

A Fatal Election

Hempstead, Texas, November 9 - Fields' store is a voting precinct, known as beat No. 3, ten miles from here and in this county. A tragedy occurred there yesterday evening while the voting was going on, as a consequence of which Charles Quinn is a corpse and C. McConnell is dangerously and perhaps fatally wounded.

The scene of the tragedy being so far from town, and the reports brought in being very conflicting, it is almost impossible to form any correct opinion as to what started the trouble. Joseph Wood, Ruben Boulware and Tom Wallingford, Jr. are charged with the shooting.

Some reports have it that an election bet started the trouble, while others assert that the trouble was only a continuance of a former quarrel.

The shooting lasted quite a while, and during the excitement the crowd dispersed and the judge of the election, with the ballot box, left for the woods.

All parties are white and well known here, and the catastrophe has caused much regret.