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THE Flatonia Argus comes out Democratic.

Fusion between the democrats and republicans in this county is an almost assured fact.

WAR is the last thing to be desired. It would paralyze business and everything else. But if Great Britain attempts to gobble Cuba or any other country over here there will certainly be war, and a bloody one, too.

In another column will be found the Associated Press report sent out Sunday night containing alarming rumors regarding the calling out of the state troops throughout the Southern States. We do not know how much credence can be placed in the report. We want peace if we can get it honorably, but if we can't have peace, we must abide the alternative.

THE votes that are to elect the democratic ticket in Lavaca county this year must come from the west end of the county. Shiner, Moulton, Yoakum, Witting, Moravia, Oak Grove and Novogard are the voting places where democracy reigns. Consequently the west half of the county must be liberally represented on the ticket which the democrats put in the field.

### GETTING READY FOR WAR.

St. Louis, January 19.—A special to the Republic from Tallahassee, Florida, says: Sensational stories are afloat here tonight. Governor Mitchell, at the request of the war adjutant at Washington, has ordered General Houston to see the Florida war department placed in readiness to take the field at a moment's notice. Governor Mitchell, it is reported, will call the militia out to-morrow. Similar requests it is reported have been sent to the governors of other Southern States. The story has become generally known is causing great excitement throughout throughout the South. Governor Mitchell and Adjutant General Houston were asked in regard to it, but they refused to talk.

General Houston has been in his office all day and has sent telegrams to all battalion commanders in the State. Major Turner of Jacksonville, commanding the First Florida battalion, has received several messages from the adjutant general. The battalion commanders at Pensacola and Tampa have also received messages from General Houston during the day. It is stated as coming from the executive office that the Washington authorities have reason to believe that Great Britain and Spain are negotiating for the sale of Cuba and that the flying squadron is coming to America to be ready for the war

that will inevitably follow the attempted seizure of Cuba.

Dispatches from various cities in Florida to-day report that troops are gathering and that the war fever is higher now than the day after President Cleveland's Venezuelan Message.

Washington, January 20.—A flat denial is given at the War Department to-day to the report from Florida that the department has requested the governor of the state to put the Florida troops in readiness to take the field at a moment's notice. In the first place it is said the President has no constitutional or lawful authority to make such a request; in the next place there is no emergency that would justify the calling out of 1200 men who make up the Florida militia.

### The Pirate Battle on Galveston Island. (1817.)

[A. J. Sowell in Uvalde Democrat.]

From the discovery of Galveston Island in 1685 by the colony of LaSalle up to 1816 it had no permanent settlers. The ships of LaSalle rode in on the white-crested waves of the gulf and the daring Frenchmen under his command looked at the grass-covered island and then bore away to make new discoveries along the shores of the wild and unknown country and far one hundred and thirty years the spot where now stands the flourishing city of Galveston was untrod by the foot of the pale face race. Occasionally a few roving Indians resorted to the western end of the island for the purpose of fishing, but there was no human habitation upon it. In the beginning of 1816, however, ships again rode at anchor in the bay and then Lafitte, afterwards known as the "Pirate of the gulf," landed with his men. At this time the island was covered with tall grass on which fed herds of deer. It was also infested with snakes and was called "Snake Island" by the pirates.

The pirates, under Lafitte, first occupied the Island of Barrataria, but were broken up and driven away from that place by the United States government. It is related of Lafitte that on one occasion when the governor of Louisiana offered \$5000.00 for the head of Lafitte, the sancy pirate offered \$15000 for the head of the governor which so alarmed the chief executive that he at once withdrew his reward.

About the close of the war of 1812, between the United States and England, Lafitte and his men joined the Americans and fought bravely at the battle of New Orleans and for this service received full pardon for all past offenses.

After the close of the war Lafitte recruited his band and in 1817 landed one thousand men on Galveston island and began to erect habitations, intending to make this place his stronghold and place of operations in the future exploits upon the high seas.

Lafitte's men were of all nations and languages, refugees from justice and victims of oppression, who had fled from their own country and were ready to make war upon

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Lafitte was a well formed and handsome man, six feet, two inches in height, strongly built, with large hazel eyes, black hair and heavy moustache. He dressed in a green uniform and generally wore an otter skin cap, but sometimes a wide brimmed hat, highly ornamented and cocked up on one side. He was a man of polite and easy manners, and his influence over his followers was almost absolute. He was a Frenchman by birth. Lafitte built himself a house on the island, painted it red and surrounded it by a fort. After he had made these improvements and become settled in his new habitation he called the island Campeachy.

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### Jury District Court.

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2nd week—A Baur, C Hanke, R Stratmann, H Smith, R F Heinsohn, E F Blume, Eug Blakeslee, T E Brannon, D R Breeden, Julius Einkauf, A F Groeber, Jno Hicks, Theo Golsch, J M Kirk, F Appelt, W Brown, Luke Herring, J M Hogan, Harry Carville, Wm Engeling, Fritz Berekonhoff, L J Davis, B C Avant, Fritz Koehler, Otto Fertsch, Wm Wendtland, Wm Roeben, John Schornack, J W Hawkins, Wm Luke.

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