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## THE LAUDERDALE REPUBLICAN

These excerpts were taken from two spiral steno books Fred Edmiston extracted from viewing the micro film and actual copies of the Lauderdale Republican. Some of his research was used in the writing of "Lauderdale, Mississippi's Empire County". The best we can determine, Rea owned and operated the Lauderdale Republican during 1854 through 1856. We are not certain what newspaper published the letters of September 1858, concerning the dispute between Rea and Hall.

Many of the names mentioned in the text are recognizable names from Lauderdale County's past. Many were movers and shakers of the times while others merely crossed the stage of history and were not heard from again. William S Patton is one of the movers and shakers that was linked closely to the history of our county. Emanuel Alexander Durr and the Hancock Family are two others that come to mind as being influential in the early growth of the county and Marion. On a personal note, there are several Calhoun's mentioned, some with the same first names of my ancestors, however, none of my ancestors lived in Lauderdale County; they all lived in Clarke County, Alabama. A few of the names are obviously mis-spelled, most likely spelled by the writer as they sounded. I have not corrected much of the spelling through out the manuscript. There are several churches mentioned that still exist today.

This was a most pleasing project. Constantine Rea was certainly a man of his times. He moved in circles of influential men and was a builder rather than one who stood quietly on the sidelines and let the world pass by. He served in the Mississippi Legislature and was a delegate to the National Democratic Convention in Cincinnati, Ohio. His later life was that of a warrior, which duty he preformed quite well. As in his earlier life, one could never doubt where his loyalties lay. This is firmly stated in the "Introductory" when he became editor of the Republican: "we expect to advocate the Jeffersonian doctrine in toto and forever to give our feeble support for the defense and advancement of STATE RIGHTS doctrine."

Constantine Rea, now a Major in the Confederate Army, was seriously wounded commanding a battalion of sharpshooters at the Chattahoochie River Crossing, near Atlanta, on July 9, 1864. After amputation of his leg, Major Rea was returned to Marion where he died on September 14, 1864, and was buried in the Old Marion Cemetery, unmarked. On September 21, 1864, Colonel William Clark, Commander of the 46<sup>th</sup> Mississippi Infantry, Major Rea's immediate commander, wrote the Adjutant General in Richmond: "the deceased was a brave and gallant officer.....an officer worthy of distinction." On April 12, 2002, a marker was placed in the Old Marion Cemetery for the Editor of the Lauderdale Republican, "a brave and gallant officer."

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# THE LAUDERDALE REPUBLICAN

On February 7, 1854, Constantine Rea became the editor of the Republican and in that issue of the paper he wrote the following:

## Introductory

We assume the task with diffidence, being well aware of the great responsibility attending the exercise of that vocation. The politics of the paper will be purely Democratic. We expect to advocate the Jeffersonian doctrine in toto and forever to give our feeble support for the defense and advancement of State Rights doctrine. Considering it as we do, to be the very foundation upon which doth rest every principle of rational freedom. The Republican will support the Administration of Franklin Pierce, and endeavor to promote the harmony of the democratic party throughout the Union. With these designs we have undertaken (with many misgivings as to qualifications) the management of the editorial department of this paper, and we respectively solicit the patronage of our friends and the public generally. We intend to devote a sufficiency of time, exclusively to our paper, and will certainly do our best to make it a viable one in point of general literature. Towards the Press in general, we desire to maintain amicable and courteous relations, although we may differ widely in political sentiment from many of our contemporaries, yet we trust that we will always possess a sufficiency of the spirit of political toleration to enable us to advocate courteously, though firmly, the principles we espouse.

CON REA



## EXCERPTS FROM THE LAUDERDALE REPUBLICAN

January 3, 1854 - April 8, 1856

(From Fred Edmiston research)

### JANUARY 3, 1854

Senator Stephen Adams had introduced a bill in the U S Senate to grant right of way to Southern Railroad to make donation of land.

Rev W J House is selling his farm and leaving the county - regretted by the Republican.

Rev W J Richardson had a female academy advertisement in the paper.

Gen. W S Patton ran unsuccessfully against Col. Monroe for state senator to fill the vacancy of Col. Hussey. Patton was a Whig. The paper did not rejoice over the defeat of Patton, but over the success of our principles, and said: " the general is a most estimable clever gentleman, and so is Monroe; and while a good man and senator has been elected, we can truly say a good fellow has been beaten."

	<u>Election returns</u>	
	<u>Patton</u>	<u>Monroe</u>
Marion	131	129
Alamucha	24	79
Lauderdale Spgs	85	57
Tuckers	2	30
Chunkyville	61	50
Sageville	30	16
Daleville	64	51
Sookalena	13	26
Whynot	40	37

J M Richardson began a Female College in Marion on the first Monday in January 1854, to continue for 2 sessions, 5 months each. Rates of tuition: spelling, reading, writing, arithmetic, grammar at \$2 per month; geography, history, rhetoric, philosophy, higher math at \$2.50; Latin and Greek at \$2.50. Special attention to vocal music taught to all free. To have a teacher of instrumental music as soon as numbers warrant. Richardson did not plan to remain in teaching but only to get such a school on a firm basis said: "Scarcity of means and diversity of feelings have perhaps had some influence in rendering ineffectual all previous efforts, but the subscriber hopes that the plan which he has of his own choice adopted, will \_\_\_ many, if not all previous difficulties." He would devote half the proceeds to the erection of an

academy and half to building a Presbyterian Church. The academy is to be religious "in influence" but non-sectarian. After building is completed, the patrons may hire any instructors they like, except they may not make it sectarian. "Our village will soon have all the advantages that railroads can afford, and it may be confidently stated that there is not a location in the State where the general health is better; nor is there a locations where a larger patronage can be secured for a female school, if the proper interest is taken."

Harper and Bain, makers and repairers of carriages, wagons, wheelbarrows, and railroad carts.

William Dearman, Lauderdale springs, sells men's clothing and saddles, hardware, and gen. Merchandise.

The following towns were listed on the tax collector's notice: White's Store, Old Town (Alamucha ?) Lauderdale Springs, Daleville, Sageville, Chunkyville, Sookalena.

Ragland & Company sells musical goods and cutlery, violins and pocket knives - also books, paper, ink, & other writing equipment also, chemicals, medicines, paints, & also liquors, tobacco, medicines.

Dr A. Westbrook, physician and surgeon, office on the east side of public square, Marion.

Patton & McGrew ad: (ran hotel and spa at Lauderdale Springs) Hope that "their old friends, customers, and the public generally, will pay them a visit during the season." A livery stable connected and hacks, buggies & horses to be had.

R M McElroy has a steam saw and grist mill  $3 \frac{1}{2}$  miles west of Marion. Mr James T Mason is the mill superintendent.

Moore & Walker ad: Hiring of 20 to 30 Negroes to work on the M & O RR, section 133. Apply at Enterprise and (some other place not readable)

Ragland & Co bought out old firm of S. Evans & Co, druggists in Marion.

W W Devault had located in Marion. The shop is in back room of D and I Rosenbaum's store.

D U Ford, physician and surgeon, office is located on the east side of the public square in Marion.

Ad: Trustee's of the Male Academy in Marion are advertising for a teacher. L B Bain, President.

Benjamin F Parker is Circuit Clerk of Lauderdale County.

Evans & Campbell, Attorneys in Marion.

**JANUARY 17, 1854**

Letter: Jan 3, 1854, Jackson, Miss, entitled "Editorial Correspondence"

I reached Jackson on the morning of the 1<sup>st</sup> instant most decidedly "a used up man." The recollections of my stage ride from Daleville to Brandon is almost enough to give one the "horrors." The cold, blighting winds, and the chilling, nipping frost, together with the beating and banging against the sides of the open box which I received without mercy, made me heartily curse the heartless contractors of this line, and determine to warn "all the world and the rest of mankind" never to pay ten cents a mile to be frozen, or to have their brains beat out, as long as they have horses, buggies, or fee to walk."

G C Chandler

(he was going over to report on the opening of the state legislature-he indicated that he was the editor of the Republican)

Ad: A J Crawford, dentist, office in Marion, east side of public square.

Hugh Berry cautioned the public against accepting notes payable to F Y Townsend since the property was defective for which he had paid the notes.

Ad: S A Wilkins, in Whynot, was the agent for W S Ragland. Noted that Ragland's co-partnership with White was dissolved as of November 11, 1853.

The splendid new passenger steamer Eliza Battle, advertised as leaving Mobile every Tuesday evening at 5pm, reached Demopolis at 5 pm Wednesday and Jones Bluff on Wednesday night, arrived at Warsaw at 8 am Thursday. Returned to Mobile by Saturday night.

J B Hancock, Lauderdale Probate Judge, W L Lasley, Clerk. A W Gallaspy was administrator of Will of John Perry, deceased.

W J House offered land for sale in NW section of county, about 14 miles from M & O, 2 miles from Davis Mills - 575 acres.

Smith & Andrews store in Marion sold clothes, leather goods, headgear, hardware.

Gaston Institute in Gaston (unknown location) L Gould, Principal, T A Lilly, Principal of Male Dept., Mrs L Gould, teacher of music. The 4<sup>th</sup> session had begun in Sept 1853. P S DeLamar was Secretary of the Board of Trustees. Taught Primary Dept, Preparation Dept, Collegiate Dept, Instrumental music, embroidery, drawing, painting, or waxworks.

Martha Brown, widow of William Brown, filed a request with Probate for writ of dower of husband's real estate. John H Brown was administrator of the deceased's will.

Ad: Dr A. Westbrook, physician and surgeon, was on the east side of the public square in Marion.

Ad: J Lowry offered a second hand buggy for sale.

Ad: G B Stiles, in Chunkyville, offered fruit trees for sale.

L B Hancock, surviving partner of late firm of Hancock & Adair, warned public to settle all accounts only with him.

Announcement: Benjamin F Parke was Circuit Clerk for Lauderdale County. John Watts was Judge of the 4<sup>th</sup> judicial District of Mississippi.

Wm. Stirling announced that he was Administrator of the Estate of Anthony D Hunter.

S A Griffith and Sarah E Hussey announced that they were the administrators of the estate of Edward G Hussey.

Announcement: Evans & Daniels, Attorneys

Announcement: George Wood & G C Chandler, of Woods & Chandler, Attorneys, Marion.

**JANUARY 24, 1854** (shows Rea & Henderson, proprietors, G C Chandler, editor)

Mr Lowry, President of Board of School Commissioners, stated that "school fund will be distributed on first Monday in February. All teachers not having been examined would do well to come up for examination on that day."

Boutwell & White, druggist, had just purchased the drug store of Ragland & Co. Other items such as books, stationary, glassware, paints, dyes. Dr J M White had just recently purchased W S Ragland.

Announcement: "We call the attention of builders to the advertisement of letting out the building of Alamucha Academy. We are glad to see our friends of Alamucha in the spirit of improvement. The neighborhood possesses every advantage for the erection and support of permanent schools, its advantages can not be surpassed by any other locality, either in the State or out of it, and we predict that the institution, when established, will be inferior to none in this section of the country. Success to Alamucha." (Add: Notice to builders, carpenters, & etc: Will be let to the lowest builder at Alamucha, on Saturday the 28<sup>th</sup> of January, inst., the building of Alamucha Academy. Signed by Bldg Committee: D. Cameron, F P Bower, J P Welch, E Sage, E E Pack.

Editorial: (Rea) Described Lauderdale County's pristine loveliness and healthfulness - "fertile soil" - "merry song of the darkey" - "sound of the sickle" - "etc". But new currents and change. "Two great railroads are about traversing our county, and when completed — who can predict the destiny of Lauderdale ? "Land which three years ago could not be sold for any price whatever, will now bring Ten dollars per acre, and good lands near the railroads now sell for twenty dollars an acre. Our own little town feels the impetus, Marion is becoming a city ! Will you believe it ? Or will you remain obstinately blind to the conviction until the truth bursts your benighted vision with all its glorious churches, splendid architecture, crowded streets, and other appendages of a great city."

"But do you know that fifteen new citizens moved into Marion last week ? We are creditably informed that such is the fact."

"Our eloquent and learned Parson Richardson, of the Presbyterian church, has succeeded by his indefatigable exertions, in establishing a Female Seminary of the first class. He is to be aided in his labors by Miss Woods, an instructress of profound ability and great experience. The Parson will no doubt will be able to make it a permanent institution. He is to expend the whole of his earnings in beautifying our town by building a church and academy. Truly he deserves the thanks of the community. Unfortunately for the world, philanthropists like him are rather scarce in this degenerate age. Mr Rainey is about erecting a superb hotel, which will add not a little to the appearance of Marion; we are also to have two extensive saddle factories, and a new family grocery establishment, besides a carriage factory, silver-smith and watchmaking concern, and a host of minor improvements, and apropos, the printing establishment of your humble servants, Rea & Henderson, who will, if favored by an intelligent and generous public, endeavors to keep the Republican in the van of progress. We wish to enlarge our paper, that the literature of this county may not be behind the march of improvements."

Ad: Con. Rea, attorney.

Ad: Lauderdale Springs Lottery. Holders of tickets will be reimbursed since lottery would not be drawn. Agents were I. Canterbury and W P Hobbs.

**JANUARY 31, 1854** (Rea & Henderson, proprietors. G C Chandler, editor)

Notice: Miss Woods has arrived in Marion to be assistant to Dr J M Richardson at Marion Female Institute.

Announcement: "We are informed by W P Lasley, Esquire, our obliging clerk of probate, that thirty licences have been issued from his office since the 10<sup>th</sup> of November, last. This is making a sad inroad upon batchelordom. Will no charitable young lady take this ally of cupid, this dispenser of Hymen's joys to herself and put a period at once, to his joyless, and miserable batchelorship — for his lot is surely hard like tantalus the cup of joy is before him, yet he partakes not."

Question for readers: Wondered whether anyone would undertake to start a library for Marion.

Ad: E A Durr has dry goods, hardware & grocery store.

Weddings: William Allen to Miss Sarah McLemore on January 27, 1854, by C W Henderson. Mr Z C Caithwright to miss Ellen hunter, by W V White, on January 21. Henry draper to miss Mary Wilkinsone, by Samuel Simmons, on Jan. 26. Thomas W Garrett to Miss Caroline Drury, by Robert McKenley, on Jan. 26. James Benson to miss Mary J Henderson, by W V White, on Jan. 8.

**FEBRUARY 7, 1854** (Rea & Henderson, proprietors, Con. Rea, editor)

In this issue, Constantine Rea wrote the Introductory to the paper, assuming the position of Editor. This document is reproduced elsewhere in these papers. What follows is an editorial concerning the Lauderdale Republican.

"Our Paper"

The many changes that have taken place in the proprietorship of the paper is the most potent reason why its support has been limited to eight hundred or a thousand subscribers, though it politics have ever remained democratic. Such being the fact, it recommends itself to the favorable consideration, and certainly merits the support of the democratic party....The facilities which we now have, and are to have, which are necessary for the accomplishment of these designs, are not surpassed by any other county in the State. Continuing, Rea said that "no part of East Mississippi was as able as was Lauderdale County in assisting such an undertaking - we are soon to be the recipient fo the benefits of the great thoroughfares, which will cross each other at right angles, within a few miles of this place, thereby

increasing our mail facilities to such an extent that we can present our readers weekly, with the latest intelligence. . . "

Valedictory

(by Green C Chandler dated Jan. 21, 1854, from Jackson)

"With this number, my connection with the Lauderdale Republican forever terminates. I took charge of the editorial department of the paper a few weeks ago, solely with a view to the special and temporary accommodation of the worthy gentlemen who were then proprietors, and with no intention of following the newspaper business. The gentlemen who succeed me, the present proprietors of the paper, being adequate to the task of editing, a necessity no longer exists for my services, and I gladly retire to devote my whole attention to the practice of my profession. Those editors who have had the kindness to notice my connection with the Republican in complimentary terms will be pleased to accept my warmest thanks."

Con. Rea follows with his "Introductory" (the first page of this manuscript)

Railroad News: Thomas A Marshall, President of Southern Railroad, had just returned from a trip north and reports that the contract for extending the Railroad from Brandon to the Alabama line had been taken "by a very wealthy and energetic company in the north" with work to begin soon. Work to be completed and road turned over to the Southern Railroad by July 1, 1856. (The editor noted scepticism on the subject of the Southern Railroad's speedy completion. "All that has been given to the public to inspire belief in the success of the road, is exactly after the order of certain large and respectable political meetings often held in different countries, where there are only a President, Secretary, and one to offer resolutions. All we now have is that an energetic and wealthy company, one that controls the politics of Pennsylvania, etc, have taken the contract for building the road, and are to complete it within two and one-half years, and upon terms favorable to the stockholders, and that will entitle the engineer and President to the eternal gratitude of every man, woman and child (born and unborn), in the city of Vicksburg and feather somebody's nest for life. There ought to be nothing secret about this matter. Why not give all the facts to those interested in the subject, give light to those seeking it; publish to them what has been done and with whom it has been done, and away with this silence and mystery ? - from Vicksburg Sentinel

## **FEBRUARY 14, 1854**

Ad: Alex. Ferguson of Marion has land for sale in Mobile.

Ad: E A Durr, of Marion, announced his having entered into co-partnership "to continue" the mercantile business, and all those with outstanding debts to settle with C W Henderson.

Lauderdale County Ranger, W G Calhoun, notified the public of stray horses.

W G Calhoun (County Ranger) proposed to begin an "Intelligence Office" to carry ads from the public similar to a modern want ad service. Specifically mentioned real estate, Negroes, horses, mules, wagons, watches, guns, cattle, fodder, employment. These would be advertised in the Lauderdale Republican for 3 successive issues "unless sooner disposed of."

Announcement: C E Rushing is the agent in Marion for the Miss. Mutual Insurance Co. Of Aberdeen, Miss.

Ad: A J Crawford, dental surgeon, office is on the east side of the public square, Marion.

### **FEBRUARY 21, 1854**

Green C Chandler was representing Lauderdale County in the House of Representatives in Jackson. (A speech was quoted in full)

It was noted by the Republican that there was no manufacturer of bricks in Marion and predicted a profitable business to anyone who would begin to make them.

Still no Male School in Marion - Trustees of Marion Male Academy has yet no takers on an ad for someone qualified to take charge of such a school. The Rev Mr Richardson's Female Institute was doing quite well, even though it had been going only a few weeks. Had almost 50 pupils and was growing so that he contemplated hiring more help. We see daily a large number of little boys frolicking about the streets, and, lamentable to tell, sometimes indulging in a course that never brings any good to its pursuers, because of the absence of a school at which they could be trained for usefulness and fitted for the various responsibilities that ere long will rest upon them. We hope to see a school for males soon established.

Notice: Wm. H Plummer, of Lauderdale Springs, was selling his house and 8  $\frac{1}{2}$  acres in Lauderdale Springs, and 40 acres of land under cultivation near Lauderdale Springs.

### **FEBRUARY 28, 1854**

The M & O was finished up to Citronelle. "We will look forward to the happy time when we can avail ourselves of the great advantages extended to us by this enterprise, as not being far distant, when we can reach the city of Mobile by railroad, and be no longer skinned by swindling steamboats. We believe the road would reach Buckatunna River this year."

Notice: John H Blanks died at the residence of his father in the county - He was born in Monroe County, Alabama, on March 4, 1821, and lived there 3 years. Then to Greene County until 1836 and came that year to Lauderdale County. Stayed 9 years, then moved to Quitman for 2 years, and back to Lauderdale where he died on December 19, 1853. In 1841 he married Miss Margaret Jane Parker, joined Masonic Lodge No. 62 in Marion, in April 1849. Licenced for law in 1844 and followed profession for 2 years. Then became sick.

Notice: Wm. S Patton was H P of the Masonic Lodge of Lauderdale Springs, C C Miller was secretary.

Announcement: Jo. Lowry, Marion, announced receipt of a new shipment of men's clothing.

Notice: Estate of Etheldred Owens to be probated.

### **MARCH 7, 1854**

An article announced that the Southern railroad was reportedly planning to survey a new route which would go through the northern part of the county. People were disturbed who had supported the original survey, especially those whose land would be near the railroad.

Announcement: W P Evans, Marion, attorney.

The Eagle Tin Shop was established in Marion by James A Radcliffe, opposite Semmes Blacksmith Shop on the east side of the public square.

Notice: In Lauderdale Springs, W P Hobbs ran the Railroad and Farmers Blacksmith and Wood Shop. Hobbs had been extensively engaged in blacksmith business in Lauderdale Springs for 10 years.

Ad: William J Hearn, who lived  $1 \frac{1}{2}$  miles east of Alamucha Old Town on the Gaston road, advertised a lost horse.

### **MARCH 14, 1854**

Notice: A daguerrean artist has taken rooms over Col. Holden's store on the northeast corner of the public square.

MARCH 21, 1854

Act of state legislature authorizing County Board of School Commissioners to sell school lands donated by Congress and which were still not sold.

Ad: D M Runnels, Marion, had ad threatening to sue all who owed him.

Notice: C W Matthews had 360 acres of land for sale, "lying on the Oktibbeha creek, ten miles Southwest of Marion, near the line of the Mobile and Ohio Railroad, and immediately on the line of the Southern Railroad, 150 acres in cultivation."

Ad: W P Evans, attorney.

Ad: B V Hartupée was making daguerreotypes and would be in Marion only a short time longer - in Col. Holden's store, NE corner of public square.

A W Gillespie, executor of the estate of John Perry, deceased, advertised in accord with probate order, the following land: SE quarter of SE quarter of section 16, township 7 of range 15 east — about 40 acres.

Following lands of Joseph Raspberry, deceased, advertised by estate administrator, Peter G Hughes:

<u>Des.</u>	<u>section</u>	<u>township</u>	<u>range</u>
E. Half of NW quarter	31	8	15
SW quarter of NW quarter	36	8	14
NE quarter of NW quarter	36	8	14
SE quarter of (no id written)	36	8	14
SW quarter of SW quarter	36	8	14
SE quarter of NW quarter	36	8	14
East half of SW quarter	36	8	14

Sarah Bullard, administrator (and wife) of the estate of Alexander Bullard, advertised the following lands:

<u>Des.</u>	<u>section</u>	<u>township</u>	<u>range</u>
West half of SW quarter	3	5	15
East half of SE quarter	3	5	15
west half of NE quarter	3	5	15
NW quarter of NW quarter	3	5	15

Archibald White had "Guardian's notice" for his guardianship of Caroline V Farish, Lavinia A Farish, and Martha J Farish — all heirs of Eliza P Farish, deceased.

Ad: E A Durr & Co., dry goods, cutlery, drugs, etc., SW corner of public square.

### **MARCH 28, 1854**

Article: Messrs. Harper and Bains, who had been the owners of the Lauderdale Republican, had brought suit against those who owed for ads and subscriptions to the paper. Present owners, who had taken over the paper "about the first of January" and regretted the "small" action and said it was hurting present owners.

Card of Dr J P Welch, Alamucha, disclaiming any malice in testimony in the case of E Sage vs. J T Law. Below the card was a notice signed by J T Law apologizing for any harm said against Dr Welch.

Notice: Benj. F Parke, Marion, had an auction and commission house.

E Holden, C W Henderson, and Wm Cheers were appointed commissioners by Probate Court in the estate of Etheldred Owens. Notice was to Nancy Waltman Hansford Owens, Moses Owens, Harriett Richardson, Mary Rodgers, Henry Owens, & Wm. Owens.

### **APRIL 4, 1854**

The Marion Female Academy was doing well. Had 60 to 70 pupils. Rev J M Richardson assisted by Mrs Pauline Hughes and Miss Mary E Wood.

April 11, 1854

Ad: J E Knott, of Alamucha, for planters and dress goods (Hats, Negroes, brogans, silks, alpacas, etc.) Also household goods.

Notice: Dr Wm. H James, "having permanently located myself near Black's Bluff (?) Advertised his "professional services". Another article noted that he had just finished his collegiate course.

Robinson and Eldred's Circus and Menagerie to exhibit "their large collection of wild animals in Marion on May 4.

Another ad for contractors which seems to show said Republican, that building Southern Railroad was "in earnest."

The well know "watering place", Lauderdale Springs, soon to be opened for reception of visitors. Mr B B Smith in charge. Republican recommends the springs as possessing superior medicinal virtues. Mr Smith was an old caterer.

Married at the residence of James Dunlap by Rev P Wood on the 6 of April Andrew J Miller to miss Sarah E Dunlap, all of this county. On 9<sup>th</sup> of April at the home of Dr H R Wilson, Mr George Westbrook to Miss Mary Adkins, both of Marion.

A cotillion party is to be given at the "Mansion House" on the evening of 18 April — H H Raney, proprietor. Managers: Col. E Holden, W M Hancock, Capt. W J Daniel, Dr J M White, Dr D U Ford, Hon. G C Chandler, Hon. S Evans, Con. Rea, Col. W P Lasley.

Sands & Lent Menagerie, Circus, & Hippodrome of Robinson and Eldred "Yearly Jubilee" In Marion on May 4, Daleville on May 3, Sageville on May 5. Have elephant, camel, collection of rare living monsters, & etc. Admission 50 cents adults, 25 cents children and servants.

Notice: Persons warned by M & O Railroad against cutting timber on right of way granted by congress — to wit: the even sections within six miles of said railroad tract, and the odd sections out of six miles, and within fifteen miles.

Ad: A likely Negro fellow, about 35, handy with tools, industrious, faithful, could be purchased "as low as the market will justify." Apply to W G Calhoun, Marion.

Notice: Mr Robert Johnson will run a "first rate" stage line to and from Lauderdale Springs to meet steamboats at Moscow Landing.

For sale: W G Calhoun, Marion, had for sale 80 acres, 5 miles west of Marion. Apply to A J Burlington on premises or to W G Calhoun in Marion.

#### **APRIL 18, 1854**

W M Hancock wrote a letter to the Republican about the Cotillion Party. He stated that all names listed has Dr. or Col. Or Capt. Or Hon. Before it except Hancock and Rea who were called \_\_\_\_\_, Esq. "Being a private citizen, my name looks unique and obtrusive, appearing among the names of these of such honorary titles, professional, civil and military (although the tenure thereto, by some of them, is questionable) therefore, I decline serving as a manager."

#### **APRIL 25, 1854**

A considerable body of Choctaws passed through this place on Thursday last, under the care of the Government agent, Mr Bridges, on their way to Indian Territory. They seemed to show no regret at leaving their homes.

Harper & Bains, former owners of the Republican, continued to take Rea and Henderson to task for statements made in the Republican. Harper & Bains had attacked the Republican in columns of the Eastern Clarion and Rea had responded with half a column of bitter sarcasm, calling them "base, wretched calumniators" and referring to their malicious aspersions.

#### **MAY 2, 1854**

The M & O had nearly reached the borders of this state. They were 15 miles beyond Citronelle." Soon the iron horse will appear among us to the great astonishment of old Fogies — making a new era in the history of East Mississippi."

Notice: J Lowry, President of the Board of School Commissioners announced the sale on June 12 of school lands still not sold to private owners — or parts of them — this would be all sixteenth section in the county or parts of them.

#### **MAY 9, 1854**

Notice: Lamb & Turner, saddle and harness manufactory, Marion.

The male school had finally been gotten up in this place, under the direction of Mr J M Richardson who also headed the female School. School opened on Monday, May 1. Assistant

was a Mr Newton, son of Dr A Newton of Hinds County. Mr Newton was a clergyman. The School would close in a few weeks for summer. Board can be secured for \$5 per month.

When the circus was leaving Marion and was about a mile from Marion, while descending a hill, the wheel of a circus wagon hit a stump which threw the driver forward so that the wheel rolled over him. He died the following day at Sageville.

Attending the late circus was a larger crowd than the Republican had ever seen in Marion — The exhibitions fell far short of their show-bills. Their collection of animals was very inferior.....the clown was a dry old chap without originality, repeating old worn out sentences away in the rear of the times.....Contrary to representations of their conduct through Georgia and Alabama, their general behavior here was good, though perhaps attributable more to circumstances than innate virtue. They are very successful in picking up the dimes, for their collateral penny catch-mongers are as numerous as they are ridiculous and contemptible. As it is so seldom circus companies the country there are few persons who would not feel recompensed by the novelty of the most inferior exhibitions, and no doubt this circumstance is calculated, whereby they can fall short of their advertisements with impunity.

The dispute between Con. Rea and Harper and Bains was settled amicably and notice signed by D U Ford, W P Lasley, Benj F Parke, D C Smith, and W M Hancock.

#### MAY 16, 1854

A G Horn offered the Quitman Intelligencer for sale. It offered an opportunity to stir up the cold embers of whiggery in the very heart of a democratic community said the Republican with good humor.

Marion had: 6 dry good stores, one drug store, one provision store, two tan yards (and connected with each a shoe and boot shop), two shops for saddles and harnesses, three taverns, two blacksmith shops, one carriage and wagon shop, one male academy, one female academy, three law offices, two physician's offices. On one side of town the M & O Railroad was to pass within 2 miles and on the other side the Southern was to pass with 3/4 of a mile — we see no reason why Marion will not, in a short time, become the most important town in East Mississippi.

Marriages: Married on May 15 by Mr W V White, Mr Andrew S Bradley to Miss Martha Brown. Also on May 15 by the same official, Mr James O Buckler to Miss Mary Ellen Moore. All four persons of Lauderdale County.

Richard Moore, administrator of the estate of Charles Moore, advertised the following lands to be sold:

<u>Des.</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>township</u>	<u>range</u>
East $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE 1/4	15	8	17
W. $\frac{1}{2}$ of E 1/4	15	8	17
E. $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE 1/4	21	8	17
W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW 1/4	22	8	17
NE $\frac{1}{2}$ of -----	22	8	17
NE 1/4 of ____	15	8	17
NW 1/4 of _____	15	8	17

**MAY 23, 1854**

The paper discussed the mineral resources of Lauderdale County. Dr Moody of Alamucha had shown the newspaper owners a rich specimen of galena from his farm. He said it was nearly 90% of lead ore and that many such specimens were to be found on the surface. The paper concluded from the large number of mineral springs in the county that there must be rich mineral deposits. The paper noted that 2 or 3 years before rich specimens of lead ore was found near Lauderdale Springs. Also the paper noted that beds of coal exist on almost every creek in exhaustible quantities. About two years before Mr J Yarrell showed the paper's owners a small piece of virgin silver which he had found in a well at Mr Huggin's Church. Several old settlers of this county have informed us that the Indians say that silver exists in large quantities in the county, to which they have always resorted to procure silver for their ornaments, etc., positively refusing to reveal the secret which they say has been handed down from father to son through many successive generations.

Article: A letter signed "Poor Robert" castigated young men firing off guns or pistols about the streets. They disturbed young ladies at school receiving an education, also objected to guns being fired on Sunday.

**MAY 30, 1854**

Marion had a storm on May 16. Considerable damage occurred. Dr Ford's place was so badly damaged that it was razed to be re-built. The kitchen of Mr Lowry's house destroyed.

A red oak tree on Mr Charles Hitt's land near Alamucha measured 37 feet in circumference. It had a hallow large enough for a small bed room.

## **JUNE 6, 1854**

Sale of school lands: Section 16 of the following: Townships 6, 7, and 8, of Range 14E; Township 6 of Range 15; Township 5 of Range 16; Township 5 of 17; Township 5 of Range 18.  
Ad: Messrs. Lucy & Evans, dry goods, Alamucha.

The Republican complained of the lack of an adequate county jail — mentioned the “miserable shanty now known by that name” — i.e Jail. “We know that such a thing (as a jail) is scarcely ever needed in a county like this, where crime is almost unknown, yet still we should have a good jail merely for the looks of the thing, if nothing else.” The prisoners were taken to the jail at Decatur.

Notice: J B Hancock was the manager of the Marion Drug Store of Boutwell & White.

## **JUNE 20, 1854**

The M & O Railroad had gotten into Mississippi within 60 miles of Marion. “Look out for the iron horse, he will soon be here, and will probably carry off the growing crop of this county — a shipment of cotton has been made on this road in this state, it arrived safely in Mobile, being the first load of cotton ever received by the railroad on the gulf coast.”

Letter from Alfred Spinks to the Republican: Mormon Island, California, April 25, 1864  
Mentioned in the letter that the railroad soon would be in the county.

Notice: Warren, son of J P and M S Welch died at his parents home in Alamucha on June 19, 1854. He was born in Sandersville, Ga on April 16, 1845. Dr James E Knott attended him in his last illness and wrote the obituary.

The Probate Court advertised for sale the land of the late Joseph Raspberry, Peter G Hughes, estate administrator. For sale was the NE 1/4, section 31, township 8, range 15E.

Ad: Wm M Hancock, attorney, Marion.

The following school land was for sale:

<u>Des.</u>	<u>Sec.</u>	<u>Ts.</u>	<u>Range</u>
E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW 1/4	16	7	15
W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE 1/4	16	7	16
E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW 1/4	16	7	16
SE 1/4 of ____	16	7	16
NW 1/4 of ____	16	7	16
E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW 1/4	16	7	18
W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW 1/4	16	7	18
E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE 1/4	16	7	18
S $\frac{1}{2}$ of ____	16	8	18

### JUNE 27, 1854

W P Hobbs had "largest and most extensive blacksmith and wood shop in the county.

Messrs Ulrick and Adams of Mobile owned the spa at Lauderdale Springs. Mr B B Smith was superintendent. The town had 5 dry good stores, two groceries, two hotels, a bowling and billiard saloon, and two blacksmith shops.

A party of Alabama engineers had just finished surveying the uncomplete section of the Southern railroad and decided that Moscow Landing was the proper place to cross the Tombigbee.

### JULY 4, 1854

Captain S Griffith and Mr Riddlespurger of the county had just returned from Brandon where they were able to get a contract on the Southern Railroad. "We hope others will soon follow the Lauderdale example set by these gentlemen.....and we hope that at least that portion of it which lies in this county will be built by our citizens."

The difficulty between Dr John W White and Con. Rea had been "amicably" and honorably settled. The notice was signed by J R McLaurin, E A Durr, and C W Henderson.

Notice: J B Ramsey in Daleville had 1500 acres of land for sale in Western Alabama.

### JULY 18, 1854

Quoted from Georgia Magazine an article about Sam Dale's canoe fight.

A meeting of the New Prospect Baptist Church, Lauderdale County, will be held near John Tinnin's former residence beginning on Saturday before the 5<sup>th</sup> Sabbath of July.

Mr Calhoun had a shoe shop.

Article: Mistake corrected in previous article that Sam Dale moved to Lauderdale County Ala. Also added was "His funeral was celebrated a few years ago according to ancient usages by the Masonic Fraternity of which he was a worthy member." The half breed Caesar who had been in the canoe fight, reportedly "we are informed" is still living and nominally belongs to Mr White of this county, who allows him all the privileges of a free man, requiring of him no labor whatsoever. So the fable old hero has nothing to do but to enjoy himself by fighting his battles over again, which is his chief delight."

Notice for the apprehension of James T Cunningham, from California, who had resided in Lauderdale Springs for 8 or 9 months. He became indebted to several persons and absconded. The notice was signed by the following Lauderdale Springs people: James E Patton, W A Kennedy, Jas M Matthews, Wm Dearman, J R M Larkins, W R Dennis, Wm PO Hobbs, John M Silliman, and B King.

Arthur Tolbert cautioned persons against trading for certain currencies given by him to one James H Walton and which Tolbert had signed as principal and Wm J Brown as security.

The estate of Jacob B Worthington, deceased, to be probated, Samuel Worthington, one of the executors.

### AUGUST 8, 1854

There will be a protracted meeting at the Zion Hill Baptist Church in the county on Friday before the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in September. The notice was signed by H M Wilkinson, moderator and R P Dollar, clerk.

There will be a camp meeting at the camp-ground five miles NW of Marion, beginning on Friday, Oct 18.

Notice: The partnership between W L Mayfield and Geo. Westbrook was dissolved by mutual consent.

Notice: Mr H H Raney was the proprietor of the Mansion House in Marion.

The schools had begun the fall session on Monday last. Under the direction of Rev J M Richardson, assisted by Miss Woods and Mrs Hughes in the female department, and Mr A B Newton in the male department.

The Mansion House was long established. It was still open for the accommodation of boarders, travelers and transient visitors. It had just been renovated.

A. Ferguson had a collection agency in Marion.

### **AUGUST 15 1854**

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### **AUGUST 22, 1854**

"Our Circuit Court commences at this place on Monday next, of course everybody will be here, and we hope nobody will forget the Republican, we need one hundred new subscribers and we intend to get them if possible during court week. We need them and we must have them ! Would our friends assist us to get them ? There are nearly five hundred voters in this county who do not take a newspaper, while the last census shows that 200 male adults are unable to read: this looks bad, sounds bad, and is bad — assist us our friends, to bring about a new order of things ! Let the people of the "empire county", ably sustain a newspaper, and then, in the language of scripture, "all things else will be added unto them."

"In a county like this, respectable for its wealth and literacy attainments, the people should be solicitous for the prosperity of the only newspaper published within its borders. They should all do something for its support, by at least becoming subscribers, and thereby furnishing material aid to our enterprise, which adds respectability to the county, encourages the growth of literature, and is of incalculable advantage to every man in the community in which it circulates. Are the people willing to see Lauderdale County without a newspaper ? If they are not, let them now do something for its support. We wish to buy a new press and enlarge the paper — to do this we must have more subscribers. Who will help us to publish a paper large as any in the State ?"

On last Sunday week, near Oxford, in this county, a recoutre (editor's note-this word means a hostile meeting or contest) took place between Mr Joseph Eakin and Mr James Miller, in which the latter received a severe wound in the thigh. The parties had been at variances some time, and were mounted during the fray. Miller began the attack by spurring his horse, which was a spirited one, on his antagonist, striking him at the same time with a stick. Eakin then drew a repeater and fired at him, the ball taking effect as stated. Both parties are promising and respectable young men, and we deplore the unfortunate circumstances which

may have brought about this sad affair. We understand that Mr Miller's wound is not considered dangerous by his physicians.

**AUGUST 29, 1854**

"Ladies Fair" to be held in the Court House on September 22. Proceeds to go towards building a Presbyterian Church.

Mr William Owens was stabbed in the cheek near Meridian, in this county, on Thursday last. The wound is a severe one, though not mortal. We know nothing as to the particulars.

A new Post Office had been established at the store of Mr Charles Rawson, 6 miles east of Marion, called Rawsonville. Had long been needed in that locality. "Charley is a good fellow in every sense of the word., and will, without doubt, make an excellent postmaster."

Mr P Brady, the Mobile deguerreatyper, was in Marion, at his old quarters, in the Temperance Saloon, taking pictures.

The Probate Court ordered the sale of the following lands, belonging to the estate of the late Charles Moore, Richard Moore, administrator:

<u>Des.</u>	<u>Sec.</u>	<u>Ts.</u>	<u>Rqe.</u>
NW 1/4	15	8	17
W 1/2 of SE 1/4	15	8	17
NE 1/4 of	22	8	17
W 1/2 of NW 1/4	22	8	17
E 1/2 of NE 1/4	21	8	17

Note: Mr Brady, the photographer, was Mr P Brady.

The estate of the late William Walton is in probate. Petitioners were Thomas W Burkhalter, and wife, Levina, and Benjamin Smith and wife, Rebecca Ann. The notice of petition was addressed to Eliz. Jane Minor, Silvia M Minor, and Amanda Minor, heir of Silvia Minor, and to their guardian, Corneluis Minor.

Probate notice to all interested, of sale of lands of the late Henry Bishop, by Ransom McElroy, administrator, of the following land: NE 1/4 of Sec. 7, T 8, R 18; W 1/2 of NW 1/4 of sec 8, T 8, R 18.

Probate notice to Margaret Wooten, James Snowden, and others interested, to answer petition of Harvey E Snowden, administrator of the estate of James Snowden, deceased, the

following lands: Lots 10, 11, 14, and 19, and S  $\frac{1}{2}$  of W  $\frac{1}{2}$  of SW 1/4 of sec 4, T 8, R 16; E  $\frac{1}{2}$  of NW 1/4 and NE 1/4 of sec 9, T 8, R 15.

Probate notice to Hiram K Spear and wife, Mary Ann, and Sarah Brown, and others interested, to answer the petition of John Brown and Robert Brown, administrators of the estate of the late George Brown.

Ad: Dated August 1, W W Welch had opened in Marion the Planters and Railroad Hotel, in a house on the SW corner of the public square. It was a public house for the accommodation of travelers and others who may call on him...Good attention will be paid to horses which may be placed under his charge

The property of Robert Wingate was sold by the sheriff to satisfy claims by Nancy R Lange, administrator of the estate of Henry R Lange. Land: Se 1/4 of SE 1/4 and NW 1/4 of SE 1/4, sec 2, T 5, R 16.

W S Ragland announced that he had sold his interest in the Ragland & Co. Drug Store to Dr John M White. Business would thereafter be conducted by Boutwell & White.

Ad: Wm M Hancock, Marion, attorney.

#### **SEPTEMBER 5, 1854**

The boiler of the locomotive named Mississippi exploded at Deer Park on August 30. Engineer, a Mr Rodgers, was killed, and others badly wounded. The engineer's body was thrown about 40 yards.

#### **SEPTEMBER 12, 1854**

Rev J M Richardson to preach at the McLaurin Church, 7 miles east of Marion on the 3rd Sunday in the month.

The Miss Woods at the Marion Female Academy was Miss M E Woods.

Notice: Sarah Culpepper had notice that she lost her purse someplace on the road leading from Whynot post office to the residence of Mr J R Yarbrough, and intersecting the Enterprise Road six miles from Marion... Notify if found, Mr Yarbrough, 8 miles south of Marion.

## SEPTEMBER 19, 1854

Last week several wagons from north Mississippi passed through our town on their way to the terminus of the Mobile and Ohio Railroad. Our merchants have already received several invoices of goods by this road....the road was now up to Winchester.

The wife of the Postmaster at the community of Winfield, Mr Heard, shot at and wounded an intruder in her home. Winfield is situated near Clark County line, in Lauderdale County. The surrounding country is "thinly settled."

Editor Rea thanked subscribers, old and new. "Our materials are unfortunately old, and our paper has generally, hitherto, exhibited a bad appearance; but we intend to supply our deficiencies by the purchase of new materials....to do this we need 1500 subscribers.

"Ladies Fair" to be given at the court house on Friday, September 22, 1854. Proceeds are to be given for building the Presbyterian Church. The doors open at 1 pm, last till 6. Supper to be provided

## SEPTEMBER 26, 1854

Mr A B Newton had been only a short time with the Marion school under Richardson, as an assistant teacher. He was proficient in Latin & Greek.

A camp meeting is to be held near this place in a few weeks — on the 13<sup>th</sup> of next month. The abundant crops, and excellent health in this portion of the country induce the belief that the meeting will be numerously attended. The hospitality of the tenters of this campground, is proverbial, and ample provisions will be made for all who attend. The location is a beautiful and suitable one, well watered by a gushing spring of purest water, and the cabins numerous and commodious. Protracted religious meeting to feature such preachers as Rev A Newton, Robert McLain, and J M Richardson.

A report from the Clarion on court cases in Lauderdale County: "we were gratified to observe many substantial evidences of improvement in the town of Marion....Real estate has importantly advanced in value; and we felt that we stood in the crysalis of an interior city whose matured growth was not very distant in the vista of time.....

The following school lands were for sale: W  $\frac{1}{2}$  of NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec 16, T 6, R 17; and E  $\frac{1}{2}$  of NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec 16, T 6, R 16.

Ad: William Dearman, Lauderdale Springs, reminds the readers of his stock of goods would be auctioned on Monday, September 18.

### OCTOBER 3, 1854

W C Calhoun is offering for sale his building on the east side of the public square, consisting of a ten-pin alley, with a first room adjoining, 18 by 16 feet, with shelves and counter arranged for a confectionary or grocery room, all of which are new and in good repair, and upon which he is now realizing from five to twenty dollars a day....Would profit more in the winter. Candles are the only expense & he had bought lately several oil lamps which would cost less than half what candles would, Reason for selling — wanted to move to Texas to open similar but larger business.

### OCTOBER 10, 1854

Con. Rea, editor and proprietor. The partnership of Rea and Henderson was dissolved (date unreadable)

The Baptist had a protracted meeting at Alamucha "last week." The meeting lasted about 10 days. The following clergymen were present: Wm. Woodward, Willis Spinks, William Bronson, and Yarbrough. About 25 joined the church. This week the Association is held at Mt Gilead, near Rawsonville, six miles east of this place.

Editor Rea noted that he had been ill and also the principal workman also was "very sick." "After getting better, we pitched in (relying on God, and the assistance of a couple of devils, and succeed in getting out the paper, errors and all, which you see before you."

### OCTOBER 21, 1854

Ad: J H Wallace, watchmaker and repairer, back of Lowenstien's store, in Marion.

Ad: Announcing dissolution of Rea & Henderson partnership by mutual consent. Signed by G Henderson & Con. Rea.

Benjamin Meadow announced for county sheriff. Capt Wm. V White is a candidate for Probate Judge.

Married on October 5, 1854, by Rev J M Richardson, Mr James I Simmons to Miss Christiana McLaurin, both of Lauderdale County.

OCTOBER 28, 1854

Dr Williams had been attacked by a group of men in the Chickasawha swamp where the road from Daleville to Jackson intercepts it.

The Bain's Hotel, formerly known as the Planter's & Railroad Hotel had recently been purchased by Mr L B Bain. It has been refurbished & throughly refitted for reception of permanent and transient borderers. Bains is well qualified, mentioned his rubicund visage and portly person, with his good natured ever smiling contentence.

Letter to the paper: Letter signed "Spectator" complained bitterly and grandly of indecency and illegality at the recent camp ground event.

Notice: Bains Hotel had previously been kept by Walter Welch. Noted that they had good stables.

Ad: Harper & Bains, Marion, advertised that they had a new shipment of clothes and cloth.

Case in Circuit Court: Joseph Mulhollan vs. Cary C Page, defendant found to be "an absconding debtor." Michael Lynch vs. Patrick Shannon, defendant found to be "an absconding debtor."

Case of Harriet E Pickett vs. Daniel S Pickett, divorcement, pending before the Chancery Court Judge John Watts. Defendant was a non resident of the State & ordinary process could not be served on him. Case will be heard if defendant did not appear within 3 months.

The estate of Wilkin Smith, deceased, was in Probate Court as of October 13.

Ad: D H Lockett & Co. Advertised for twenty able bodied negroes to work on the M & O Railroad until Christmas next.

The estate of William Dearman, deceased, was in probate. Executors were John Dearman and Minitier Nichols.

Ad: Eagle Tin Shop on east side of the public square, opposite Semmes Blacksmith Shop, was owned by James Radcliffe, in Marion.

## NOVEMBER 4, 1854

Unsigned letter sent to the Republican (was to be continued in the next edition) from a farmer who criticized the county's farmers for unwise tilling of the soil. Too much land had been cleared, he said, and too often plowing was done up and down the hills in such a way as to encourage washing.

## NOVEMBER 11, 1854

Notice: Mr John Turner has taken the stable attached to the Mansion House and is now prepared to hire horses and buggies at reasonable prices.

There was a paper shortage in Mobile and the paper promised to get out a paper in "a few weeks." They got out what was a "half-sheet." Rea noted that scarcity caused partly by the shortage of rags and a drought in the north, where paper mills were usually propelled by water power. There was a wide spread suspension of papers around the country and some abbreviated issues.

L Harper, State Geologist, contradicting an article which had appeared in the paper earlier to the effect that lead, silver, and coal existed in the county. Harper visited Marion and the county and reported his findings. He had arrived in the county on November 7 and put up at Mr H H Raney's, who took him to a place of Raney's near Marion to show him some fossils and out-cropping of burr-stone, silicon in nature and hard as granite Later he found considerable quantities of lignite. He also found good soil.

Editor Rea printed his letter to John Mann with whom he had some argument and who had attacked Rea in a card in the Eastern Clarion. Rea absolutely laid him to filth, terming him something sub-human. Rea also mentioned that Mann was well known in Marion, as he had apparently lived there, or at least spoke of the character "which you have sustained in this community for the last 20 years."

Married: On October 31, Mr Elijah E Pack, of Lauderdale County, married Miss Sarah S Webb, of Sumter County, Alabama. Also on November 5, Mr Alexander Brown, late of North Carolina, married Miss Nancy Dove, of Lauderdale County.

The Probate Court announced the sale of negroes to be held at the late residence of William Brown, deceased — 3 men, one woman, two children. Administrators Martha Brown and John Brown.

Ad: J A Turner had taken over the stables formerly owned by H H Raney.

**NOVEMBER 18, 1854**

There was no front page and most was illegible.

Noted: The Republican's new press is due to arrive around the 1<sup>st</sup> of January.

Sale of land belonging to Neil M Little, deceased, of Jasper County: E ½ of SE 1/4, sec 34, T 7, R 16.

Ad: Dr J R Battle, physician, permanently located 10 miles west of Marion.

Probate of the estate of William O'Neal, deceased, Sarah O'Neal, guardian of minor heirs.

Benj. Meador announced for the office of sheriff. Capt. Wm. V White is running for Judge of Probate.

Probate Court, notice of lands of late Edward G Hussey for sale:

<u>Des.</u>	<u>Sec.</u>	<u>Tn.</u>	<u>Range</u>
W ½ of NE 1/4	5	7	17
E ½ of NE 1/4	5	7	17
NE 1/4 of SE 1/4	6	7	17
E ½ of SE 1/4	7	7	17
SE 1/4 of SE 1/4	32	8	17

**NOVEMBER 25, 1854**

not a full paper

Benj. F Parke is a candidate for Probate Clerk, occasioned by the death of Wm P Lasley. Also a candidate is J B Hancock.

W P Lasley, Clerk of Probate, died on November 20, at the residence of H D Boutwell in Marion, after an illness of 8 days — 28 years old. He had lived in Marion about 7 years — many friends — industrious. "Seldom do we find a young man who can leave his native state while still a boy, throw himself away from all parental restraint, a perfect stranger, in a country where temptations are numerous, and yet persevere that correctness of deportment, integrity of character, and acquire the reputation and position that he enjoyed: He was a Mason, a member of the Marion R A Chapter # 25 and of Marion Lodge No. 62. The members wore black crepe armbands for 30 days.

Notice: G B Petty has a business furnishing breakfast, dinner, or supper for 25 cents and "at from 1 to 15 minutes notice at any hour, night or day. Lunch can be had at all times. Cash will be demanded in all cases."

Ad: John Pierce will have an auction at his residence on December 20. "My place, where I now live", 160 acres of land, 80 acres of them cleared and in cultivation, and all corn, household, and kitchen furniture, farm tools, etc, stock, mules, cattle, blacksmith tools, etc.

John Malone, deceased, property for sale. John J Shelton and V M Murphy, administrators.

Ad: D and I Rosenbaum has a new shipment of fall and winter clothes.

### DECEMBER 9, 1854

Charles W Henderson is a candidate for Circuit Clerk. James W Garrett is a candidate for tax assessor — in November 1855.

Vote for Probate Clerk:

	<u>Parke</u>	<u>Hancock</u>
Marion	183	63
Tuckers	6	10
Lauderdale Springs	96	40
Daleville	93	62
Sookelena	16	10
Chunkyville	43	16
Sageville	30	8
Whynot	34	18
Alamucha	47	41

Marriage: Mr A G Lamb married to Miss J E Perry of Lauderdale County, in Quitman, at the Battle House.

Died at his residence in the county, Mr William A O Tucker, 28 years old ( an issue for November 25 noted he died of typhoid fever). He died on November 17. Tucker was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was the son of Arthur Tucker, who had been dead for several years.

Ad: R G B Harper, L B Bains, and L F Haberborn formed the firm of Harper, Bains, and Haberborn to make and repair carriages. They have just erected an extensive building in Marion.

R G B Harper, sheriff, announced the sale of the land of William A Newsom: E  $\frac{1}{2}$  of NW 1/4, section 11, Tn 5, Range 16.

Mrs Hall, a "respectable" widow residing near this place reported her house entirely burned on Wednesday night last. Nothing saved and the poor woman is by this sad calamity thrown upon the charity of the benevolent. We trust that some measures will be taken to reinstate her in her former prosperous condition.

Bains' Hotel— The travelers arriving in our town cannot fail to observe a huge sign swinging some forty feet, in mid air, with the inscription BAINS' HOTEL painted thereon in huge fancy letters addictive of the good things to be found in this house to which it is an appendage. Barry is the prince of hosts and his borderers say that the hope of the hungry ends in fruition when they behold the good things under which his long table groans. They say he keeps the best table in town and that the epicures fondest dream can be realized at BAINS' HOTEL.

Harper, Bains & Haberkorn have a factory in Marion for making carriages, buggies, barouches. R G B Harper, L B Bains, and L F Haberkorn.

Notice of John Pierce to sell at public auction at his residence on 20 December, his house, with 160 acres (80 acres cleared and in good state of cultivation), with corn, household and kitchen furniture, farming tools & stock, mules, cattle, blacksmith tools, etc.

### DECEMBER 16, 1854

Running for office: Benj Meador, sheriff; Capt Wm V White, probate judge; Charles W Henderson, circuit clerk; James W Garrett, tax assessor; W G Calhoun, tax assessor.

"The streets of our town are daily thronged with immigrants on their way to Texas, Arkansas, and Louisiana. One to look at them would think the whole region east of us was being depopulated, in order to settle the wide and uncultivated wilds of the west."

Ad: John W Ross advertised a sale on January 22, at his residence near Alamucha Old Town, of slaves — Billow, Cate, Emily, and a boy Daniel — and the following lands: E1/2 of SE 1/4, sec 24, T 6, R 17 and W  $\frac{1}{2}$  of SW 1/4, sec 19, T 6, R 18, all property of Joshua Suggs, deceased.

Elizabeth Creel, guardian, announced the sale of the following land of Thomas Creel, deceased: E  $\frac{1}{2}$  of NW 1/4, sec 19, T 6, R 16.

The estate of David White, deceased, to be probated, RGB Harper, administrator. The following lands to be sold: S  $\frac{1}{2}$  of NW 1/4 and part of the NW 1/4 of SW 1/4, sec 12, T 7, R 17.

The will of John Hays, deceased, to be probated — James C Hays, administrator. Land to be sold: sw 1/4 of NW 1/4, sec 32 and SE 1/4 of NE 1/4, sec 31 and NE 1/4 of SW 1/4 and SE 1/4 of NW (?), of sec 32, all of township 5, range 17.

Notice: James Lashley is the administrator of the estate of William P Lashly.

R B G Harper is the administrator of the estate of Wm. Wooten, deceased.

John J Shelton and V M Murphy, administrators of the personal property of John Malone, deceased, announced the sale of his property at his residence, no land for sale.

Ad: Green C Chandler, attorney, at Marion.

#### **DECEMBER 23, 1854**

Note: "We are indebted to John T Ball, Esq, for the latest Mobile papers."

Editor Rea reported the murder of George Pace by Thomas Welch in Moore's Drinking House in Kemper County "one day last week." Rea's comments give the impression that he (Rea) was a prohibitionist for he speaks of alcohol as "that mighty tyrant and destroyer, under whose dominion so many have lived in the vilest servitude, and died in the greatest misery, and disgrace."

An entertainer named "Professor Pike" performed a show in Marion to crowded houses. Pike was a magician and "delineator" of the Negro character. John R Jones, Esq., was removed as Justice of the Peace in Alamucha — Whynot. A man named Bell beat a man named White by the vote of 77 to 45 — Whynot and Alamucha were the only places voting.

Ad: Stated that if W R Raney would become a candidate for sheriff, he would receive "almost the entire vote of the eastern portion of the county." It was signed "Many Voters"

A letter from "Casius" against liquor was published.

Mr Pringle married Miss Frances Warblington, both of this county, on December 21.

David Hall offered 385 acres of land for sale in section 11, township 7, range 18, within 6 miles of Lauderdale Springs.

CE Rushing and A Keeton, administrators, announced for sale the real estate of the late George Rawson, to wit: part of MW 1/4 of NW 1/4 of section 3, township 6, range 16, containing about 25 acres.

Dr H R Wilson announced that he would exchange cow hides, deerskins, & tallow at his drug store for drugs, merchandise, books, stationary, etc.

W W Devault had located in Marion and solicited tailoring patronage. His shop was in the back room of George Wood's office, east side, public square.

Elizabeth Creel, heir and guardian, announced the sale of land near Richard McLemore's: E  $\frac{1}{2}$  of NW 1/4, section 19, township 6, range 16. The sale would be on January 25.

Sale o lands of David White, deceased, R B G Harper, administrator: S  $\frac{1}{2}$  of NW 1/4 and part of MW 1/4 of SW 1/4, section 12, township 7, range 17.

James C Hays, the administrator of the estate of John Hays, deceased, announced the following lands for sale: SW 1/4 of NW 1/4, section 32, and SE 1/4 of NE 1/4, section 31, and NE 1/4 of SW 1/4, and SE 1/4 of NW\_\_\_\_, section 32, all being in Township 5, range 17.

W W Welch was still the operator of the Planter's and Railroad Hotel in Marion.

R B G Harper, administrator of the estate of William Woodin, deceased, no land listed.

Sheriff's sale of the following land: E  $\frac{1}{2}$  of NW 1/4, section 11, township 5, range 16. Property of Wm. A Newsom, to satisfy the claim of Stewart & Co.

### **January 6, 1855**

Election Ads: Wm. V White, probate judge; Charles W Henderson, circuit clerk; James W Garrett, tax assessor; W G Calhoun, tax assessor; W V Raney, probate clerk.

Editor Rea called attention to the ad of land sale by Mr R McElroy for the land was ideal for speculation. He said a depot for the M & O Railroad could probably be located on the tract. The ad as follows: farm 1  $\frac{1}{2}$  miles north of Marion containing 800 acres — 300 of which are cleared & in cultivation & is good creek bottom land with comfortable dwelling house, gin house, negro houses & etc. The land is immediately on the M & O, well watered, healthy. Property also has a steam saw and grist mills.

"Candidates are becoming plenty so come on with your \_\_\_\_\_, give us authority to announce you, and we'll vote for you, provided we don't vote for some body else. So come along, there are plenty of fat offices....."

D M Hudson , of Marion, and Ed. McMoar (?) Of Lauderdale Springs, have been appointed to the Alabama Conference of the M E Church.

Editor Rea spoke of the difficulties with finances of the Republican as it moved into it's fourth year. He asked for the support of it's patrons.

Ad: W V Raney, Ponta, wrote in response to the ad asking him to run for sheriff. He thanked the people for their friendship but declined to run for sheriff. He would run for probate clerk. "The reason I prefer the office of clerk to that of sheriff is that the clerk's office is the most profitable of the two." Respectively, W V Raney

At the residence of Mrs Murray, near Lauderdale Springs, W W Warden married Mr Robert H Davis of Sumter County, Alabama, to Miss Elmira Murray of Lauderdale County.

Ad: John T Ball, general commission merchants — "all kinds of goods" — Ball stated that he had been engaged in the mercantile business for the last 13 years in Noxubbe and Kemper County and will locate in the city of Mobile after the 1<sup>st</sup> of December next.

Notice: Carpenters announced a job for the lowest bidder for construction of the Baptist Church, a frame building 30 feet by 55 feet, near the residence of Pickney Vaughn,,11 miles west of Marion on the road from Marion to Decatur (Contractors: H D Mahan, C P Partin, & Jas. Moore)

Lucy & Eaves purchased the stock of goods of Wood & Sage, lately of Alamucha, and now hold forth in the house occupied by their predecessor. They "have reasonable and fashionable goods."

Notice: Sheriff's sale of Negro woman named Beck, property of Rebecca Tucker, to satisfy the claim of Samuel Lehman.

Sale of land announced by James M Trussell, administrator of the estate of John Trussell, deceased: NE 1/4 of section 17, township 8, range 14 — and W ½ of SE 1/4, section 33, township 8, range 14.

James Dunlap had "taken up" a brown mare mule. Posted before R M McKinley and put in the "Ranger's Notice."

Ad: William Jones, administrator of the estate of William Rhodes, deceased. No land advertised.

John Tucker, administrator of the estate of Arthur Tucker, deceased, advertised the following land for sale: SW 1/4 and NW 1/4 of section 11, township 7, range 17, and 10 acres in SW 1/4 of SE 1/4, section 11, township 7, range 17.

James D S Riddlesperger was the administrator of the estate of William O A Tucker. No land mentioned.

### **JANUARY 22, 1855**

Candidates: James D W Riddlesperger, probate judge; W F Alford, sheriff; John R Watts, tax assessor; Granville Henderson, probate clerk; Thomas Stokes, tax assessor.

C T Ford, head of Walnut Springs Academy in the county. (Note — no location given, he had apparently just taken over as head as ad states that he "had permanently located near the Walnut Springs Academy and will take charge of it during the present year....Elsewhere in the paper it was noted that the academy was in a "very healthy part of the county". Ford had taught school for the past 15 years)

Article noted that John T Ball was a citizen of Lauderdale County.

Editor Rea attacked the "know nothing party" and said it had not made inroads in Lauderdale County.

Alexander Ferguson ran an ad notifying his debtors to pay up.

### **JANUARY 29, 1855**

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### **FEBRUARY 5, 1855**

(Only two pages)

Ad: C F Rushing, Marion; J E Knott, Alamucha; and J E Rew, Sageville; were the sellers of a particular liniment.

## **FEBRUARY 12, 1855**

Editor Rea wrote that he had heard a sermon by Rev J M Henderson "last Sunday" in the new Presbyterian Church.

New mail route to be established between Columbus and M & O terminus. To pass through Marion daily. Congressman Wm Barksdale was instrumental in securing establishment of this route. Con Rea stated "when it goes into operation we will be able to furnish our readers promptly with the earliest news." Rep Barksdale reported in his letter (which was printed in Lauderdale Republican) that the route was to go through Quitman, Marion, DeKalb, and Macon to Columbus. To carry mails three times a week in 4-horse coaches, with an invitation for bids to convey the mails six times a week.

Editor Rea noted: "Attended an excellent sermon, in the new Presbyterian Church in Marion, by Rev J M Richardson."

J D Tolson was urged by "many voters" to run for Judge of Probate.

Editor Rea wrote: "there was not now a single retail grocery in our village, the last license having expired on the sixth instant, and there is no probability of its being again renewed. Marion is now totally free from the heraldom of King Alcohol.....Rev J M Richardson has been the leader in stamping them out. (Editor's note: "retail grocery" is a saloon or a place where spirits are sold. Rea must have been a member of the anti-saloon league)

## **FEBRUARY 19, 1855**

The following county Democrats called a meeting of Democrats at Marion on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday in February for the purpose of "taking preliminary measures to nominate candidates for the legislature and senate: E A Durr, S A Griffith, W W Hall, B N Bragg, J A McDonald, James Lasly, C G Miller, Thomas Stokes, Charles Clayton, W A Davis, A Bell, J K Pringle, C W Henderson, James Riddlesperger, Daniel Cameron, R B G Harper.

Editor noted "a good sign of prosperity" in the previous week a small dilapidated log house on a small tract of land sold at auction for \$400, located in Marion.

Editor Rea mentioned that "his friend Horn" is to be congratulated on the improved appearance of the Quitman Intelligencer. (Newspaper in Quitman)

The Great Alabama Circus was in Marion last week and gave a good performance.

A concert flutist, Madame Siminski, gave a concert in Marion on Friday night last. It was well attended by a pleased audience.

Appointments for the Lauderdale Circuit (most be church appointments) for 1855 in the county: Union, March 3; the new Church by Durr's, on first Sabbath; Lauderdale Springs, in the evening; at Huggins, on Tuesday the 6<sup>th</sup>; at Oxford On Wednesday the 7<sup>th</sup>; at Bethel, on Thursday; at \_\_\_ Roads, on Friday; at Brewster's on Saturday; at Pleasant Grove, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sabbath; N B the quarterly meeting for the Lauderdale Circuit is to be held at Pleasant Grove on the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of March.

A letter signed with an X urging Benj F Gaddis of the county to run for the state legislature. Writer though the western part of the county was entitled to one of the next representatives.

E Lowenstein demanded immediate payment by debtors. Said he had waited 3 or 4 years.

H D Boutwell demanded all debts paid to the drug store in Marion.

A G Lamb, of Lamb & Turner, said they would sue all those who did not pay debts to the firm.

The firm of E A Durr & Company was dissolved by the death of W P Lasley. The other two partners, E A Durr and C W Henderson were going to reform under the name of C W Henderson & Company.

H H Raney offered for sale a tract of land about 1 mile from Marion and immediately on the M & O Railroad, about 1 mile from the contemplated depot site. On the land was an inexhaustible quarry of burr stone, which state geologist had said "to be of the very best quality, and greatly superior to the Georgia stone, which is now universally used throughout the South."

Pickney Vaughn offered for sale his plantation on Octibbehaw River, on the lower Decatur Road, 11 miles from Marion. Over 200 acres improved, with good buildings, gin, screw (?), etc., with a good white sulphur and chalybeate spring. Also will sell personal property consisting of 17 Negroes, stock, farming implements, etc.

## **FEBRUARY 26, 1855**

George W Westbrook is a candidate for coroner.

Miss Reynolds gave a concert on Monday night last. She played the violin, guitar, flute, and piano. She also sang. The audience was large and seemed well pleased. Miss Reynolds seems

to be the genius of music and poesy personified, and if it was not that we are old and ugly, and married besides, we would endeavor to monopolize this rich musical treasure, and make her princess of our sanctum.

Joseph Bullard was elected justice of the peace in the Sageville beat.

A motion by the Patton Lodge No. 129, held at the lodge room in Lauderdale Springs, with regard to the death of John M Silliman, was signed by R M McKinly, secretary.

Ad: J A Turner has begun commercial business at Marion, in the shop occupied last year by Bond & Burton. Said he was permanently located and hoped for continued patronage.

Lewis A Ragsdale had a notice telling people not to cut down or carry off timber on his lands. "Lands have been made valueless by persons trespassing, and hereafter no respect of persons will be made."

Ad: Dr H R Wilson notified patrons that the Marion Drug Store had just received a general assortment of drugs, medicines & etc.

Jo. Bullard, of Sageville, placed an ad saying that he was in need of a wife. He is prepared to receive communications upon that tender subject from girls or widows and entreats them to address him by mail or otherwise at Sageville in this county. No particular qualification or accomplishment is required except that of baking good hoecakes and of being able and willing to spin without a spinning stick.

Notice: S H Cockron had a blacksmith shop at Whynot.

### **MARCH 12, 1855**

Announcement: G B Stiles is a candidate for tax assessor.

"The Mobile and Ohio Railroad is now delivering freight at a station at Quitman, and wagon loads of cotton from Lowndes, Noxubee, Oktibehah, Kemper, and this county are daily seen passing through this village on their way to the Quitman Station."

The low stage of the water in the Tombigbee prevents the large river boats from performing trips, and the consequence is many thousand bags of cotton remain in store in the warehouses at this late season of shipping time, making a great scarcity of money in all the counties bordering on the Tombigbee. In many places sugar, coffee, salt, flour, and many other family necessities are very scarce.

R B G Harper was the county jailor.

A large list of property owners who were in arrears for taxes and under the column of sheriff's land sales. The list gave the owners name, section division, section, township, range, and amount of taxes due.

### MARCH 19, 1855

7<sup>th</sup> Annual meeting of the Mobile and Ohio Railroad: At the last annual meeting the road ran 33 miles to Citronelle. Plans are to extend it to Winchester, 76  $\frac{1}{2}$  miles from Mobile by July 4, 1854. This was done and on July 4 the first passenger train reached the station in Winchester. On August 18 the road was opened for traffic to Waynesboro; to Red Bluff on December 8; to Shubuta on December 20. Shubuta was the terminus when the report was filed. During the year an accommodation train was run to Citronelle daily; a tri-weekly freight & passenger train, since July 7, 1854, ran between Mobile and to the line's end. Road officials did not expect to realize much business until the line reached the vicinity of Kemper County since the Piney Woods area is not thought to have been promising. But since the line had reached Shubuta, there have been more profits than expected. Also, resolution was adopted for looking into several popular rumors among stockholders regarding such irregularities as bad locations of line, unnecessary delay in progress, high salaries for officials, extravagant rents, improper sale of donated lands.

A man just returned from Mobile reported that on March 16 both passengers and freight cars would extend regular tri-weekly trips to the Quitman depot and that the road was now completed one mile north of Quitman. "We confidently expect to hear the snorting of the iron-horse near Marion by the 1<sup>st</sup> of July."

Another article was published about the low water in the Tombigbee that was causing the cotton to pile up and money to become scarce in the area. "All this shows the great necessity of having railroads for the convenience of transportation."

A letter signed "Eugenia" lambasted the man who wrote the ad in which he said he solicited offers of marriage from women. She said he must be cowardly. "It really seems to me that in a country like ours, where so many widows and girls are to be found, any brave and courteous man could get a wife of some kind, without waking up the attention of the public generally, by advertising in a newspaper.....Women generally are rather timid, and seldom propose marriage; and the custom of the day is decidedly against like audacity in a woman...."

## MARCH 26, 1855

Editor Rea had just returned from a trip to Mobile and an absence of two weeks. The rivers are rising a little but still there was much cotton along smaller rivers which could not be gotten out. "Upwards of 20,000 bags of the crop of 1853 yet lie on the Bigbee above Columbus. People in that area hard up for consumer goods. Our village is daily thronged with wagons loaded with necessaries, bound to this once happy and luxurious section, now rendered inhospitable and almost desolate by low rivers and consequent hard times.....A gentleman and resident of that section informed us in Mobile that a sack of coffee could not possibly be procured in the city of Columbus. Then he added, "This condition of things will no doubt give an impetus to the completion of the Mobile and Ohio Railroad." Money is needed to complete the road and the company is determined to issue bonds for one million dollars at 8%. This money is to be spent on the line between Quitman and Columbus."

Mr G B Stiles is a candidate for tax assessor. He had already held several other offices and was "an old citizen of the county and so estimable that his opponents have reason to dread him."

A man named Morgan committed suicide in his shop in Marion. He was a tanner by trade & an excellent workman. There was nothing unusual in his manner. He was found hanging from a leather strap by a Mr Atkins. No one knew where he came from or anything about him.

A public meeting was held in Enterprise a few days before & people of that area passed a resolution to send down workers to complete "in six weeks" the M & O R R to Enterprise. "This is the way to do business," said Rea, "and the only way to speedily complete the railroad. "The people of Mobile have done every thing they can, and we must now act in order to secure its completion."

In an article, Editor Rea takes issue with "Miss Eugenia" in her attack on Joe Bullard, justice of the peace in Sageville, looking for a wife via an ad. He (Rea) said that "Mr Bullard will make a good husband....." The whole column is in a friendly, bantering tone but also apparently still defending Bullard, whom Rea knew.

There was a letter from "Martha" addressed to Bullard accepting his offer.

Notice: Lewis A Ragsdale married to Miss Sarah McElroy, both of the county, on the 5<sup>th</sup> instant.

### APRIL 2, 1855

Rea wrote that the past winter was most unusual and that the oldest residents could not recall another like it. It was very cold, much wind, and little rain. Late frost had killed all fruit and nearly ruined the gardens.

Died at his residence near Marion on the 25<sup>th</sup> of March, Mr Lewis Smith, in his 48<sup>th</sup> year of age. He was a native of Kentucky, reared in Alabama, and had resided "in this place" for nearly 20 years.

B T Freeman, daguerrean artist, had "arrived in town, and taken the room over Burton's saddle shop on the north east side of the public square. "To be in town only a short while."

J E Knott had a general clothing store at Alamucha.

### APRIL 9, 1855

There was a complaint that there was no regularity of the mails in and out of Marion. "Here we are within a few days journey by railroad from Mobile, and we never receive a mail from that place within 8 days. The railroad is entirely disregarded." He then added: "Some time ago there was some prospect of the mail being transferred to the railroad, and the establishment of a line of coaches from the terminus to Columbus, but it proved to be only a delusion. The idea was too vast, too pregnant with advantages to the people of this neglected section, and we believe that the project has been abandoned....."

Ad: The B Hays suggested that Mr Julius C Walker, of Chunkyville beat, would make a good sheriff.

### APRIL 16, 1855

Announcement: C E Rushing in Marion, J E Knott in Alamucha, and J E Rew in Sageville all sold a particular liniment in their three drug stores.

J F Peyton had dry goods and household goods store in Lauderdale Springs.

Jemison, Picklin & Co. had established a stage line operating tri-weekly coaches between Columbus and the northernmost depot on the M & O. "This line will be extensively patronized no doubt, for it is much needed by persons going to Mobile from this section and from the central part of Alabama." Stages passed Marion on Monday, Wednesday, & Friday nights, going north & south, stopping at the Bains Hotel, their stand, where passengers had super.

Editor Rea wrote advocating temperance - or rather prohibition - but said that the state is not yet ready for complete prohibition though he was in favor. Of Marion he said: "formally we had two groceries (i.e. saloons), now we have none. During their existence, scarcely a day passed but you might see some man drunk perhaps down in the streets. The number of drunk men, during a week, then and now is as two to one. Saturday was a day of general drinking and carousing. Our citizens have witnessed scenes in our streets, and before our grocery doors that were an outrage upon common sense and decency." Marion had a "so called" gallon law which did not permit drinks to be served in saloons. Instead, one had to go into a store and buy a jug of it to take out. Rea went on to say "If you want to entice men to drink, and become intemperate, build a neat house, arrange everything in comfortable style, display your liquors, glasses, and decanters, have all the machinery for making drunkards in full parade and some jolly fellow behind the counter to talk to them; customers are much more easily caught with such a trap than with a black bottle or jug in some corner or out-house." A decent grocer! The more decent the worse they are..... There is not an average of one half the liquor drank in Marion, during a week now, that there was under the retail principle....Take a gallon of liquor that would cost one dollar, and sell it by the drink, at the usual rate, and it will amount to more than four times the cost.....the grocery keeper will buy whiskey for twenty eight or thirty cents per gallon, and retail it to you for five cents a drink, making as much on six drinks as the gallon cost or he will buy it for one dollar per gallon, and sell it to you for ten cents a drink.....Rea said that Marion's beat had defeated 3 or 4 petitions from men who wanted to open groceries.

Died in Lauderdale County on the 20<sup>th</sup> of March, in her 52<sup>rd</sup> year of age, Mrs Leah A Smith, wife of Allen Smith. She was born in Lenoir County, North Carolina; daughter of a Revolutionary soldier named Walter Kennedy. She had married in Lenoir Co. North Carolina about 1820. Joined the Baptist church in 1823.

#### APRIL 23, 1855

Editor Rea reported that the new press and a large quantity of printing materials had just arrived, however, they were too late for this addition. "Or friends are not doubt gratified at this intelligence, and we feel that we will now be able to print as neat a paper as in the State."

The Democratic Committee nominated senators and representatives: Center Beat: J M Tolson, W P Andrews, James McDonald, R McLemore, Joseph Clinton — Beat # 2: Abie Clay, James Dunlap, Shepherd Busby, Nelson Moore, Thomas Simmons — Old Town Beat: P H Bozeman, A Bell, Issac Spinks, J P Welch, J W Brewster — Beat # 4: W Lacy, G M Giillaspie, A E Grey, J J Dyes, Jasper Berry — Beat # 3: Alsa Pace, William Parker, W J House, D M Brown, H D Mahon.

On the previous Tuesday, Mr Childe, chief engineer for construction of M & O RR addressed a group of citizens in Marion. Editor Rea gave him credit for pushing work along against many difficulties. Mr Childe agreed that the prosperity of Lauderdale area was contingent on the roads completion. Up to the day Childe spoke, only about \$8000 in the latest bonds had been bought in the county.

Editor Rea had just returned from Mobile. He wrote: "We left Mobile on Monday morning last at 10 o'clock and arrived at home at 4 the following evening, having made, we believe, the quickest trip ever before made from Mobile to this place. We were only about fifteen hours on the road, having remained in Quitman more than an hour. Bye the bye, we were indebted for our quick trip to the new line of coaches recently placed upon this route by Messrs. Jemispn & Ficklin, who deserve encouragement for their energy and enterprise in their shortening the route to Mobile. If it would do any good, we would petition to the department to grant us a new postal route from Gainesville to the terminus of the Mobile & Ohio Railroad." Rea said we could get plenty of signers but that the post office department had neglected us so long that it was useless to ask. "Never the less, if they are determined not to give us the Columbus route, we hope that they will, in a year or so, begin to think about the Gainesville route. Jemison & Ficklin stand ready to make a liberal bid, and one which will probably suit the economical notions, now entertained by the Post Master General." Rea went on further to say: "if P O Dept did discontinue all post offices and mails as the Whigs say they will soon do, then Marion and the county can at least find consolation in the fact that they suffered least of anyone in the nation." "Though we enjoy every facility for the transportation of mails, with a railroad near us, and a regular line of four-horse coaches passing through our county and tow; yet we are neglected....."

Ad: Signed by "one of the people", urged William S Patton to run for governor. They said he had served with distinction in the legislature of both Alabama and Mississippi, and had served well as speaker, for which post he had been elected in 1851.

Notice: The Riley Family, musicians, are to be in Marion for a concert at the Court House on next Monday.

Married on Thursday, April 12 — Mr James Tinnen to Miss Jane Brown, both of Lauderdale County.

Announcement: O S Mason announced his candidacy for county surveyor.

James W Hays, administrator, announced for sale the following lands of John Hays, deceased: SW 1/4 of NW 1/4, sec 32 T 5, R 17; SE1/4 of NE 1/4 sec 31, T 5, R 17; NE 1//4 of SW 1/4 and SE 1/4 of NW 1/4 of sec 32, T 5, R 17.

April 30, 1855

Editor Rea changed the motto of the paper from "The South and the friends of the South" to "Union, Democracy and State Sovereignty"

The Democratic Committee which had met last Monday to nominate candidates for the legislature, adjourned to meet at the home of Mr Hiram Mahan on May 4.

Announcement: R B G Harper announced for probate judge. He had been sheriff and tax assessor.

O S Mason announced for county surveyor.

Ad: "Lauderdale & Newton" both counties in the same senatorial district — asked Charles Clayton to run for senator.

The Riley Family musicians who gave concerts Monday and Tuesday on violin, cello, and guitar, were well attended and appreciated. Fanny Riley was on violin, Amanda Riley on cello, and Mattie Riley on guitar. "Poor Robert" said, however, in a letter: "but I regret that I can not speak as approvingly of some of the audience on Tuesday night, for when the company were performing one of their choicest gems of music.....a few, who seemed to be, gentlemen, disturbed the audience by commencing a heavy dance in one end of the room, which they continued some length of time to the great annoyance of all persons present, except themselves and two or three little boys." The writer was informed that the people were strangers "and the citizens here may congratulate themselves on knowing the fact that no one of our citizens was capable of indulging in such course amusement."

J M Trussell and J Collins, administrators, announced the sale of the following lands of John Trussell, deceased, of Lauderdale County: w  $\frac{1}{2}$  of SE 1//4 of sec 33, T 8, R 14 — also undivided  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the NE 1/4 of sec 17, T 8, R 18.

Ad: W P Hobbs, Lauderdale Springs, advised that he had been in black smithing in Lauderdale Springs for the past 10 years - he ran the Railroad and Farmers Blacksmith and Woodshop.

J F Peyton, of Lauderdale Springs, announced that he had received a big stock of dry goods, hardware, etc.

C H McLemore is the administrator of the estate of Lewis Smith, deceased, of Lauderdale County.

Guardian's sale: John Calhoun, guardian for Rebecca Winford Ray, minor heir of James Ray, deceased, announced the following lands for sale: following lots situated in the town of Marion: to wit: part of lot no. 13, and part of lot no. 30, also E  $\frac{1}{2}$  of SW 1/4 of sec 35, T 7, R 15.

### MAY 7, 1855

Letter signed "Citizens of Chunkyville" took issue with previous articles purporting to have been placed in the paper by about 60 county residents — leading Democrats according to Editor Rea, who by request, with held names. One article said that these 60 persons had become disillusioned with the know-nothing government in the nation and in the county, especially with what they had termed "the late iniquitous and arbitrary proceedings at Chunkyville." The letter thought that this would be taken by readers to indicate that Chunkyville was somehow an undesirable town. The letter denied that any such activity as that referred to in the letter had ever taken place in Chunkyville.

Editor Rea called attention to the new ad of Mr Bains whose hotel, said Rea, was "one of the principle features of our village." He also added that Jemison, Ficklin & Co. Stages stopped there, and "passengers by then may rely on receiving good attention. The stables are large, well supplied and attended by careful hostlers, and Bain will hire horses and buggies, with or without drivers." L B Bains

Pickney Vaughn's residence was near Sookalena.

Mr B B Smith, who had the management of the Lauderdale Springs "watering place" last year has again taken charge of the "watering place" at Lauderdale Springs — The springs had been "thoroughly refitted, and new and substantial buildings had been put up. As a report for invalids, the medical properties of the water, render this resort so celebrated, that commendation is unnecessary. They cure a variety of diseases, and no patient suffering from chronic disease, can fail to visit them without deriving advantage from the use of the variety of waters, which there abound, and which have given the place the celebrity it now enjoys. Hacks run regularly from Lauderdale Springs to the end of the M & O for the convenience of visitors from Mobile and parts along the railroad. Jemison, Ficklin, & Co. are operating a regular line of first rate stages, from the terminus of the Road to the Springs.

Editor Rea attended a debate in Alamucha on April 28. "Some old men participated, but they were fanned out without ceremony by impetuous young America, who as usual, came off victorious in the conflict with old fogyism. We ourselves attempted to participate, but we were no where in this hand to hand conflict, of arguments and witticisms."

"Our town is still flooded by the influx of passengers journeying backwards and forwards, to and from Mobile. All the world seems to have discarded the Bigby, and forsaken the luxuries of the horse, stern wheel steam boats, which flourish upon that fallen stream, with all the pomp and glory, which five dollars a bale can import to their graceful movements. The Mobile and Ohio Railroad is monopolizing the trade, and will soon enjoy the vast business which was formally controlled by the deceased Tombigbee."

In reference to a previous article about the 60 know-nothings, Rea noted that they now acknowledged their error and \_\_\_\_ that the whole ruckus had really been stirred up by a Whig living near Daleville, for the express purpose of disorganizing the Democratic Party, and to enable certain of his partisans, to gratify private spite.....Also mentioned was that Chunkyville was in a remote south-western corner of the county. Seceders from the know-nothing party said they had found that meeting had actually taken place at night at a mill in Chunky swamp, outside the county.

Editor Rea answered a biting comment from Editor Horn of the Quitman Intelligencer. Horn's comments were apparently in answer to the following remarks of Rea who had stopped over in Quitman on the way to Mobile — Rea's original article was in the issue of April 23 — and said "We met with several old friends and some new ones, and a mighty crowd of strangers at Quitman, and enjoyed ourselves considerably, at that celebrated metropolis of the empire of Clark, everybody at that place appeared to be on a "bust" that is except a few, but for the life of us we (that is ourselves and friends) could not discover a single grocery in the city, consequently we imagined that the excitement was owing to the peculiar nature of the water, lately discovered in that neighborhood.....We remained there all night, and take this occasion to return our sincere thanks for ourselves and friends, to the citizens of Quitman generally, and the hotel keeper in particular, for the hospitable manner in which we were entertained during our short sojourn. We could not refuse the numerous invitations and offers of entertainment extended to us. They were all so ambitious of entertaining us that to avoid showing partiality, ourselves and friends were forced to refuse their kind and courteous offers, and pay 25 cents in advance for a shuck bed in a garret, in order to avoid giving offence by being partial. There we lay enjoying the luxury of our position until morning when we arose and fortunately discovering the spring, we obtained breakfast and leaving the crowded city we pursued our travels."

Editor Horn then replied: "The Editor of the Lauderdale Republican is down upon Quitman, in an article that shows not only a want of policy but of decency we are sorry that he has thus in an attempt at wit, so far forgotten common courtesy, as to forfeit the good opinion which many hereabouts formerly entertained of him. Look out for a diminution in your circulation. If you do tell the truth (doubtful) always use a round about way." And Rea's answer: "Thus writes Horn of the Quitman Intelligencer, the man who prated against the Empire of Lauderdale, and the great question concerning the sun and the moon, which he said was

agitating the minds of our citizens....Why the man is crazy, perfectly crazy; for we have profited by the good advice.....and now use a round about way to tell the truth, for we are too charitable to say that he was slightly inebriated when he wrote the said article. "We down on Quitman.....there is not a prettier village than it is in the broad Union, and we intended nothing disrespectful to it, or its citizens; they are too chivalric and noble to illicit any remark from us, save a kind and complimentary one.....we simply meant in a pleasant way, to give a humorous account of our visit, and to convey the idea of the great crowd attending Court on that occasion, which was a reasonable interpretation, and no man but one capable of seeing double could give it any other. Mr Horn is of course perfectly conversant with the rule of landlords in relation to persons traveling "without baggage" and had no doubt obtained his knowledge by actual experience, for Whig editors, we are informed, generally travel through Mississippi in that manner, and of course all of them are interested in knowing what the rules are in relation to such persons."

The coach line of Jemison & Ficklin & Co. are doing a good business. Rea noted that they averaged \$200-\$300 per trip. The coach line "scarcely able to provide comfortable accommodations for Sumter County passengers." Rea said that most persons disliked having to leave the horses at the depot and would gladly take the stage if seats were available. The present coaches were inadequate and always crowded when they arrived in Marion. The people of Marion were obligated to take an uncomfortable position on the top of the coach. The regulations required that those traveling farthest were entitled to the seats.

Notice: John C Dunn had a legal claim for \$300 in Circuit Court against S W Moore, who was a non-resident of the county.

### MAY 14, 1855

Democratic Candidates for state representative: C G Miller and Constantine Rea.

Notice: Editor Horn, of the Quitman Intelligencer, had sold the paper to Messrs. Martineer and Beard.

The Democratic County convention met at Marion on May 7. W W Hall presided, John R Watts, secretary. The following members constituted the nominating committee: Beat # 1: J M Tolson, W P Andrews, James McDonald, R McLemore, James Clinton. Beat # 2: J Agnew, D Tucker, S Busby, Nelson Moore, J Keaton. Beat # 3: P H Bozeman, A Bell, I K Pringle, J P Welch, J W Brewster. Beat # 4: C M Gaddis, A L Burwell, J W Daniel, J Berry, T F Gaddis. Beat # 5: A Pace, O S Mason, W J House, D M Brown, V L Murphy. The committee selected Con. Rea and Dr C G Miller as candidates and the convention approved it unanimously. (Daniel Cameron was a member — with P H Bozeman and A Bell — they were to inform Dr Miller, who

was absent, of his being chosen) The following men were named to be delegates to attend the state convention: Dr J E Knott, James M trussell, Daniel Cameron, James Tolson, Joel Walker, Dr C G miller, and Con. Rea. For the district convention (to nominate senatorial candidates for Lauderdale & Newton County) J R McLaurin, S A Griffiths, G C Chandler, J P Welch.

Married on Tuesday, May 1, by Rev Richardson, Mr Lewis H Latham to Miss Revilla A Clinton, all of this county.

Died near Alamucha on April 19, 1855, Mrs Elizabeth Hearn. She was born in North Carolina on March 15, 1797 — moved to Lauderdale County about 1834 — joined the M E Church in 1844 and died a member. She had a lingering affliction and committed suicide. She had been sick 10 years — brain affected — the cause of this melancholy event was therefore physical, and not moral.

James D Riddlesperger declined to run for probate judge, despite offers for support. Some of his reasons were private, but one was that he had not been a resident of the county much less time than several who really wanted the office.

Ad: Thomas H Moody, of Alamucha, advertised a stud horse named "John Bascomb." A single visit was \$5.00 for a mare. The horse was a sire of "Young John Bascomb" which had won a \$40,000 purse on Long Island and purses elsewhere.

Ad: J H Wallace, clock maker and repairer, was located on the NW corner of the public square, Marion.

J G Stuart, MD, surgeon dentist, office was in the Bains Hotel, have permanently located at Marion — graduate of Jefferson College, Philadelphia.

### **MAY 21, 1855**

Editor Rea spoke of Dr Stuart, who had recently located in Marion, as a "regular graduate."

Rea reported that the M & O is to "reach Enterprise on Tuesday or Wednesday next." He predicted that the road would reach Marion "in about sixty days."

Dr Miller, one of candidates for the state House of Representatives, had lived in the county for 20 years. Referring to "Knownothingism", he wrote in acceptance: "With the new fangled partys of today have I nought to do, through believing in the policy of Americans ruling America, yet will I never consent to abuse that maxim by persecuting or proscribing foreigners."

Died on May 13, Mary Eleanor, infant daughter of Granville and Margaret Ann Henderson, aged 1 year, 4 months, 10 days.

### MAY 28, 1855

No rain "in these diggins" yet, the mercury stands at 97, the cotton crop is next to nothing. Gardens are literally burnt up; yet strange to say the corn crop looks remarkably well, and promises an abundant harvest. Our wheat crop is first rate, and if the wells and springs don't dry up, we can manage to do without the rain for some time yet to come.

Travel to the Quitman Depot: Within thirty five days beginning April 20, and ending May 25, instant, no less than five hundred and seventeen travelers have rested at the Bains Hotel, en route to and from the Quitman depot. "To say nothing of the traveling patronage at the other hotels in Marion, this shows a vast increase of travel since the M & O Railroad reached Quitman. Formerly, three or four travelers in that direction, in the course of a week, was considered as average through the year. "Success to the Railroad enterprise."

### JUNE 4, 1844

Candidates: for State Senator, G C Miller — for Representative Con. Rea.

Enterprise is now the terminus of the M & O. "In less than one month it will reach Marion. So look out for the iron horse."

The district Democratic Convention met at Mr Hiram Mahan's on Monday, May 28, to nominate candidates for district of Newton and Lauderdale County in the state senate. Delegates present for Lauderdale: E A Durr, RBG Harper, C G miller, W L House, and H D Mahan. Millington Blalock, chairman; J R McDowell, secretary.

J P Welch was the chairman of the Count Democratic Committee. He lived at Alamucha.

Ad: L E Johnson had an ad cautioning people against trading for a promissory note for \$100 made to him by J & D Calhoun of Marion and endorsed by him. The note had been obtained fraudulently from Johnson.

## JUNE 11, 1855

There was a lengthy letter written by C Wesley Henderson explaining how he came to be associated with the know nothing party, became disillusioned with it and, with some 200 other disgusted democrats, "seceded" from it. Henderson had already announced for the position of circuit clerk, and there was circulated — by other know nothings, according to Henderson — a circular signed "the people" and saying: "For Congress, C Wolf Henderson, who has lately been on a trip to Mobile, and found out that he had lost his talent for clerkships." The message obviously is loaded with innuendo but nothing in the article explains it. Henderson stated that William S Patton introduced the movement into the county in the fall of 1854. William J Ragland became Grand President of East Mississippi, and Henderson himself was appointed President of the Marion Council. Henderson claimed that all the leaders were really Whigs and that they were really trying to destroy the effectiveness of the Democratic party in the area. Henderson included much information on know nothing ritual, handshakes, and means of recognizing one another in crowds. He finally said that he intended to continue in the race for circuit clerk and said "but since I have seceded, Mr Benj. F Parke, I am creditably informed has been centered upon by his brother know nothings for that station."

H D Mahan, of Sookalena, disclaimed any idea of running as an independent candidate for the legislature. He professed as being a Democrat,, that he was not a candidate for anything, and that he appreciated all expressions of support.

Editor Rea expressed his opinion of the Henderson affair. At the top of the column was a woodcut showing a wolf running off with some sort of diminutive human figure in it's mouth — it could be a Negro. Under the picture is the following: "Interesting situation of Sam. Who shall deliver Sam from the mouth of his adversary?" There can be no room for doubt as to the truth of these developments. Mr Henderson "is one of our most respectable citizens, he is a man of integrity, a member of the church, and a Mason of the Royal and select degrees; he is a merchant and Justice of the Peace of this place, and his word will not be doubted by any one who knows him." Rea goes on to point out that Henderson had originally been assured that membership in the know nothing party would not conflict with his membership in the Democratic Party. Soon afterwards a number of Democrats began to call for special meeting and conventions in the county, the purpose being to work against the regular Democratic machine. One secret meeting was ordered to be held near Chunkyville, just over in Newton County, to nominate candidates in anticipation of the regular Democratic Convention soon to take place. This unauthorized action was the last straw for Henderson and about 60 other members who signed a letter declaring their "independence." The main leader ordered the meeting to take place. The meeting was held and took an open stand against the action of the Democratic convention which was held in Marion some weeks later. From this point on, Henderson refused further action and tried to get other Presidents of Councils in the area to do the same. Sessions began to increase and reprisals were made against them

— anonymous reports often were made accusing them of being know nothings, and Henderson was especially singled out. Finally, Henderson sent in his letter to the Republican. Rea noted : "These facts we have gathered from Mr Henderson and others who know something fo the tricks of know nothings, and under the circumstances we have no hesitation in acquitting Mr Henderson of all blame whatever." And, "he has dealt Sam a death blow. Yea, dragged him out of his concealment in the corners and by places. Wolf Henderson knows how to howl, and the know nothings have now other sources of sorrow besides the awful deflection of the 60 seceders. Our cut (of the wolf) though of home manufacture, represents the awful condition of "sam" in his encounter with Wolf Hendrson. His demise is very near, for he hateth the light and delights to dwell in dark places. Wolf Henderson drags him into the day light and lo ! The giant is a pigmy, and the movement a humbug." ( Rea is actually praising Henderson)

Rea published a letter from Governor John J McRae, on know nothingism, to Thomas F Gaddis, of Sageville. (Transcribers note — McRae, among other politicians of this era, was one on the people Con. Rea turned to during the WBTS, seeking help to obtain a colonel's commission and command of the 46<sup>th</sup> Miss.)

Elizabeth Creel, guardian of the minor heirs of the estate of Thomas D Creel, deceased, announced the sale of land: E  $\frac{1}{2}$  of NW 1/4, sec 19, T 6, R 16.

### JUNE 18, 1855

Notice: Robert Maxey is a candidate for tax assessor.

Notice: The Eastern Clarion, is edited by a Mr Adams, who is also a congressman.

Rea mentioned attending a picnic at Pizant's Springs given by Mrs Case and Miss Lockhart. He described the picnic area as being on a broad level place, in the midst of a thick grove of varied trees.

Notice: There will be an administrator's sale of lands of the late Edwin B Davis, by his will's administrator, William A Davis, of the following lands: SW1 /4sec 12, SW 1/4 of NW 1/4, sec 12, and the SE 1/4 of NE 1/4, sec 11, all of township 8, range 17.

M O Brunson, administrator, gave notice to any claimants against the estate of Harvey Brunson, deceased. No lands mentioned.

## JUNE 25, 1855

The Democratic Convention for Lauderdale County was held at Marion on June 18, 1855 — Dr J P Welch presided; C W Henderson, secretary. The members of the committee on nominations were: J D Tolson, W P Andrews, James B Agnew, James B McDonald, R McLemore, Joseph Clinton, M D Tucker, John Tucker, Shepherd Busby, James Dunlap, A Buchee, Alsa Pace, O S Mason, D M Brown, V L Murphy, B F Gaddis, W J Daniel, P H Bozeman, A Bell, W W Pigford, J P Welch, and J W Brewster. The convention nominated Rev Wiley J House to run with Con. Rea for the two seats in the House of Representatives for Lauderdale County. Also running on the Democratic ticket but nominated earlier — for state treasurer — by the state convention, was S L hussey from Lauderdale County. (Note: the original running mate for Con. Rea, Dr G C Miller, had become a candidate for state senate)

On the previous Thursday night, the office of circuit clerk was entered by an unknown party. No locks were broken, which led to the idea that entrance was effected by means of a "false key." There were no signs of violence. Fifty nine indictments were stolen. The Republican suggested an appropriation to buy an iron safe to guard against future similar acts.

The Republican reported that cholera had broken out among the M & O Railroad workers near Sageville. Some 30 or 40 cases and 7 or 8 deaths. Workers, mainly Negroes and the probability is that the owners will withdraw them if the violence of the disease does not moderate. Hands are very scarce, and can not be hired without considerable difficulty, and if this disease continues, they can not be hired at all. Rea feared this would slow the work on the road. (Note: after this report, a later report said that 25 Negroes employed on the road ran away in a group)

The estate of the late William Hughes was declared insolvent — William C Dobbs, administrator.

William A Davis, administrator of the estate of Edwin B Davis, deceased, announced the sale of the following lands: SW 1/4 of sec 12, SW 1/4 of NW 1/4 of sec 12, and SE 1/4 of NE 1/4 of sec 11, all of township 8, range 17.

M O Brunson, administrator of the estate of Harvey Brunson, deceased. No land for sale.

## JULY 2, 1855

C W Henderson accused General William S Patton of connections with the know nothing party, despite Patton's denial — "The General's memory is treacherous."

Rea wrote an article saying Marion should build a good school building — “We have two excellent schools, but no building fit for a school of any character.” He said the reason no school had been built was “contrariness” and “silly rivalry between the two extremes of our village,” with regard to location. “A causeless difference of opinion as to location of the building once defeated the enterprise, when the necessary funds were all subscribed.”

Reprint of an article from the Eastern Clarion reported that an accident had occurred on Saturday, June 16, on the M & O south of Citronelle. A coach got off track and was dragged in that condition for a mile, bumping over the ties. “Our friend, Horn, of the Quitman Intelligencer, was on board the luckless vehicle at the time. A ravine, forty feet deep on each side, afforded a pleasant prospect for a plunge, while piles of rock suggested the ease with which the editorial thinking apparatus might be dashed out. Availing himself of a “soft” place, he jumped out, suffering no injury but a slight contusion of the shoulder. Fortunately, the coupling irons did not give way, and thus serious personal injury was averted. The cause of the accident was the wretched condition of the track between Citronelle and Mobile.

An article ridiculing the know nothing party and their showing at the polls in Virginia. The party was referred to as “Sam.” Under a (woodcut) picture of a man on a jackass it said: “Sam, having lost his seven league boots in Virginia, purchases a dilapidated quadrupled, and opens the canvas in Mississippi.” ( transcriber’s note: This may be a reference to the editor of the Sumter County Whig, J A Tartt, known by his anti-know nothing enemies as “Jack Ass.” Tartt apparently had know nothing sympathies, or was so accused by many local democrats.)

A reprint from the Mississippian notes that C W Henderson had exposed know nothingism in east Mississippi and its espousal by many Whigs. The editor reported that William S Ragland had introduced the movement into East Mississippi for the avowed purpose of defeating the Democratic Party. From Henderson’s document, it appears that all the Democrats who have been inveigled into the order in Lauderdale County have abandoned it. There is no doubt that many high toned honest Whigs will do like wise.

Granville Henderson withdrew his name from the race for probate Clerk, “for reasons he can not give in this card.”

A Bell, administrator of the estate of Elizabeth Hearn, deceased, notified the public to make any claims against the estate.

## JULY 16, 1855

"Since C W Henderson has renounced know nothingism, that group has been trying to ruin his reputation. But in this they will fail. Mr Henderson is well known in the region in which he lives as one of its most respectable and useful citizens. He is a Justice of the Peace, a good member of the Methodist Church, a leading merchant of the county, and a Royal Arch Mason." (This was quoted in the Republican from the Mississippian)

G C Chandler, of Marion, was one of two orators for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration in Enterprise.

William Barksdale, a candidate for the U S House of Representatives, spoke in Lauderdale County at the following towns: Sookalena (Aug 8), Chunkyville (Aug 9), Sageville (Aug 10), Marion ( Aug 11), Whynot (Aug 13), Alamucha (Aug 14), Lauderdale Springs (Aug 15), and Daleville (Aug 16)

Lucius Hancock is a candidate for Circuit Clerk.

Cholera is now gone from the workers on the M & O Railroad.

A fire in Chunkyville on Sunday last, destroyed 3 stores. A match fell through a funnel into a barrel of brandy which exploded, throwing two persons out of the house & scattering the burning liquid.

Died, near Alamucha, June 15, 1855, Lattimore A Hall, son of Westley W and Amanda Hall — aged 6 years, 3 months, and 12 days.

James Reid offered for sale 80 acres, 10 miles northwest of Marion, 45 acres of which was in a "high state of cultivation" and had a "good dwelling house, excellent spring, and other conveniences."

John C Higgins, of the county, was suing Ann Higgins, a non resident of the county, for divorce.

H E Snowden, administrator of the estate of James Snowden, deceased, announced the sale of land: Lots 10, 11, 14, and 19 and e  $\frac{1}{2}$  of MW 1/4 of sec 9; N  $\frac{1}{2}$  of W  $\frac{1}{2}$  of SW 1/4, sec 4; and NE 1/4 of sec 9, all of T 8, R 15.

Robert McKinley was Justice of the Peace, before whom Henry M Kitrell presented a horse he had found.

An attachment case for \$100 was brought by O F Jairman against one A J Davis, non resident of the state.

### JULY 24, 1855

D C Smith and James R Stiles are assistant postmasters at Marion.

Rea reported that work on the M & O Railroad was almost at a stand still because of a scarcity of hands. The road was laid to a point some 12 to 15 miles from Marion.

A Mr Molphus was shot by a Mr Brunson in Whynot on Saturday last, over an old feud. Mr Molphus had a large family of small children — the wounds were considered mortal. Both men were peaceable citizens.

Mr S A Griffith married Miss Sophronia Tucker, both of this county, on July 12.

Stray animals were found by the following persons and taken before the following officials: H J Hunt before C W Henderson; Henry L Brown before G B Stiles; W P Hobbs before Robert McKinley; Peter Mayatt before John B Collins.

### JULY 31, 1855

W V White, P H Bozeman, and D N Cammack wrote a letter — published in this issue thanking Rev J M Richardson for his speech given in the Salem Baptist Church and in the presence of the Alamucha Lodge # 130 — elsewhere in this issue it says that the speech was given in Alamucha. The letter addressed Richardson as "Dear Brother."

Christian Stanton had an ad of application of Dower in the estate of Richard Stanton, deceased. Land described as: Lots 1, 2, 7, and 8, section 1, T 9, R 18

### AUGUST 5, 1855

Rev John H Gibbs, of Enterprise, is to preach in the Marion Methodist Church.

Editor Rea wrote the following article about the mails:

"What can the matter be with this department of the government, no man at present seems able to determine. The Postmaster at Daleville says he receives his mail matter from this place (Marion) directly from Brandon via Lauderdale Springs, though sometimes he is lucky enough to get it from DeKalb. There is a mail route direct from Lauderdale Springs, yet the DeKalb and Brandon route seems to be preferable, and the mail matter by some mysterious hocus pocus starts eastward from Marion, and after boxing the compass, arrives from the

westward at Daleville, and the delighted citizens are regaled with the pleasure of reading a paper some two or three weeks old. This is progress with a vengeance, and though it is only ten miles to Daleville, and we have a tri-weekly mail, yet the citizens of that place are debarred from all the priviledges accruing thereby, simply because the stage driver disdains to favor them with his patronage, by refusing to stop and deliver the mails." (At this point, Rea speaks about problems in Chunkyville and Quitman and then continues) "However, the old tri-weekly horse route from Daleville to Quitman is again reestablished, and we trust that many of the inconviences complained of will be corrected."

Thomas Graham thanked the editor for the peaches left by the former (Rea).

'In a letter to the Republican, the Postmaster at Daleville, John H Hill, said that "mail directed to Lauderdale Springs had frequently been sent from Lauderdale Springs to Daleville by the postmaster, when the matter should have remained at Lauderdale Spring. In some cases the (the mails) have passed backwards and forward several times before they are stopped by the said postmaster."

#### AUGUST 14, 1855

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#### AUGUST 21, 1855

Elisha Mosley was nominated by the know nothings at their meeting in Marion, to run on the ticket with G C Clayton for the lower house in the state legislature.

Jonathan A Price informed the Republican of his withdrawal from the know nothing organization.

Married on August 3, 1855, John H Hill to Miss Clelia W Robertson, both of Lauderdale County. On August 12, 1855, at the residence of Samuel Molphus, by the Rev Mr Wolf, Mr James W Hays to Miss Mary Molphus.

#### AUGUST 28, 1855

Editor Rea wrote: "We understand the railroad will be completed to Grimes depot, by the last of this week, or the first of next, nine miles more will connect our town with Mobile. So lookout for the engine."

RBG Harper, administrator of the estate of Benjamin Neighbors, deceased, no land mentioned.

A White, administrator of the estate of Eliza P Farish, deceased. No land mentioned but a sale of Negroes: Nathan, Wiley, Caroline, and child.

Robert Maxey is a candidate for the office of tax assessor. Elsewhere in this edition he published a letter denying ever having any connection with the know nothings — it had been rumored that he was connected with the know nothings.

Announcements:

Captain W J Daniels, candidate for probate judge.

Lucian B Hancock, candidate for circuit clerk.

J P Smithurick, candidate for tax assessor.

John Bishop, candidate for coroner.

Walter Welch, candidate for ranger.

Good Hope Academy announced they are to open a new session under Dr R H Herbert in the community of Good Hope.

### **September 4, 1855**

Mrs Delilah Jane Hall, wife of Issac J Hall, daughter of Nathaniel Shotts, died on July 24, 1855. She was born April 19, 1838, and had been married on July 2, 1854.

F L Swann and A G Horn spoke in Marion in favor of know nothingism.

The M & O track now has reached Grimes station about 10 miles from Marion. The station house will be completed & cars then would make their regular tri-weekly from there.

The Rev J M Richardson will hold a "protracted meeting" at the McLaurin Church, seven miles east of Marion.

Died in Lauderdale County on July 1q2, 1855, Mrs Lucinda Bell, wife of Abraham Bell. They had 4 children. She was the daughter of Levi D and Elizabeth Peavy. She was born February 26, 1825 in Concho (this is probably Conecuh County) County, Alabama and moved with her father to Lauderdale County in 1836. She joined the Presbyterian Church in 1845 and was married June 24, 1847. Later, with her husband, joined the M E Church.

James W Hays, administrator of the estate of John Hays, deceased, offers the following land: SW 1/4 of NW 1/4, sec 32, T 5, R 17; and NE 1/4 of SW 1/4, and E 1/4 of NW 1/4, sec 32, T 5, R 17.

## SEPTEMBER 11, 1855

Several citizens in Sookalena published an item showing their withdrawal from the know nothing party. They were: H D Mahan, H M Wilkerson, W B Keath, A J Keath, Henry Keath, Ben. Carpenter, Wm. Stephens, John R Giles, John Savell, P G Hughs, Matthew Lee, Asa Lee, Joel Hammonds, A Cockrum, James A Jolly, Marshall Jolly, Joseph Jolly, E E Jolly, Wm. J Snowden, and Enoch Rigdon.

C J McWhorter notified the public that he had left the know nothing party.

Married in Marion at the M E Church on September 9, by Rev E McMeans, the Rev D M Hudson to Miss Margaret Boutwell.

Died, near Marion, on September 4, 1855, Miss Fanny A Chandler, youngest daughter of William and Mary Chandler, aged 18 years, two months, and 26 days. She was a member of the M E Church.

W W Welch offered for sale his residence, known as Bains old place. 1/4 mile northwest from the court house in Marion, with 84 acres, all fenced in and 50 acres in cultivation, house is a frame structure, kitchen, smoke house, cribs. Those interested are asked to contact Gov. L B Bains.

W A Davis, administrator of the estate of Edwin B Davis, deceased, offers for sale the following lands: SW 1/4, sec 12, and SW 1/4 of NW 1/4, sec 12, and SE 1/4 of NE 1/4, sec 11, all of T 8, R 17.

## SEPTEMBER 18, 1855

There was a anti-know nothing Democratic meeting at the Court House in Marion on September 15. W J Daniel, President; Joseph Clinton, VP; G W Henderson, Sec. The Executive Committee: C E Rushing, E A Durr, J B Hancock. Committee to arrange for the Democratic barbecue somewhere in the county: C E Rushing, J B Bains, F C Semmes, J W Coats, James Moore, James Daniel, Hugh Berry, Neal Gaddis, Dr J M Gaddis, Hugh Lacy, Wm. Keith, W Griffith, Berry Carpenter, H D Mahan, J M Trussell, Sr, J M Trussell, Jr, Joseph Walters, David M Brown, Alsa Pace, William Stokes, Aaron Jones, Hays Rodgers, A W Gallaspie, James McDonald, A M Prince, John Tinnen, Gabriel Ratcliff, Tyree Finley, Nelson Moore, Elias Moore, Sydney Kennedy, and Thomas Bourdon.

Published in the paper:

Act to incorporate the Alamucha Academy and Free Church — January 27, 1840

Act to incorporate Marion Male & Female Academy, February 23, 1842

Act to legalize sale of 16<sup>th</sup> section, township 6, range 16 to William Keeton & Alexander Pickard.

Act to incorporate Marion — March 12, 1848, limits were 1/4 mile from the court house on the east and south and  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile on the north and west.

Act to incorporate Lauderdale Springs — March 12, 1856. No definitive limits: beginning at SW corner of a tract of land on which said watering place located, thence following lines that divide land owned by S Moncrieff on the west, W R Dennis on the north, A J White on the east, and lands formerly owned by Wm S Patton on the south, to the beginning.

This listing is probably part of the first story of this date: Owen Pigford, J E Simmons, Thos. Graham, J R McLaurin, Joseph Yarbrough, Charles Gordon, P H Bozeman, A D Pigford, Dr J P Welch, B K Brigg, Isaac Spinks, James Harden, I K Pringle, Samuel Shannon, James Bunyard, Wm. Ritche, A McDougald, Wm. T Fisher, Richard McLemore, Tyra Henderson, James Lasley, H H Raney, and J M Pigott. The following members are to be a committee of correspondence: E A Durr, J B Hancock, C E Rushing, James Lasley, W J Daniel, J W Baley, Joseph Price, and Wm. Hunt. This committee was instructed to confer with a know nothing committee to arrange a joint barbecue to be given on October 6 to opposing candidates for Governor, Governor McRae and Col. C D Fontaine.

Editor Rea wrote a complaint that the mail from Mobile was often forwarded to Marion, Ala., and then to Marion, Miss., even though tri-weekly rail service would get it to Marion, Miss. In 24 to 48 hours, instead of 10 to 14 days — "if the Postmaster at Mobile will notice directions carefully, etc."

Died, Jacob Pigford, at his home in the county, on September 8, 1855, He was born in New Hanover County, N.C., on March 11, 1766. He joined the Missionary Baptist Church in 1830.

Two schools, one for boys and one for girls, will begin in Lauderdale County. The Female School to be under Mrs S R Batchelder at the residence of Mr Nelson Moore. The Male School will be under Mr S R Batchelder, one and a half miles south of Mr Moore's. Each school to go 8 months beginning on the first Monday in October, a weeks Christmas vacation. Tuition will be \$2 to \$4 a month, board for boys and girls at \$7 a month. Instruction in English, Latin, Greek, French, piano (extra charge), painting, and drawing (extra charge).

Ad: "The undersigned have opened a house of entertainment at Oktibeha depot, the present terminus of the Mobile and Ohio Railroad, where they are prepared to entertain the public

with the best afforded by the country; they have built a large and commodious stable and will pay particular attention to the horses entrusted to their keeping."

(Signed) Jackson & Williamson

### SEPTEMBER 25, 1855

Progress on the M & O Railroad is delayed due to a washout at Dog River. Oktibbeha depot, near Sageville, has been ready for nearly one week, and had the accident mentioned, not occurred, the cars would have commenced their regular trips to that point on Monday, the 7<sup>th</sup> of September. Quite a village is springing up at Oktibbeha, three stores are being erected, and Messrs. Jackson & Williamson have built a commodious stable, and are prepared to take charge of horses, and to accommodate travelers with bed, board, etc. They keep a good table (ad on this page) and their energy and industry entitle them to the patronage of the traveling public. The Station House is quite a commodious, and substantial building, and no fault can be found, save that its location is rather swampy. The road is completed to Sourwashy Bridge, within six miles of this place, and Mr Williams, the energetic contractor, informs us that within three weeks the road will be completed to the station opposite our town.

Mr Leachman, the gentlemanly proprietor of the Meridian House, situated on the road leading from this place and DeKalb to Oktibbeha, and Paulding, is prepared to receive and entertain travelers. His location is near the line of the Railroad, and within five miles of Oktibbeha Station. Passengers can take the gravel train near the house, or Mr Leachman will convey them to and from Oktibbeha in a good and comfortable hack, he is also prepared to take charge of horses and will also convey passengers to and from any point. (See advertisement) We commend him to the public as one worthy of patronage, and he has our best wishes, etc. "Several workmen now engaged in building the station house opposite this place, and by the time the road reaches us, it will be finished, so there will be no delay in waiting for its completion."

Notice: Thos. Stokes has left the know nothings.

Notice: J Swain has left the know nothings.

The Meridian House: this newly opened establishment is situated on the road leading from Marion, and DeKalb to Paulding, and Oktibbeha Depot, and is only five miles distant from the latter place. "The subscriber having thoroughly renovated the above establishment - flatters himself, that he will be able to give satisfaction to all who may honor him with their patronage. He is prepared to take care of horses & etc., while persons are visiting the city, and pledges himself that he will use his best endeavors to promote the happiness and interests of his guests. He is well provided with suitable outbuildings, stables, & etc., and will

keep constantly on hand horses, buggies and carriages, to convey passengers to any point they may wish to reach."  
(Signed) R Leachman

### OCTOBER 2, 1855

The track laying on the M & O Railroad has resumed, repairs have been made, and the train reached Sageville on last Wednesday.

Candidates for office:

M L Roberts for policeman.

O Clay for policeman.

K W Boswell for constable.

Notice: W V White had not stated in a talk in Ebenezer Church that he had ever been a know nothing — he admitted that he had and that he had left it — was attested by the following subscribers: James P Irby, James Bunyard, John A Smith, and Simkin Smith.

### OCTOBER 9, 1855

John A Boutwell, surgeon and dentist, was permanently located in Marion at the Drug Store.

Ad: A E May, member of the Board of Police, said that he would, at Chunkyville, let out to the lowest bidder, the building of a bridge across the Chunky, in Lauderdale County, and to be known as the Stuckey Bridge.

Ad: (dated October 3, 1855) Lewis A Ragsdale — notice to Railroad Contractors. The undersigned is authorized to receive bids for the grading, masonry, and bridging to be done on the line of the Southern Railroad from Brandon to the Mobile and Ohio Railroad. He has profiles, and will be pleased to show them, and give any other information to contractors as that may be desired.

L F Habercorn is withdrawing from the firm of Harper, Bains, and Halbercorn in Marion.

Died on September 24, 1855, in her 20<sup>th</sup> year of age, at the residence of Leonard Crocker, near Old Town, Lauderdale County, Mrs Mary C, wife of David A Crocker, and daughter of \_\_\_\_ and Mary James.

### OCTOBER 16, 1855

Marion Masonic Royal Arch Chapter No. 25 took note of the death of member Canada McLain.

Wm. M Hancock is to address "fellow citizens" of Lauderdale upon the political question involved in the canvass. Among the places mentioned was Meridian or Ball's Store.

Editor Rea called attention to Mr Ragsdale in an ad for contracts on the Southern Railroad. Rea said that Mr Ragsdale said that he had abundant assurances that the company was able to put the road through to the Alabama line. Rea noted that mismanagement had hitherto retarded progress. He urged the people in the State to get to work and contribute more than their desires for the road to be completed.

Know nothing barbecue and exhibition: Editor Rea did not attend the barbgue on Friday but said that Amos R Johnson, a Whig, pitched into the Catholics and foreigners "... which fairly made the six resident Dutchman of our county quake with fright and dismay." "After a very pretty speech, Mr Johnson made his salam, and the grand lion of the day, Rev J K Clinton, made his appearance and commenced the exercises, by the rehearsal of his celebrated extravaganza on the power of the Pope and the influence of foreigners so universally admired by all know nothings throughout the State. The leap is the principle figure of this art, illustrating the manner in which the frightened Mr Clinton got out of the democratic party.....(a wood cut showed Mr Clinton jumping). It is said that Mr Clinton did not jump as high here as he did at Decatur, but in other respects he excelled himself, and gave complete satisfaction to the numerous audience.....The know nothings applauded what they called his "powers of oratory", while the democrats excessively admired him as a low comedian and mountebank."

Thomas G Avara announced his withdrawal from the know nothing party.

### OCTOBER 23, 1855

Dr S P Kennedy, physician in Lauderdale Springs, has withdrawn from the know nothings. He had been President of the Party's Lauderdale Springs Council. Others withdrawing are: James Simmons, Thomas Simmons, Robert Phillips, John Tucker, M D Tucker, James D Riddlespurger, and John T Bond.

James B Ramsey, retired physician in Daleville and President of the Daleville Council of know nothing party, announced his withdrawal. J H Winningham, also of Daleville, announced his withdrawal also.

Guardian sale of land, by Susan Perry, guardian for the minor heirs of John Perry, deceased. The following lands: NW 1/4 of NE 1/4, and E 1/2 of NE 1/4, section 16, township 7, range 15.

Owen Pigford, administrator of the estate of Jacob Pigford, deceased, called to the attention of John R Pigford and Joseph Pigford. No land mentioned but several slaves were mentioned.

James E Knott, of Alamucha, cautioned the public against accepting certain notes made payable to him or Elonira Knott, now lost or mislaid.

### **OCTOBER 30, 1855**

J W Garrett, a candidate for tax assessor, has now withdrawn.

Wade Mahan was wounded by a knife in the hands of a Mr Harrell in Lauderdale Springs. Mahan will probably recover, no other particulars mentioned.

Colonel Durr's gin burned. Also, at Lauderdale Springs, corn & carriage house belonging to Dr Peyton burned, killing one of his young male slaves.

### **NOVEMBER 6, 1855**

Married at Alamucha on October 25, Mr C H Wiggins to Miss M E Knott, both of this county.

### **NOVEMBER 13, 1855**

Married in Marion on November 14, at the residence of her father, Miss Malissa M Harper to Mr Thomas Stokes. Married on November 1, Mr J T Wallace to Miss Elizabeth Ann Waits, all of this county.

### **NOVEMBER 20, 1855**

Two boys, about 11, one a son and one a stepson of Terry Spinks, living near Alamucha, were hunting when the gun of the stepson accidentally discharged and killed the son — on Monday, November 12.

Benjamin Meador, executor of the will & testament of Mordecia Meador, deceased. No land mentioned.

### **NOVEMBER 27, 1855**

The land formerly belonging to John Malone, deceased, to be sold. For information apply to John B Roberts or Martin Fikes. There is about 400 acres, known as the "Stucky Tract", lying in the western part of the county, on the Chunky River, 8 miles from Enterprise, 5 miles from Chunkyville.

E A Durr, guardian of the minor heirs of Wm. Rhodes, deceased, advertised the following land: SE 1/4 and SW 1/4, section 13, also N  $\frac{1}{2}$  of NE 1/4 and NW 1/4, section 24; also SE 1/4,

section 14, and N  $\frac{1}{2}$  of NE 1/4, section 23 — all in township 7, range 16, containing about 800 acres.

### DECEMBER 4, 1855

Rea mentioned that Lauderdale Springs is to be "thoroughly repaired and beautified during the present winter, several additional buildings are in the process of erection and we are informed that no pains will be spared to make it one of the most desirable and comfortable watering places in the Union." "It is true that some time since a few fights and rows occurred at that place, but they were all outside the square, and the visitors within, we are informed, knew nothing of it until they heard it from a witness or from a common rumor."

"Progress of the Railroad"....."We learn that the railroad will be finished up to Lauderdale Springs some time during the present week. The road has been finished up to Lockhart, the station 6 miles north of Marion, and the cars were to run up to that point on yesterday, whether they did so or not we are unable to say, but we presume that they did so, as the track, depot & etc, were all ready."

The railroad was "absolutely on fire" between Lockhart and Lauderdale Springs. The road ran through a bed of lignite & about 4 weeks before a man lit it and it has been burning ever since. "At the last accounts the fire was still burning, and the late heavy rains seem rather to increase than extinguish it; however, if the road burns into again, and the devil takes possession of the upper part, Lockhart will be the terminus, and consequently a city of note and importance." He then added: "Success to Lockhart and its growing trade, which nothing can extinguish, save a fire annihilator, a know nothing Press, or a Catholic priest with a jug of holy water.

Notice: Con. Rea, along with W J House, was elected to the state House of Representatives in the 1855 election.

Elijah Hearn, of Alamucha, died on November 15. Alamucha lodge No. 130, Thomas B Lucy, Jr, Secretary, moved to mourn his passing.

Mrs Susan Agnew, wife of James Agnew, died at their residence "in this county" at age 54, in October (no date given). They had several children and they were members of the Methodist Church.

Ad: J Lowery mentioned that clothes and fabrics were just received per the Railroad.

Walter Welch, Count Ranger, announced the sale of a stray mule.

John T Ball & Co., Commission merchants for the sale of cotton, corn, & other produce....Office at # 7 Water Street, Mobile. "Mr Ball's residence in the summer and fall will be at Meridian, in this county, on the Mobile and Ohio Railroad. C W Henderson & Co., Marion, Mississippi, will furnish bagging and rope at cost and carriage to his customers.

### DECEMBER 25, 1855

"We leave for Jackson this week and must beg the indulgence of our readers during our absence. The Republican will appear regularly under the editorial management C W Henderson, esq."

"Marion Depot": "This growing little village continues to increase in size; new building continue to go up and everything seems to be in a prosperous condition about the place. Some are already prophesying that the court house will one day be moved thither — and that the glory of our little town will soon forever set, and that everything will pass over to Marion Depot, our present entrepot, good Gracious !! The desolation of Babylon will be pleasant to our then condition, hear ye the prophet, and judge ye between deserted Marion and desolated Babylon. In short our pleasant little town will be rendered a fit place for the meeting of know nothing lodges, for where the owls are, there the bats must be also, and where the bittern has domain thee the mosquito ranges, and swamp conventions may be convened; and then our houses will really be full of doleful creatures, for a defeated know nothing is the most doleful of all creatures.....God save us from such a fate, and may the little scion of a town continue to flourish and prosper, as it has heretofore done. The extension of the railroad has caused no perceptible drawback, and we are convinced that the unusual good roads all verging to that point, and the peculiar situation of the surrounding county, will secure a large and respectable trade to the Marion Depot."

Editor Rea complained of the mail delivery. He said "the railroad did not improve delivery, and Postmaster Campbell was an incompetent."

The paper announced that the railroad was now complete through the county. The cars made their first trip to Lauderdale Springs on last Thursday (Dec 18). The Road was doing good business — much cotton was shipped. There were from 100 to 200, and sometimes, 300 passengers at one trip "and the company when they succeed in repairing the road throughly, will doubtless run a passenger train for the accommodation of he many passengers, who daily traverse their road." Mention was made that bad conditions of the road below Citronelle was not nearly so bad as "low rivers, ox carts, one horse steam boats with forty miles of mud." Rea praised the speed with which the company had pushed the work on the road.

Tax Collectors Notice: Sheriff Benj Meador listed towns on his schedule as follows: Whynot, Alamucha, Tucker Box, Lauderdale Springs, Daleville, Martans Box, Mahans, Chunkyville, Sageville, and Marion.

Administrator's sale by Socrates Parker, administrator of the estate of John C McGrew. Property both in Kemper & Lauderdale Counties. McGrew had owned the Canterbury Place.

J H Wallace, watchmaker and repairer, on the NW corner of the public square, Marion.

### **JANUARY 8, 1856**

Colonel John Clarke McGrew, about 50 years old died. His father was among the earliest pioneers in Alabama and settled on the Tombigbee when that part of the country was inhabited by Indians "who often waged indiscriminate warfare upon the white settlers. "We have heard his father described as a bold, enterprising, sagacious man, and skilled in managing and fighting Indians. We have never heard the circumstances of the unhappy occurrence, but have understood that he lost his life — was murdered in fact, by a gang of Cherokee warriors. At this time, John C was a little boy, and we suppose his father's death was almost the greatest misfortune that could have befallen him.....

( This was written by some one in Aberdeen whose initials were MJB)

M H Whitaker began the first session of his school in Marion yesterday. Mentioned as an exemplary young gentleman.

Rev R W Spence gave his first sermon in Marion, on last Sunday, at the Methodist Church. "He is the station preacher for this place for the ensuing year.....He will preach regularly at the Methodist Church every Sabbath."

The following Democrats of the county are appointed to be delegates to the State convention in Jackson on January 8: Dr C G Miller, Wiley J House, Con. Rea, Elias Moore, A E Gray, Dr J P Welch, John R McLaurin, Jas. M Trussell, Senator, Wm. R Hancock, W W Hall, H D Mahan, P H Bozeman, and E A Durr.

Died on December 11, 1855, at the residence of A Calhoun, his wife Nancy. They were married about a year ago. Also died on December 17, 1855, Mrs William Jemison.

Because of the death of Lewis Smith, the partnership with W P Andrews is dissolved.

### **JANUARY 15, 1856**

Rev D M Hudson, "station preacher" in the Methodist Church in Marion during the past year, now has moved to Sumter County, Ala.

Rev J M Richardson, pastor of the Marion Presbyterian Church for the past two years, is locating in Franconia, Pickens County, Ala. Rea spoke of him as "young."

Rea complained that although the local merchants had to pay taxes on their businesses, the transient venders did not, even though the revenue law required all merchants and peddlers to be assessed. "Horses and mules are daily sold hereabouts by transient venders, as well as a goodly quantity of merchandise, particularly on the Rail Road. Within the last ten days in the adjacent neighborhood, twenty six Negroes have been sold by a Negro trader." Editor Rea suggested that the tax assessor look into the matter.

The Republican attacked a book, just appeared, called Dangers in the Dark, which had circulated during the late election, apparently by know nothings and which attacked Roman Catholicism. Editor Rea said: "we have just finished reading it. It is a conglomeration of nonsense, interspersed with gross misrepresentations and traduction of Convents, Catholic Bishops, Priests, the Pope, and the members of that branch of the church generally. It is full of the most glaring falsehoods, and wilful perversions of historical fact. Indeed, the Arabian Nights are thrown in the shade by it, in point of fiction and lies."

John C Higgins and Anne Higgins are getting a divorce.

Dr Payton, Lauderdale Springs, wanted to sell out his business of dry goods and advertised an auction.

### **JANUARY 22, 1856**

Married on January 10, by P H Bozeman, Mr Jesse L Welch to Miss Martha Bozwell, all of Lauderdale County.

Died, in Marion on January 18 at 5 PM, Emarillas, youngest daughter of John and Nancy Henderson. She was about 7 years old.

Notification: John and William Bailiff, by Jesse B Eaves, executor, of the probaton of the will of Robert Bailiff, deceased.

Henry Brown, administrator of the estate of John H Brown, deceased, notifies the public of the probaton.

RBG Harper, administrator of the will of David White, deceased. No land mentioned.

M L Montague advertised having found some strayed animals.

Josiah Collins, administrator of the estate of John Trussell, deceased, the following land for sale: N  $\frac{1}{2}$  of SW 1/4, section 25; and E 1/4 of section 26; and NE 1/4 of NE 1/4, section 35; and NW 1/4 of NW 1/4, section 36, all in township 8, range 14.

### JANUARY 29, 1856

Ad: W W Devault, in Marion, he did "fashionable tailoring" in the back room of George Wood's office, "east side of the public square."

Ad: Notice of dissolving of the partnership named Smith and Andrews by reason of the death of Lewis Smith. W P Andrews to carry on the business under the name of W P Andrews & Co.

Ragland & Co., Marion druggists, were listed as selling Dr Hoofland's "Celebrated German Bitters." The product was also sold by Samuel Simmons, druggist in Daleville.

### FEBRUARY 5, 1856

Ad: Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, for coughs, colds, & etc, sold in Marion by Rushing and Smith, and in Daleville by Mosely and Geiss.

Run in the Republican, "Invaluable Remedies":

for sea sickness — stay at home

for drunkenness — drink cold water

for health — take Ayer's Pills

for accidents — keep out of danger

to make money — advertise in the Republican

for coughs and colds — take cherry pectoral

to keep out of jail — pay your debts

to be happy — subscribe to a newspaper

to please all — mind your own business

to have a good conscience — pay the printer

(Ayer's Cathartic Pills, "pills that are pills", for "men that are men" and which were taken for at least 15 different ailments)

Ad: The Republic advertised for a printer "immediately."

A letter was published that was written from Paris by Dr J F Kennedy, a country resident. He tells interestingly of Paris and Italy, and of having met an American sculptor named

Powers who had sculptured a statue called "Melancholy" — after Milton — and another called the Greek slave. (Note: The letter shows considerable curiosity, sophistication, and erudition, despite some mis-spellings of foreign expressions which could be the fault of the type setter.)

The county's delegates to the Democratic National Convention held in Cincinnati were: Dr J P Welch, J R McLaurin, Wm. M Hancock, Charles E Rushing, Con. Rea, J M Trussell, H D Mahan, James D Tolson, Dr Gaddis, E A Durr, and C W Henderson.

Rev Robert McLane, of Enterprise, has taken over the pastorate of the Presbyterian Church in Marion.

Elias Moore, administrator of the estate of Eli Huggins, deceased. No land noted.

Ad: Wm M Hancock, lawyer, in Marion.

Notice: James B Ramsey, executor of the estate of W H Smith, deceased. No land mentioned.

## **FEBRUARY 12, 1856**

Died on January 24, Mary D , wife of D C Wallace. She was aged 37 years, born in St Clair County, Ala., and moved to Lauderdale County about 10 years ago. About 5 years ago she joined the M E Church - South, had three children.

G W Grant owned the following lands and forbade "all and every person from cutting timber on the following lands of mine": NW 1/4 and W  $\frac{1}{2}$ , of SE 1/4, sec 5, T 5, R 15; NE 1/4 and E  $\frac{1}{2}$  of NW 1/4, SW 1/4 of NW 1/4 of sec 2, T 7, R 16; W  $\frac{1}{2}$  of NE 1/4, sec 26, T 7, R 16. (360 acres in the above tract near Marion) SE 1/4, sec 33, T 8, R 16; W  $\frac{1}{2}$  of NW 1/4, sec 4, T 7, R 16; W  $\frac{1}{2}$  of SW 1/4, sec 8, T 9, R 16; NE 1/4, sec 17, T 9, R 16; S  $\frac{1}{2}$  of SE 1/4, sec 7, T 9, R 16 — the above lands on the head waters of Black Water Creek above Jake Odom's old place.

Advertisement: G W Smith advertised a stray mare, appraised by W W Walker and Lewis Moore at \$25.

James B Ramsey, executor of the estate of W H Smith, deceased, no land mentioned.

Walter Welch, County Ranger, advertised the sale of a stray mule found by James Dunlap, appraised by Wm. P Hobbs and Wm. Dearman at \$90.

## FEBRUARY 26, 1856

Mr Neil McLaurin, an old and esteemed citizen of this county, died at his residence, seven mile east of this place, on Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> instant.

Ad: J Cohen looking for a lost pony, "strayed or stolen from Levi's lot."

Duncan Kelly, executor of the estate of Allen Smith, deceased, of Lauderdale County. No land mentioned.

Ad: S K Smith, surgeon dentist, "is permanently located at Lauderdale Springs, and is prepared to insert from one tooth to a full set, in the most durable manner."

## MARCH 4, 1856

Dr J F Kennedy sent another letter to the Republican from Paris. This letter talked about Venice.

Editor Rea mentioned a Baptist Church "in the neighborhood of John Harvey's, near the Marion and Daleville Road.

Married on February 24, by P H Bozeman, Mr W V H White to Mrs Elizabeth Rodgers. On February 27 by Rev R Y Raspberry, at the residence of Southy Fisher's, Mr John Raspberry to Miss Marian Fisher, all of this county.

## MARCH 11, 1856

Dr J F Kennedy wrote another letter from Paris about Vienna. He noted that "he spoke French but no German." Kennedy wrote a very interesting commentary on the Austrian people and on the French.

An article was written about the removal of the court house to the Depot area. The present location was more conducive to good health. The railroad will bring in yellow fever and other diseases. The present location was high but the depot location was low and swampy. Only the people who were in favor of the removal were those who would profit by it. It was unfair to those who bought and improved their property around the court house, believing it to be permanent.

Rea reported that the heavy rains had torn up the railroad and trains were unable to get to Marion, and thus no mail; "but when things get "to rights" again, and the editor returns to his post — which we hope will be in a week or two — we shall endeavor to make amends by

furnishing a larger quantity as well as more entertaining reading matter than is found in our columns this week."

### MARCH 18, 1856

Editor Rea wrote from Jackson, dated March 8, to "Dear Charlie" the editor pro-tem: "I arrived here in three days after leaving Marion; nothing remarkable occurred during the journey, except the usual "moving accidents by flood, field, and mud." "I found the road in a wretched condition, and nearly all the bridges wrecked or carried away by the recent freshets. I found considerable difficulty in crossing several creeks, and in crossing the Oktibbeha I came very near losing my horse and receiving a dunking myself, which will cause me not to entertain not very pleasing recollections of that dark and turbid stream."

A letter from a "subscriber" suggest the Hon. William J Daniel of Lauderdale County for Circuit Court Judge. He fought in the Texas War for Independence and led a company in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Miss. Regt in the Mexican War.

A letter from "a voter" suggested the Hon. Wm. M Hancock for Circuit Judge. He had been a resident of Lauderdale County for the last 16 years. He did not drink. He came to Lauderdale County before he was 20 and all that time since had supported the Democratic Party in the county.

Married on March 2, by W W Hall, President of the Board of Police, Mr Thomas Jarman of Sumter Co., to Miss Sarah P Bozeman of Lauderdale County.

Land Sale: By viture of a deed of trust, to the undersigned, made by L A Ragsdale, on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1854. We will sell for cash, in front of the court house door, in the town of marion, on the first Monday in May next. The following described lands, lying and being in the county of Lauderdale, and State of Mississippi; known as that tract, or parcel of land, sold by Richard McLemore, to Louis A Ragsdale on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of September A.D. 1853. Also the northeast quarter and the southwest quarter of northwest quarter, of section nineteen and the east half of the southwest fourth of section seven, township six, range sixteen east.

March 18, 1856

Ormand, Greer, and Swilley

Elias Moore had an ad cautioning the public against trading for a certain promissory note.

James M Price, deceased, property to be sold. No description given.

Sheriff Benj. Meador advertised the sale of a slave owned by M L Roberts to satisfy claims against Roberts.

Sale of lands of John C McGrew, deceased, former resident of Kemper County. Lands in Lauderdale County: SE 1/4 sec 23, T 8, R 17; also "an undivided half interest in E  $\frac{1}{2}$  and W  $\frac{1}{2}$  of NW 1/4, sec 15, T 7, R 18.

Duncan Kelly, executor of the estate of Allen Smith, deceased. No land mentioned.

Notice: Sheriff's sale of the following lands for non-payment of taxes:

<u>name</u>	<u>description</u>	<u>sec</u>	<u>township</u>	<u>range</u>
T R Hughes	part of SE 1/4 of SW 1/4	6	5	14
S W Moore	NW 1/4 of SW 1/4 and NW 1/4 Of SW 1/4 and W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE 1/4 Of SW 1/4	8	5	14
David Stables	SW 1/4 of NW 1/4	9	5	14
Martha Brown	SE 1/4 of SE 1/4	15	5	14
Est. Of Wm. Brown	E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW 1/4	15	5	14
"	E $\frac{1}{2}$ of Se 1/4	16	5	14
"	N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW 1/4	22	5	14
Martha Brown	S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW 1/4	22	5	14
Emanuel Fikes	SW 1/4 of SW 1/4 Se 1/4 of SW 1/4	23	5	14
Darling Dear	NW 1/4 of NE 1/4	29	5	14
Est of W A Lang	S $\frac{1}{2}$ of section	35	5	14
James Wallace	S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW 1/4	2	5	15
Est of Whitehead	NW 1/4 of NW 1/4	2	5	15
Grant & Hearndon	NW 1/4 of W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE 1/4	5	5	15
David D Nutt	NE 1/4 of NW 1/4	20	5	15
Samuel G Tabb	E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW 1/4	28	5	15
C F Myehoff	E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW 1/4	30	5	15
Samuel G Tabb	NE 1/4, E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW 1/4, W $\frac{1}{2}$	33	5	15
Robert H Wingate	SE 1/4 of SE 1/4, NW 1/4 of SE 1/4	2	5	16
D M T Carmichael	W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE 1/4	22	5	16
Est of Ethridge	W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW 1/4 SW 1/4 of NW 1/4	35	5	16
James R Corley	SE 1/4 of NE 1/4	35	5	16
Arch. McDougle	E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW 1/4	10	5	17
Thomas J Kinley	NW 1/4	12	5	17
Elhananah Smith	W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW 1/4	16	5	17
M Brunson	N $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE 1/4	29	5	17

James Brewster	E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE 1/4	5	5	18
Issac Spinks	W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW 1/4	6	5	18
Wm. C Jones	SE 1/4 of SE 1/4	6	5	18
J M Hunter	N $\frac{1}{2}$ of N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE 1/4	10	5	18
A E Turner	NE 1/4 of NW 1/4	22	5	18
Wm. T Wolf	SE 1/4	9	6	15
Wm. Allen Jr	E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW 1/4	12	6	15
Wm., Allen Jr	E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW 1/4	13	6	15
W L Wolf	W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW 1/4	15	6	15
"	W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE 1/4	21	6	15
Mint Nichols	NE $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE 1/4	31	6	15
R V Montague	E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE 1/4	33	6	15
"	NE 1/4 of SW 1/4, W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE 1/4			
"	E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW1/4, SW 1/4 of NW 1/4	34	6	15
"	W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW 1/4	35	6	15
J G Barnett	NE 1/4 of E 1/2, SW 1/4 of NW 1/4	8	6	16
"	NW 1/4, W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE 1/4	4	6	16
H J Arrington	W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW 1/4	5	6	16
Robert Vance	W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW 1/4, NE 1/4 of SW 1/4	8	6	16
R Y Rew	W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE 1/4, E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW 1/4			
	N $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW 1/4, SW 1/4 SE 1/4	17	6	16
Lewis A Ragsdale	S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW 1/4	17	6	16
"	NE 1/4, E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW 1/4, E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE 1/4			
	NW 1/4 of SE 1/4,	17	6	16
"	NE 1/4, NW 1/4 of NW 1/4	19	6	16
Elizabeth Creel	E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE 1/4	19	6	16
L A Ragsdale	W $\frac{1}{2}$ , NE 1/4 of NW 1/4	20	6	16
Samuel Bosone	E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE 1/4	20	6	16
L B Bains	NW 1/4 of NW 1/4	28	6	16
W V White	NW 1/4 of SE 11/4,			
	NE $\frac{1}{2}$ Of SW 1/4, SE 1/4 of SW 1/4	14	6	17
L B Bains	SW 1/4 of SW 1/4	14	6	17
Eliz. Hearn	E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE 1/4	11	6	18
Abraham Bell	S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW 1/4	17	6	18
Payton Madison	W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW 1/4	2	7	14
Est of Bradley Jolly	E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW 1/4	12	7	14
Aaron Jones	N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW 1/4	3	7	15
Walter Welch	W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE 1/4	4	7	15
Mary McLemore	E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW 1/4	9	7	15
W W Stokes	W $\frac{1}{2}$ , NE 1/4 of NW 1/4	10	7	15
John Rivers	E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE 1/4	11	7	15

Wm. Davis	W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW 1/4	16	7	15
Thos. J Hambrick	SE 1/4 of SE 1/4	16	7	15
Levi Perry	SW 1/4 of NE 1/4,	16	7	15
"	NE 1/4 of SE 1/4			
Wm. Davis	W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE 1/4	26	7	15
John E White	SE 1/4 of NE 1/4	27	7	15
RBG Harper	E 1/2,NW 1/4 of NE 1/4	32	7	15
Wm. M Lewis	E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW 1/4	1	7	16
Est of Phillips	W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE 1/4	3	7	16
B F Parke	W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW 1/4	3	7	16
"	NW 1/4 of NE 1/4,E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE 1/4	4	7	16
Arthur Talbert	E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW 1/4	5	7	16
Est of R Phillips	E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW 1/4	5	7	16
Thos. Gaddis	W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE 1/4	8	7	16
A J Buffington	E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE 1/4	8	7	16
Est Thos. Fellips	NW 1/4	9	7	16
S Evans	NW 1/4	14	7	16
Wm M Lewis	E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE 1/4	17	7	16
G W Grant	NE 1/4,E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW 1/4	25	7	16
"	SE 1/4 of NW 1/4			
L B Bains	SE 1/4 of SE 1/4	26	7	16
Grant & Hearndon	W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE 1/4	26	7	16
John G Barnett	E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE 1/4	33	7	16
"	NW 1/4,W 1/4 of SE 1/4	36	7	16
"	SW 1/4 of NE 1/4			
J W Calhoun	part of lot 20	36	7	16
J G McCarty	E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW 1/4	18	7	17
A P Monroe	S 1/4 of SW 1/4	21	7	17
Wm. S Boswell	SW 1/4 of SW 1/4	30	7	17
"	NW 1/4 of NW 1/4	31	7	17
W H Dubose	NE ? Of NE 1/4	30	7	17
Wm. Jemison	Lots 9 thru 15	51?	7	18
Wm. Eakin	W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE 1/4	3	7	18
Mrs E Peevy	Lots 2,3,7,12	13	7	18
George Price	SW 1/4	15	7	18
Sindriller Phillips	SW 1/4 of SW 1/4	21	7	18
Mrs S Phillips	E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW 1/4, W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE ?	28	7	18
Christopher Kizer	Lots 11 & 12	3	8	14
Wm. Mills	Lot 20	6	8	14
Allen Gibson	SE 1/4 of NE 1/4	9	8	14
John Trussell	SW 1/4 of SE 1/4	24	8	14

Est of John Trussell	W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW 1/4	25	8	14
"	SE 1/4	26	8	14
Mrs N Hicks	W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW 1/4, SE 1/4 of SW 1/4	30	8	14
"	W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE 1/4	30	8	14
Est of Trussell	W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE 1/4	33	8	14
Martha Trussell	SE 1/4 of SE 1/4	33	8	14
Payton Madison	W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE 1/4	34	8	14
Est of Trussell	NE 1/4 of NE 1/4	35	8	14
"	NW 1/4 of NW 1/4	36	8	14
J R Brook	Lots 9,10,15, & 16	3	8	15
W J Hutton	Lots 5, 12, & 13	4	8	15
"	Lots 1, 6-11, 15-18	5	8	15
W J Ethridge	SE $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW 1/4	10	8	15
Henry Dorman	W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW 1/4	11	8	15
C L Avara	S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW 1/4, SE 1/4 of SE 1/4	22	8	15
Mrs E Carmack	E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE 1/4	23	8	15
A E Carmack	NE 1/4	24	8	15
Park & Raney	W $\frac{1}{2}$ , SE 1/4 of SE 1/4	29	8	15
"	E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE 1/4	29	8	15
Daniel Martin	E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW 1/4	8	8	16
James G Winningham	W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE 1/4	9	8	16
Est of Ratcliff	S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE 1/4	11	8	16
Allen Wilkinson	NE 1/4 of SW 1/4	12	8	16
Est of Ratcliff	NW 1/4 of NW 1/4	13	8	16
"	W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE 1/4, SE 1/4 of SE 1/4			
P H Partin	SW 1/4	13	8	16
Wiett & Euster	E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW 1/4, SW $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW 1/4	13	8	16
Est of Ratcliff	NE 1/4 of NE 1/4	14	8	16
Mrs A E Carmack	SW 1/4 of NW 1/4	19	8	16
Nancy Devain	Lots 5,11,12,14,13,19,20	1	8	17
Robert Brown	Lots 1 & 8	2	8	17
Rupert & McLellan	S $\frac{1}{2}$	13	8	17
S H Johnson	SW 1/4, W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE 1/4, SW 1/4 of NW 1/4	14	8	17
Starling Jones	SE 1/4	16	8	17
Daniel Butchee	W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE 1/4	21	8	17
"	SW 1/4 of NW 1/4, NE 1/4 of NW 1/4, W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW 1/4	29	8	17
Est J C Moore	W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE 1/4, W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE 1/4	22	8	17
	Part of E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE 1/4			
Rupert & McLellan	N $\frac{1}{2}$	24	8	17

Wm Strait	W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE 1.4	25	8	17
Moses Reynolds	SE 1/4	25	8	17
G B Hendrick	NW 1/4 of NW 1/4,NW 1/4 of	27	8	17
Wm. Walters	SW 1/4 of SW 1/4	27	8	17
J G Ulrick	SW 1/4	28	8	17
"	SE 1/4 of SE 1/4	29	8	17
J G Ulrick	NW 1/4 of NW 1/4	33	8	17
Alfred Jones	SW 1/4 of SW 1/4,Ne 1/4 of SW 1/4	33	8	17
Wm. Walters	NW 1/4 of NW 1/4	34	8	17
Est of R Stanton	Lots 1,2,7,& 8	1	8	18
W M Lewis	Lots 11,14, & 19	1	8	18
W. Jamison	Lots 9,10,15-18	6	8	18
"	Lots 4-6,11-14, 19 & 20	6	8	18
James McNeil	SW 1/4	7	8	18
G W Chandler	E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE 1/4	12	8	18
J G Ulrick	W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW 1/4	14	8	18
James R Green	E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE 1/4	15	8	18
Issac Canterbury	NW 1/4 of NW 1/4	20	8	18
D B Boyd	SE 1/4 of SE 1/4	22	8	18
"	W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW 1/4	25	8	18
"	NE 1/4 of NW 1/4, NW 1/4 of NE 1/4	26	8	18
"	NE 1/4 of NE 1/4	27	8	18
Wm. Strait	E $\frac{1}{2}$ o NW 1/4	27	8	18
"	NE 1/4, E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE 1/4	28	8	18
John G Ulrick	S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW 1/4,N $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW 1/4	30	8	18
W W Warden	part of NE 1/4	30	8	18
J G Ulrick	N $\frac{1}{2}$ of lots 5,6,& 16	30	8	18
Jas. Matthis	part of lot 5	30	8	18
W S Patton	NW 1/4 of SE 1/4,NE 1/4 Of SW 1/4	31	8	18
Wm. E Aiken	W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE 1/4,E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW 1/4	34	8	18

### MARCH 25, 1856

Announcement: Wm. M Hancock and Wm. J Daniel are candidates for Circuit Judge.

Editor Rea wrote: "The Railroad is now throughly repaired and the cars are now running regularly. Marion Station is rapidly improving, and bids fair to become a place of considerable importance. Several new buildings are being erected, and everything about the new village

appears to be a prosperous condition." We are sorry to see a little rivalry springing up between this place and the Depot.

"In our absence, the editor pro-tem inserted a little piece of pleasantry in this paper, purporting to be a price current, and which gave a ludicrous account of the commercial transactions at the new village. This, though meant as a joke, gave serious umbrage to some person who took occasion to pitch into the pro-tem editor in rather a severe manner; however, that is no business of ours and we notice the matter merely to say that we are not opposed to the new village, but will do all we can, as we have always done, to promote the prosperity of the new and rising town. We will not oppose even the moving of the Court House, for we are determined to take part in no petty quarrel of the kind, but leave the matter to be decided by the people, uninfluenced by the press. It is true, our interest is here, and, of course, as an individual we are opposed to removal, and this for many reasons which it would not be proper here to give. We are willing to let the people decide it, and we will take part in no useless bickering about the matter, but will do all we can to keep down the spirit of envy, covetousness, and jealousy, which now appears to pervade both villages. We feel a deep interest in the prosperity of the county; consequently we like to see our neighbor prosper, and we do believe it will one day be a place of note; and even though the Court House may never be moved thither, yet its location will build it up. The last legislature chartered a rail road company, to construct a road connecting the Mobile and Ohio Railroad at that point with the New Orleans Great Central Road, which, when completed, will essentially aid to build up New Marion.....We recollect a time when the commodious Depot building was about to be pulled down, or at least one half of it, and carried above, to the Gainesville Junction, and everybody, except the assailant of Mr Henderson, knows that we took position against it, and that we have always been favorably disposed towards the new town, as our notices of the place will prove.....The place is favorably located for trading purposes, but the inhabitants should not expect us to advocate the removal of the Court House, and they should be satisfied with the neutral position assumed by this paper. Our interest is at this place, but our paper advocates general improvement, and neither our private interest nor any other consideration, can induce us so far to forget our duty as to enter into a petty quarrel between two inconsiderable country villages."

In another article, Rea commented on two opposing petitions regarding removal of the county seat to the Depot, which had been sent to the legislature.

**(Transcribers note:** with the coming of the Railroad, Marion shifted from the area where our industrial park is now located (and the old Marion Cemetery where Major Constantine Rea is buried) to what is now the Town of Marion, some 2 miles to the east. This was where the tracks were. The Depot was built there.

Editor Rea continued his advocacy of the railroad with the following:

"The cars are now running nine miles and a half above Lauderdale Springs. Gainesville Junction is now the terminus, and the road will doubtless be extended to Columbus in time to carry off the crop of the present year. Nearly one hundred thousand dollars will fall to the share of the M & O Railroad out of the Chickasaw school loan, which the company is to secure by a mortgage and individual security. This will materially assist in extending the road, which in a short time is to be repaired in a permanent and substantial manner from beginning to end; thus securing the public against the vexatious delays and innumerable accidents which have hitherto marred the prospects of the company, and rendered the road so unpopular with the traveling community."

Married at the residence of Rev E James, Mr J R Townsend to Miss Martha Boutwell.

#### APRIL 1, 1856

Southern Railroad article mentioned that the charter of the Southern Railroad had been amended so as to allow that road and the Jackson and Vicksburg Railroad to merge. Then the new road would be excused from building further east than Meridian. The road had been graded 12 miles east of Brandon. A completed road would be beneficial to Lauderdale County and Rea couldn't understand "why our citizens are not more deeply interested in the prosecution of this great work, which is bound to be the Pacific route, if proper exertion is made to complete it through Alabama, Mississippi, and Texas. Let us throw off our apathy; let us cease to depend upon others.....Also, let us have some confidence in ourselves, take hold of the great work, and every man contribute his mite to connect in bonds of iron, the great Atlantic and Pacific Oceans."

Alex Horn, of the Quitman Intelligencer, sold his interest to a Mr Murphy, formally of the Clarion.

#### APRIL 8, 1856

"Enterprise, "Queen City of the Railroad".....bids fair to become a city, in deed, at no distant day. She had already laid all her rival villages far in the shade. The place is hourly improving and will certainly be the most important place on the Railroad south of Columbus."

Mr Mayfield, an old citizen of this place, died on Friday night, last.

Editor Rea complained that some county officers were ordering their blank forms from other printers, adding: "now the question is simply this, will the Democratic Party sustain this paper, or have the people of Lauderdale County made up their minds to do without a county press. If so, they have only to let us know, and we will discontinue at once.....We will not beg these gentlemen for their patronage, no do we question their right to order blanks from whosoever

they please; but we only intimate to the people generally, and to the democratic party particularly, that we cannot maintain our paper unless we get the county patronage, or its equivalent." Rea continued: "almost every man in the county took the Republican and a large number of patrons were in adjoining counties; "no paper can be sustained here without the county printing and if we do not get it, we are forced to sell or discontinue our paper. We have dragged out a precarious existence here for the last two years; we have made nothing and what little we had, when we came here, is scattered over every part of East Mississippi."

AD: D P Lott opened a boarding house opposite of the Rail Road Depot.

LAUDERDALE REPUBLICAN  
CONSTANTINE REA LETTER  
September 26, 1858

"In regard to that individual (referring to W W Hall), I have a little to say; having twice denounced him — once privately, in the presence of G W Null, and once publically at Alamucha — as a lair, a scoundrel, and the embodiment of everything mean and contemptible, which fact the publications of my friends show. Yet, the mean, pitiful wretch of a slanderer took it, as his own certificates say mildly and considerately presenting nothing of a vindictive spirit. Oh, the immaculate baseness of a wretch like him. What else can I do to degrade him in the estimation of all honorable men, unless I cowhide him — fitting punishment for his cowardice and unparalleled meanness."

"His certificate says truly that nothing that Con Rea said against him, here or elsewhere, can in any wise do him an injury; and why? Because W W Hall has by his own acts, put himself beyond the pale of honor, he has forfeited the esteem of his friends, neighbors and kindred, and all good and true men, aware of his derelictions, look down on him with profound contempt."

Rea went on to outline a few facts: W W Hall's nephew, B Hall, was indicted for assault with intent to kill J P Welch, and L Commack was an important witness for B Hall. W W Hall sided with Welch against his own nephew & did his best to frighten and run Commack out of the country, by telling his mother, a poor widow, that there was a writ against her son, and that, unless he ran away, he would be certain to be taken by 9 o'clock that morning. "This was a base lie, and Hall knew it at the time; there was no writ against Commack, and Hall's object evidently was to enable Welch, and other signers of his certificate, to swear Hall's own nephew into the penitentiary."

"He has slandered me without a cause, and when I denounced him for so doing, instead of resenting it like an honorable man, he called on his brother, Mr David Hall, who is a gentleman in every sense of the word, declining publically to give it, was satisfied that I was slandered, and joined others, including a nephew and a near kinsman of W W Hall, in a statement of facts to that effect, which are already before the public, for I have published no card, the matter being a mere statement of what I said to Hall in the presence of the signers of the published certificates." (Rea continued and said that Hall had said that the reason he (Hall) had thought Rea privy to the writing of the letters (certain vulgar, anonymous letters to Mrs W W Hall — was that one letter had an illusion to a private conversation between Rea and Hall - Then (said Rea) Hall at various times admitted that there was no illusion, or that he had also made the statement to others, or even that he had never charged Rea with the matter.)

"As to W W Hall, I would not have noticed him at all, were it not for the position to which the people of this county have elevated him. Otherwise, he is too contemptible to waste a thought on. Though a slanderer, he has not sense enough to tell a plausible story. He lacks every other qualification of an accomplished villain, except the inclination; that he has

to a greater extent than John A Murrell ever had." (Transcriber's note: John A Murrell was a well known bandit along the Mississippi River in the 1840's)

"But I dismiss him to obscurity, and may God give him grace to be honest in the future. This is not the first time he has shown the cloven foot. A slander — a vile creeping thing by nature — his track may be traced in the circles of society by the slimly vituperation slanders which mark his course. What motive he may have had to slander me, God only knows. I canvassed this county for him when he was elected to the legislature, and now, like the serpent warmed into life, he turns his sting against me — attempts to blast my reputation with his baleful breath. He has failed, but can I pardon the attempt? No!"

"As to the signers of Hall's certificates...we have little to say. We but defended ourself, and we are ready to undertake that task when we have fifty assailants as one. Let them look to it. We ask them no odds, and having no undue opinion of ourself, yet we do think, with pen, tongue or weapon, mentally or physically, that we are able to weed out a cowpen full of such degenerate stock. Some of them, other than those we have enumerated, are good men and true simpletons, who knew not what they were doing when they signed the documents. Why, the very idea of requiring a man to prove himself clear of a charge coming from an irresponsible source, shows that not one of them has a thimble full of brains. Why, every MAN knows that.....the burden of proof lies on the accuser.....where knaves and fools are the judges, reason and truth are disregarded. Another man, (Wm. James) was accused, in their hearing, and on the very day we denounced Hall, by one of their own body, and by Hall also at another time, of having written these same letters; and yet, these fellows could not comprehend the shallow conspiracy. They knew that similar letters, in reply to the letters Hall got, on which he says he got, were dropped in Dr Knott's and Henry Wiggins' yard; and if Hall really thought I wrote the letters he got, how comes it he wrote replies to Knott and Wiggins, and dropped them secretly at their gates, for what fell purpose I know not, and care not. These gentlemen have the letters, and it is said they look very much like Hall's handwriting."

"I have done and would say, in conclusion, to one and all of these fellows, let us settle this matter with a fight or without a fight, as you please, and not trouble the public longer with our bickering. But no, that cannot be, not one of you has sand enough in your gizzard to help yourselves. . ."

Con. Rea

P.S. "Hall has certainly invented a new plan of vindicating honor. It is presumed that he will apply for a patent, in order that the invention may be secured to himself and his heirs. I understand that some of his signers express regret at having signed his lying certificate; that they did not understand their impart, especially the part which, by implication at least, assails me. Therefore, I except all such from the offensive language in this article, and declare that I allude directly and particularly, to those I have herein enumerated. They understand me, and let them help themselves if they dare to do it."

C.R.

**LAUDERDALE REPUBLICAN**  
Alamucha, Miss., September 26, 1858  
(statement by B. K. Bragg)

"This is to certify, that W.W. Hall told me that he did not believe that Con. Rea had any hand in writing or concocting the anonymous letters, which he says his wife received. He declared that Con. Rea was too much of a gentleman to be guilty of such a thing."

B. K. Bragg

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(Following the above clipping was the following)

"We, the undersigned, were present on Saturday, the 25<sup>th</sup> of September, when Con. Rea denounced W. W. Hall, one of our members of the legislature, as a liar, a scoundrel and slanderer. Con. Rea accused him of having fabricated and circulated a slander on him in the South-western part of the county; which charge, after Rea had denounced him, Hall denied. Hall said that he had never accused Rea of having anything to do with the writing or drop (ing) of the letters which he (Hall) said his wife had received; that he had only stated that there was an allusion in one of the letters to a private conversation which Hall had requested Rea to keep secret, and that he (Hall) had only stated that he could not account how that allusion got into the letters, unless Rea had told some person, and the writer of the letters had got hold of it. Hall then read the letters, but we could see no allusion whatever in them to the private conversation which Hall says he had with Rea. The writer of the letter alluded to Rea, and to a joke, which Hall said himself was given in public among his friends and relations, and when he and Rea were perfectly friendly.

Rea said that he only wanted Hall to get him right before the people; and if Hall had given him that statement, as he had requested him to do, that he would not have denounced him as he had done — but that he was satisfied, from the best authority, that Hall had put the slander in circulation to injure his election, and therefore, as Hall had declined to do him justice, he was compelled to set himself right and to denounce Hall as he had done. This is about the substance of what was said on both sides, and Rea concluded by denouncing Hall again as he had done before."

B.K. Bragg	S.B. Morgan
David Hall (brother to W W Hall)	
W.S. Henson	
Berryman Hall (nephew of W W Hall)	
T. J. Phillips	S. F. Lacy
A. J. Odum	

Lauderdale Springs  
September 26<sup>th</sup>, 1858

"This is to certify, that I heard a conversation between the Hon. Con. Rea and W.W. Hall at the last term of the Lauderdale County Circuit Court.

The Hon. Con. Rea accused Hall of having fabricated and circulated a slander on him in the South-western portion of the county.

Rea told Mr Hall that he had it on good authority that he (Hall) had said that he (Rea) had either written, or had some hand, in the writing, or knew the author, of certain vulgar, anonymous letters, which Hall said his wife had received.

Hall acknowledged that he had told a few persons, he believed, that Mr Rea had a hand in the transaction.

Rea asked Mr Hall why he thought so, Hall said the only reason he had for thinking so, that there was an allusion in one of the letters to a private conversation which Hall said he had with Rea.

Rea then asked what that allusion was. Hall then stated the allusion was a certain vulgar question, which one of the letters said Hall had put to Rea. Rea asked him, if in that conversation, or any other, whether he had ever put such a question as that, and Mr Hall said he had not.

Rea then asked how could that be an allusion; and of course, Mr Hall could not answer.

Mr Hall then said he had received several of the letters when Mr Rea was absent on the sea coast, two or three hundred miles from Hall, and that the letters were dropt (dropped) in his yard.

He also admitted that he himself had related to other persons the private conversation which he said he had with Rea, and to which he said there was an allusion in one of the anonymous letters.

Hall then acknowledged that he had showed Rea one of the letters he had received, but that he did not intimate to Rea at that time, or any other time, that he thought that Rea had a hand in it, that he only consulted Rea as a friend about it, and he had expressed himself satisfied, to Rea, that Rea knew nothing about the matter, and there was no allusion in the letter about the private conversation.

Hall said he looked upon Rea as his friend at the time, and Rea told him that he ought to have come to him about the matter at the start, when he (Mr Hall) began to entertain suspicions about him, and not to have went about and circulated it against him like a damn dog and scoundrel as he did, or had done.

Rea said also, that he did not believe that Hall believed that he had any hand in the matter; and any man who said he did was a damn liar, and that he would hold him responsible for the same."

G. W. Null