

**The Giddings News**

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**FIRST CITY BUILDING**

Edwin Artmann of Giddings is building a calaboose for the City of Bastrop, the first public building for that city since the designation of the army camp near there. Edwin will give them a good job but he does not know whether to build it to keep 'em in or keep 'em out. Sometimes when a blue Texas norther blows up in February, some transients want to get into jail to get out of the weather.

Which reminds the editor of the cold snap a few winters ago when the butchers of Giddings put their fresh meat into refrigeration to keep the meat from freezing.

Which also reminds the editor of a country saloon at the forks of the road in a county next to snap of February, 1898 when the thermometer registered one degree below zero, all the man's whiskey in barrels froze. The name of the forks-of-the-road joint was then called "Old Freezeout" up to the time rural routes came into use.