

Odd is the information that comes from Fayette, relative to the sale of a negro to take place in the little Howard county town tomorrow. It carries the old timers back to the day when sales of this sort meant the transfer of a great deal of money, instead of a mere punishment for vagrancy. Some of the negroes naturally revolt at a law that provides for temporary disposal by sale on the block, but they are calmed when they understand that the same rule is applicable to vagrant whites. Old darkies who have not come to fully understand their freedom, take these sales at Fayette as an omen of re- turning slavery. Such a notion got a foot- hold in a Texas town several years ago. An ancient African who had seen better times in bondage than when free, went to an old white friend. "See heah," said he, "am it true dat all de niggers is gwine back to slabery?" The white man, thinking that he might joke with the old negro, replied: "Of course it's so. It will all be settled as soon as the legisla- ture meets." "Then I tell you what I wants, Massa Tom," the old fellow said, "I wants to know if yo' wont take me?" There is not much of that spirit left, but among the oldest in ancient towns like Fayette, such a darky is found.