

NEW FEDERAL DISTRICT

Makes Change in Jurisdiction—Personnel of Court—First in Houston Next Month.

Houston Post.

The law providing for the new federal district of Southern Texas makes a very material change made by this law, as to the jurisdiction of the United States courts, as heretofore established and in force under what is known as the "Calhoun" act, the jurisdiction under that act mainly depending upon residence, whereas under this act the jurisdiction in land suits depends upon the location of the land.

The act provides as follows: "That suits and actions affecting the title to or to foreclose liens on real estate shall be brought in the district and in the division thereof in which said real estate is, in whole or in part, situated."

By the act, Mr. M. C. McLemore, United States attorney for the Eastern district, and Mr. C. Dart, clerk of the United States circuit and district courts of the Eastern district, both residing at Galveston, are transferred to, and become the United States attorney and clerk, respectively, of the Southern judicial district.

A court will be held, either at Houston or at Galveston, on the 1st day of July next, for the purpose of organizing the courts.

The officers will be as follows: Hon. Waller T. Burns of Houston, judge.

M. C. McLemore of Galveston, United States attorney.

W. H. Hanson of Laredo, United States marshal.

C. Dart of Galveston, clerk.

The first regular term in the Southern district, under the new bill, will begin at Houston on the fourth Monday of September, though there may be special terms in the meantime at such points as the judge may designate.

RUSSIA'S OBSOLETE

CALENDAR.

It appears that before the year is out the long talked-of substitution throughout Russia of the Gregorian for the orthodox, or old, calendar, will be an accomplished fact. The commission to consider the matter, which is presided over by the Grand Duke Constantine, has already resumed its sessions, and before Christmas it is believed the much-desired alteration will be definitely settled. By this means the Russian church festivals will be celebrated at the same time as those of the rest of Christendom, much to the benefit of the international business and commercial interests.

Russia is now thirteen days behind the rest of civilization in the matter of the calendar. There was a widespread desire among the more enlightened classes a year or two ago for the gradual bringing of the calendar up to date. Then the reform would have been quite simple. For Russia was twelve days behind and the addition of a day to each month for a year would have solved the problem. But the authorities stood in the way and are all united with the peasantry in objecting to any shifting of the numerous festivals, which are the despair of all who do business in Russia.

Female Lawyer Forging Forward.

Elizabeth de Belle, an Atlanta (Ga.) young woman, is making a name for herself in law practice in Chicago. She recently won a case involving real estate valued at \$100,000.

Exploring Sea of Aral.

A thorough exploration of the Sea of Aral has been undertaken on behalf of the Turkestan branch of the Russian Geographical Society by L. R. Berg.

John W. Hoyt.

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