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Witnesses Reveal more about John Brown's Raid on Harper's Ferry last October

Brown's raid revealed depth of an abolitionist plot across the North to incite all southern slaves. What began as a the fanatical idea of a single man seems to have spread as incidence of slave unrest are up across the South. All southerners need to be on guard because Abolitionists and Lincoln supporters are attempting to take direct action. Such terrorism will not be tolerated in Texas!

Resolutions passed in Palestine against Abolitionist Plot

The good citizens of Palestine, in the heart of East Texas, have recently passed a set of resolutions against the "covert, dark, unholy, and fanatical, insidious" plot to abolitionize the South. It seems as though the coming of the new year has brought in an unusual number of northern peddlers, teachers, and traveling preachers whose true purpose belies their covert operations. Palestine created their community vigilante committee in January to protect the good, God-fearing

citizens and protect the city from these trouble-makers.

Justice done in Fannin County in May

Justice has at last been reached in Fannin County when three slaves—Jess, Ruben, and Emma—were hanged for killing their master's family. The slaves confessed before they were lynched that a white man from the North had encouraged them and the other slaves to rise up against their owners.

Recent Uprisings part of long-term Abolitionist Conspiracy

Readers, do not forget that the recent insurrections are likely part of a long-term plan. Do remember the unrest of 1856 when a plot was revealed in Columbus, near Houston, and more than 200 slaves arrested, 2 whipped to death, and 3 hanged. The rebellious slaves planned to kill all white men, women, and children.

Texans split on potential presidential candidate for November election

Though several months away, politicking has already begun in the state for the upcoming election. Texas voters appear split between Breckinridge, the Southern Democrat and firm defender of slavery, and Bell, of the Constitutional Union Party. Governor Sam Houston backs Bell, believing that preserving the Union intact is for the greater good. Not all Texans agree, though, and many believe that the upstart Abraham Lincoln of the Republican Party may sound the death-knell of the Union. Rumors tell that Lincoln will demand an immediate end to slavery if elected. Firebrands in South Carolina are already talking about secession. How will Texas vote in November? Popular support leans toward Bell and Unionism—but with the election so far away, a great many things could change Texans' minds.