

*Lavaca County, Texas.*—The editor of the Victoria (Texas) Advocate thus describes the present state of things in Lavaca county, one of the most rapidly improving counties in Texas :

During a late visit to Lavaca county, we were pleased to see newly opened farms and tidy houses gracing localities with their cheerful presence... which six months since were open woods or uncultured prairies. We were informed that quite a large emigration had settled upon the rich creek bottoms of this county, bringing with them from "the States" numbers of slaves and other additions to the general wealth of a community. The villages too of the county are rapidly growing. Petersburg, although no longer the county seat, seems to have acquired new energies and is, we are told, in a more flourishing condition than ever. We were delighted with the improved appearance of Hallettsville, the new county seat. Busy, bustling and thriving, everything about the town wears the air of unmistakable prosperity. Handsome new houses of private citizens, a fine hotel in process of erection by mine host, Hicks, a large and commodious court-house soon to be erected, together with other public buildings speak well for the enterprise of the people, not to mention the really elegant and spacious edifice already built for an academy by private subscription, an edifice which would do credit to any town in the State, and certainly is a pleasing proof of the good taste and liberality as well as public spirit of the good citizens of Hallettsville. Where education is so highly appreciated, the duration of any evil however great cannot long exist, but a speedy and happy prosperity is bound to be early and firmly established. We wish our Lavaca friends the speedy meet to their deserving enterprises and activity.