

## PARIS BUDGET.

City Government in New Quarters—Protracted Meeting—It Didn't Work.

PARIS, Tex., Feb. 27.—At their regular meeting the city council received the new city building, constructed at a cost of \$3000. The building is constructed of brick, two stories high and provides quarters for the fire department, stalls for the city and fire teams, city prison, storage-room for feed for teams, city assessor and collector's office with a fire-proof vault, mayor's office, recorder's office, council chamber and city engineer and marshal's office. It is one of the most conveniently arranged public buildings in the state. No city in the state has better quarters for its fire department than Paris, and it is not a paid department, either.

The protracted meeting which was lately started at the Baptist church is still in progress and is resulting in the conversion of many penitents. The meetings will continue throughout this week. Dr. J. H. Boyet of Honey Grove is assisting Rev. H. C. Rosamond, the pastor.

The county commissioners' court, during its late term, fixed the following taxes for the current year. General fund, 25 cents; court house and jail fund, 5 cents, road and bridge, 15 cents; jail addition, 5 cents, making a total ad valorem tax of 50 cents on the \$100.

The health committee sent to Texarkana on Sunday to investigate the small-pox report, recommended to the council last night that an officer be placed at some point east of the city to stop all west-bound Texas and Pacific trains and take the names of all persons en route to Paris from Texarkana or Sulphur, and also recommended that the mayor issue a notice requiring all persons in the city to be vaccinated immediately.

Sheriff Wilson of Saint Francis county, Ark., came yesterday for Pete Johnson, the negro arrested here last Saturday, and left with him for Forest City, Ark., where Pete is wanted for alleged horse theft, violating the Arkansas local option law, and other charges. Sheriff Wilson paid City Marshal Shanklin a reward of \$50 for making the arrest.

Mr. A. P. Ryan a few nights ago adopted novel method of catching a wood thief, which did not catch the thief, but has stopped him from stealing Mr. Ryan's wood. He selected the most seductive stick of wood and attaching to it one end of a long wire, left it lying in a convenient place for the thief. The other end of the wire was then carried into Mr. Ryan's room through a window and attached to an old tin bucket. During the night the thief came and bit at the bait. The bucket rattled and Mr. Ryan rose, gathered his gun and went on the gallery to get his game, but he had discovered the trap and started to run, when Mr. Ryan fired two large loads from a double-barrel shot-gun, which only had the effect of causing the thief to hasten his steps away, and he has not returned since.