PLAIN DEALER.

Madisonville, Texas, May, 13, 1876.

G. W. LEAVERTON, - - - EDITOR.

To our Friends and Patrons.

We must have money to buy material with, or sit down and fold our arms and dream. The result of such idol dreams is hunger.

SMITH & DAWSON.

May, 13, 1876. tf.

Beautify your homes by planting flowers.

Persons desiring board by the day can be accommodated at Mrs. G. W. Leaverton's.

District Court commences on Monday, the 29th of this month.

Persons wishing to subscribe for the PLAINDEALER can do so with country produce.

Remember during court, that gentlemen can get their meals at Mrs. G. W. Leaverton's. The table will be supplied with the best that the market affords.

We have just received notice that on the 20th, we will have religious services conducted by that celebrated blind preacher, Rev. E. Haynes. Subject, "*is the devil a a personal being,*" and other incidents connected with his "Satanic Majesty," as taught in the sacred scriptures. We are sure it will be an interesting discourse, as Mr. Haynes is a man of abilit.

Mr. Thomson informs us that the long looked for pictures are being distributed to his customers. Mr. T. is a business man, and knows how to please the ladies. He has on hand a full supply of clocks, which he warrants to keep good time.

Last Tuesday there was one of the pleasantest as well as most successful fishing excursions we have ever known in our midst. It was composed of several ladies and gentlemen.

The ladies were Mrs. Cauthran, Mrs. McHenry, Mrs. Mahorner, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Bolling and our better half. The excursionists reported on their return, the capture of over one hundred of the finny tribe.

Those energetic and live merchants, Mess. R. C. & F. J. Westmoreland of our town, are daily expecting the arrival of a full line of hardware, cutlery and farmers materials. Consisting of nails, chains, bells rope, landsides and points for plows. Pocket and table cutlery, and many other articles for the benefit of their customers and the farming interest generally. They are also expecting to arrive a full line of the best western flour of all grades.

All of which they will offer to the trade at the lowest cash prices. They solicit the inspection of their goods by their customers and the public generally.

Mr. I. W. Williamson, who has been spending some time with his relatives in our town, was of great service to us while here. He spent much of his time with us in the office, and made himself very useful as well as ornamental. He is full of energy, and makes himself agreeable to all with whom he is associated. We did not know how much we should miss him, until we were deprived of his association. Trust he may do well and be happy in whatever position he may occupy in life.

On last Saturday, the long looked for safe for our county was received. It is a very large and fine safe, weighing five thousand pounds. Mr. N. H. Park, the champion teamster of this county, hauled it up, after having broken his wagon down with it two or three times. We think our citizens, as well as foreign land owners, may feel perfectly secured in the deposit of their valuable deeds and other documents for record and safe-keeping with our two Clerks, Messrs Viser and Mahorner. It is certainly a great acquisition to the county, and would be, even if we had a Court House ever so well constructed.

The fires may rage, and incendiaries rejoice, but the records and papers of our county will be safely kept now.

In reviewing the crop prospects of this county, as compared with other years. We must say that they are, in the main, very good. Some sections, however, are far in advance of others, in consequence, in some degree, to the difference in the character of soil, but mainly to the difference in the preperation and cultivation of it.

Some of our most enterprising farmers have so managed their crops, through the instrumentality of good preperation of the soil, early planting and first class cultivation, that they have nothing of which to complain. While others, and a very large number of them too, find it very difficult to get stands of cotton and corn, and what they have is small and unhealthy. The consequence is, they now find that the continued dry weather almost, and in some places entirely, precludes the possibility of stirring the ground at all.

What the ultimate consequences will be with this latter class of farmers depends entirely upon the character of the seasons, whether wet or dry in the next sixty days.

Success in farming, is like every other undertaking, depends upon the energy used and labor bestowed upon it.

We learn with regret, that our friend, and former partner of the *East Texas Herald*, Mr. W. W. Ledwith, one of the editors of the *Waxahachie Enterprise*, was thrown from his horse and killed.

It is truly a sad thing to hear of such occurrences. When we part with our most intimate friends of to-day, we know not that the sun will rise upon both of us to-morrow in a state of life and health. But such is the frailty of human existence.

The death of our esteemed friends, Mrs. Currie, daughter and son, all of Crockett, and of the family of Dr. Edward Currie of that place, with that fearful and loathsome disease, small pox, was reported to us a few days since. We were truly sorry to hear the sad news. Verily in the midst of life we are in death. The remainder of the family; with the Doctor, have our deepest sympathy.

Bryan Specials.

Dr. J. W. Hunter.

The attention of the citizens of Madison county is called to the advertisement of the mammoth dry goods house of the above named gentleman, in another column. Dr. Hunter is now in New York city purchasing and shipping all immense fall stock of merchandise, which is now daily arriving in Bryan on every train. The very low prices at which he purchased his goods, and the extreme low prices at which he sold them, secured for him the Grange trade last year, and for the same reasons, coupled with his fair and honest dealing, the Grangers have entered into a new contract with him for another year. Dr. Hunter having been formerly a citizen of this county, is too well known to the people to require further comment from us.

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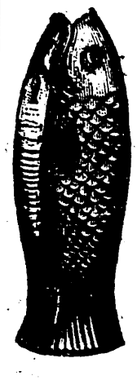

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