

WALLER COUNTY.

Crop prospects are better than they have been for years. The *Messenger* has heard of one farmer who offers to contract to deliver one thousand bushels of corn for forty cents per bushel. . . . Frank Walker and Wat Groce, two escaped negro convicts and desperadoes who have been hiding in this county, went to the house of a widow lady not far from Field's store, last Sunday, and after ordering dinner told her that if they did not find the oxen for which they were searching they would come back to supper. The lady recognized Walker but did not let him know it, and after the negroes left she rode over to a neighbor's and gave information of where they could be found. The two had four good horses, and each was armed with two six-shooters. One was riding the fine silver-mounted saddle which once belonged to Mr. Jack Groce. Deputy Sheriff Renfro and Constable Wallingford, with the assistance of some citizens, succeeded in capturing both, and a guard started to carry them back to the penitentiary, but were stopped when four miles from Hempstead by a large body of armed men, who hung Walker and shot Groce.

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