

continued to walk toward him, drew his revolver and shot poor Driskill, the first ball taking effect in the collarbone and lodging, perhaps in the shoulder, and the other struck about the right temple, and passed through the body.

"After being shot Mr. Driskill turned back across the street, entered Mr. Helms barber shop, remarked that his arm was broken, and it being observed that he was about to fall he was caught by friends and eased to the floor, and expired in about two minutes. Thus ended the career of a brave and good man.

"Life after life has been taken by this party, yet not one has been punished. It is time that something was done, that something must be done by the united action of the community, for there is no law in this land to punish such reprobates. The sooner it is done, the better for the safety of the community.

"Mr. Driskill has been married a little over two months, his wife was one of the most estimable ladies of our town, who is now a weeping and desolate widow."

The Sentinel evidently reflected upon the plainness and bluntness of the preceding account of the killing of Henry T. Driskill, for in the next issue of the paper we find the following:

"We have been reminded by those who listened to the testimony in the examining trial of Edward Wingate for the murder of Henry T. Driskill that our animadversions in our last issue, on the affair were entirely too severe and that circumstances did not warrant the expression of "cold-blooded" murder that we used. We are even told by an attorney that interested himself in the defense that it was a case of justifiable homicide, but from what we know of the evidence we can not see it in that light. We are free to admit that Mr. Driskill acted rashly, but as he did not make an attack on the man Wingate, was unarmed, had not even touched the hem of a garment, how, we ask, could the killing be justifiable? Driskill had said in the hearing of young Wingate that he had intended to drive the party from town, but there is no evidence that he knew the party, who courting an opportunity to wreak his vengeance, proclaims that he was a son of old man Wingate and that he could not be driven away. But it is needless to say more, for 24 hours after any murder in Texas, the popular voice proclaims for the innocence of the offender. This is a sad but true commentary."

Because the name of the outstanding citizen, who contituted

the jury inquest, on the death of Henry T. Driskill, we here include the same in full, as follows:

"COUNTY OF HOUSTON.

"The undersigned, a jury of inquest to examine the causes of the death of Henry T. Driskill, having the testimony of the witnesses and examined the body of said Driskill, do pronounce the following verdict, to-wit: That Henry T. Driskill came to his death on the evening of the second day of March, A. D. 1868 in the Town of Crockett, Houston County, State of Texas, by pistol shots fired by one Edward Wingate, he having fired a six-shooter twice at the said Driskill, both shots taking effect in the breast of the said Driskill which was the cause of his death.

"IN TESTIMONY whereof the coroner and jurors have hereunto set our hands this 3rd day of March, A. D. 1868.

"J. H. Stuart, John T. Cook, B. F. Frymier,
"K. Murchison, J. P. Acting Coroner.
"T. W. Craddock, W. D. Bryan, J. W. McGill,
Jury."

In the same issue of the Sentinel appeared the following notice:

"MARRIED—Driskill-Milling. Tuesday evening, March 3rd, 1868, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Robert Milling, by Judge James M. Odell, Mr. R. C. Driskill of Leon County and Miss Mary Milling of Houston County."

Another issue of the Crockett Sentinel published under date of Nov. 17, 1868, being Vol. IV, No. 6, contains very little local news, or items of general interest. Attention is called to a few items, however:

It is stated that Mr. Murchison, we do not know which one, supplied Crockett merchants with spun yarn from his factory in Mound Prairie. Our opinion is that this Mr. Murchison resided in the Northern part of Houston County, and that the Mound Prairie spoken of is the prairie adjoining Houston's Mound.

An editorial expressed an opinion on Grant's unfitness as a presidential candidate, which opinion was based on the remark

of Horace Greely, that Grant was neither a general nor a Statesman.

On page 2, of this issue, there appears an advertisement of the U. S. Mail State Line between Bryan and Crockett, containing the statement that there would be no night travel.

This issue also contains a reconstruction joke, as follows:

"The coming men—Grant and the tax collector."

There is also an advertisement of "THE BURNETT HOUSE, Mrs. M. J. Brown, proprietress."

THE QUIDNUNC.

Contemporary with the Crockett Sentinel, or perhaps just a little later, a paper was published in Crockett called "The Quidnunc" by Judge James R. Burnett. As no copy of this paper is available, we must content ourselves with the simple statement that such a paper was published soon after the Civil War.

THE HOUSTON COUNTY HERALD

Sometime between 1870 and 1880, a paper was published in Crockett, called The Houston County Herald, but no copy is available, and we can do nothing more than mention the bare facts that such a paper was published, and that it was distinctly democratic. It was ably edited and some of our most prominent citizens contributed both to its editorial matter and financial support.

THE CROCKETT PATRON

A paper by the name of The Crockett Patron was published in Crockett about 1880, and our recollection is that it was founded by E. A. Gause, and carried on later by Dr. P. W. Archer. No copy of this paper is available.

THE ECONOMIST

A paper by the name of The Economist was published in Crockett from about 1880 to 1890. It was probably established

by Professor G. J. Nunn, and later was published successively by Judge A. D. Lipscomb, Gause & Aldrich, Dabney White and by Albert Wortham, and discontinued publication while in his hands.

THE CROCKETT COURIER

The Crockett Courier was established by Honorable W. B. Page in January 1890. Giles M. Haltom being the publisher. It was first published under the name of The Crockett Weekly Courier. In an issue of this paper published under date of January 29, 1892, the Church Directory showed the following: Methodist, J. T. Dawson, pastor; Baptist, W. M. Gaddy, pastor; Presbyterian, S. F. Tenny, pastor. The Court Directory showed: Hon. F. A. Williams, district judge; W. H. McGill, district attorney; W. A. Champion, district clerk; W. A. Davis, county judge; John I. Moore, county attorney; A. J. C. Dunnam, county clerk; F. H. Bayne, sheriff; M. M. Baker, county treasurer; Charles Stokes, tax assessor; Charles Long, tax collector; Enoch Broxson, county surveyor. This issue contains an obituary of Captain John H. Wootters, and also one of W. P. Collins. As the Courier is now being published every week by its enterprising editor and proprietor, W. W. Aiken, and our readers are familiar with it, it needs no further mention here.

THE CROCKETT ENTERPRISE

The Crockett Enterprise was established in Crockett in 1896, by Tom M. Bowers, who had his office in the Stokes building, northwest corner of the public square. It was published for only a short time, when Col. Bowers returned to his former home in Henderson, Texas.

THE HOUSTON COUNTY TIMES

The Houston County Times was established February 16, 1906, by Gus Goolsby, who was owner and publisher until his death and was later carried on by his widow, until she married Thomas J. Welch, who published the paper until his death, and is now being published by his son, T. J. Welch, Jr.

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THE GRAPELAND MESSENGER

A splendid paper has been published for many years under the able management of A. H. Luker, who still carries on with one of the best county papers in Texas. Mr. Luker also published from his Grapeland office the Lovelady Enterprise, which is a creditable paper, and disclosed the fact that Editor Luker is a real newspaperman.

THE CROCKETT DEMOCRAT

The most recent publication established in Crockett is the Crockett Democrat, published by Henry J. Paul, and is a worthy competitor of other papers now being published in Houston County

All together Houston County has contributed her share of able newspapers and deserves high rank among all the counties of the State.