

LANDS IN GIDDINGS JAIL

A. B. Arnold, A. J. Arnold, S. W. Escue, J. Miles Hall, Giles M. Floyd, or whatever his right name might be, landed in Giddings last Friday. He was well dressed, wearing good clothes, had some nice jewelry and presented the appearance of some one capable of doing something worthy of attention—which he did. Mr. whatever his name is, went to G. W. Black, Jr. and made a proposition to take all the old second-hand tires Mr. Black could buy around town and went around town with Mr. Black and bargained to take whatever the various parties had to dispose of, saying his trucks would pass through town in a few days and take them up and all Mr. Black could get hold of in the meanwhile. To be sure of some parties holding same, he gave a check as part payment, one for \$5.00 and the balance would be paid when the tires were received. He gave Mr. Black a check for \$500 on the Commercial State Bank of San Antonio, where he was supposed, or rather said he lived and was doing business, with the money Mr. Black was to buy the tires. Mr. Black deposited the check in the presence of the new comer and the banker thought everything was all right, as did Mr. Black. The visitor after Mr. Black deposited the check asked the banker to cash a small check for him as he was running short of expense money, and pulling out what money he had told the banker that \$35.00 would be sufficient and wrote a check for that amount and it was cashed. Everything worked along nicely for awhile when a check for \$73.00 for goods the visitor purchased from M. G. Heck was presented to Mr. Black for endorsement as Mr. Heck did not know the visitor who told him Mr. Black would endorse the check, which he did, but something gave him a hunch and he phoned the bank to call the bank at San Antonio where the check for \$500

was given on and see if it was any good. This the banker did and the answer came back or over the phone that they had no such an account nor never had. Mr. Black waiting patiently for the report knowing the visitor was going off on the Sap train which had already come into town, he jumped in his car and lost no time getting to the station and approached his man as he was stepping on the train and told him he had better return with him and do some straightening out about the checks he had given. Of course it all was a mistake and that everything was all right that his wife had just failed to make the deposit which she would do, but Mr. Black decided it better to let him tell such to the Judge and persuaded him to return. The visitor made all kinds of propositions to square things, but all of no avail. After he saw he could not square the deal the Sheriff told him he didn't see anything for him but go to jail, then the visitor became very much affected as of insane and further investigation learned that he had been in the asylum of late and escaped by making a key to the door and getting out. The Dr. who was his attendant in the asylum was called over phone and his evidence, well it will be interesting when it is heard. The visitor was seen with a beautiful lavillier that afternoon before suspicion was aroused. After arrested such could not be found at all. He wore a beautiful new watch, chain, charm and a couple of nice fountain pens. In his suit case was found a suit of clothes different from that he was wearing when he landed here. The goods bought from Mr. Heck, including a \$60.00 overcoat, were returned to him and the check is in possession of the Sheriff.