 4, 1872.

Business during the holidays has been limited almost entirely to a local form. Very little cotton has been coming in, and but few persons in town from the country. The sales of merchandise has been very small, but now that the play days are over and money plenty we hope to chronicle, by our next weekly report a lively business just such as we had before the holidays. What little cotton has been offered on our streets during the past ten days has found a sufficient

number of buyers to make competition the ruler, and has brought good prices. We quote at the following prices, which are at inside figures with an upward tendency:

Ordinary, 12 1/8 & 14; strict good ordinary, 15 to 15 1/2 ; middling, 15 to 16. (TS 1/6/72)

72-4

D. D. Watson, a well-known steamboat agent at Jefferson, died in that city last Saturday night of flux. (DST 1/10/72)

72-5

We clip the following items from the Jefferson Weekly Times of Thursday:

As yet we have heard nothing definite in regard to the rise in upper Red river. From the amount of rain that has fallen everywhere, we have no doubt but what there is a heavy rise, and that there is sufficient water there now for the boats that have been detained above the raft for some time past to make their way out.

We are happy to learn that Capt. L. J. Shaffer has come to our city, and is now building a beautiful little steamer, that will run from here to Shreveport. The beauty of this boat is it will run to this port when no other boat can. This little steamer will appear on the water as the Lillie Shaffer. We wish him success.

FREIGHTS AND PASSAGE.--Up freights, new card rates. Down freights, cotton \$1.50 per bale. Passage to New Orleans \$25.00; to Shreveport \$5.00. (DST 1/13/72)

72-6

We learn from the Daily Jefferson Times, of the 12th, that Mr. Thomas J. Cornelius, of the firm of Cornelius & Gardner, died in that city on the evening of the 9th. (DST 1/14/72)

72-7

The Jefferson Home Advocate, Rev. J. S. Hawkins editor, comes to us considerably enlarged and much improved generally. It is an excellent paper for the children and the home fire-side. (DST 1/18/72)

72-8

It will be remembered that while Rev. J. R. Graves was in Jefferson, Texas, a few weeks since, Father Hennessey, the Catholic priest officiating there, challenged him to a discussion of the subject of Catholicism. Mr. Graves accepted upon condition the challenging party would get the authority of his Bishop. For some reason satisfactory terms were not agreed upon, and so the subject was dropped. Before Mr. Hennessey's reply to Mr. Graves' letter, the latter left Jefferson, giving the matter into the hands of a friend. Upon his return to Memphis he gave an account in his paper of his trip through Texas, in which he alludes to the challenge and says: "We have been challenged by the Catholic priest in Jefferson, Texas, for a public discussion, which we have accepted."

Either the subject has been revived, which we doubt, or Mr. Graves, at the time he wrote, did not know that it had fallen through. (DST 1/21/72)

72-9

B. W. Gray, Esq., becomes District Attorney for Marion county, Texas, in place of John G. Boyle, removed. (DST 1/24/72)

72-10

(*Weekly Washington Telegraph* is in receipt of *Daily Jefferson Democrat*, published by John Riley of the *Weekly Democrat*, with A. S. Huey as business manager.) (WWT 1/24/72)

72-11

The Jefferson Democrat is now conducted solely by Mr. Riley, Mr. Patillo having withdrawn. The Democrat, which, by the way, is a handsome and spicy sheet, is to be issued as a daily on the 1st of February. (DST 1/27/72)

72-12

BY TELEGRAPH.
FOR THE DAILY TIMES.

Special to the Daily Times.

ANOTHER DESTRUCTIVE FIRE IN JEFFERSON!

HOTEL AND LIVERY STABLE BURNED IN LONGVIEW!

JEFFERSON, Jan. 29.--A fire broke out in the agricultural warehouse of J. Needham, consuming the entire block, except the warehouse of Wright & Clark, and the store of Look, Benefield & Bro. Losses, as near as can be ascertained: J. Needham, stock, \$9,000, insurance \$6,000; Look, Benefield & Bro., stock, loss from damage, \$2,000; W. J. Caven, on building, \$5,000, insured; A. G. Clopton, building, \$8,000, no insurance; Times office, loss \$16,000, insurance \$10,000; Mooring & Lyon, stock and building, loss \$15,000, insurance \$13,000; A. C. Allen, stock and building, \$15,000, insurance \$5,000; Henry Scott, one building, loss \$7,000, insured; Wright & Clark, stock, \$25,000, insured. Sundry losses of goods on storage, not less than \$20,000, a portion of which will be saved. L. L. Bloomingdale was killed by a falling wall. While the fire was raging an attempt was made to set fire to the upper end of town. Incendiary is not known.

B.

LONGVIEW, Jan. 29, 1872.

Editors Shreveport Times:

The Davenport House and Keener Livery Stable in this city were entirely destroyed by fire this morning. Loss about \$8,000. No insurance.

CLARK. (DST 1/30/72)

72-13

YESTERDAY morning our citizens were under a painful state of excitement from a rumor that Jefferson was again on fire. This office immediately dispatched for a special, with the intention of issuing an extra, but failed to get a response until night. All must regret to know that a fire occurred in that unfortunate city at all, but it is some relief to learn that it was not so destructive as vague rumors led us to fear. While we sincerely sympathize with all the sufferers,

we yet feel a deeper sympathy for our friend and confrere, Col. R. W. Loughery, proprietor of the Times office. It will be seen that his loss was quite heavy, and there is no class less able to bear pecuniary loss than newspaper men.

In all the fires with which Jefferson has been visited, this, we believe, is the first time loss of life has occurred. Whether or not the unfortunate man who met his death formerly lived in Shreveport we do not know. A gentleman of the same name at one time was employed as book-keeper by Messrs. Walters & Elder of this place. (DST 1/30/72)

72-14

Judge McAdoo, of the judicial district of Texas, which embraces Marion county, last week rendered a decision in his court at Jefferson, in which he characterized the tax law of that State as illegal and unconstitutional. Judge McAdoo is, we believe, a conservative republican, and an appointee of Davis, but in this decision he has shown a respect for the law, and an independence of partizan influences, now too rare on the bench of the Southern States. All honor to Judge McAdoo. But we shall not be surprised to hear of Davis trying to oust him from his office. (DST 2/3/72)

72-15

JEFFERSON DAILY.--We are in receipt of the first and second numbers of the Jefferson Daily Democrat, Mr. Jno. Reily, editor and proprietor. The Democrat presents a neat appearance, and is filled with news and interesting miscellaneous matter. We wish the Democrat a career of prosperity, as we are sure it will follow one of usefulness. (DST 2/4/72)

72-16

We take pleasure in republishing the card of Col. R. W. Loughery, editor and proprietor of the Jefferson Times. Though he has been burned out, he promises to imitate the "phoenix bird" and soon rise from the ashes, and continue to battle for the interests of his State and city. Doubtless he will do so with undiminished vim and efficiency. The many friends of the paper should patiently await the resuscitation. (DST 2/6/72)

72-17

TO THE PATRONS OF THE JEFFERSON TIMES.--In the midst of a prosperity in journalism never surpassed in Eastern Texas, the Times newspaper office yesterday was destroyed by fire. The Daily and Weekly paper had acquired a character and confidence in this section of the State, which promised a career of usefulness, of accomplishing good to society and government, and of advancing the interests, not alone of this city, but of the State at large. This was gratifying to the proprietor, and it is pleasant to him to think he will soon resume his labors. There are great duties before the press of the State, and he hopes to be able to take part in discussions in which all patriotic men are deeply interested.

The indulgence of friends is invoked, in consequence of a temporary suspension that is unavoidable.

Whatever losses have been incurred, they affect no one but the proprietor and editor, who asks simply the indulgence of friends.

Respectfully, R. W. LOUGHERY. (DST 2/6/72)

72-18

We copy as follows from the Jefferson Daily Democrat of the 4th:

Mr. Shapper has called upon us, and states that the Lilly, the pretty little steamboat now being built at Williams' Saw Mill, down the bayou, will commence running in a few days, between this point and Shreveport. We are informed by him also, that he is raising the sunken "Lake City," now lying opposite our wharf. (DST 2/8/72)

72-19

The number of Texas cattle, says the St. Louis Republican, transported over the Kansas Pacific railway during the last five years was: For 1867, 37,400 head; for 1868, 58,800 head; for 1869, 51,320 head; for 1870, 131,360 head; and for 1871, 161,320 head. Total in five years, 440,200 head. To facilitate this enormous business the company have prepared and printed a small guide-map of the Texas cattle trail from several points in Texas to Abilene and neighboring points on the railroad, with the distances, and a sketch of the country around the stations. (DST 2/10/72)

72-20

The Jefferson Democrat learns from Capt Roots that the bridge over the Sulphur, being built for the Trans-Continental Railroad, is progressing at the rate of three hundred feet a day, and will be completed early in March. Its extreme length will be 8000 feet. (DST 2/11/72)

72-21

ALMOST A FIRE.--A lamp was overturned at the house of Mrs. Allen, on Marshall street, on Tuesday night, and catching to some bed clothes, came very near being a most disastrous conflagration. Two daughters of Mrs. Allen were badly burnt. A speedy extinguishment of the flames saved us from another such scene as was prevented last week. [Jefferson Democrat, 8th.] (DST 2/11/72)

72-22

The Jefferson Democrat, of the 9th, records the death in that city of Mrs. George D. Todd. (DST 2/11/72)

72-23

THE MYSTERY BEING CLEARED UP.--It will be remembered that in November or December last a young man by the name of Marks, who was attached to a party engaged in surveying that portion of the line of the Trans-Continental railroad in Sulphur bottom beyond Jefferson disappeared and no trace could be discovered, at least at the time. The Jefferson Democrat, of the 6th, however, says that although the body of the unfortunate young man has never been discovered, yet it is gratified to know that energetic and efficient men are upon the track of his supposed murderers, and, moreover, states that "one is already confined in our jail arrested in Kansas, by our fellow-citizen, Mr. George Holt." It seems the captor followed his man over five hundred miles, and safely brought him back. For prudential reasons, the Democrat does not feel at liberty to say more on the subject. (DST 2/11/72)

72-24

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Respectfully,

R. W. LOUGHERY. (TS 2/17/72)

72-25

The weather and season are now favorable for planting, and the teams are now used in the fields instead of on the roads. From this out, the hauling will be principally confined to the professional teamster. (DST 2/20/72)

72-26

We also noticed the presence of Mr. Moses, agent of the New Orleans Board of Underwriters, who was en route to Jefferson to investigate the late fire. We believe that the Underwriters keep him for the express purpose and we think they would save time and expense by locating him in that vicinity. (DST 2/21/72)

72-27

THE EAST LINE RAILROAD.--Our Jefferson neighbors are again agitating the construction of the above-mentioned road. At a meeting of prominent citizens of that place, held on the 20th inst., Judge H. P. Mabry, in a communication to the Citizens' Railroad Committee, stated that the E. L. & R. R. R. Co. have contracted with a railroad contractor of experience and financial ability to build and equip the road from Jefferson to Sulphur Springs in Hopkins county. This contract was made in anticipation of a donation of county bonds from Marion, of (says the Democrat, three thousand dollars) we presume it should be three hundred thousand dollars, and such donations by other counties along the line of the road. The communication concludes by asking the Citizens' Committee to recommend to the people of the county that the donation be made. (DST 2/25/72)

72-28

ANOTHER FIRE IN JEFFERSON.--Fires are so common in that unfortunate city that we might well keep the above head standing. The officers of the Durfee bring the report that on Tuesday morning, the foundry of Messrs. Morris & McKeown, of Jefferson, was completely destroyed by fire. (DST 2/29/72)

72-29

A white deck-hand on the steamer La Belle performed a remarkable feat of strength--considering the unhandy weight lifted--when she was in port at Jefferson a few days since. On a wager he carried on his back a bale of cotton weighing 408 pounds from the landing to the engine room of the boat and back to the landing. He had some assistance, however, in getting the bale up. (DST 3/2/72)

72-30

We are gratified to learn from the Jefferson Advocate that the publication of the Times will be resumed on the 20th inst. (DST 3/6/72)

72-31

Hon. J. C. Conner has presented in Congress a petition from the citizens of Jefferson, asking that the Federal Court be held at Jefferson, instead of Tyler. (DST 3/6/72)

72-32

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

OFFICE DAILY DEMOCRAT.

Jefferson, Tex., Feb. 28, 1872.

Business yesterday, was dull, aye dull as any day in the season. Everything was quiet & peaceful. No alarms, no panics, all serene. Cotton came in slowly, and looked like the fag-end of the season.

We quote the staple as dull and drooping, and ranging from 17 $\frac{3}{4}$ for good ordinary, to 18 $\frac{1}{4}$ for low middling. (TS 3/9/72)

72-33

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

OFFICE DAILY DEMOCRAT.

Jefferson, Tex., March 7, 1872.

Business yesterday was exceedingly quiet. Like the day preceding, there was little or no cotton received. On that day there were five warehouses that received no cotton at all. Up to noon on yesterday, there was received not more than ten bales. We see, though, that there has been another advance in price, and all the cotton that could be purchased was bought up for shipment on the Lotus.

It is in demand and ready sales can be made. We quote it at 18 for good ordinary, and 18 $\frac{1}{4}$ & 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ for low middling. (TS 3/9/72)

72-34

[From the Jefferson Democrat,]

RAILROAD NEWS.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20th, 1872.

T. J. Campbell, Esq., Jefferson, Texas:

DEAR SIR: Your favor addressed to the Secretary of this company, enclosing a copy of the proceedings of Marion county, in relation to the subsidy to this Company to enable them to construct their main line to the city of Jefferson has been received.

The proceedings have been submitted to our council, and supposing them to be legal and sufficient to accomplish the purpose intended, I am happy to inform you, that we will locate and construct our main line to, and through your city.

Our (?) Engineer, Mr. Jas. A. Evans, is now with you, and is authorized to make all needful arrangements for the transactions of our business, and to give us the necessary facilities for depots &c., which I trust will be facilitated by your citizens, and will result in our mutual convenience. Please communicate this to the citizens of Jefferson, in such manner as shall be deemed best.

Very respectfully,

J. SANDFORD BARNES,

President. (TS 3/9/72)

72-35

TEXAS BEEF.--The business of packing beef in Texas seems to be in a rapidly declining condition, and it now looks as if this industry, which promised at one time to become a leading one, will soon be among the things of the past.

Our receipts of beef this season from that State are only 3131 bbls., and 2760 tierces, compared with 11,4761 bbls. and 12,652 tierces same time last. The exports are only 6371, against 27,976 last year.

The decline in the value of hog meats has curtailed beef packing all over the country. The profits in it are now so much reduced that the Texas packers cannot compete with those farther north. Kansas City, Abeline and other points in the West will, no doubt soon have a monopoly of the business. [New Orleans Picayune.] (TS 3/16/72)

72-36

The Jefferson Democrat says that Lieutenant Col. Geo. P. Buell, 11th Infantry, having reported from leave of absence, is assigned to duty with the four companies of regiment at Fort Richardson. (DST 3/17/72)

72-37

Mr. George Holt writes from Austria on the 29th of February, to the Jefferson Democrat, that he would start the next day with requisitions for the other men suspected of the murder of Captain Marks, whose mysterious disappearance in Sulphur Swamp some months since, we have several times alluded to. We presume that the writer means that he will start for Kansas, where the supposed murderers are, as he says he will be back in Jefferson by the 20th of the present month, when he thinks he will be able to clear up the maystery without a doubt. (DST 3/17/72)

72-38

We clip the following from the Jefferson Daily Democrat of the 17th:

The steamer Lama was the first boat that ever arrived at Jefferson. She was commanded by Captain Withenbery, with Geo. Alban as pilot, and _____ Wortham as chief engineer. This was on the 17th day of June 1844. On her return to Shreveport, she was obliged to anchor out in the stream, to avoid being seized upon by the United States Commissioner for having crossed the line. (DST 3/20/72)

72-39

With no disposition to add any additional feeling between our city and that of Shreveport, we will state, for the interest of our readers, that a friend, who has been reading Bradstreet, finds out the following, as regards the relative capital of the two places:

Shreveport, with 180 merchants or business men, has invested a capital of \$2,748,000, giving to each an average of \$15,269.66 $\frac{2}{3}$; while Jefferson, with \$2,275,000, is only to divide by 117. We find from this, that our business men have the larger average of \$19,444.44 $\frac{1}{2}$. [Jefferson Democrat]

Our Cypress Bayou contemporary is evidently changing his mode of attack. Heretofore he has boasted that Jefferson had more people in it than Shreveport, but now abandons that position and claims they are (?) but richer. Fix it any way you like--(?) and you will delight us. (DST 3/23/72)

72-40

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.
OFFICE DAILY DEMOCRAT.
Jefferson, Tex., March 19, 1872.

Not much was doing yesterday, save the reception of goods from the boats. Cotton was coming in quite lively, and we have to say that it is more active and in demand. We have no change to notice from our Sunday morning's report which was from $17\frac{3}{4}$ to $18\frac{1}{2}$ (TS 3/23/72)

72-41

UNIVERSAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW YORK.--We never before saw so much spirit infused into a people, upon the subject of Life Insurance, as has been evinced since the arrival in our midst of Messrs. Sweetman & Seth, agents of the company. They have completely revolutionized affairs with us, and our resident agents must look to their laurels and per centages. They have exhibited a most extraordinary energy, and deserve success. [Jefferson Democrat.] (DST 3/27/72)

72-42

PROLIFIC COTTON.--We have heard of Boyd's prolific cotton, but Jefferson has got a kind that far excels it, particularly after it once reaches the warehouse. According to the statement published in one of the daily papers, while the warehouses have only received 46,697 bales, they have shipped 54,502 and still have on hand 6,665 bales. Send us down some of that cotton, neighbor! We only want a bale or two to start with, you know. However, errors will

occur in the best regulated newspapers, and we notice this to prompt our friend to "touch up" his commercial man. (DST 3/27/72)

72-43

A WELCOME VISITOR.--The Daily Jefferson Times made its first appearance since the burning, on the 23d. Col. Loughery has been followed by unmerciful disasters within the past few months. First, his editorial room was burned, and the files of his paper destroyed; next, his printing office was destroyed by fire, and very little saved; finally the new material he had purchased was burned on the Champion at the Cincinnati wharf. He thus closes an address to his readers in the number before us:

Weary of delay and inactivity, and with sufficient material to resume our daily, we determined to commence it with the new and old material on hand. On the 15th the new material ordered, left Cincinnati, and will be here, unless other misfortunes await us, next Saturday, the 29th inst. As soon as it gets here, we will prepare to issue our weekly. It will appear in an enlarged form and printed on new and beautiful type. There is work before us, and before the press of this State for the ensuing twelve months, and perhaps the ensuing two years. Let us all bend ourselves to the task before us, resolved to perform vigilantly and faithfully the task which patriotism requires, with honor to ourselves, and fidelity to our country. Suffice it to say, our papers, daily and weekly, will be conducted with renewed (?), spirit, industry, and energy, and that nothing shall be wanting to merit success. (DST 3/27/72)

72-44

About 11 o'clock the Carrie A. Thorn came in from Jefferson with 625 bales of cotton, and Thompson's Variety troupe. (DST 4/2/72)

72-45

We learn from the Jefferson Times that the population of that place, according to a census taken by order of the city council, is 7,297. The steamboat arrivals in 1871 were 226; tonnage 67,822. There were shipped during that year 76,328 bales of cotton; 103,233 pounds hides; 87,633 pounds of wool; 48,210 pounds peltries; 9721 bushels bois d'arc seed; 5281 cattle; 820 sheep;(?) (DST 4/3/72)

72-46

COTTON AT JEFFERSON.

The running statement of the Jefferson Daily Times of the 30th makes the receipts at that point since the first of September 47,122 bales and shipments 46,661 bales. Stock on hand 1601 bales. (DST 4/3/72)

72-47

We are indebted to Bal. C. Bagby, of Jefferson, for late dailies, from that Burgh. (TS 4/6/72)

72-48

The Jeffersonian says, with great propriety, that "honesty is the best policy." Very true, but who would expect its enunciation from such a radical journal? [Jefferson Times.]

72-49

His idea is to induce others to be honest so that his party can monopolise the stealage.
(DST 4/6/72)

72-50

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

OFFICE DAILY DEMOCRAT.

TUESDAY Morning, April 2, 1872.

In a business point of view, there was almost nothing going on yesterday. Almost no cotton came in, and consequently few but those who are residents, were even in the city to make any purchases. We have no change to make in our last report.

We quote Cotton here as follows, 17½ & 18¼.... (TS 4/6/72)

72-51

CIRCULAR.

OFFICE OF SUP'T OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, STATE OF TEXAS,

AUSTIN, March 15, 1872.

A number of persons in Marion county, having combined and procured an injunction against the collection of the School Tax, and upon a motion to dissolve said injunction, it having been perpetuated, whereby the collection of the one per cent. School Tax levied by the school directors of Marion county, in accordance with "An Act to organize and maintain a system of public free schools in the State of Texas," approved April 24, 1871, has been restrained in the above named county, I am compelled for the present to close the free schools of Marion county, for want of funds to pay teachers, employees and incidental expenses.

The vouchers already approved at this office will be just and legal claims against the State, and be paid when the necessary funds are provided.

Public free schools in that county will therefore be closed, March 19, '72.

J. C. DE GRESS,

Sup't of Public Instruction. (TS 4/6/72)

72-52

W. A. ELLETT.--We have received with an X. the *weakly* Tyler News Letter. From it we see, that *W. A. Ellett*, of Clarksville, is a *supervisor of this school District*. We would be glad to know if *he lost his watch* here sometime ago, at the Music Hall, or, was he the one who *fell out the wagon*. Not knowing either of the unfortunate parties, we would be glad to feel assured that it was not our *Supervisor of this School District*.--*Jefferson Democrat*. (TS 4/6/72)

72-53

Jefferson is every day gaining ground. Its locality, the liberality of its people, their enterprise, what they have already accomplished, and what they are endeavoring to achieve, and will unquestionably realize, is not only recognized by our own people, but is appreciated abroad. We are all in a hurry; we are all impatient; the wheels move too slow. But let us be patient. We are on the eve of a new prosperity, if our leading men will act in harmony, and push the ball already set in motion. [Jefferson Democrat] (DST 4/14/72)

72-54

We regret to learn that Captain James Jeter, an old and highly respected citizen of this parish, died at his residence near Mooringsport on the night of the 18th. (DST 4/20/72)

72-55

There are eighteen prisoners in jail; five of them have been convicted to the penitentiary, and one condemned to be hung, a black woman, for infanticide. Unless her sentence is changed, she will be hung on the 3d prox. Louis Schubert, who was sentenced to the penitentiary, had his sentence commuted by the Governor to a fine of \$500, which he has not yet paid. [Jefferson Times.] (DST 4/21/72)

72-56

The Jefferson Home Advocate says that Master Forrest Morgan, son of the publisher of that paper, only eight years old and who has been only one month in a printing office, recently set up 3000 ems in a day. When it is made known to the uninitiated that 0000 ems is a fair day's work for an average compositor, they will understand that Master Forrest is a sort of typographical prodigy. (DST 4/24/72)

72-57

Mr. R. A. Skinner, job printer of the Jefferson Democrat office, was married on the 18th to Miss J. B. Frayor. (DST 4/25/72)

72-58

The new Cumberland Presbyterian church at Jefferson was opened for divine service on the 21st. The Times says it is a structure that for taste and elegance has no superior in Eastern Texas. (DST 4/27/72)

72-59

We are gratified to see the Rev. F. J. Patillo, "a gentleman well and favorably known throughout the State," has become associated with R. W. Loughery in the editorial management of that sterling paper, the Jefferson Times. These gentlemen are old associates, the father of Mr. Patillo and himself having once been connected with Mr. Loughery in the establishment of the Marshall Republican. (DST 4/28/72)

72-60

Judge T. A. Patillo, a venerable and well-known citizen of Eastern Texas, died at his residence near Jefferson on the 24th. Truly a good and worthy man has passed away. (DST 4/30/72)

72-61

THE EAST LINE RAILROAD.--The voting has closed, and we are glad to announce, that it has been a triumph for the friends of the East Line Railroad. There were polled 370 votes in favor of the proposition, being more than was wanted by 51. We may now watch with interest, what the counties west will do. [Jefferson Democrat, 20th.] (DST 5/2/72)

72-62

A large and enthusiastic meeting was held in Jefferson on the night of the 29th, over the reception of the news of the passage of the Texas Pacific Railroad bill by Congress and one hundred guns were fired on the occasion. A committee was appointed to request the city authorities to extend to Col. Scott, President of the road, the hospitalities of the city. (DST 5/4/72)

72-63

Both the Jefferson dailies speak very highly of the Crisp family and troupe, who are now performing to full houses in that city. (DST 5/14/72)

72-64

We yesterday had the pleasure of a visit from Dr. Young, the popular landlord of that popular hotel, the Haywood House, Jefferson, Texas. If he feeds his customers as well as he evidently feeds himself, they will certainly have no reason to complain. His house is most admirably arranged and managed, and is daily growing in reputation as one of the very best hotels in Texas. (DST 5/15/72)

72-65

At the late election for the City Government of Jefferson, Gray democrat received 626 votes, Malloy Republican 617. A majority of the council elected is composed of democrats. (TS 5/18/72)

72-66

The Catholics of this city are getting up the finest public library in Texas. [Jefferson Times.] (DST 5/22/72)

72-67

Carpet sacks are getting scarce in Jefferson. Malloy, Morris and Boyle have left, and the balance of the leading Rads will soon follow suit. No more chicken pie here now. [Jefferson Times.] (DST 5/22/72)

72-68

Mr. Charles S. Todd, a son of Hon. W. S. Todd, formerly Judge of this Judicial District, was examined yesterday, and admitted to the bar. His friends were pleased with the examination. [Jefferson Times.] (TS 5/25/72)

72-69

COL. FORSHEY and Gen. Thompson returned from the Jefferson region on the Era No. 10. Their approach to the Cypress City, we learn, created quite a commotion among its citizens, they being slightly apprehensive that such levees might be suggested as would interfere with the navigation up that way. Our esteemed contemporary at the (?) the gentlemen a most cordial welcome, but that might have been prompted solely by native politeness, for which he is proverbial. The party of engineers will probably start to-day for Carolina Bluffs or thereabouts,

though their operations will, we conceive, have nothing to do with the raft. Gen. Jeff. kindly proffered to give us such "points" as he might deem worthy of public attention as soon as further investigations are made. He doubtless finds much conflict of opinion among planters living on the river as to levees, the propriety of closing up, or not, bayous, and so forth, and so forth. We fancy that they need not be very much exercised on the subject, as it is probable that Red river will be favored with only about six hundred thousand cubic yards of levee. (DST 5/28/72)

72-70

IMPORTANT ENTERPRISE.--A writer in the Jefferson Democrat, advocating aid from the citizens to the "Jefferson iron works, rolling and nail mill, bridge building and railway supplies company," which Eastern capitalists speak of establishing there, has this to say, much of which might be taken home by the citizens of Shreveport:

I cannot see the necessity of working four months in the year, and "playing checkers," the remaining eight. No city can stand on such a basis, and its only a question of time for it to go down. But give us iron furnaces, running night and day the year round; give us power-looms, humming from morning until night manufacturing cotton and wool; give us tan-yards and shoe factories, and, in addition, give us the working population and capital which these enterprises will bring, and the future great city of Texas stands before you. (DST 6/1/72)

72-71

THE LAST OF THE SMITH CASE.--We suppose that the last of the accused, as being implicated in the Smith case, was tried on yesterday, in the District Court: Major W. P. Saufley was arraigned, charged with the killing of the man Smith, which brought so much trouble to this City. The witnesses for the State were Dr. Frith, Dick Walker, Anderson Wright, John Murphy, C. L. Pitcher and R. A. Figures. Mr. Figures swore, that he was there, and that the party who was with him, did the shooting, but could not swear who did it. He did not recognize Mr. Saufley, as being in the crowd. Now, why is Mr. Figures not arrested? He admits that he was there. He could not swear as to Mr. Saufley, who has been indicted and turned loose. By his own admission he is guilty and ought to be tried.

Maj. Saufley, we are glad to see, is released. Not a word can be said against him. He stands before the world, a man untarnished and unstained. [Jefferson Democrat.] (DST 6/4/72)

72-72

Col. R. W. Loughery, of the Jefferson Times, offers to rent out his daily paper and job office, he to do the editing. He retains the weekly paper and its emoluments. The merchants of Jefferson patronize their daily papers liberally, and so here is an excellent opportunity for some energetic business man. (DST 6/4/72)

72-73

CROPS IN TEXAS.--A correspondent of the St. Louis Democrat writing from McKinney, Texas, under date of May 16th, gives a highly flattering account of the wheat prospects in that portion of the State, and, indeed, of the crops generally. The writer asserts that there is no place in the world where wheat yields more to the acre than in that section, and adds that persons there from the wheat-growing sections of Illinois say "they never saw such wheat as

we have here this year." Here is another item, which is threatening to Jefferson, as Collin and adjoining counties have heretofore been the most profitable customers to that city:

A large crop of cotton has been planted, and if the season continues favorable and the M. K. and T. railroad is pushed forward with the same vigor that has built it from Sedalia, Mo., to the interior of the Indian Territory, it will be to Red river in time to carry the bulk of our cotton this fall to our city. (DST 6/5/72)

72-74

The proprietor of the Jefferson Times proposess to lease out his job office and daily paper for the ensuing twelve months. The party taking the contract will be required to print off and mail all the papers, daily and weekly. The object of the proprietor is to divest himself of all business duties, and to devote himself exclusively to the editorial department of the paper in view of approaching political campaigns. If this proposition fails, he would like to have the entire work done under contract. The Times is a prosperous paper. The merchants of Jefferson, as we have before said in this connection, patronize their dailies liberally. (DST 6/11/72)

72-75

We call attention to the new card of GRAHAM & TAYLOR, Commission and Forwarding merchants at Jefferson, gentlemen who have maintained an excellent reputation for a series of years, as reliable and able business men, with whom it is always agreeable as well as profitable to have business transactions. (TS 6/15/72)

72-76

An election is to be held in Titus county, Texas, from the 8th to the 11th of July, as to whether or not that county will subsidize the East Line and Red River railroad. Judge Maybry, of Jefferson, is canvassing the county in favor of the subsidy. (DST 6/20/72)

72-77

We call attention to the advertisement of great inducements, offered by Sims, Norris & Co., of Jefferson. (TS 6/29/72)

72-78

The Jefferson Times, of the 27th, records the death of Mrs. Nancy Moore Taylor, wife of the late Rev. Ward Taylor, Sr., in the 78th year of her age. (DST 6/30/72)

72-79

RAILROAD NEWS.--The following telegram has been received by Captain Grafton from Colonel Scott.

72-80

DALLAS, TEXAS, June 26.

Jefferson shall have every facility that her trade will require. The Jefferson Division will be worked to connect with both our own lines of the Texas and Pacific. Bear in mind there is no Trans-continental, no Southern Pacific now, but all is consolidated into the Texas and Pacific. It is certainly the interest of Jefferson to carry out in good faith their pledges to our company, and you may assure them that no transfer will be made to International or any other interest.

THOS. A. SCOTT,
President, T. & P. R. Co.

[Via Corsicana.]

We are reliably informed that the order has been given to erect shops for making castings, car-wheels, & c., & c., important to our city and county. [Jefferson Democrat.] (DST 7/3/72)

72-81

Judge B. W. Gray, we were pained to learn from his son-in-law, W. A. Britton, last evening, was in a dying condition, at the residence of Maj. Batte, some five or six miles from town, on the Daingerfield road. [Jefferson Times, 27th.] (DST 7/6/72)

72-82

We have navigation to Rowland, thirteen miles distant from Clarksville, during the winter months and spring,--otherwise we ship to Jefferson, eighty miles south. (TS 7/6/72)

72-83

Mr. D. B. Culberson, an eminent member of the Jefferson bar, will be a candidate before the McKinney Convention on the 5th of August for the democratic nomination for Congress from the Second Texas District. (DST 7/10/72)

72-84

"WATER! water!" is the cry of a correspondent of the Jefferson Times. He says "Jefferson is a great city--a very great city. It is a burning city--a very burning city." Has everything it wants and more too, especially fires; has fine engines and noble boys to work them. But, alas, the element without which engines won't work worth a cent is sadly lacking--water.... (DST 7/10/72)

72-85

We are authorized to announce the name of the Hon. D. B. Culberson, of Jefferson, as a candidate for the 43d Congress, in this district, subject to the action of the McKinney Convention. (TS 7/13/72)

72-86

We call attention to the announcement of Col. Culberson, as a candidate for Congress. He is a lawyer of recognized talent. (TS 7/13/72)

72-87

The Jeffersonians are registering preparatory to voting on the proposition to grant the Texas and Pacific railroad a subsidy of \$300,000. (DST 7/14/72)

72-88

This is the first river item the Jefferson Times has publicity to in a month of Sundays. What is the matter--eschewed water altogether?

In connection with the subject of low water, which is close at hand, we will mention the fact, that our esteemed friend Major Allen has just landed and fully equipped, a first class barge,

100 by 30 feet, to lighten steamers over the bars and shoals of our bayou, capable of carrying 1000 barrels or about thirty tons of freight, on from ten to twelve inches of water. In consequence of her extreme beauty and gracefulness of form this boat has been named the "Tobias Nix." (DST 7/17/72)

72-89

The Flavilla and barge put in the night taking on thirty tons of ice and getting ready for a long and tedious trip for Jefferson, and did not get off until some time after day light. (DST 7/28/72)

72-90

AGAIN.--It is again our painful duty to record a disastrous fire at Jefferson. Comment is idle, and we need only say that the stricken city has the sympathy of us all. (DST 7/31/72)

72-91

BY TELEGRAPH.

To the Daily times.

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES.

FIRE IN JEFFERSON.

JEFFERSON, TEX., July 30.

A fire broke out this morning in the Freeman Building on Dallas street, about three o'clock, and swept both sides of the street from Market street to Vale street, on the north side of Dallas. The houses burned were those of Breen & Dwan, grocery merchants; next, unoccupied; Fredericks, a furniture store; O. F. Lang, confectioner and grocer; O. C. Herrenkind, grocer; James Hoban, fancy and staple dry goods; W. B. Abbey, in the rear of Hoban's shoe shop--all frame buildings; next the Freeman Building; in it were the stores of J. M. Thomas & Co., and Mr. Smith. The upper part of the house was variously occupied; in it was Gen. Rogers' law office. Next, Kleinback's grocery; then Dr. Taylor's drug store; the next building unoccupied; Sample Room. Then followed Mrs. Getz's restaurant and two cigar stores; in the rear of these were Dr Eagon's office, Murdock's apothecary store, Mrs. Henry's millinery establishment and Messrs. Gill & Nix's gun shop; across the street were the confectionery and grocery establishment of Hugo Fox, a restaurant, Mischelle's barber shop; Morgenstein & Co., shoemakers; Schabb, of the International; Gardner & Co., undertakers, and Gugenheim & Rose; next a frame building belonging to Judge Mabrey, and Mrs. Dwyer's fancy millinery establishment. The large grocery store of F. Shutz and the large and elegant building known as the Haywood House, and regarded as one of the finest buildings in the State, owned by Judge Mabrey. A great many worthy people have lost their all; there was comparatively little insurance. The fire is believed to have been the work of an incendiary. One thousand dollars reward is offered to find out the perpetrators. The total loss is estimated at about \$150,000.

R. W. LOUGHERY. (DST 7/31/72)

72-92

From the Jefferson Democrat of the 2d, we clip the following:

The survey on the East Line and Red River Railroad was commenced yesterday.

The election on giving subsidy to the Texas Pacific railroad closed yesterday. The subsidy by the city of Jefferson, \$175,000, and by the county of Marion, \$125,000, was voted by a large majority. This action insures a railroad to Jefferson.

The same paper announces the arrival of August. (DST 8/6/72)

72-93

Loughery, of the Jefferson Times, now mounts a Greeley hat, and has, so far, refused to come down out of it, often as he has been requested to do so by his friends. (DST 8/7/72)

72-94

Col. E. W. Taylor, of Jefferson, intends constructing "six elegant brick stores on Market street where the Fisher lots lie," while others are preparing to rebuild on the burnt district. Certainly our neighbors are entitled to much praise for their untiring energy. (DST 8/7/72)

72-95

The Jefferson Times says it is the general impression that one half the fires that have occurred in Jefferson have been incendiary in their character, and suggests that business men can well afford to pay five or ten thousand dollars for a conviction. We have often wondered that the citizens conjointly with the insurance offices did not offer a large reward for the apprehension of incendiaries. (DST 8/8/72)

72-96

HOW AFFAIRS ARE MANAGED AT AUSTIN.--We are obliged to Justice Haughn for the following. It presents food for reflection for tax-payers.

CHAS. HAUGHN, Jefferson, Texas:

Sir.--Sheriffs have positive instructions from this office to receive nothing for taxes on account of the State, but money. Treasury warrants will not be received from them in their settlement.

Respectfully,

A. BLEDSOE, Comptroller. (DST 8/13/72)

72-97

It is conceded in Jefferson that the great destruction there by the recent fire, resulted from a deficiency of water. We have been told that the fire could have been readily checked, but for this deficiency. (DST 8/15/72)

72-98

The Jefferson Times of the 15th says the cotton crop in the counties of Harrison, Marion, Cass, Titus and a portion of Bowie are almost completely destroyed by the drouth. Late corn is a complete faillure, the crop having been literally burnt up. (DST 8/17/72)

72-99

PERSONAL.--We had the pleasure of meeting this week our friend T. M. Bagby of Jefferson, who we presume is here to visit his friends in this vicinity as well as speak a few words now and then in the interest of the sterling house of Ellis, Bagby & Co., of which he is an active partner. We wish for our friend a pleasant sojourn among us, and commend him and his excellent house to the citizens of our county, and will venture to say any business entrusted to him or his house will be attended to promptly and to the entire satisfaction of all parties concerned. (TS 8/17/72)

72-100

We notice the following proceedings of a meeting of the Jefferson Chamber of Commerce in the Democrat of the 18th:

At a called meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, Friday evening, 16th August, the following resolutions were adopted:

1st. That a committee of three be appointed, whose duty it shall be to address a communication to the Boards of Trade of Louisville, Cincinnati, St. Louis, Memphis and New Orleans, setting forth and representing to them the exact condition of the navigation to this point, the amount of merchandise annually brought to this market, and the quantity of cotton, hides, wool, etc., bought at, and shipped from this point.

Committee: L. A. Ellis, John T. Roots and P. M. Graham.

2. That the merchants of Jefferson instruct their correspondents, in the various cities where their business is transacted, to ship only on boats that will sign through bills of lading to Jefferson, as long as the Merchant's Line of steamers give through bills of lading from New Orleans to this point.

3. That a committee of three members of the Chamber of Commerce be appointed to investigate the action of the Carter Line, in refusing to give through bills of lading to Jefferson, during the past month, while the New Orleans boats are signing through bills of lading to this point daily. Also their unjust discrimination in the rate of freight between Jefferson and Shreveport, all of which are against the commercial interests of Jefferson.

Said committee to report at a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, September 3d.

Committee--W. W. Harper, A. Gilham, K. D. Bateman.

On motion, the meeting adjourned till Saturday, 24th inst.

A. G. CLOPTON, President.

S. D. RAINEY, Secretary. (DST 8/20/72)

72-101

Jefferson has at last got her dredge boat to work in Cypress bayou. This is what the Democrat of the 20th says:

The dredge boat is at work on Boon's Bend, and we learn that she is doing well. We had the pleasure of forming the acquaintance of Mr. Fasser, the engineer. We find him quite intelligent. He has had a great deal of experience with dredge boats. He pronounces it one of the best he has ever seen, and that we only require a derrick to make it a success. We hope he may be able to get the river open to Jefferson. If the water was two feet higher, he could soon accomplish the work. When he gets to Jefferson, there is nothing in the way from the head of the lake, except Dougherty's Defeat. (DST 8/22/72)

72-102

The Democrat of the 24th reports navigation pretty well over until another rise or the dredge-boat works her way up from Boon's Bend to the wharf. We would rather take our chances on the rise. (DST 8/27/72)

72-103

"Anything to beat Grant;" anything to put down and bury out of sight this corrupt and flagitious administration, and to uphold and maintain the principles of republican liberty, forms the battle cry of this campaign. Ambition has surrendered to patriotism; prejudices have been cast aside; every selfish feeling has been laid upon the altar of a common country. As when a house is on fire, every true man rushes forward to arrest the conflagration, so the people of the North and the South have united in defense of their rights and liberties. [Jefferson Times.] (DST 8/28/72)

72-104

The Jefferson Democrat says the Jeffersonians are in the habit of speaking of Shreveport as being a place of more talk than work. (DST 8/28/72)

72-105

The Jefferson Democrat of the 23d has the following:

The contract for our road hence to Marshall, has been let to Mr. Pierce, a connection of President Pierce. (DST 8/28/72)

72-106

THE HEATED TERM.--We are in the midst of a drouth that has had no parallel since 1860. For two months there has been no rain. For nine long weeks the sun has risen and set, day after day, with nothing to relieve the intensity of the heat save an occasional south breeze; its daily glare reflected back by the burnished heavens. The earth is as dry as powder for several feet below the surface; the dust flies in clouds; the gardens and fields are destroyed; the forest trees look drooping and languid; and all nature wears an appearance of despondency. The streams have dried up, the grasses that furnished nutriment to the stock have been burnt to a crisp, and the cattle wander listlessly about in search of food and water.

Two months ago the crops never looked more promising. The farmers anticipated the largest yield ever known in this section of the State. Since then all the late corn has been withered to a crisp, and the cotton crop cut off. Some plantations will not make more than a third; others not more than a fourth, and on many plantations scarcely anything will be realized. Unless we get rain soon, fall gardens and crops will promise but little. We are inclined to believe, however, this disaster does not affect a very extensive scope of country. North of Sulphur there have been "good seasons," and there will be consequently fine crops. [Jefferson Times.] (DST 8/28/72)

72-107

Jefferson proposes to organize a fair association under the appropriate name of the "East Texas Mechanical, Agricultural and Stockraising Association." Fifty shares, at ten dollars each, have been taken. (DST 9/1/72)

72-108

The dredge boat is doing good work in Cypress bayou between Boon's Bend and Jefferson. As soon as she gets through with that section she will drop down to Daugherty's defeat and give the stumps there a tussel. She will no doubt be equal to the occasion and remove all that are in the way. (DST 9/6/72)

72-109

IMAGINARY WRONGS.

Under this heading a correspondent signing himself S. writes as follows to the St. Louis Times, on the subject of the Jefferson merchants and the Carter line:

A committee having been appointed by the chamber of commerce, at Jefferson, Texas, to investigate and report upon certain imaginary wrongs conceived to have been inflicted upon them by the Carter line, I request the use of your columns to answer them.

Charge 1st. The refusal of the Carter line to sign through bills of lading to Jefferson.

With all due consideration for the interest of the merchants there, the Carter line claim the privilege of giving through bills of lading when it can be done without sacrifice, but when the packet from Shreveport to Jefferson demanded for their ninety miles of transportation from two-thirds to the whole of the through rate upon sixteen hundred miles, and have in some instances demanded a bonus besides, the committee are answered in the simple fact that the Carter line has tried this, and declines future losses from this source.

Charge 2d. Unjust discriminations in prices of freight between Shreveport and Jefferson.

The authors of the resolution must have been very unfamiliar with the facts, to frame a charge so directly in conflict with them. Every pound of freight that the Carter line has signed through for to Jefferson has been done at an absolute loss to it in rates, as I will show. The lowest proportion in two years that the St. Louis boats have given from Shreveport up has been one-third the whole rate, and from this to one-half. By examination of the tariffs during this time, I discover that at no time will the Jefferson freight, after deducting reshipping rates, net Shreveport rates. Where then the discrimination?

Charge 3d. Supposed combination existing between the Shreveport merchants and the Carter line, to the detriment of Jefferson.

The Carter line combines with no one, but simply endeavors to furnish transportation facilities for the trade from St. Louis to Red river, at figures conducive to the interests of the merchants here and there; at the same time standing alone, without aid by stock subscriptions, subsidies, or guaranteed funds, endeavoring to sustain the line creditably, and, if possible, avoid a repetition of--if not to recover--the severe losses already sustained.

I very well understand the motives that prompt these uprisings, and can attribute them to causes growing out of existing rivalry between Shreveport and Jefferson. From some advantage of navigation, on the one part, and jealousy and discontent on the other, and a constant desire on the part of a few to irritate and excite opposition, and so vent their dissatisfaction.

The Carter line cannot be drawn into any such combinations, but will continue in their quiet, unbroken way, as they have done, appreciating the patronage of those who discover any merit in its management, and endeavoring, by fair dealing and meeting the wants of the community at large, to win even the disaffected ones. (DST 9/8/72)

72-110

THE TRUE SPIRIT.--The following is a list of the names of the Jefferson merchants and the amounts, subscribed to the East Line and Red River Railroad, as given by the Democrat: H. P. Mabry, \$5000; James Arbuckle, \$5000; Wright & Clark, \$5000; R. Rainey & Co., \$5000; D. W. H. Taylor, \$5000; P. M. Graham, \$5000; Ellis, Bagby & Co., \$5000; Bateman & Bro., \$10,000; M. & M. Brooks, \$5000; E. W. Taylor, \$5000; E. Marx, \$5000; W. W. Alley, \$5000; W. J. Sedberry, \$5000; B. H. Epperson, \$5000; John & E. H. Reiley, \$5000.

The stockholders are required to pay ten per cent. on amount subscribed, on the 1st of November, and ten per cent. for each additional ten miles of finished road until one hundred miles are completed.

Really, it seems that the energy and pluck can't be burned out of our neighbors. To borrow a very rare simile, they rise from their ashes like a phoenix. (DST 9/10/72)

72-111

Rev. J. J. Davis publishes in the Jefferson Home Advocate his seventh essay, over three columns in length, against dancing. How in the world does our good friend expect a lively girl that loves a dance, can sit still long enough to read such a disquisition? (DST 9/17/72)

72-112

The Jefferson Times, of last Thursday, announces the death of Mrs. Anna B. Ragfield, wife of Dr. L. S. Ragfield, of that city. (DST 9/22/72)

72-113

BY TELEGRAPH.

To the Daily Times.

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES.

JEFFERSON, TEXAS, Sept. 24--A fire broke out here this morning in the upper part of Dallas street. It is said to have originated in the house of Conley & Prewitt. It swept the adjoining buildings to Lake street; it then extended across Dallas and burned to the National Hotel, which was saved, but one brick building was burned on the corner of Austin and Marshall streets, owned by Gen. Waterhouse. They were all retail houses. The loss is estimated at between thirty-five and forty thousand dollars; only about nine thousand covered by insurance. The loss falls mainly on poor people, who were not prepared for such a calamity.

R. W. LOUGHERY. (DST 9/25/72)

72-114

The survey of the railroad between Marshall and Jefferson has been completed. Work will commence soon. (DST 9/25/72)

72-115

THE MARSHALL FAIR.

MARSHALL, TEXAS, Oct 2, 1872.

DEAR TIMES.--The Third Annual Fair of the Harrison County Agricultural and Mechanical Society, now in progress at the grounds of the association in this city, is a splendid success....

The address of Judge McAdoo of Jefferson, delivered on Monday, was a masterly effort, just such a one as everybody had a right to expect from the Judge, replete with sound, hard sense, practical suggestions, and information of importance relative to the development of our section, and the improvement of the agricultural interest.... (DST 10/3/72)

72-116

How few people appreciate the value of newspapers. When the Jefferson Times was established, there was not a half a dozen brick houses in the place; when Houston was in its infancy, it was literally built up by the Telegraph. Cushing sold out for forty thousand dollars. It was a good sale for him, but a poor one for Houston. Well might the leading men of that city have given him double the sum as a bonus to have continued it. What would Dallas have been without the Herald, or Shreveport without its unrivalled newspaper talent? A man's property enhances or depreciates in value by the success of a newspaper, but how few property holders have sense enough to see it! They think in nine cases out of ten, that a hundred dollars paid to a newspaper man is that much thrown away, or, at best a bad investment. [Jefferson Times.] (DST 10/6/72)

72-117

The arson case, which has created so much excitement in this city since the fire, was before the District Court for the four days. The best legal talent of our city was engaged in the prosecution and defence. After able argument by the counsel on both sides, Judge McAdoo gave the jury an able charge. The jury after considering the case, came into court yesterday morning, and stated that they were unable to agree on a verdict, and were discharged by the court. [Jefferson Democrat.] (DST 10/8/72)

72-118

We call attention to card of Collins, Epperson & Ezell, wholesale dealers at Jefferson, one of whose members is a Clarksville boy, favorably known to our people. (TS 10/12/72)

72-119

The Methodists of Jefferson have been holding a protracted meeting for several days past, and much interest has been awakened. Among other ministers present is Mr. Wilkinson, pastor in charge of the church here, and who, we are pleased to learn, is winning golden opinions from the citizens of Jefferson. (DST 10/13/72)

72-120

The Jefferson Times of the 18th has the following: "Every doubt about the construction of the railroads to and from this point is now removed. Contracts have been let from Marshall to this place and on to Fort Worth, by Clarksville, Paris, Bonham and Sherman--and by the terms of these contracts actual work was to commence all along the line on the 27th of this month. These contracts are for bridging, cross-ties and grading, and are let to a great number of persons. (DST 10/20/72)

72-121

The Jefferson Times of the 20th has the following very interesting item:

The Texas Pacific Railroad Company have commenced work between Jefferson and Marshall in earnest. Messrs. Reddy and Shelton are at work on the clearing eight miles from Marshall. Capt C. F. Porter has the contract for the nine miles next to Jefferson, and has about forty-five men at work. Messrs. Conrad & Co., have commenced grading on Little Cypress, and have a large force at Mr. Wm. Baker's plantation; and will finish this work. Section fifteen has been let to Messrs. Curts & Runnell, who will go energetically to work on Monday. Capt. Porter will reach Jefferson in a few days with his clearing party. The road bed will be finished and ready for the iron by the first of December when track laying will commence at both ends of the line. (DST 10/26/72)

72-122

The New Orleans papers of the 11th announce the death, on the previous day, of the wife of Capt. Louis S. Flatau. She was the daughter of Col. Thomas R. Rogers, of Jefferson, Texas. (DST 11/16/72)

72-123

FIRE.--About two o'clock this morning a fire was discovered by a policeman in M. Cohen's news depot, on Austin street. Through the exertions of our efficient police officers and a number of citizens, the flames were fortunately checked before any serious damage was done. The fire caught from a stove in a bed-room over the place where it was first discovered. [Jefferson Democrat, 17th.] (DST 11/21/72)

72-124

FIRE.--Mr. J. J. Hasty, one of our best citizens, has met with a very sad misfortune. On Friday morning, about two o'clock, his family residence, situated about four miles east of the city, took fire. The family had barely time to escape, losing everything, household furniture, bedding, and clothing. This was distressing. We have no particulars as to the origin of the fire. He is a good man, and such a calamity is to be deplored. (DST 11/21/72)

72-125

DEATH OF A GOOD MAN.--We regret to notice the death in Jefferson on the 19th inst., of Elder S. R. Freeman, late pastor of the Baptist Church in that city. He was buried with Masonic honors on the 20th. (DST 11/23/72)

72-126

HARD TIMES.--The Jefferson Times has something to say about the cry of hard times, and says it as follows:

Some of our farmers, within easy distance of Jefferson, complain of hard times....

This little city has a population of 10,000 people, who would each purchase, if it could be obtained, at least three dollars a week in wholesome, nice food....Fruits, vegetables, fowls, meats, etc., all desired and not to be obtained for the want of enterprise and the proper industry....When will this state of things cease; when will our farmers learn their true interest? (DST 11/24/72)

72-127

The East Texas (Marshall) Bulletin, of the 22d, inst., has the following items:

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The Jefferson Democrat tells us that pile driving for the bridge over the Cypress on the line to Marshall, was commenced a few days ago. (DST 11/26/72)

72-128

The Jefferson Democrat of last Friday says that their merchants are again supplied with lard and bacon. (DST 12/11/72)

72-129

The Jefferson Times, the publication of which has been suspended for a few days for the want of paper, is out again as large as life and as spicy as ever. (DST 12/11/72)

72-130

The Temperance movement has been revived in Jefferson with fresh enthusiasm. (DST 12/12/72)

72-131

The Catholic Choir Association of this city will give a concert at Brewer's Hall, on the 31st, the proceeds of which will be devoted to the purchase of a new organ for the church. They will be assisted by the finest musical talent of Shreveport and Jefferson, and hence it is needless for us to assure the public that a rare musical treat will be afforded. (DST 12/21/72)

72-132

Mrs. Mary Britton, wife of W. A. Britton, died in Jefferson on the 18th. (DST 12/22/72)

72-133

A wagon is now used for the transportation of the mails from Marshall to Jefferson. (DST 12/22/72)

72-134

We again welcome the weekly Jefferson Times, which was suspended for a short time for want of paper. On account of low water and an almost complete suspension of business, Col. Loughery will temporarily suspend the publication of his daily. (DST 12/24/72)

72-135

The Democrat of the 11th says that the horse disease is in Jefferson, and the stage horses are so much afflicted that there will be some irregularity in getting the mails through. (DST 12/25/72)

72-136

SHOOTING OF GORMAN.--We find in the Jefferson Democrat, of the 25th, the following particulars of the shooting of Gorman by Lockheart, in Jefferson, brief mention of which we made the day after the difficulty. It will be seen that this, like nine-tenths of the affrays that occur, was the effects of bad whisky:

The usual quiet of our city was disturbed yesterday evening by a sad tragedy in which James Lockhart shot and mortally wounded James Gorman, and was cut, though not seriously, we hear, in return. From all we can learn the altercation grew out of a trick played by Lockhart upon Gorman.

The affray took place at Castlebury's Saloon, where several were gathered around the stove; both had been drinking but a short time before. An eye-witness informed us that Lockhart tripped Gorman's legs from under him with an old piece of shovel, and that Gorman arose from the floor and going up to Lockhart caught hold of him, and asked if he meant fight or fun. Gorman had a knife in his hand. A man ran between them, when Lockhart jumped back and drawing his pistol, fired twice, inflicting two wounds in Gorman's left side. Gorman ran at Lockhart and cut him on the neck or face, when they were separated. Gorman was carried to Messrs. Boney & Brooks' drug store, where Drs. Egon and Wooten probed the wounds; they were unable to discover the course of the ball in one and fear that it may have passed through the abdomen, in which case it is mortal, yet there still is a chance that it missed a vital part.

Lockhart is in custody, and the preliminary trial will probably come off to-day. Until then, we forbear comment. (DST 12/29/72)

72-137

SAD.--James Gorman, who was shot by James Lockhart in this city on Christmas eve, died from the wounds, at 7 o'clock on the 26th. He was buried in the country the same day. Mrs. Gorman, his wife, reached town, it is said about two hours before he died, but he was delirious and did not recognize any one. The scene was melancholy, and the young wife thus left in the very bloom of wedded life, appeared in her deep grief, desolate indeed. Her husband had left her only the evening before in health and happiness, and when she next saw him he was dying, and too near the portals of the other world to even give her his blessing. James Lockhart, who did the fatal shooting, is in custody, and it is said his wound, though not serious, is very painful. The coroner's inquest over the body of James Gorman developed a serious case against Lockhart, and if in the preliminary trial, no evidence is brought to palliate it, there will be but little chance for him escaping the penalty of the law....(DST 12/31/72)

73-1

Lockhart, who recently killed Gorman in Jefferson, has made his escape to parts unknown. (DST 1/8/73)

73-2

A rumor was circulating on the streets yesterday to the effect that Jim Lockhart, who escaped from here a few days since, had been killed in an effort to take him. [Jefferson Democrat.] (DST 1/11/73)

73-3

We see that the work of clearing away the rubbish, preparatory to rebuilding, has been commenced in that portion of the burnt district immediately in front of the Central Hotel. This building was known as Freeman Hall, and is the property, we believe, of the estate of John M. Hobby, deceased. "Let the good work go on." [Jefferson Democrat.] (DST 1/15/73)

73-4

Out in that portion of the city near the Cumberland Church, quite a number of buildings are going up, and the noise of hammer and saw is almost deafening. When we consider the great difficulty of procuring building material now, we think this a very encouraging sign of the enterprise of our citizens, and of the future prospects of our city. [Jefferson Democrat.] (DST 1/16/73)

73-5

It will be seen that our young friend and whilom fellow-citizen, H. W. Gribble, is now engaged in the steamboat agency business at Jefferson. Our river men should avail themselves of his services. (DST 1/16/73)

73-6

The two thousand feet of piling from where the railroad crosses the bayou above the city to the cut near Broadway, is almost completed, a gap of only about twenty yards still remaining, which is fast being filled. [Jefferson Democrat.] (DST 1/19/73)

73-7

The line of railroad from Marshall to Jefferson is ready for the iron, which will come up Red river so soon as there is enough water for the largest class of boats well loaded. (DST 1/22/73)

73-8

We are indebted to Hon. M. D. K. Taylor, Speaker of the House, for late papers. (TS 1/22/73)

73-9

The Jefferson Democrat of the 19th thus speaks of the arrival of the first boat of the season:

About half-past eleven o'clock last night, the little steamer Bossier, Capt. C. J. Boardman, landed at our wharf, flying light, having only 102 packages aboard. She was greeted with a brilliant display of fire works, and many shouts from the large crowd of people drawn thither by the shrill notes of her whistle, to witness the arrival of the first steamer of the season. (DST 1/23/73)

73-10

Work on the Cairo and Fulton Railroad has actively commenced along the whole line from Little Rock to Fulton, on Red river, opposite Texarkana, where it is to connect with the Trans-continental and Marshall and Jefferson divisions of the Texas and Pacific Railway. It is thought there will be complete rail connection between Galveston, via Longview, Marshall, Jefferson, Texarkana and Little Rock and Memphis, Cairo and St. Louis by fall. (DST 1/27/73)

73-11

FROM JEFFERSON.

Our former fellow-citizen, B. H. EPPERSON, Esq., called upon us on Saturday last, and gave us the current news of Jefferson. Before he left, a few boats had arrived, flying light, but had relieved the necessities of the place very much. We learn from him, that notwithstanding the siege the place has undergone for months, a great deal of cotton has been brought in, and been advanced upon, sold or stored, and that the merchants of the place are still hopeful, and have borne the adversities of a hard season manfully and hopefully. This is well. Since then we see that more boats have arrived, and the stocks of merchandise are being much improved, though the cost of transporting cotton is still high, only small loads are taken off. (?) the (?) of the pressure must be removed, (?) reduced rents, and rational calculation, the amount of commerce it can command (?) with increased manufactories, if (?) be introduced. Jefferson from its (?) to a highly reliable mineral region, with (?) foundries, and the cotton and (?) mills which it should have, (?) have a prosperous future, although its area of commercial tribute is perhaps reduced, by the facility of the next crop getting to Galveston. Especially if the Southern Pacific can be induced (?) prosper, who may have (?) home resources, not subject to eclipse by occasional deficiency of water. Mr. Epperson informs us that cotton commands at Jefferson from twelve to fifteen cents specie, which is fully as good, if not better than St. Louis rates, counting differences in transportation. One of our African fellow-(?), just returned, says he got 14 ¼ for his cotton, not quite equal to his expectations. (TS 2/1/73)

73-12

VACCINATION.--Dr. G. H. Wootten, city physician, of Jefferson, Texas, furnishes to the Democrat some interesting data on smallpox.... (DST 2/6/73)

73-13

The Jefferson Democrat of the 5th reports a rise of one inch in the bayou for the previous twenty-four hours. This would make the bayou twenty-nine inches above the lowest water by

Judd's mark. The officers of the Belle Rowland, which boat arrived here yesterday, report two feet in the bayou and thirty inches in the lake.

The Democrat says the Ruby has paid off her crew and laid up at that point. (DST 2/7/73)

73-14

From the Iron Age of the 5th inst., we learn that the telegraph liine between Marshall and Jefferson is completed, and that the poles between the former town and Sherman are all up and the wire being strung. When this is completed, there will be telegraphic communication with DeKalb, Clarksville, Paris, Honey Grove, Bonham and Sherman. This whole line will be completed by the 1st of March proximo. (DST 2/8/73)

73-15

The River and the Raft.

Joe Bryarly, who has been keeping the River Red until he has grown gray in the service, came up from Shreveport on Thursday evening and reports navigation faint at Jefferson, though five boats were near to town, with light loads. He thinks, however, that there will be a flush after the late rains and the snow, and went home yesterday morning thinking it probable that he would meet the Royal George at Rowland. At least she is above the raft, and is to be under command of Capt. Scoville, who has gone to her, and will run her in connection with the J. T. Bryarly until the water gets high enough to permit the latter to come above the Raft. Joe saw Lt. Woodruff, who is now working on the Raft, and has been over the whole raft regioin on foot. He has two government boats, and is getting a large force of men, and thinks he will open the main river as high as Red Bayou by May or June, and clearing up that far creates good navigation. (TS 2/8/73)

73-16

RED RIVER VS. RAILROADS.

A Jefferson correspondent of the Galveston News, is anxious to have the International Railroad Company extend their road from its present terminus at Longview, to Jefferson. The correspondent assumes that unless this is done, Shreveport must continue to control the trade of Eastern Texas, and even to absorb in low water, the cotton shipments of Jefferson, when the Jefferson division of the Texas & Pacific is completed. This is assumed on the correct supposition that the Texas and Pacific will pursue an enlightened policy that will draw cotton and other freights to it, and necessarily to Shreveport as its eastern terminus. The correspondent thinks the extension of the International, establishing an independent through line from Jefferson to Houston and Galveston, will be a sort of rival line to compete with Red river for the carrying of the trade of northeastern and eastern Texas, and part of southwest Arkansas. We think the correspondent of the News does not fully comprehend this subject. About one or two in ten years, Red river gets so low that navigation on it is virtually suspended; thus one or two years out of ten the independent through line from Jefferson to Galveston would carry the crops of the region mentioned; during the other nine or eight, Red river would carry them off at one-third the cost, and during those eight or nine years the International from Longview to Jefferson, running almost along side of the Jefferson division of the Texas and Pacific road would not get one car load of freight per week. The following remarks of the Louisville Ledger of the 29th ult., in relation to water and rail competition for the carriage of the trade of the West, strikes us as

applicable to the completion of railroads and Red river for the carriage of the trade of this region of country:

The idea of transporting the great bulk of the grain and other products of the West to the markets of the world, by rail or by the route of the northern lakes, is preposterous, when the country is penetrated by magnificent rivers flowing to the South. (DST 2/9/73)

73-17

The Circus Is Here.

The great Crescent City Circus, with Charlie Noyes at the front, reached here yesterday on the fine steamer Shamrock, and soon the mammoth canvas was raised in the vacant lot on the corner of Edwards and Milam streets. The performance last night was well attended, and everybody seemed delighted. The clowns were as witty as clowns usually are, the artists unsurpassed, the trappings rich and gaudy, and the horses sleek and spirited. (DST 2/14/73)

73-18

COTTON AT JEFFERSON.--The Democrat of the 13th, gives a cotton statement which shows that the receipts since the 1st September, 1872, have been 24,042 bales, and the shipments 6,833 bales, with a stock on hand of 17,248 bales. (DST 2/16/73)

73-19

Early in the afternoon the Shamrock left for Jefferson with the circus. (DST 2/18/73)

73-20

JEFFERSON AND THE MACHINE SHOPS.--We have just learned that our sister city has sent two commissioners to Philadelphia to make and sign a contract for the removal of the shops from this city. These gentlemen are authorized to pay the company a sum equal to their entire expense so far in the building at Marshall; also an equal amount of bonds in lieu of the \$300,000 donated by the county of Harrison; also sixty-six acres of land in Jefferson; and in addition to present the officers of the company who have built residences in Marshall, residences of equal or greater value in Jefferson. Such is the substance of the rumors that are upon our streets and such the public version of the mission of Grafton and McAdoo to Philadelphia. [East Texas Bulletin.]

The Bulletin further states this project of Jefferson would require \$1,500,000 in cash to reimburse the company for their outlay, and to purchase the residences. Our contemporary says the State law permits cities and counties to aid public enterprises only to the extent of ten per cent. on their taxable property. The cash, subsidies, etc., Jefferson offers in this transaction would amount to ten per cent. on fifteen millions of dollars, while the whole taxable property of Marion county does not amount to \$4,000,000. The Bulletin charges that this effort of Jefferson to beat Marshall of the shops is worse than little, "it is mean and contemptible." (DST 2/18/73)

73-21

REMOVAL OF THE RAFT.

The following communication, from "A Citizen," appears in the Jefferson Democrat of the 18th instant. We would remark, that many practical men entertain views similar to those expressed by Mr. Forshey:

Your article in Sunday's paper reminded me of a conversation I had a few days since, while in New Orleans, with Mr. C. E. Forshey, Commissioner and Levee Engineer for the State of Louisiana. He said to me, that the removal of the raft would be ruinous to the navigation of Jefferson; that we would be deprived of all the benefits of the water of Red river, except in very high water, and that it would be destructive to the farming interest on Red river below Shreveport, from overflows, and also injurious to the navigation of Red river below the raft. Mr. Forshey thinks the city of Jefferson and the people of Red river below Shreveport ought to protest against the removal of the raft. The raft in Red river acts as a dam, and forces the water into the lakes, (which cover hundreds of square miles) the lakes act as a great reservoir to check the waters of Red river in the event of overflow, holding back the flood, thereby preventing, to a great extent, the overflow of the farms on Red river below Shreveport, and at the same time prolonging navigation in letting it pass off by degrees. All the good that possibly could be done by removing the raft for the navigation of upper Red River, and reclaiming the overflowed lands above the raft, can be affected by widening or deepening the cut-off into the lake from above the raft, and let all the water pass through the lakes; this will drain the overflowed lands above the raft, and give an easy passage to boats to upper Red River, the navigation to Jefferson will be greatly benefitted, and the great natural reservoir (the lakes) will prevent, to a great extent, the overflow of lower Red river and prolong navigation.

Mr. Forshey also said to me that, if the Chamber of Commerce at Jefferson would take action in the matter, and would call for his opinion on this important subject he would give it with pleasure. (DST 2/21/73)

73-22

LIBERAL MERCHANTS.--The Jefferson Democrat alludes to Mr. J. W. Adams, grocer, of that city, as a liberal advertiser, and cites a solid column in the daily issue, at fair prices, as a proof of it. We notice that Mr. S. W. Stone, hardware merchant, and Messrs. Wayland and Wheatley, grocers, also have a column each in the Democrat. (DST 2/28/73)

73-23

The bankers of Jefferson are offering advances off money on cotton, without charge for commission. This makes the cotton question easy at that locality. Freights on cotton, to New Orleans, are only \$2.50 per bale. (TS 3/1/73)

73-24

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

OFFICE DAILY DEMOCRAT.

TUESDAY MORNING, Feb. 25, 1873.

There were 256 bales of cotton received yesterday; a few bales were sold at our former quotations. A number of firms did a considerable amount of business, but we are inclined to think that the sales of the day were much smaller than usual for this season of the year. Navigation is good and our merchants are getting their stocks largely increased by every steamer. The price of everything is now at the lowest possible point, and merchants and planters from the interior, may rest assured that can now get goods at very low figures in this city. Stocks in every department are large.

There is no alteration to make in the price of gold or silver. Financial affairs are in much better condition than they have been for some time past.

Cotton is bringing from 12 ½ to 14 ¼ cents a pound, gold.

Gold and Silver are bringing 114 to 115. (TS 3/1/73)

73-25

We learn from the Jefferson Democrat that the National bank of that place, representing a number of the leading New Orleans Commission Merchants, offers to make liberal advances, free of commission or exchange, on shipment of cotton. (DST 3/1/73)

73-26

The Shamrock got in from Jefferson about 6 P.M. with some little cotton. (DST 3/4/73)

73-27

From the Jefferson Democrat of the 4th inst. we learn that the publication of the Jefferson Weekly Times will be resumed to-day and that of the daily as soon as printers can be had. We shall cordially welcome the Times once more to our table. (DST 3/6/73)

73-28

Colonel Matthew Watson is in town and reports low water at Pecan Point and a good deal of cotton for shipment. There is also a considerable lot at Mill creek and other points in that region, the bad roads having prevented it from being hauled to Jefferson. It will come down on the first rise. (DST 3/7/73)

73-29

THE JEFFERSON TIMES.--We are gratified to learn that Col. Loughery is making preparations to resume the publication of the Jefferson Daily Times. (DST 3/11/73)

73-30

HOOD'S LANDING, March 5, 1873.

Col. E. Mason:

Dear Colonel--We arrived here February 28th, found Little River very low and concluded to lay here for a rise in the river. We have on board six hundred bales and will clean out Little river when the rise comes. There is about one-third as much cotton to come from Upper Red as has been reported. There will be big up freights, but most of the cotton has been hauled to Camden, Jefferson and Shreveport. The Morgan is at Mayiel's Landing waiting for water, and the Royal George was at Cook's this morning going up. The "oldest settler" says we will not have any water until the last of this month. I hope, however, that he is mistaken. The people in this section of country are all very jubilant over the prospects of the early completion of the Cairo and Fulton Railroad. Some think the value of their land will be increased 100 per cent; cotton will be worth twenty-five cents a pound, and all Western and Northern supplies can be had for the asking and that steamboats will be among the things that were. Shreveport is represented here by Messrs. Sale and Iler; they are very anxious for water; they have been negotiating for a mule or a dug out, but have not closed at this hour. Game is abundant here but it is all too fast for us.

Yours, M. L. SCOVELL. (DST 3/12/73)

73-31

The Jefferson Democrat complains that although there has been good navigation to that city for a month, by which the Texas and Pacific Railroad Company could convey iron thither, work on the Jefferson and Marshall branch of the road is not progressing. Marion county subsidized the road conditioned that it should be commenced at Jefferson, and the Democrat wants to know why something is not done. The grading between Marshall and Jefferson is completed, and the ties are all distributed, but track-laying does not begin. (DST 3/13/73)

73-32

Our friend, Captain John Allison, just home, from Jefferson, says that cotton was coming in freely, price falling off a little; business seemed lively, and large boats were at the wharf, but water was falling off, and unless some comes above soon, navigation will become indifferent in a short time. We have confidence up here that there must be a rise before long. We have not had the usual flow of water for the winter; and many of our people are relying upon the river to get their cotton off. (TS 3/15/73)

73-33

THE JEFFERSON TIMES.--We see once more upon our table the Jefferson Times, which has been in suspension for about two months. Jefferson certainly should be able to sustain two papers, if Paris can sustain *three*, and Bonham and Clarksville two. (TS 3/15/73)

73-34

Complaint Without Cause: A Discursive Article Upon a Small Basis.

A friend, lately from Jefferson, says that several mercantile houses complained that THE STANDARD had taken a position adverse to the interests of Jefferson, and favored St. Louis and Shreveport. It would be hardly worth while to notice a complaint so wholly groundless, were it not that we have several old friends in the mercantile line in Jefferson, to whom we would not willingly give offence. At the dawn of navigation, this spring, Shreveport was visited by a fleet of little boats, soon followed by larger, while Jefferson could get none, water not being sufficient. Noticing the fact, we jocularly remarked that Shreveport had "made arrangements for all the water," while Jefferson was high and dry, or something to that effect. The next week we were surprised to see a formal editorial in the Democrat, complaining of our unfriendliness to the place. We thought the fault-finding so wholly gratuitous, not to say *puerile*, that we paid no attention to it. About the same time our brethren of the Shreveport Times published a lengthy article, imbued with a good deal of plausibility, declaring that Shreveport was a natural key of the whole railroad system of the Southwest, and that the lateral feeders of the Southern Pacific would all tend to Shreveport, as well as the freight of the main line from the Pacific. The soundness of this argument we could not see, but considered it the result of local longing for commercial importance; consequently, we published our dissent, expressing our conviction that heavy freight, coming from the extreme West, or Northwest, would seek a Gulf outlet, either by Galveston, or New Orleans, *via* Houston. Upon that, we might just as properly, as in the instance of our editorial relative to the scarcity of water at Jefferson, been accused of unfriendliness to Shreveport. If one has to concede that Jefferson is to become a Liverpool, and Shreveport a New

York, or be charged with unfriendliness, we think the limits of editorial judgment and candor will be seriously reduced.

When Mr. Epperson visited our town, some time since, and expiated, at some length, upon the prospects of Jefferson, we condensed and repeated all his expressions in behalf of the place, because we wished to do it full justice, and had no possible grounds for ill-will.

Of course, we are amenable to nobody but the general public, for the expression of our editorial views; but in the case of Jefferson we had expressed no views, though we gave expression to Mr. Epperson's in behalf of the place; but we think some thin-skinned gentlemen took offence, because, at the instance of Mr. Maruice, the freight agent of the M., K. and T. railroad, we published his comparative estimate of the cost of transporting cotton *via* that railroad, to New York, and *via* Jefferson and New Orleans, to New York, for which he proposed to pay us. Having done this, we, as a matter of justice, published the report of the Board of Trade off Jefferson, *per contra*, for which we got no pay.

We make this explanation in justice to *ourself*, and with a proper regard to the feelings and interests of old friends. Why we should or *could* have a preference for a commercial mart out of our State, over a commercial mart *within* it, is something we do not understand, and perhaps some fault-finder may be able to explain. A few weeks since we said, editorially, that we did not believe St. Louis a good cotton market, and we have always considered Jefferson *one* of the *best*, when the waters are up. Perhaps some one may think we are unfriendly to St. Louis.

We do not propose to say any more upon this subject, and consideration for personal friends affords the only reason for saying this much. Jefferson is not dependent upon our expression or influence for prosperity. Its prosperity should be the work of its own citizens, and if it affords anybody comfort to think we are working against them, they must make themselves uncomfortable upon their own terms. We propose to pursue the even tenor of our way, and discuss public interests with regard to what we suppose the facts of the case, and the interests of the public as a whole. We never endeavor to unduly magnify Clarksville, in which we live, or depreciate any other locality. We think Galveston the commercial key to the State of Texas, and believe it will be some day the equal of New Orleans, or very near it; yet Houston disputes its pre-eminence, and is jealous of any expression in behalf of the Island City, and dreams, rather faintly now, we think, of bringing great ships and ocean steamers up Buffalo Bayou. Still Houston will be a place of importance; so will be Indianola, and so may be yet Sabine City; and Jefferson has already attained commercial importance; but she cannot retain it by sleeping upon her imperfect navigation, and depending upon railroads which run through her limits, and can carry freight to Memphis, to Shreveport, or to Vicksburg, just as conveniently as to Jefferson. She had better build that wing dam below Albany Flats, and dredge out the channel beyond, instead of looking about to see if anybody doubts the pre-eminence of her local position. By providing for slack-water navigation, and developing her iron-producing resources, she may attain a permanent prosperity, far more reliable than any she has had heretofore; though, in truth, she has accomplished much more already, than in early days we supposed she ever would; for the natural position for a commercial point was at Smithland; as in the case of Houston, the natural position was at Harrisburg. (TS 3/15/73)

We have heretofore failed to thank Mr. Ward Taylor, of Jefferson, for a complimentary ticket to the first annual fair of the East Texas State, Agricultural, Mechanical and Stock Raising

Association, which will be held in Jefferson from the 26th to the 31st of May. Judge J. D. McAdoo is President and Mr. Ward Taylor Secretary. (DST 3/22/73)

73-36

We are glad to announce that the telegraph line has been completed to Paris. This brings us in communication by the California and Texas construction by telegraph with Paris, Clarksville and DeCalb. [Jefferson Democrat, 18th] (DST 3/22/73)

73-37

COTTON is reported very low, at Jefferson. Squire Whiteman, who has just returned, sold a bale at 8 cents, and took the pay in trade. We presume it was inferior Cotton; but this is a deplorable price, which does not pay the producer anywhere near the cost. Farmers had better plant lightly of cotton, and get as much for one bale, as they now get for two. (TS 3/22/73)

73-38

THE RIVER.--The river holds its position, about one foot above low water mark. THE ROYAL GEORGE, in a fit of disgust, was about to leave on Tuesday, flying light, but, upon a promise of increased freight rates, was induced to wait a rise, and float down heavily laden.

Of course, we cannot have a river or get our cotton down, until we have heavy rains. There have been rains about the Sulphur and White Oak, and both have been running over. This will help navigation below.

Parties, just back from Jefferson, say the roads between Cut Hand and Jefferson are terrible. About here they are dry and firm. (TS 3/22/73)

73-39

The railroad iron brought up by the Belle of Shreveport is for the Jefferson branch. The contract with Messrs. Bofinger & Pogram was to deliver the iron at Jefferson, but want of good navigation prevents their doing so. The De Smet, Belfast and Susie Silver all have iron for the same road. (DST 3/27/73)

73-40

Harry McCarthy the other night gave a performance at Jefferson for the benefit of the Old School Presbyterian Church. After the performance he was presented with a fine gold headed cane, and in concluding his remarks in response to the member of the committee who presented it, said he hoped he would never have occasion to use it on his wife. (DST 3/27/73)

73-41

MARSHALL AND JEFFERSON.--Or should we put it Jefferson and Marshall? The respective editors of these two cities are engaged at poking fun at each other. The editor of the Iron Age, in acknowledging the receipt of an invitation to the Fair, at Jefferson, remarks that he will endeavor to be present, as the state of his health will probably require him to take a trip to the country about that time.

The Jefferson Democrat editor in his reply, says: "It is especially amusing to hear editors in small towns, now being resuscitated by these railroads, talk of city affairs."

Gentlemen, if it is a free fight please consider us out. (DST 3/28/73)

73-42

Judd's mark at Jefferson registers four feet four inches above the lowest water of the season. (DST 3/28/73)

73-43

Mr. Wm. Dillard.

The many friends of this gentleman in Shreveport, where he has lived for years and where he is universally esteemed as a citizen and journalist, will regret to learn that he has concluded to leave us. He designs establishing a daily paper in the flourishing city of Jefferson, whose liberal-hearted merchants will doubtless give him fitting and deserved encouragement. We shall all regret his departure but, on the other hand, will rejoice to hear of his prosperity. (DST 3/29/73)

73-44

We copy as follows from the Clarksville Standard of the 22d:

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Parties, just back from Jefferson, say the roads between Cut Hand and Jefferson are terrible. (DST 3/29/73)

73-45

The Jefferson Democrat says that the contract for building the bridge over Cypress bayou has been awarded to Messrs. Crump and Hunsucker, to be completed by the 15th of next May. The Democrat says that the contractors give a full guarantee that the work will be finished at the time specified. (DST 3/30/73)

73-46

NEW PAPER.--Messrs. J. C. Rogers & Co. issue a prospectus for the Daily New Epoch, an evening paper they purpose establishing in our sister city of Jefferson. Dr. A. G. Clopton, a gentleman extensively and favorably known, will be the senior publisher. We, of course, wish abundant success to the New Epoch, but cannot say that we indulge any brilliant anticipations in regard to that or any other newspaper enterprise. The fact is, the expense of conducting a daily paper in this region is far beyond the disposition of patrons to pay living rates for advertising, and hence, publishers have to travel a road much harder than that of Jordan--"or any other man." (DST 4/1/73)

73-47

We are in receipt of the first number of the Daily New Epoch, started in Jefferson by Messrs. J. C. Rogers & Co. We wish our young contemporary a full measure of success. (DST 4/9/73)

73-48

The 13th Era brought down from Jefferson 130 John Chinamen, who were reshipped at this point for St Louis on the steamer Lady Lee. John has either made enough money by working on railroads, or has become weary, and so is bound for the Flowery Kingdom. (DST 4/12/73)

73-49

A special to the Jefferson Democrat states that a bill granting a new charter for Jefferson has passed the Texas Senate.... (DST 4/13/73)

73-50

The New Epoch, a new daily paper established in Jefferson a few days ago, after a meteorical existence of a week, has expired. It died as suddenly as if it had been struck by a greased streak of lightning, or seized with a first-class case of spinal meningitis. (DST 4/16/73)

73-51

Mr. E. W. Morton, of Jefferson, Texas, is in the city. Mr. M. is the patentee of the National Cotton Compress. (DST 4/16/73)

73-52

BY TELEGRAPH.

TO THE DAILY TIMES.

VERY LATEST DISPATCH.

FIRE IN JEFFERSON.

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES.

JEFFERSON, April 23.--A fire broke out at three o'clock this evening in Schluter's block, on Dallas street. The building and stock of dry goods were consumed; loss \$48,000; insurance \$10,000. Col. Sam F. Mosely's law office, with his private and professional papers, the Texas and Pacific Railroad office and the Railroad Telegraph office, all in the upper story of the building, were burned. Cause of fire unknown. (DST 4/24/73)

73-53

Fire in Jefferson.

It will be seen by a special in our telegraphic columns that our sister city has again been visited by fire, though it has had a longer respite than usual. Less resolute and less enterprising people than those of Jefferson would have become disheartened by these repeated destructive visitations. Nothing daunted, however, they immediately commence the erection of new buildings upon the sites of those lately destroyed. Their energy and pluck certainly deserve a higher reward. (DST 4/24/73)

73-54

MATERIAL FOR THE JEFFERSON BRANCH ROAD.--Our Jefferson friends will be pleased to learn that the material for this road is being forwarded with dispatch. Capt. Fitzgerald, agent at this point for Messrs. Bofinger & Pegram, is in receipt of a letter from the underwriters stating that they have risks on railroad material to the amount of upwards of \$200,000 consigned to him for the Jefferson road, on the following boats: Mary E. Poe, Belle of Shreveport, barges W. H. Osburne, Ironsides Nos. 3 and 4, Charley Pierce and a Mississippi Valley Transportation

Company barge. There is now seven miles of iron on barges at this point, ready to be towed to Jefferson. The South-Western, on her last trip, had 500 kegs of spikes, manufactured at Wheeling. The material now afloat, all of which will reach Jefferson on the present water, consists of forty miles of iron, with the necessary fishbars, spikes, engines, trucks, etc. Messrs. Bofinger & Pegram are coming down to their work handsomely in forwarding all material and supplies with dispatch. (DST 4/24/73)

73-55

POSTPONEMENT OF THE JEFFERSON FAIR.

Mr. Ward Taylor, Jr., has issued a circular stating that, for good and sufficient reasons, the Fair has been postponed until October 21. (DST 4/26/73)

73-56

We were favored by a ticket of invitation to a grand Jubilee Concert at Jefferson, to aid in the erection of the Presbyterian Church. It seems to have been gotten up on a scale to command attention. We perceive that one feature of the tableau programme is a "coronation of the Flower Queen," by 150 little girls. The entertainment was to continue two evenings. (TS 4/26/73)

73-57

MAJ. W. B. WRIGHT, who stopped in our town on his way from Jefferson, reports "no District Court; Judge McAdoo absent," also reports business at Jefferson dull, and cotton *low*. Be careful, and don't rest all your hopes upon the fleecy staple for the coming fall, or you will slip up. If cotton cannot hold up to a good price, with the crop in hand, what can you expect if you pile up a 4,000,000 crop upon the back of the present excess. Be wary while you may. (TS 4/26/73)

73-58

The ladies of the Presbyterian Church of Jefferson gave tableaux and concerts on the 23d and 24th instant, the proceeds to be appropriated to the building of a church. We are gratified to learn that the receipts were satisfactory. (DST 4/29/73)

73-59

Our Jefferson friends are becoming impatient at the delay of the Texas and Pacific Railway Company in building the road from that city to Marshall. The Democrat suggests patience, and remarks that "a few days will decide what faith may be put in the renewed hope that we feel of its commencement shortly." (DST 4/29/73)

73-60

THE JEFFERSON TIMES.--We again welcome to our table this old favorite, which has been suspended for a time. In this connection we would assure our friend Loughery that he was mistaken touching a reply to a certain letter. Not only was a reply sent, but everything possible was done to secure him the needed help. (DST 4/30/73)

73-61

One of our Texas exchanges--which we regret to say, has escaped our memory--says that one-fourth of the army of the United States is now in Texas. The force there is composed of the fourth, ninth, tenth, eleventh, twenty-fourth and twenty-fifth regiments of cavalry. (DST 5/3/73)

73-62

Captain Fitzgerald informs us that there are five miles of iron for the Jefferson branch at Jefferson and on the way above this point. There are also a number of trucks, spikes, fish bars, etc., on the way above this point. There are two barges here already loaded with iron, which will be towed up in a few days. (DST 5/6/73)

73-63

JOURNALISTIC.--Mr. Chas. A. Miller has disposed of his interest in the Jefferson Democrat to Dan. A. Veitch, who assumes the general editorial management of that excellent paper. (DST 5/9/73)

73-64

TO THE EDITOR OF THE STANDARD:

Dear Sir:--It is stated that the Legislature has granted until the first of April, 1874, to the railroad company to complete the road from Jefferson to this town. Can this be so? Have our representatives been all sick or absent? The interests of this section of our State certainly call for more prompt action. Many farms have been cut in two. Must the owners put up double lines of fences, besides losing their lands? If the time be extended until April 1st, the citizens will have to wait another year for proper accommodation. Is Jefferson playing a one-sided game, for the interests of the East Line R. R. Let her remember that at some time soon, there will be communication between this and Memphis, and this will afford a proper outlet for all this section.
A. (TS 5/10/73)

73-65

REVENUE MATTERS.--We are informed that it is the intention of the revenue officer, S. D. Wood, to prosecute all parties who are doing business on the 10th inst., without having paid the special tax as required by the United States internal revenue laws.--*Jefferson Democrat*. (TS 5/10/73)

73-66

Judge John G. Scott, who, it will be remembered, canvassed this District in the interest of Hon. John C. Conner's opponent for Congress, has been impeached by the Legislature, and is now covered with the shame and disgrace he deserved. All the papers in his District, both Democratic and Republican have for a long while denounced him as a most infamous man and dishonorable official. His record has been outrageous, and his conduct has at last met with a just reward.--*Jefferson Democrat*. (TS 5/10/73)

73-67

Mr. W. E. Penn, of Jefferson, Texas, telegraphs from Mobile to the Jefferson Democrat that the next Southern Baptist Convention will meet at Jefferson in 1874. This body is composed of over four hundred ministers and met at Mobile this season. (DST 5/15/73)

73-68

TEXAS STOVES.--The Jefferson Democrat has a notice of a stove made out-and-out, of Texas iron at Mr. Kelly's foundry, near that city. Mr. Tullis, the superintendent of the stove depot, says they expect to turn out five hundred of the article this year. They are said to equal in make and finish any of Western or Northern manufacture.

Here is enterprise worthy of all praise, and certainly Mr. Kelly should meet with abundant encouragement. Or will our people never learn the wisdom of keeping their money at home as much as possible? (DST 5/16/73)

73-69

Speaking of the lake, it is the opinion of one of our steamboatmen who has had an opportunity of observing, that the removal of the raft so far even, has had a material effect upon the course of the water. The last rise gave a more rapid current in Old river, than it has had for years; in fact it is represented as swifter than that of Twelve Mile bayou. This of course indicates that the water is not disposed to make the old circuitous route, but shoot directly down the main channel. (DST 5/24/73)

73-70

Grand Excursion Trip to Jefferson.

Capt. J. E. Phelps, agent of the magnificent iron steamer John T. Moore, has shown us a dispatch from Capt. Boardman, stating that the Moore will arrive at Shreveport on Tuesday. This elegant steamer is going this trip to Jefferson, and will take an excursion party, charging seven dollars for the round trip. A fine band of music is aboard, and the most sumptuous fare will be provided. This is an opportunity for a few days' delightful recreation, and we presume the Moore will be crowded with pleasure seekers. (DST 5/25/73)

73-71

The Steamer John T. Moore

Will leave our wharf this morning for Jefferson, whither she proposes to convey as many of our citizens as choose to make a pleasure trip to the Bayou City and return them again for the moderate sum of \$7. We doubt not that quite a number will avail themselves of this opportunity of visiting Jefferson, and at the same time of passing a few days pleasantly upon so fine a steamer as the Moore. This is her first trip to Jefferson. We expect the people of that city will make everything agreeable to those of our townspeople who may visit them. (DST 5/28/73)

73-72

A CARD.

Shreveport, May 29, 1873.

TO THE PUBLIC--I notice in the Jefferson Democrat, of the 23d instant, what purports to be a memorandum of the steamer C. H. Durfee on her last trip from New Orleans to Jefferson, and signed "Spokes." The composition is a lot of miserable balderdash and would not command

my attention, but for a passage in it which is evidently designed to ridicule me. I have for years been a cripple and compelled to use crutches, and the allusion to an old woman on crutches I am satisfied referred to me. The memorandum, with its cowardly effort to ridicule my misfortune, is the production of a cowardly cur, as utterly destitute of brains as he is of gentlemanly impulses and manly courage.

While in Jefferson I called on the editor of the Democrat for the name of the author, but failed to get it; the editor informing me that he did not know the author, nor who handed in the document. He further stated he had no idea anything personal was intended. This, it seems to me, is a little unusual. At any rate, the editor of the Democrat should better fulfill his responsibilities in future, by knowing the authors of documents before he publishes them.

W. H. JOHNSON,
Pilot steamer Durfee. (DST 5/30/73)

73-73

And now comes the Jefferson Democrat river man into court and cuts into us for asserting that the cutting out of the Red river raft will materially injure navigation in the lakes, and says "our steamboatman" is "a no such thing" on the say so of "his steamboatman." When "doctors disagree who shall decide." Time alone can decide this "cutting" question. He also goes for us with a sharpened pole for reporting the water in the lakes at three and a half feet when there were four feet large. Now, neighbor, with the difference of ten cents in the price of "eye-openers" in favor of Shreveport and with an abundance of water here, we should consider ourself "fiendishly" inclined did we seek to deprive you of six inches of the cheaper fluid. Give us the date and we promise to restore the missing inches of aqueous stuff you complain of. (DST 5/31/73)

73-74

PROGRESS OF THE TEXAS AND PACIFIC.--....Track laying has not got well under way yet on the Jefferson branch, but additional force will be put on in a day or two, and the road from Jefferson to Marshall will be completed in twenty days. There is now nearly enough iron in Jefferson to lay the whole route. (DST 6/1/73)

73-75

Home Again.

We received a flying visit from our old friend, Mr. Louis Dillard, yesterday, and were pleased to see him looking as hearty as a brick. "Lou" was on the back track for his old home in New Orleans--being one of the excursionists on the John T. Moore to Jefferson. Tiring of the trip, he came down to Shreveport on the Lotus No 3, and left us on that steamer last evening. In a rough casket he hides a warm heart for his friends. May good fortune attend him. (DST 6/1/73)

73-76

It will be seen from the following dispatch that the "Moore-docs" have been having a high old time on the trip. The fight raged fiercely, but the number of scalps taken is not mentioned. But, to the bulletin from headquarters:

JEFFERSON, May 3.--Moore-docks quiet upon the frontier. We have a live captain if he is a Board-(man). Are well fortified, since we had our wall-done (Walden). Last night the Jeffersonians stormed the out-posts and finally boarded us. Terrible contest--excitement intense--more girls than you could make love to in a week. During the Terpsichorean battle we had a waltzing engagement between two belles of the rival cities. Thermometer one hundred and twenty in the shade, and on the rise. Jefferson was lightning on the heel, but old Shreveport held her own, and no matter how they danced, we could bear it. Many waste places made glad.

CAPT. JACK, THE MOORE DOCK,
On Iron Steamer John T. Moore. (DST 6/1/73)

73-77

[For the Shreveport Times.]

Trip to Jefferson.

EDITORS TIMES.--Some of the features of our excursion to Jefferson upon that queen of queenly packets, the John T. Moore, may not prove entirely void of interest to some of your readers, and if you will allow it a place in your columns, I will try and give you an account of our trip to the City at the gates of the sun and the head waters of navigation.

Our party was small but select, and every one a sworn enemy to care, and all save fun and frolic, and the burden of all our thoughts,

"Hang sorrow, Care will kill a cat,
And therefore let's be merry."

We left the wharf about 10 A. M. Wednesday, loaded with railroad iron, about 600 tons, and drawing six and one-half feet.

Our party stood for a while upon the guards, watching the gaslights of our city until they seemed as stars gathering into clusters low down the horizon, then came willow-fringed banks, that shut them out from view, and recalled to each thoughts straying unbidden between our hearts and those star clusters. Just then the band struck up, extremely out of place I thought, "The girl I left behind me," and soon our cabin held as lively a crowd as ever knelt at the shrine of the goddess who rules over the light fantastic; with a little strategy and a small bribe, I succeeded in changing that tune, which J. said was for my especial benefit, and thus

"I was all ear,
And took in strains that might create a soul
Under the ribs of death."

We danced until the wee sma' hours, when the music ceased, the stars grew sleepy in the skies above, sleep twined his soft and slumberous wreath of poppies about the brow of pleasure, and soon "tired eyelids resting upon tired eyes" left the fairest portion of our party to the dominion of rosy dreams; when the rest of us repaired to the "Solid Shot" determined to resist the encroachments of Somnus until the spirit moved us knowing that,

"He who goes to bed, and goes to bed sober,
Falls as the leaves do, and dies in October;
But he who goes to bed, and goes to bed mellow,
Lives as he ought to do, and dies a clever fellow."

Whether the boat stopped running or went on her way rejoicing after we retired is more than I can tell; J__ has an enormous pair of lungs, and don't give a steamboat a chance to be

heard--Jim Boazman heard *it* and whistled for *it* to pass to the right, but Jim was sold, it wasn't a boat, it was J__, and if J__ can't snore, then I'm no judge of the article.

Narcotics will, if taken oft,
Make hardest beds seem downy soft;
Find if you can in learned lores
How to sleep with a man that snores.

Next morning came the "Solid Shot," breakfast, cigars and the girls looking bright and pretty as May flowers--J__ looked fresh and chatted gaily--I nodded and wondered if J__ would snore that night.

During the day we had pleasant tete-a-tetes upon the guards, plucking at the willow branches as they swept gracefully about us, talking of subjects to be remembered but not written, and for once "the weather," that venerable pioneer of conversation, was left to rest upon his laurels, for whether the skies were flooding the earth with sunlight or mantling her with clouds we neither knew nor cared.

Then came evening, supper and the dance; during intervals between the dances we strayed about the guards and watched the boat as she made her way onward up the bayou; the scenery had some thing about it that gave it an air of enchantment; whether it was the scenery itself--the boat gliding along swept by the willows, the music stealing in floods of melody through the open doors; the arm that rested upon your own; the dark eyes that asked you to make a fool of yourself; the half smiling lips that told you not to--whether it was any single one of these things or all of them that created the enchantment I will not say--I'll only call it the scenery, and all who are incredulous can try it.

I know the scenery was beautiful as I saw it; through the breaks in the willows, far out in the gloom of the trees, came the glimmer of the water with its thousands of truant waves that had stolen from the course of their onward march to laugh and murmur and whisper love-songs to the shadows that stooped down to kiss them. The light stealing from a young moon, as she swept slowly down behind the willows, lent an air of mingled sweetness and sadness to the scene--a moment when thought lifts the light gossamer, snow-tiered and besprinkled with orange flower, from the lace of pleasure, and looks through the eye down into the heart. How softly fall those rays of light,

"How sweetly did they float upon the wings
Of silence, through the empty vaulted night,
At every fall smoothing the raven down
Of darkness till it smiled."

About 12 o'clock the dancers again retired, most of them to sleep, and I to believe with Burns that I was made to mourn and that I was made to see it done. I had nothing left but to go and listen at our pilot get off sundry diabolical odes and countless pious ejaculations, all of which he respectfully dedicated to the "dredge boat" for not widening the stream. I wrote them down and next morning told him they were my sentiments, and to please consider himself a "dredge boat." At daylight Friday morning we reached the iron landing and remained there two days unloading.

We had strolls through the woods, games of cards, jumping and foot races all organized with a view to woman's rights and political and social reform. I picked up in the office of the boat, after one of these races run by the three champions for a metal cup, the following lines which I suppose were intended to commemorate the occasion:

In the golden days of John T. Moore,
 Three lovely racers were led ashore,
 Each one rigged out with a neat get-up,
 To try their speed for a metal cup.
 Three lovelier racers never yet
 The eager eyes of a race-course met,
 At sound of drum as off they bound,
 Their feet in scorn scarce touched the ground.
 First "Princess" like a lap wing flew,
 And the eyes of the concourse drew,
 Then came "Empress" close abreast
 Each closely on the other pressed;
 The goal was near--that rapid pace
 Must soon decide that matchless race.
 "Princess" or "Empress," which will win?
 "Empress?" "Princess?" No! "that's too thin."
 "Lucy Lightfoot," so neat and trim
 Over the course now seemed to skim
 Swift as an eagle on the air,
 And won the cup just by a hair.

Friday night we had a party of young ladies and gentlemen from Jefferson; and if ever feet kept time to witching strains and happy hearrs they did it then. The girls are pretty and dance easily and well, the boys are handsome and clever, and if Jefferson can't have a commercial centre, she can have a social circle.

Some of our boys accidently presented some Jeffersonians with a pair of lavender pants, sundry vests, shirts, coats, pistols, etc., etc., for which, in his absence, I tender them his sincere thanks. Saturday evening we finished unloading, went to Jefferson after cotton and ice-cream--cream out, but will be well supplied when Jefferson gets to be a railroad centre. Left Jefferson about one o'clock Sunday morning and reached Shreveport that evening about half-past four. Day passed in a manner becoming the day--reading and talking, over serious subjects mostly, in which Dr. W___, the great medicine man of the Moor-docs, rendered efficient service. With a benediction we left the "Moore," her fair ladies and gallant and worthy officers.

LARA. (DST 6/3/73)

73-78

Our Texas exchanges are bringing out their favorites for Governor. As the election takes place in December, we presume a democratic convention will be held this summer or early in the fall. The Dallas Herald proposes Capt. S. J. Adams, a lawyer of Dallas, and the Jefferson Times brings out D. B. Culberson, an able member of the Jefferson bar.... (DST 6/4/73)

73-79

THE JEFFERSON TRIBUNE.--This is the name of the new journal just started in Jefferson by Mr. G. W. Dillard, formerly of the Shreveport South-Western. The first issues of the new paper are before us and we must congratulate our friend upon its handsome appearance. The Tribune, we think, presents a finer typographical appearance than any paper in Texas, while

its columns are full of news and articles of interest. The paper is pronounced in its democracy. It has our best wishes for its success. (DST 6/6/73)

73-80

FROM ABOVE.--*River and Railroad*.--Col. W. P. Saufley, has just returned from Fulton and furnishes us with cheering railroad news. The Cairo and Fulton is all graded to Fulton and bids are advertised for the work between Fulton and Texarkana, a distance of nineteen miles. It is the determination of the company to complete the work to Texarkana and open communication with the Texas and Pacific early in October. A number of railroad contractors were at Fulton to bid for the work. The Colonel found plenty of water everywhere and crops in good condition. [Jefferson Tribune.] (DST 6/6/73)

73-81

THE TEXAS AND PACIFIC.--....Seven miles of track are laid from Jefferson toward Marshall, and the road will be completed to the latter point by the twentieth instant. (DST 6/8/73)

73-82

The John T. Moore, the next boat due from New Orleans, will arrive to-morrow and leave for Jefferson on the pleasure excursion Monday, when it is expected a large proportion of the beauty and wit of the town will hurry on board. (DST 6/14/73)

73-83

GIFT CONCERT.--There is to be a grand Concert at Jefferson, on the evening of the 10th July, at which all persons having a concert ticket, will have a chance to draw a GRAND SQUARE CHICKERING PIANO FORTE, which will be sent to Jefferson by the manufacturers, to compete at the FAIR, for the prize to be awarded for the best Piano Forte. (TS 6/14/73)

73-84

THE NEW PAPER.--The Jefferson Weekly Tribune, very handsome in its typographic appearance, well filled and carefully edited, came to us last week, reminding us forcibly of the old "South-Western," which was always a good paper. The Tribune is the revivification of this, at another locality, and if good looks and earnest endeavor will make it a success, it will be successful. Jefferson may congratulate itself upon a representative journal equal in appearance to any published anywhere. The only question is, can Jefferson support so many? (TS 6/14/73)

73-85

RAILROAD MOVEMENTS.--The iron is coming to Jefferson, as fast as Boats can be induced to bring it. On account of the labor of handling it, they do not like to take full loads of it. Still there is so much water, there can be no difficulty in getting all the iron up that will be needed for the Trans Continental, and we presume that by December or before, the road will be in running order from Jefferson to Sherman. The Cairo and Fulton will also be ready to connect and carry freight North or East. Col. Irwin of the Trans Continental is authorized to make contracts for the grade between Texarkana and Fulton, and is employing contractors now. (TS 6/14/73)

73-86.

(Dr. Gilbert of the Jefferson *New Epoch* is at Sherman lecturing on the importance of manufacturing.) (TS 6/14/73)

73-87

The only other boats at the landing were the Ruby and Lessie Taylor.

The latter came down from Jefferson late in the forenoon with 112 bales of cotton, 3 bales of wool and about a dozen and a half passengers. She brought down the first bale of cotton ever sent to Jefferson by rail. It was sent from Harrison county near Marshall. We presume there was an immense jubilation over that bale among the denizens of the Bayou City. We congratulate them. (DST 6/21/73)

73-88

The C. H. Durfee, Maria Louise and Lessie Taylor were all up for this point at New Orleans, and two or more of them were to head this way last night. Our telegrams this morning may post the reader as to whether they did so or not. The Durfee will convey the remains of Mrs. Kate Flatau, wife of Capt. Louis Flatau to Jefferson, where they will receive interment. (DST 6/27/73)

73-89

We see that the Citizens' Savings Bank of Jefferson, declared a dividend of \$16.81 per share of \$100, for fifteen months and eight days equated time. (DST 6/27/73)

73-90

We call attention to change in firm of Collins, Epperson & Ezell, dealers in groceries, at Jefferson. Mr. Collins has retired from the firm, which continues business as Epperson & Ezell. Both of these gentlemen are favorably known in this community. (TS 6/28/73)

73-91

THE GIFT CONCERT--THE CHICKERING GRAND PIANO.--Week before last, we called attention to this Concert, to which one may obtain a ticket for one dollar, and have a chance to draw a Chickering Grand Piano, worth \$1,000. We omitted to state that tickets may be procured from Charlie Fassett, in Clarksville. (TS 6/28/73)

73-92

A call and a pleasant chat upon public affairs, with B. H. Epperson, Esq., of Jefferson. (TS 6/28/73)

73-93

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.--A communication will be found on our first page, recommending a citizen of Jefferson for this honorary position. (TS 6/28/73)

73-94

MR. EDITOR:

As there seems to be a general inquiry and casting about among the people all over the State, in reference to the selection of candidates for the various offices, State and County, to be placed in the field by the Democratic or anti-Radical party to meet the enemy in the approaching canvass, I beg leave to suggest, for consideration by the country generally, and in view of final action by a State Democratic Convention, the name of Maj. W. E. Penn, of Jefferson, in connection with the Lieutenant Governorship of the State.

I recommend him to the people of the State as a man in every way suitable and qualified to fill the office with dignity and honor; and in a manner in all respects promotive of the common weal.

Being a lawyer of long practice, besides a large experience as a public man and parliamentarian, he would be peculiarly well fitted to preside over a deliberative body, such as our Senate.

Politically, there is no sounder or stauncher champion of Southern interests than he. A volunteer from old Tennessee, he entered the ranks of our army at the first sound of arms. Towards the close of the struggle, he endured for many weary months the trials and hardships of the Yankee prison on Johnson's Island, and when finally exchanged, just after the surrender in the East, he refused to join in that surrender, and to go home to Tennessee, but was sent, at his request, across the Mississippi, and joined our forces here, to battle as long as armed resistance could be offered. The surrender of E. Kirby Smith left him in Texas, and thenceforth the Lone Star became his home, and I venture to say she has no more faithful son. No more gallant and powerful defender of our State against the cupidity of carpet-bagism and the corruption of ignorance, could be placed in the field and on the stump; and none who will prove more sincerely patriotic should he be placed in office by the people.

Very truly,

VOX. (TS 6/28/73)

73-95

Road Completed.

The branch road from Marshall to Jefferson was completed on Saturday, and an excursion party made up of the best citizens of Marshall, left for Jefferson yesterday. We congratulate all concerned on the completion of this road, and trust that our friends had a most pleasant time at the celebration of its completion. (DST 6/29/73)

73-96

Railroad Gossip.

Let us gossip a little about railroad matters. On Sunday three or four trains were run on the new road between Marshall and Jefferson much to the delight of the natives. (DST 7/1/73)

73-97

The Jefferson Democrat says that Jefferson has a female drayman. (DST 7/3/73)

73-98

THE JEFFERSON RAILROAD CELEBRATION.--We had the pleasure of a call yesterday morning from our old friend, Mr. G. W. Dillard, formerly of the South-Western, and at present of the Jefferson Daily Tribune. Mr. Dillard in behalf of the committee of arrangements, requests us to extend a cordial invitation to the citizens of Shreveport to attend the grand railroad festival in Jefferson on the 8th inst., in honor of the completion of the railroad between that city and Marshall. There will be a grand barbecue, steamboast excursion in the afternoon, fireworks and a splendid ball at night. Mr. Dillard yesterday received a dispatch from Mr. J. Campbell, stating that on the morning of the celebration a special train at 7 o'clock, will leave Shreveport for Jefferson, arriving in the latter city at 11 A. M. Fare half-rate each way. We hope a large delegation will attend the celebration of our Jefferson friends, in whose new era of prosperity we sincerely rejoice. That the affair will be a splendid one, all who are familiar with the liberal and hospitable character of the Jeffersonians need not be told. (DST 7/5/73)

73-99

The Jefferson Tribune appears satisfied with the railroad from that city to Marshall, but is intensely disgusted with the omnibus fare, of fifty cents between the depot and the hotel, and extra for baggage. The same price is charged, it seems, at Marshall. (DST 7/8/73)

73-100

For Jefferson.

Mr. Thompson, the polite and clever agent of the Texas and Pacific, requests us to say that tickets can be had this morning for the seven o'clock train for Jefferson. As the train is for the accommodation of visitors to the Jefferson Railroad barbecue, the rates are half price, and the round tickets will be good to return to-morrow. (DST 7/8/73)

73-101

JEFFERSON, July 5, 1873.

To the Chief of the Fire Department, Shreveport, La:

Dear Sir--You and your department are respectfully invited to attend the barbecue and ball, to be given here on the 8th inst., Tuesday. Expecting to meet you all, I remain very respectfully, yours,

JAMES HOBAN,
Chief of Fire Department.

J. D. KITCHEN, Secretary. (DST 7/10/73)

73-102

The Jefferson Tribune of the 8th instant says that track laying on the Texas and Pacific from Jefferson toward Texarkana has commenced. (DST 7/10/73)

73-103

The Jefferson Celebration.

We very much regret that we were unable to visit our friends in Jefferson and participate in their railroad celebration on Tuesday last. We have however met a number of our citizens who were there, and without an exception they express themselves highly pleased with their reception. Everything went off splendidly. Thousands of people were present; an abounding and excellent

barbecue dinner was spread; the ball, fireworks, etc., were elegant. Indeed, our friends say Jefferson surpassed herself on the occasion, and that no effort was spared to make the vast crowd comfortable, cool and happy. One of our friends says he tried to spend two and a half, but everything was free to visitors and he failed after a prolonged effort. We congratulate our sister city on the success of her railroad festival. (DST 7/10/73)

73-104

The Jefferson Celebration.

A number of gentlemen who attended the railroad celebration at Jefferson, and whose names if necessary we are prepared to give, have called on us personally and by proxy, and requested us to say that they do not endorse the report of the affair which appeared in the Southwestern Telegram. We have heard but one expression of opinion among those who visited Jefferson on the occasion and that is that it was one of the finest, most bountiful and liberal public celebrations they ever had the pleasure of attending, and they request us to say to our sister city, that the Shreveport delegation exceedingly regret the unfair and ill-bred report published in the Southwestern Telegram. We renew our regrets that a representative of the Times was not present to have fully reported the occasion in true journalistic style. Many gentlemen inform us that special attention was paid the Shreveport guests, as visitors from another State, and that they actually found it impossible to spend any money; every drink they took, some genial Jeffersonian claimed it was his treat, and some of our delegation even found their hotel bills paid. We can say to our Jefferson friends, that the Shreveport delegation would have been twice as large had there been transportation for all who had prepared to go. (DST 7/11/73)

73-105

BY TELEGRAPH.

TO THE DAILY TIMES.

VERY LATEST DISPATCHES.

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES.

Fire in Jefferson--Loss Over \$ 200,000.

JEFFERSON, TEXAS, July 16.--Great conflagration Tuesday night. Three two-story buildings burned, occupied by A. Gilham and Russell, Rainey & Co., commission merchants. The buildings were worth forty-five thousand dollars, and were insured for fifteen thousand. A. Gilham's stock of consigned goods was sixteen thousand; Russell, Rainey & Co.'s stock and consignments were one hundred and fifty thousand. Insurance on these goods forty-five thousand. The fire was without doubt the work of an incendiary. Other buildings were in imminent peril, but the fire was fortunately confined to these buildings by the persevering efforts of the fire department. These buildings were on the levee, in fifty feet of the bayou, therefore water was plentiful. The only casualties were two firemen, Charles McDougal and Dan Cofield, badly scorched by the flames breaking through a window while they were on a ladder with a hose. This district will be rebuilt at once. Nobody hurt. (DST 7/17/73)

73-106

The Iron Age says that Capt. J. M. De Ware, Chief of Police of Jefferson, drew \$1000 in the Louisville Library Lottery. (DST 7/19/73)

73-107

THE FIRE DOOMED CITY.--From Jefferson we learn of another fire. On the night of the 16th a fire broke out in the store of Russell, Rainey & Co., and extended its ravages over several buildings. (TS 7/19/73)

73-108

Messrs. Ward, Dewey & Co., contractors, commenced laying track North of Jefferson yesterday about noon. They have the same force with which they laid the track to Marshall, but will double it, we understand in a few days.--*Jefferson Democrat*. (TS 7/19/73)

73-109

This from the Jefferson Democrat of the 22d:

Our bayou continues to decline, at the rate of three inches for every twenty-four hours. It now stands 8 feet and 11 inches. Although it has been much higher, it is still full enough to afford floatage for light running crafts to our wharf.

The Jefferson Tribune of the same date says:

The dredge boat received her new drum yesterday per steamer Huntsville, and will be ready for work as soon as she can get it geared and in place, which we presume will be to-day, as Capt. Gee is a working, go-ahead man and does things in a hurry. We reported once before that the new drum had arrived but we erred, being misinformed by a levee merchant. (DST 7/24/73)

73-110

Seven miles of the road from Jefferson toward Texarkana are now ironed, and the work goes on daily, but not at the rate of a mile per day as reported. (TS 7/26/73)

73-111

Through a dispatch to Mr. P. T. Norwood, we learn that Mr. P. B. Hawkins, a capitalist and contractor from North Carolina, who is about negotiating to build the East Line Railroad, is now en route for Jefferson, having passed through Selma yesterday. This is good news. We hope to see work on the East Line soon under headway. The earlier it is begun the better for Jefferson. [*Jefferson Democrat*.] (DST 7/26/73)

73-112

Personal.

We yesterday had the pleasure of a call from our old friend, Lou. Dillard. He paid a flying trip to Jefferson, sojourned here for a day or two on his return and leaves to-day on the John T. Moore. (DST 7/26/73)

73-113

A town is being laid out on the Texas and Pacific nine miles beyond Jefferson called Monterey. The company are arranging to settle a large number of German families in and about the town. (DST 7/27/73)

73-114

The Jefferson Daily Tribune of the 30th, reports the bayou as having risen a few inches from the local rains and was the night before about three feet above the lowest water of the past season. (DST 8/1/73)

73-115

The second depot on the Texas and Pacific railroad, north of Jefferson, has been located two miles north of Mr. C. C. Galloway's place, in Cass county, fifteen miles from here [Jefferson Democrat.] (DST 8/2/73)

73-116

The railroad, west of this city, in the direction of Sulphur, we learn from reliable authority is completed to a distance of about nine miles. The work is progressing as fast as is possible under the circumstances, and is being perfectly and thoroughly done, being superior to any work done on any railroad. The road will be completed to Texarkana and ready for use before the Fulton end is done, and the company and contractors will justly merit the silver cup from our city for their energy and promptness. [Jefferson Tribune, 30th ult.] (DST 8/2/73)

73-117

Mr. Rufus Muse, of the firm of Rufus Muse & Co., Jefferson, Texas, died on the 24th ult. (DST 8/2/73)

73-118

Every man who sees proper can go to the clerk's office and register now if he will. It costs nothing and it is the absolute and bounden duty of every Democrat in Marion county to do so. Not being registered is no exemption from jury service, and this plea or this reason for a failure to do so, will not avail any longer. A people who can be free and will not, deserve to remain slaves. A word to the wise is all sufficient. [Jefferson Tribune.] (DST 8/2/73)

73-119

We hope our Shreveport and East Louisiana confreres will not think we are opposed to the annexation of the western tier of Louisiana parishes to Texas because we have been so reticent on the subject. We favor it with heart and soul and when the proper time comes we mean to write in its favor with all the ability we possess, and labor for it with all our influence and might; but as our Legislature will have to take action in the matter, the initiative we may say, and as our election does not take place until December next, and the Legislature meet in January, we think any discussion of the matter would be premature. We want to commence it so that it will be fresh in the minds of our legislators when they meet.

It cannot be made an issue in the coming election for all our people favor it, but if we agitate it hot and heavy just prior to and upon the assembling of our Legislature that body will

take prompt and immediate action to accomplish the desired result so far as action of theirs will tend to do it. [Jefferson Tribune, 30 ult.] (DST 8/2/73)

73-120

(telegraphic crop report)

JEFFERSON, TEXAS, August 2.--Crop prospects first rate; too much rain in the last few days, but no material damage thus far except to fodder. Some reports from adjacent counties note appearance of the worm in some localities, but doing no harm.

Mass meeting of the democracy of Marion county to-day largely attended; delegates appointed to State convention, and other work done which shows a determination by the people to enter the campaign in full force. (DST 8/3/73)

73-121

B. H. Epperson, Esq., was in town on Tuesday last, en route to Jefferson. (TS 8/9/73)

73-122

Maj. John N. Norris, of Red River, Jefferson and Paris, went through to Jefferson on Thursday. Says he *will not* be a candidate for Representative in the State Legislature. (TS 8/9/73)

73-123

COMING.--From Engineer Wagoner we learn that the road is graded all the way from Jefferson to Sulphur and fifteen miles of iron laid. The Cairo & Fulton, is graded all the way to Washington, and in spots from there to Fulton, and the rails are within 25 miles of Fulton. A large force is operating between Fulton and Texarkana. (TS 8/16/73)

73-124

TEXAS AND PACIFIC--GOOD NEWS.--The force on the road from here to Texarkana was increased yesterday to 240 hands, and track-laying is now going ahead at the rate of one and one-half miles per day. The road will be finished to the north bank of Sulphur by the first day of September, and to Texarkana by the first of October, at which time it is determined to have the Cairo and Fulton finished to that point to meet it. Track-laying was also commenced yesterday from Sherman at the rate of a mile per day. From and after October first, track-laying will also commence from Texarkana towards Sherman at the rate of one and one-half miles per day. We are authorized to declare that the road from here to Sherman will be fully completed before the first day of January.--*Jefferson Tribune*. (TS 8/16/73)

73-125

The Jefferson Democrat comes to us in mourning for the death of the associate editor, Major Daniel A. Veitch, who died on the morning of the 14th. He resided in Lexington, Missouri, before the war and was three times elected Mayor of that city over very popular competitors. We make the following extract from the notice of him by the Democrat:

At an early period of the war he joined that band of self-sacrificing patriots who abandoned their homes in Missouri to take part in the momentous struggle, and whose deeds of

heroism and devotion can never be forgotten. He was elected a Major in an artillery regiment, where he won the confidence and love of his soldiers and his superior officers.

After the war, he settled at Rusk, Cherokee county, Texas, and for many years edited the Rusk Observer, one of the most able journals in the State. It will be sad news to his many friends there to learn that he has passed away. (DST 8/19/73)

73-126

The locomotives are now running beyond Frazer's Creek, on the Texarkana line, a distance of twenty miles. There is no longer any question but that the road will be finished to the Sulphur by the 1st of September. We have just seen a gentleman from Fulton, who informs us that the road between Fulton and Texarkana is being pushed ahead rapidly in view of the connection early in October. Good luck to all, for the day that connection is made will be the most auspicious one in the history of Jefferson. [Jefferson Tribune.] (DST 8/20/73)

73-127

Messrs. Gilham & Chew, steamboat agents at Jefferson, Texas, have been arrested and put under \$3000 bonds each for setting fire to the building which they occupied. We very much doubt their guilt: (DST 8/20/73)

73-128

We copy as follows from the Jefferson Tribune of the 16th:

We interviewed Capt. Gee, of the dredge boat, yesterday, and he informed us that it would take him some time to finish the work he is now engaged upon, near the powder magazine; that the bottom of the bayou is filled with roots, and old hewn logs, heavy and solid. He has the channel cut to a width of forty feet, but will widen it to sixty, with a depth of nine feet at this stage of water. Lieutenant Woodruff, who has charge of this work and the cleaning out of the raft in Red river, has ordered a derrick which, exclusive of the scow, will cost \$7500; the scow will cost some \$1200 more, and can be built at this place, which we hope Lieut. Woodruff will have done. (DST 8/20/73)

73-129

The Jefferson Tribune of the 20th says that the protracted meeting being held by the Baptists there continues, and with great success. Nine converts were baptised in the bayou on the previous Sunday, and "great enthusiasm prevails in the church." Our contemporary does not say whether this enthusiasm extends to the printing office. (DST 8/21/73)

73-130

The Jefferson Tribune of the 20th has the following:

An investigation into the cause of the late fire in this city has been pending several days before Recorder Penman. So far nothing definite has been arrived at, and we await the termination of the proceedings with anxiety. Whenever anything is elicited we will give the facts. In matters of this kind we are not justified in any remarks without a basis to go on. (DST 8/21/73)

73-131

Capt. James E. Phelps, of this city, who was a witness in the case, arrived home yesterday. He says that up to the time he left, the State failed to make out anything of a case against the parties on trial, and that it looked much like persecution. There have been a great many rumors afloat here in regard to conflicting evidence, for which there is not the least foundation, and it would be well to suspend opinion until the result of the thorough investigation now going on is known. (DST 8/21/73)

73-132

PROGRESS OF THE ROAD.--Capt. Boyd reports the line from Jefferson toward Texarkana, laid 23 ½ miles last night. (TS 8/23/73)

73-133

CAMPMEETING.--We are in receipt of a communication from Messrs. H. M. Booth and S. G. Cotton stating that there will be a "self-sustaining campmeeting" at Woodlawn Station on the Marshall and Jefferson railroad, beginning on the 12th of September. All persons attending the meeting can pass over the road at half rate. Cloth tents can be had without cost, and saw dust and plank can be procured within three miles of the ground. "All denominations of christians, ministers and earnest workers, are invited. Restaurants or eating tents and also for sleeping, male and female, will be provided at moderate rates for those who cannot provide for themselves." (DST 8/29/73)

73-134

Hon. J. D. McAdoo, of Jefferson, Judge of the 7th Judicial District, has been appointed Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, in place of Hon. L. D. Evans, whose term of office expired on the 1st of July last, and Col. W. L. Crawford, of Jefferson, has been appointed Judge of the 7th District, in place of Judge McAdoo. Col. Crawford is quite a young man for the position, but we are informed that he is a man of ability, and will reflect credit on the Bench. (TS 8/30/73)

73-135

DEATH OF AN EDITOR.--Maj. Dan. A. Veitch, Associate Editor of the Jefferson Democrat, died on the 13th, inst. The Jefferson papers all contain tributes of respect to his memory. The Times says:

"All who knew him recognized and admired his genial character, his generosity, his sincerity, love of friends, and the purity of his mind. We can scarcely realize that he has passed away; that we shall behold him no more on earth. As a man and a journalist, he was universally esteemed. No man had more completely the confidence of all who knew him, and few whose untimely end will be more deeply lamented. May we not hope that the good he has done will live after him, and that it will plead for him with our Heavenly Father, into whose great presence he has gone." (TS 8/30/73)

73-136

TEXAS.

The Democrats in Council at Austin.

The Democratic State Convention met in the Republican Hall, and was called to order by Col. M. D. K. Taylor of Jefferson, temporary chairman. The entire day was occupied in organization and appointing committees. Convention adjourned to 9 A.M. Thursday. The contest for Governor will be lively. (DST 9/4/73)

73-137

Work on the Texas and Pacific railroad is being pushed forward rapidly on the route from this to Texarkana. The cars are now running twenty-seven miles north of this place, and will reach the Sulphur by the 10th instant. We learn from Capt. Boyd, that the bridge over the Sulphur, built by those excellent contractors, Messrs. Roots & Hynson, is in fine condition and ready for the iron. [apparently from a Jefferson newspaper] (DST 9/4/73)

73-138

Mr. Louis Flatau of Jefferson in a lengthy communication to the Daily Democrat advocates the establishment of a Jefferson line of steamers to New Orleans and says of the relations of the Texas and Pacific to that city:

The great Pacific railroad that we all looked so fondly to for succor, that we hopefully imagined would build us up and make us a great place, has gone on by and alas, we are but a way station! We liberally and generously donated lands for a depot and bonds by thousands to it and it has not helped us. On the contrary, unless we do something that will enable us to profit by it, we are hopelessly ruined. (DST 9/4/73)

73-139

The steamer Royal George arrived in port at 10 o'clock last night--and our friend Scovell furnished us with the following information:

Found 15 inches of water in Cypress Bayou and falling; dredge boat stopped work; could not dig as fast as the bayou fell; 10 inches on the Gate Post; 20 inches on the Flats, and falling faster than ever was known. Black Bayou is lower at Irvin's Bluff and less water passing down than has been known for years. Navigation above Shreveport is closed for the present. (DST 9/4/73)

73-140

The Jefferson Tribune of the 3d inst., has this:

We are instructed by Mayor Gray to say that the city will be quarantined to-day against Shreveport to prevent the yellow fever from getting into our midst. We are glad of this, for this dire disease is raging in Shreveport and would play havoc with us in every way. (DST 9/5/73)

73-141

The Jefferson Tribune is displaying a vicious disposition to exaggerate the amount of yellow fever in this city, and presumes to set its own judgment against that of the physicians here, and to represent our reports as incorrect. We have suppressed no part of the truth. The cases of

yelllow fever that have occurred in this city have been very few, and the physicians and all others who know anything of the subject, declare that it is not epidemic....

In conclusion, if the editor of the Jefferson Tribune were less rattle brained and jumped less hastily at his conclusions, he would have seen in the resolutions by which the Howard Association was organized, that it was simply a precautionary measure and not by any means a present necessity.

The fact that the city council of Jefferson refused to perpetrate the folly of a quarantine against Shreveport shows that the city council possessed both more reliable information and cooler heads than the scattered head, fiery mouthed quilldriver of the Tribune. (DST 9/5/73)

73-142

A dispatch from Corsicana to the Houston papers, states that the yellow fever has broken out in Jefferson. Now won't the Tribune sputter and blow. (DST 9/9/73)

73-143

Col. R. W. Loughery of the Jefferson Times, offers one-half of his paper for sale. This is an excellent opportunity for some enterprising journalist. (DST 9/9/73)

73-144

PROCEEDINGS OF THE HOWARD ASSOCIATION.

At a meeting held Tuesday. Sept. 9, it was

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to superintend and make arrangements to entertain the physicians and nurses en route to this city from New Orleans. The following are the committee.

WM. MORRISON,
D. B. MARTIN,
GEO. A. PIKE.

Resolved, That the pay for nurses employed by this Association be fixed at the sum of five dollars for every twenty-four hours.

----- SECOND DISPATCH.

[Dispatch sent Major Dickson, Sup't. T. & P. R. R. Marshall, Texas.]

Please pass the Sisters of Charity from Jefferson on their way to this city over your road and send bill to this Association.

L. R. SIMMONS, Pres't.

----- FIRST DISPATCH.

[Dispatch to Mother Superiors, Jefferson, Tex.]

Send us all the Sisters of Charity you can spare to our city, soon as possible. All arrangements will be made to take care of them.

J. PIERRE. (DST 9/10/73)

73-145

The Jefferson Tribune of Sunday says the cars are now running to a point three miles beyond Atlanta, in Cass county, thirty-one miles from Jefferson. (DST 9/11/73)

73-146

Both of the Jefferson daily papers aver that there is no yellow fever in that city, and the health of the place is exceptionally good. Glad to hear it. (DST 9/11/73)

73-147

Both of the Jefferson papers of Wednesday call upon the citizens of that place to contribute money to the indigent sick of this city. This is commendable in our contemporaries, and we hope and trust we may never be called upon to return the compliment in such a cause. We can say this that all the monies forwarded to the Howard Association will be spent in the noblest of causes. (DST 9/12/73)

73-148

The Nurses.

The Sisters of Charity did not arrive from Jefferson on yesterday as expected. They are looked for to-day. The doctors and nurses from New Orleans are looked for to-morrow. (DST 9/12/73)

73-149

Our readers will please notice the change in the firm of Graham & Taylor, Jefferson, Texas. See their card in another column. (TS 9/13/73)

73-150

From Jefferson.

Dr. Richardson and Mr. Dalzell, arrived here last evening from Jefferson, and offered their services to the sick. (DST 9/17/73)

73-151

(Jefferson has been placed under strict quarantine against Shreveport.) (TS 9/20/73)

73-152

Dr. Richardson.

As we were closing our daily report, we learned that Dr. Richardson, who came down from Jefferson to aid our people, died at the residence of Col. Martin last evening. (DST 9/25/73)

73-153

The Jefferson Democrat of the 27th says, that after Monday next daily trains will run regularly on the Texas and Pacific railroad, from Jefferson to Moore's Landing on the Sulphur. (DST 10/3/73)

73-154

The many friends of Mr. George M. O'Neal, formerly of this city, will be sorry to learn of the death of his estimable young wife. She died at Snow Hill on the 24th ult. [Jefferson Democrat, 30th.] (DST 10/3/73)

73-155

Railroad Across Sulphur.

Sulphur, Sept. 29.--The railroad was completed across Sulphur yesterday, and cars are now running to the other side. A perfect flood of rain fell here yesterday and last night. Navigation certain to Jefferson in two weeks. JNO. T. ROOTS. (DST 10/4/73)

73-156

NO FEVER AT JEFFERSON.--The mayor of Jefferson, under date of the 29th, issues the following notice:

In as much as the yellow fever is doubtfully reported to exist at Marshall, and as such reports may obtain currency with reference to our city, I hereby give notice that there is not a single case of yellow fever in Jefferson, nor has there been. And if it makes its appearance I will promptly give notice of the same through the press. (DST 10/4/73)

73-157

The Texas Iron Age, of the 8th, says that trains commenced running the day before to Dodd City, seven miles east of Bonham. The track on the Jefferson division reached Moore's landing last Thursday; and this will be the terminal station for the present. (DST 10/14/73)

73-158

The Washington (Ark.) Telegraph, of the 8th, says there are eight pile drivers at work on the piling in Red river bottom on the Cairo and Fulton railroad, between Fulton and Texarkana. (DST 10/14/73)

73-159

Return of Drs. Choppin, Bruns and Davidson.

....
We come now to speak of those who gave their lives in their efforts to serve their afflicted fellow citizens. Of these there were five priests of the Catholic church and several Sisters of Charity. Three resident physicians, Drs. Wise, Hotchkiss and Hibbett, also died, having each devoted all their talents and skill for the relief of the people until stricken down themselves. Dr. Richardson, of Jefferson, Texas, impelled by a noble instinct, hurried to these scenes of sickness and death, and himself became a victim, and literally died with his harness on. And yet another remains to be mentioned, of whom Dr. Choppin says: "He was a noble man, and would do honor to any country." We refer to Lieut. Woodruff, of the United States Army, who, after a protracted struggle of eleven days with the fever, at last became its victim. Lieut. Woodruff went to Shreveport as a nurse. Having placed everything he had, belonging to himself or to the Government, at the disposition of the Howard Association, he then gave himself up unreservedly to the service of the sick. Thus he died, and his name and virtues will long be cherished by the people of Shreveport. (DST 10/18/73)

73-160

Report of Drs. Bruns, Choppin and Davidson on the Shreveport Epidemic.

....
Of our own profession, Drs. Hotchkiss and Hibbette--the first venerable in years and in service; Dr. Wise, a young man of brilliant promise, just returned from completing his education in Europe, and the gallant Richardson, a volunteer from Jefferson, Texas, swelled the list of martyrs whom Shreveport will hereafter honor when she makes up the long roll of those who gave their lives for her.

First among these should be inscribed the name of Lieut. Woodruff, of the United States Army Corps of Engineers, who, in charge of the removal of the Red river raft, went down on the breaking out of the epidemic, to the relief of the city, and died of the exposure entailed by his unremitting exertions in behalf of the sick. (DST 10/23/73)

73-161

The Jefferson Fair is postponed till the 20th of November, on account of the yellow fever at Marshall. (DST 10/24/73)

73-162

The Train

Yesterday from the interior brought in some cotton and took out a number of cars loaded with merchandise. The Jefferson authorities have raised the quarantine against us and persons traveling in that direction will meet with no trouble. Our communication with all ports of the interior is uninterrupted, and we earnestly look for a speedy resumption of business. (DST 11/7/73)

73-163

QUARANTINE RAISED.--At a regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the city of Jefferson, held on the 2d inst., the following resolution was passed:

Resolved, That the quarantine ordinance passed by this body prohibiting ingress or egress from Shreveport or other infected districts be hereby repealed, and that publication of the same be made.

From the above it will be seen that Jefferson is again open to unrestricted communication with the balance of the world. [Jefferson Democrat, 5th.] (DST 11/8/73)

73-164

Children Kidnapped.

During the epidemic Mr. and Mrs. Calhoun died, leaving two promising children. These children have an uncle living in Jefferson and one living in New Orleans, both wanting the children. The one living in Jefferson, not feeling disposed to wait the law's delays, came to this city last week in company with a friend, kidnapped the children and left for home. The children were staying at A. J. Stacey's, with whom Mr. Calhoun was doing business at the time of his death, and they were inveigled into a buggy, whipped off to the depot, and then to Jefferson. Mr. Stacey at once telegraphed to Jefferson and had the parties arrested. They and the children will, doubtless, be brought back to this city. (DST 11/11/73)

73-165

The East Texas Fair will open at Jefferson next Monday. Sorry we can't be there. (DST 11/12/73)

73-166

The Methodist Conference has appointed Rev. Mr. Haislip to the pastoral charge of the church at Jefferson for the ensuing year. The present incumbent, Rev. Mr. Easterling, goes to Dallas. (DST 11/12/73)

73-167

The Mayor of Jefferson has recommended that Thursday, the 13th inst., be observed as a day of thanksgiving to God for his goodness in preserving them from the yellow fever plague. (DST 11/13/73)

73-168

The Democrat says that the dredge boat at Jefferson has got to work again on the bayou. (DST 11/14/73)

73-169

Personal.

We have had in town this week, B. H. Epperson, Esq., of Jefferson, in attendance upon the District Court; and our old townsman, Warren Sims, of Jefferson, who re-visits the scenes of his boyhood, but thinks we have a dull town. (TS 11/15/73)

73-170

DR. RICHARDSON.

Early in the epidemic Dr. Richardson, of Jefferson, actuated by the noble purpose of doing what was in his power to alleviate the suffering here, came to our city and volunteered his services free of charge. He labored faithfully for eight or ten days but was finally taken with the fever and died. Thus passed away a noble and generous spirit; a martyr to the good of his fellowmen. The tears that this people have shed over his grave, the gratitude that fills their hearts for his life's sacrifice, are a purer and, holier tribute to his memory and a richer legacy to his children than the wildest applause that greets the demagogue or the greenest bays that crown the conqueror's brow. (DST 11/18/73)

73-171

At the Jefferson Fair, on the 21st inst., Miss Eva Sterne, of that city, received the premium offered for the best performer on the piano. (DST 11/26/73)

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Personal.

Mr. J. A. Norsworthy, late of Jefferson, Texas, is now in the employment of the popular firm of Messrs. Gregg & Ford, as bookkeeper. The Jefferson Democrat, in speaking of his departure from that city, says: "We regret very much to lose so active and energetic a citizen as

Mr. Norsworthy, and trust that he may win as many friends in his new home as he has left behind in our city."

To the many other friends of Mr. Norsworthy throughout Texas, we would suggest the firm he is now associated with is one of the most popular, reliable and liberal ones in our city, and they could not do better than continue their commercial relations with him. (DST 12/3/73)

73-173

A private dispatch from Jefferson gives the Radical majority in Marion county at two hundred.

Harrison county went Radical by over a thousand majority.

Did the white people of those counties do their whole duty: We fear not. (DST 12/5/73)

73-174

Between this point and Jefferson we have fair navigation, though at last accounts the water was a little thin in Cypress Bayou. There is no trouble about water in the lower Lake, but the upper Lake is not so well off. The opening of the raft is a great drawback to the filling up of the Lakes with water. A heavy rise above the raft would be apt to fill them, but it would take more time than before the removal of the raft. (DST 12/10/73)

73-175

The Democrat mentions the organization in Jefferson of a democratic club. Isn't it rather late? (DST 12/12/73)

73-176

Moore's Landing, on Sulphur, is the present terminus of the Jefferson branch of the Texas and Pacific Railway. The station is forty-four miles from Jefferson. (DST 12/13/73)

73-177

NEW PAPER.--Mr. G. H. Wooten is editor of a paper recently established in our neighboring city of Jefferson, called the Magnet. While we wish to extend to the new comer the proper editorial greeting, and wish it a full measure of prosperity, we can but doubt the success of the enterprise--judging from our own experience of the trials of journalism. However, we can but applaud the nerve of our contemporary. Pluck, too, accomplishes a vast deal in this world. (DST 12/16/73)

73-178

The Panola Watchman, after touching up the democracy of Marion county for permitting the election of Maloy as sheriff when they had a registered democratic majority--the carpet-bagger elect, we would remark, has lately been superintendent of the penitentiary, and the Watchman thinks he ought to have been in it--administers a genteel little castigation to the party of San Augustine county for permitting a similar result.

Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty, and especially when the radicals have a foothold. The negroes can be voted as sheep are driven, and this advantage is apt to tell where the democratic party is not well organized. (DST 12/16/73)

73-179

The Jefferson Tribune.

We again welcome to our table this handsome, and sprightly paper. When the yellow fever first made its appearance in Shreveport, Mr. Dillard came here and remained through all those terrible weeks, a faithful nurse to the sick--members of his own family, friends and strangers. In his absence from Jefferson the Tribune was suspended for want of a head, but it re-appears in all its typographical beauty and editorial ability. Long may it so appear. (DST 12/19/73)

73-180

RE-UNION OF OLD COMRADES.--Messrs. E. Greer, W. S. Coleman, Geo. N. King and W. P. Lane, having been appointed a committee of invitation, recently requested Col. Jiles S. Boggess, of Henderson, to attend a re-union of the 3d Texas Cavalry at Marshall on the 18th. They say:

Aside from a formal invitation, the undersigned personally desire your presence and co-operation in bringing others. You perhaps commanded the regiment for a longer time than any other person, and your presence at the re-union will be much appreciated by the undersigned and all the survivors.

We very much hope the survivors of the gallant 3d, which won a glorious record in vindicating the now lost cause, had a most pleasant meeting, and that after fighting their battles o'er again to the music of glasses none were left upon the field. (DST 12/19/73)

73-181

THE RE-UNION OF THE THIRD TEXAS CAVALRY.--We recently made mention of the fact that the 3d Texas Cavalry were to have a re-union at Marshall on the 18th. The Iron Age has this to say on the subject:

The 3d Texas Cavalry held their first annual re-union on Thursday last. An address was delivered by W. S. Coleman, Esq., and in the evening an organization was selected for the ensuing year, and the following officers elected: Gen. Greer, President; Col. Giles Boggess, of Henderson, First Vice-President; Second, W. P. Lane; Secretary, W. S. Coleman; Treasurer, George N. King; Chaplain, A. E. Clemmons. The speakers selected for the next annual re-union, were Gen. M. D. Ector and Col. H. P. Mabry, of Jefferson. (DST 12/25/73)

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The Dallas Herald claims, and is entitled to the honor of being the second oldest paper in Texas. The Clarksville Standard is the oldest, having been established in 1842 by Mr. Charles DeMorse, who has conducted it ever since. (DST 12/25/73)