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GULF AND GALE GIVE

Galveston and Other Coast Points Almost Extinction.

The Loss of Life at the Island City, According to Late Report, is Over One Thousand, While Property Loss Goes Away Yonder Into the Millions.

Galveston, Tex., Sept. 11.—The most appalling calamity in the history of modern times has befallen Galveston. Everywhere there is death and ruin and desolation. A great commercial city is stricken with misfortune and her people appeal to the outside for help.

Estimates of the loss of life vary from 600 to 1000. Parents mourn for their children and children are made orphans by the terrible hurricane, which swept all of south Texas Saturday and Saturday night.

The damage to business and residence property is beyond computation. The city is almost ruined. The wharves front is entirely gone. Every ocean steamer is stranded. The Alamo lies upon top of the Mallory wharf and a big English cotton laden steamer was driven ashore at Texas City. Other vessels are aground in different parts of the bay, some hopelessly wrecked. The tug Louise of the Houston Direct Navigation company sunk at Red Fish. Two of the crew were drowned, the rest escaping in the lifeboat.

No pen could depict or language adequately describe the hideousness of the situation. It is simply immense, unparalleled and even those who went through the experience of the storm and survived are so dazed they can hardly realize the enormity of the loss.

In the confusion yesterday morning it was impossible to secure a list of the dead.

A boat was chartered to run to Texas City and on this a paper reporter had to hurriedly report. But from what he saw during Saturday night and heard from some of the leading business men he can assure the public that the people need immediate relief. The object in sending to Texas City was to get into touch with the outside world, and let them know that a stricken city which has always responded generously when other communities were in sorrow and distress, is now in misfortune and asks the people of the country to send food and clothing and water. The waterworks are in ruins and the cisterns all blown away so that the lack of water is one of the most serious of the present troubles.

Debris is everywhere. The electric light and telegraph poles are nearly all prostrated and the streets are littered with timbers, slate, glass and every conceivable character of debris. There is hardly a habitable house in the entire city, and nearly every business house is badly damaged. The school buildings are unroofed, such edifices as the Ball high school and Rosenberg school buildings are badly wrecked. The fine churches are almost in ruins. The elevators and warehouses are unfit for use, the electric light plant has collapsed and so has the cotton factory.

From the Tremont to Avenue P and to the beach not a vestige of a residence is to be seen.

Fort Arthur Submerged

Memphis, Tenn., Sept. 10.—A special to the Commercial Appeal from New Orleans says:

"A dispatch from Lake Charles says that passengers from Fort Arthur report the town four feet under water. One of the New York Dredge company's boats was wrecked and several lives lost. At Morgan City considerable damage was done to the rails and bridge by a boat being blown into it. Brazoria county suffered terribly.

At Houston.

Houston, Tex., Sept. 10.—There was only one casualty in Houston, Henry Black, but the property damage is great. A very conservative estimate would place it at about \$250,000. Some people even go as high as \$1,000,000. The Merchants' and Planters' Oil Mill was wrecked, which is the largest individual loss here, will amount to \$400,000, according to Manager Oliver. The Dickson Car Wheel works lost one foundry, which will cost them probably \$15,000.

In the business section of the city the water was from three to ten feet in the stores, and stocks of goods of all kinds, including foodstuffs, are total losses.

Men in the newspaper work are used to harrowing scenes, but the experience of newsgatherers on this fateful Saturday night beggars description. In making the rounds it is nothing to see women and children emerging from comfortable and happy homes dazed and bleeding from wounds, the women wading neck deep with dead babies in their arms.

To add if possible to the calamity, the city is cut off entirely from the outside world. The telegraph and telephone lines are down and the cable which connects Galveston with Mexico is cut.

In sailing for Texas City yesterday this correspondent used strong glasses, but could see nothing of the bridges which connect the island with the mainland, but where the bridges should be a big ocean vessel was stranded.

At Texas City the wharves are all gone and the water front for a mile is littered with ruins and much of the stuff was blown there from Galveston. At Texas City three lives were lost. The railway track is washed away and the only way out was by foot and conveyance to Lamarque, on the International and Great Northern.

The storm commenced raging between 9 and 10 o'clock Saturday morning and by noon the water from the gulf had inundated the island as far inland as Twelfth street. For three hours the waters gradually encroached further inland, rising about fifteen inches an hour. At 6 p. m. there was thirty-six inches of water in the lobbies of the Tremont hotel, the highest point in the city. Across the street where the ground is lower, a horse was drowned. At 9 o'clock the water on Market street was level with the seats of the cars. After that it gradually receded, but the wind was cyclonic in its force. It reached a velocity of eighty-four miles an hour, and then the instruments in the government observatory were wrecked.

Worse and Worse.

Houston, Tex., Sept. 11.—Additional particulars just received of the storm in Galveston show that about 1500 people were drowned and \$10,000,000 worth of property destroyed. There is not a building in the city that was not damaged to some extent. All the bath-houses on the beach were destroyed and attendants drowned. The Sealy hospital was destroyed and most of the patients drowned. The grain elevators were destroyed, one of them containing 1,000,000 bushels of wheat. The Ball high school and the Rosenberg school buildings were destroyed and many persons who had taken refuge in them killed. Eight big steamships in port were all wrecked.

Alvin Annihilated.

Houston, Tex., Sept. 10.—The news from the country between this city and Galveston along the Santa Fe is appalling. Towns wiped out; lives lost; crops destroyed. Alvin is reported nearly wiped off the earth. Hitchcock is in much the same condition. Alta Lomo is without a house standing. Pearl is as bad. The reports are from reliable parties and are to be depended on, so far as Alvin is concerned, at least.

None There.

Washington, Sept. 10.—The state department issued the following: The state department is in receipt of a telegram from Consul Fowler at Chefoo, under date of the 5th instant, stating that he had repeatedly urged the governor to send couriers to Pao Ting Fu. Again asked yesterday, the governor replies that not one foreigner in Pao Ting Fu. Unable to get proof of missionaries' fate until rebels exterminated by Li Hung Chang, who expects to go north shortly.

HERKIMER LISTENS

To Ex-Senator Hill Speak in Behalf of Democracy.

SAYS THE ISSUE IS BETWEEN

A British Colonial Policy on the One Hand and Simple Government on the Other. Labor Cabinet Official.

Herkimer, N. Y., Sept. 9.—Ex-Senator Hill's appearance here Friday evening caused something of a sensation in political circles. In the evening Mr. Hill made a speech, the chief feature of which was his reiterated declaration in support of Mr. Bryan.

Among other things Senator Hill said: "It is needless to say that I am heartily in favor of the election of Bryan and Stevenson.

"Our candidates represent the interests of the average man—the farmer, the mechanic and the laborer. The issues this year are very plain and cannot be misunderstood. "One party favors large standing armies, immense public expenditures, a government of grandeur and magnificence, high protective tariffs, a British colonial policy, great combinations of corporate wealth and centralized government.

"The other party favors a continuance of the plain and simple government of our fathers, public expenditures limited to the actual necessities of the government, tariff taxation for public purposes only, an army for defense, and not for conquest, competition in business free from monopolistic combinations.

"The people are opposed to this government acquiring territory which is not to be governed by our constitution. It has no more constitutional right to set up a colonial system than it has to create a kingdom. The foreign policy of the present national administration has been weak, shifty, inconsistent and unpatriotic, and the best thought of the country—the best students of history—the most intelligent of Americans, are against it.

"Our party has always been the true and genuine friend of labor and aided at every opportunity the efforts of workmen to improve their condition. For the first time in our national history a political party has incorporated in its national platform the creation of a department of labor, with a secretary thereof, allowed a seat in the cabinet of the president. The Democratic platform proposes this innovation in the interest of labor, and why should it not be done?"

Injunction Issued.

Beaumont, Tex., Sept. 9.—Judge William H. Wilson of the fifty-fifth judicial district in chambers at Houston granted to Greer & Chester, attorneys for the Texas and New Orleans railroad, an injunction restraining the Beaumont Wharf and Terminal company and the Texarkana and Fort Smith Railway company from entering upon or using a switch of the Texas and New Orleans railroad lying on Main street in this city. At the meeting of the city council last Tuesday a franchise was granted to the Beaumont Wharf and Terminal company and the Texarkana and Fort Smith railway in which permission was given them to operate switch engines on the Main street switch of the Texas and New Orleans railroad. This is the occasion of the injunction.

Texas Insurance Commissioner Johnson was at Washington last week.

Katy Sued.

Paris, Sept. 9.—Active negotiations are in progress looking to some compromise arrangement with Russia regarding the position she has assumed toward Peking. The communications exchanged between the powers have now better promise of success. The compromise suggested, it is asserted here, is the withdrawal of the forces of all the powers from Peking, leaving an internal guard to protect the legations which, it is further asserted in Paris, will be allowed to remain at the Chinese capital pending a peace settlement. The main body of troops, it is also said, will retire to the neighborhood of Tien Tsin, leaving sufficient forces along the road to keep open the route and railroad between Peking and Tien Tsin.

Russia's attitude is interpreted here as meaning that she will withdraw her troops outside the walls of Peking, but not necessarily a great distance from that city.

In Progress.

Hillsboro, Tex., Sept. 9.—B. H. Brown filed a suit against the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway Company of Texas for \$50,000 damages. He alleges that on March 20 he was at Lorena, Tex., and desiring to come home, attempted to board a freight train as it passed through the town. He caught hold upon a car, but being unable to climb up on it, fell under the wheels and was severely bruised and wounded on the hands, arms, legs, feet, body and head, and one arm was so badly injured that it had to be amputated. He declares his injuries to be permanent and totally disabling him from earning a living.

Castle Sold.

Fort Worth, Tex., Sept. 9.—The "Holmes Castle," which figured in the many sensational transactions of Holmes, the murderer, who was tried and executed, was sold Friday to H. H. McGahey, who will remodel the building and christen it "The Manhattan Flats." The property is well located and was in litigation for some time after Holmes was placed in prison charged with the murder of the two young ladies for which crime he made expiation.

Storm Materialized

New Orleans, Sept. 9.—The storm which has been expected for several days materialized Friday, and all the southern coast of Louisiana has been swept. The sea water has been backed up to the Mississippi river levees on the east bank. Dr. O. H. Burford and Superintendent Richard Quinn, government officers at Fort St. Philip, went down the river in a catboat, and late the boat was found floating bottom up.

The Warren Arrives.

Washington, Sept. 9.—The war department has been informed of the arrival of the transport Warren at Nagasaki Thursday with two battalions of the ninth cavalry and recruits aboard. The health of the troops is reported to be excellent. The Warren will proceed to Manila.

The department is also advised of the arrival of the animal transport Aztec at Kobe with horses for the third cavalry aboard.

No More Free Hauling.

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 9.—Railroads operating south of the Ohio and east of the Mississippi have departed from the time-honored campaign year custom of gratuitously wheeling presidential candidates and their retinues about the country on electioneering expeditions. This year they want money for hauling presidential candidates on special trains and they have agreed to stand out for a fixed rate per train mile.

TWO SEND WORD

As to Their Position on Question of Evacuating

CITY OF MANY DISCUSSIONS.

The French Government Favors the Russian Policy of Withdrawing Troops, but Germany is Opposed.

Washington, Sept. 8.—The latest expression as to the attitude of the powers on the evacuation of Peking comes from the United States ambassador at Paris, Gen. Horace Porter, who has advised the authorities here that the attitude of the French government is favorable to the position of Russia.

Almost simultaneously with this dispatch from Gen. Porter came another from the American charge d'affaires at Berlin giving attitude of Germany on Russia's proposal. This in substance states that Germany, while anxious to avoid any friction between the powers, regards the conditions as such as to require the continued presence of general forces there.

Neither Gen. Porter nor Mr. Jackson gave the text to the answers, but only the substance of the positions.

These two highly important communications bring the Chinese negotiations to a very advanced stage, though they are not yet concluded, as all of the answers are not yet in. The German and French answers, however clearly show the alignment of the powers. It is generally thought that Germany's attitude in favor of remaining at Peking will be acquiesced in by Italy and Austria, as these two countries act with Germany on political questions. Moreover, direct word has been received which clearly foreshadows Austria's position in favor of remaining at Peking. As to the purposes of Great Britain there is an absolute lack of official information, though little doubt is entertained that since Germany has taken the attitude Great Britain will follow suit in favor of remaining at Peking. The position of Japan likewise is lacking in definiteness, although it is believed in the best posted quarters that if other nations remain at Peking Japan will deem it expedient to remain there also.

A Drunken Deed.

New York, Sept. 8.—Samuel Hayes, a plumber, is under arrest for attempting to take the life of his 10-year-old step-daughter, Margaret D. Campbell.

Hayes Thursday night while intoxicated walked into the child's bedroom and cut her throat while she lay sleeping in a cot. Her screams brought her mother and the man was arrested.

The child is in the hospital, where seventeen stitches were taken to sew up the wound, and the physicians have some hopes of saving her life.

General Barry reports everything quiet at Peking.

Notice Posted.

Austin, Tex., Sept. 8.—The following notice has been posted in the state land office by Land Commissioner Rogan:

"Any person desiring information from the school land department will please make application in writing and hand to the commissioner or chief clerk, who will see that the same is registered and answered in its regular order with other correspondence by mail."

The Democrats and Fusion Populists have combined in Minnesota.

Houston Holly and Jack Lee, colored, fought six rounds to a draw at the North Texas Colored Fair at Dallas on the 6th.

Li Hung Chang says the allies are giving up control of Peking.

Fine Locomotives.

Palestine, Tex., Sept. 8.—The International and Great Northern Railroad company has just put into service five new combination passenger and freight locomotives. These engines are the largest and most powerful ever brought to the state. They were built expressly for the fast freight service which handles steamer freight from the gulf to the west. In working order engine and tender weigh 300,000 pounds. Weight of engine 165,000 pounds, weight of engine on driving wheels 127,000 pounds. Driving wheel base 14 feet 6 inches. Total wheel base 25 feet 4 inches. Length of engine and tender 65 feet over all. Has 10 wheels; 6 drivers 66 inches in diameter. All wheels flanged. Driving wheel centers are made of cast steel, and drivers are fitted with steel tires 3 inches thick. Cylinders are 20 inches in diameter, 28-inch stroke. Boiler 70 inches in diameter, extended wagon top, contains 325 tubes 2 inches in diameter, 14 feet 7 inches long. Steam pressure 200 pounds per square inch. Extreme height of engine 15 feet. Width 9 feet 10 inches. Firebox, inside, 10 feet 6 inches long, 3 feet 5 inches wide. Engine truck, 4-wheeled swinging center. Wheels steel-tired and 36 inches in diameter. Cab is built of steel plate, and engine is supplied with very powerful air brakes of the most modern pattern. It is also equipped with an air-sander and bell-ringer, the power being either compressed air or steam; a 1200-candle-power electric headlight, and more electric lights in the cab and under the boiler and foot-boards. The tender frame is made of steel, has steel truck frames and has a capacity of twelve tons, and a capacity of 6000 gallons of water. Tank is also made sloping, by which innovation the coal is always in the forward part of the tender and nearer the firebox of the engine.

These locomotives were designed by Mr. Frank Hufsmith, superintendent of motive power and rolling stock of the International and Great Northern, and are the finest and best engines ever put in service either in the east or west.

Cotton Again King.

Dallas, Tex., Sept. 8.—Farmers with their wagons heavily loaded with cotton commenced arriving early in the morning. They came from all parts of the county and many from adjoining counties also put in their appearance. It was a "red letter day" so far as the street sales of cotton at this season of the year is concerned.

The local prices have been strong despite the feverish markets elsewhere. The prices have ranged from 9.40 to 9.50 and the tone is still vigorous. All the cotton men are wondering what will happen next and the farmers are smiling and selling. Nobody is rejecting a sale. The farmers seem to regard the prevailing prices as good enough for anybody at any time. They have been used to 5-cent cotton so long that the 9-cent cotton is intensely satisfactory.

The new National party has appointed a campaign committee.

American Cotton Boycotted.

Manchester, Eng., Sept. 8.—At a meeting of cotton spinners here yesterday it was decided practically unanimously not to purchase American spot cotton during the month of Sept. Four-fifths of the employers in the trade were represented. It is anticipated that the decision will lead to the closing of scores of mills for several weeks.

Stung to Death.

Gatesville, Tex., Sept. 8.—Mr. Gaines Carden, who resides near here, lost a valuable horse and mule in a peculiar manner. The animals were pulling a lawn mower in the yard and upset a number of bee hives on a bench. The bees swarmed about the two animals and in a short time stung them to death. The mule lived an hour or two in great agony, but the horse died in a few minutes.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Announcements for the different offices for 1900 will be placed at the following rates:

- For Congress, \$20 00
 - For State Senate, 10 00
 - For Legislature, 10 00
 - For District Attorney, 10 00
 - For County Judge, 10 00
 - Clerk, 10 00
 - Other county offices, 7 50
 - Precinct offices, 3 00
- No names entered without the CASH.

For District Attorney:

A. C. WILMETH.

Subject to Democratic district primaries.

DEMOCRATIC NOMINEES:

For County Judge:

JOSEPHUS AUTREY.

For Tax Assessor:

H. J. CAMP.

For Treasurer:

B. F. DAVIS.

For Sheriff and Tax Collector:

IRA KUTCH.

For County and District Clerk:

C. R. BUCHANAN.

For Justice of the Peace and Commissioner Precinct No. 1:

G. C. BUCHANAN.

For Commissioner and J. P. of Precinct No. 2:

B. Y. DUKE.

For Commissioner Precinct No. 4:

A. T. DUNN.

POPULIST NOMINEES:

For Treasurer:

CHARLES LOCKHART.

For District and County Clerk:

A. J. GRANTHAM.

For Sheriff and Tax Collector:

L. C. DARBY.

INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES:

For Tax Assessor:

JOHN B. AKELS.

For Surveyor:

F. M. GERMAN.

For Commissioner and J. P. No. 1:

V. A. BECK.

KENT COUNTY.

For Tax Assessor

WASH HOWARD.

The West Texas Stockman appears this week with twelve pages brim full of interesting stock news. It will in future be published independent of the daily edition and is now the best range paper in the state, while the daily is equal to any published in any town twice the size of Colorado.

Branch Isbell, who was prominent here in 1888 to 1894 as county attorney and judge, is a candidate for judge of Ector county, as is evidenced by his announcement in the Odessa News. He has many friends here who wish him success.

A protracted meeting is to begin at Dunn Friday night, Sept. 21, and the fourth quarterly conference is to be held Saturday, the 22. The fourth quarterly conference comes early this year on Snyder circuit, but someone has to take the first.

ED. E. WALLACE, P. C.

Rev. Joe Bloodworth, who was expected here this week to assist in the protracted meeting which changed from the Presbyterian to the Methodist church last Tuesday, will not be here, owing to sickness. The meeting will continue over Sunday, however.

Buggy Whips.

Rawhide from end to end 50c at Wellborn's

Mont Bowron received a letter yesterday stating that his mother and sister were safe at Santa Anna, and not at Galveston as was supposed.

School! School!

To Patrons and Friends:

September 17 is the day our public school opens. This is a day fraught with much interest to one and all. This is the day that every child in good health should be present at the first exercise. It is necessary that they start right and then keep right. Some, I am sure, are thinking of waiting till Tuesday, or possibly next week. Would you wait a day or week to take a particular train, or call a physician for the sick? The idea is; Do today that which should be done.

I especially urge all friends and patrons to bring the children you intend for school. I have some things to say to you. It is necessary that you hear it. To hear it be present. I would prefer to have all the patrons and not one pupil the first day, then to have all the pupils and not one patron.

Patrons and friends, we must know each other. We must talk with one another. I want you to talk to the school. I'll give you time. I want to tell you and your pupils some plain but sturdy facts. You will be glad you came and I shall be strengthened for my labors if a houseful of heads of families are present.

Respectfully yours,

B. W. HUGGINS.

Look Out For Bargains.

Wellborn & Son has bought the largest stock of saddles, ladies, gents and boys. Also harness and harness hardware and many new goods have been ordered to our stock. Call and look, no trouble to show goods. Mr. Willie Wellborn will take pride in waiting on you.

Card of Thanks.

I adopt this method of thanking the Democracy of Scurry county for the honor conferred on me at the primary election held on last Saturday and promise that if your action is indorsed by my election in November I will do all in my power to give the county such an administration of the affairs of the county judge's office as will cause none to regret having conferred this honor. Respectfully,

JOSEPHUS AUTREY.

T. F. Baker has secured sufficient encouragement to put in the local telephone exchange and has sent a plat of the town to an expert electrician for an estimate of the material needed. As soon as this is received the order will be placed and the system completed at the earliest time possible. If you want to be among the first to have a phone and have not seen Mr. Baker, it would be well to see him before he orders the phones and thereby save delay.

Dress Makers' Notice.

We now have first class up-to-date dress makers. Please call and see them.

All work guaranteed. HENRY & ACCUTT.

The reproduction of Triss by our home talent club last Thursday night was well attended, in fact the largest audience they have ever had was present, and the actors did their parts to perfection. There was not a break in the play and the band boys realized \$41.45 from the receipts. The club will give performances during the winter for the benefit of the band if a suitable building can be secured.

Look Out!

We are selling a high grade Kentucky Whiskey, full quarts, bottled by ourselves, for \$1.00 per bottle.

A. R. EARNEST, "Arc Light Saloon" Colorado, Texas.

Our public school will open next Monday and continue through a term of 8 months. The scholastic census taken last May gave us 186 pupils in the scholastic age and those transferred will place it beyond the 200 mark. The state apportionment for this county has not been announced yet but will be something over \$4 per scholar. The scholastic census of the county for this year is 1035 children.

Ex-Confederates.

All of the ex-confederates who were in the group taken here the 6th, who wish a copy, will please call or write me at Snyder, Texas. The work is first-class and pictures are 40 cents each.

H. V. WILLIAMS, Photographer.

The Reunion.

The reunion held here the 6th by the Ex-Confederates was a grand success and passed off very pleasantly. There were some 1500 people present from this and adjoining counties, viz: Fisher, Mitchell, Borden, Kent and Garza counties, and all were accorded a hearty welcome. The address of welcome was delivered by T. F. Baker after which was music by the band and impromptu speeches by a number of old soldiers. Dr. A. G. Person of this county and Edgar W. Bounds, Esq., of Colorado, also spoke. Three large beavers, two goats and 200 pounds of bread was sufficient to feed the crowd, but the good people had been mindful and with well filled baskets came to the rescue.

As a reward for their services the band was presented with \$25 by the Camp here, most of the amount being raised in less than ten minutes, to which the boys are very grateful.

These reunions are conducive of much good and we hope the Camp will continue them.

A full list of the member of Camp Scurry will be published next week, with a note of the company and brigade, if the copy can be secured.

All parties interested in the reunion seem to be entirely satisfied with the results.

Democratic Primaries.

The Democratic primaries for county and precinct officers were held last Saturday and returns made to the executive committee Monday. There were 250 votes cast in the county but 12 were thrown out by the committee on account of the pledge being scratched. Following is the total vote counted for the various offices:

County judge, Joseph Autrey, 157; C. C. Johnson, 81.

Tax assessor, H. J. Camp, 203.

Treasurer, B. F. Davis, 209.

Sheriff and tax collector, Ira Kutch, 211.

District and county clerk, Chas. R. Buchanan, 213.

Commissioner precinct No. 1, G. C. Buchanan, 90; L. J. Nichols, 24; Justice, same precinct, Buchanan, 57; Nichols, 37.

Constable precinct No. 1, George Kidd, 105.

Commissioner No. 2, L. H. Pruett, 21; B. Y. Duke, 27; Justice, Pruett, 18; Duke, 29.

Commissioner and justice precinct 3, J. A. Bean, 9.

Commissioner and justice precinct 4, A. T. Dunn, 28.

Three voting boxes in the county failed to hold any primary.

Republicans Meet.

At a mass meeting of the Republican party of Scurry county, Texas, held at the court house in Snyder on Saturday, Sept. 8, the following proceedings were had:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman I. H. Nelson, who stated the object of the meeting. On motion I. H. Nelson was elected chairman and A. M. Craig secretary for the ensuing two years and the following named persons will compose the executive committee: J. A. Stavelly, D. Holcomb, J. Wright Moorar, A. C. Shotwell, D. E. Deadwiley, J. Eoff, J. A. West and George B. Spivey.

Delegates to the state convention: I. H. Nelson, J. A. Stavelly, D. Holcomb and A. R. Polnac. Delegates go un-instructed.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Whereas, Although the first term of President McKinley has not yet closed, by his wise and patriotic administration of the affairs of the nation, the Republican party has unqualifiedly redeemed every pledge made to the country in 1896, and has made the American Republic the greatest nation upon the globe—the one most honored in peace and most feared in war; therefore be it

RESOLVED: By the Republicans of Scurry county, Texas, in massmeeting assembled, that we pledge our earnest support at the ensuing election to the ticket headed by the patriots, statesmen and soldiers, Wm. McKinley and Theodore Roosevelt.

A short speech was made by A. M. Craig in which he skinned the Bryan democrats.

The meeting adjourned subject to the call of the chairman.

I. H. NELSON, Chm.

A. M. CRAIG, Secy. The Republicans claim that McKinley will receive not less than 250 votes in Scurry county at the November election. He only received 47 in 1896.

Liberality of Thought.

When an individual becomes narrow-minded, or gains a reputation for narrow-mindedness, his acquaintances, neighbors, and others, figuratively speaking, begin to steer clear of him. He becomes rather a complex factor in life, and by the absence of those elements which are most admired in men, he becomes and object of suspicion.

The same argument applies to a community, for it is a notorious fact that communities at times mirror the vices or failings of the individual. When a community becomes narrow-minded it follows, "as night as the day," that all liberality of thought and action stops, and the same suspicion which obtains with respect to the individual, colors the thoughts and actions as regards the community. In a progress as rampant as that which has forced the United States so rapidly to the front, liberality of thought and action has been, in the majority of instances, the keynote upon which the arch of success was builded, and a variation from these principles means either an absence of this progression, or the decay of the institutions which are established under a more auspicious regime. Liberality of thought and action conduces to liberality of enterprise, and under the stimulating influence of public spirit a community or commonwealth pushes on and becomes a power for good. Texas with its multitude of interests and variety of resources, cannot afford to even temporize with a condition that fails to set forth its liberality in every phase of public life and progress. It presents a fertile field for civilization, in every sense, and with its glorious future, must if hedged with the influences set forth, become what Rome was in the hey-day of its existences. Men and institutions must recognize the force of this argument and avoid that paucity of freedom, and addition, which

Exercise and Health.

Exercise is a splendid thing for a healthy person. But when the body is weakened by disease, exercise strains rather than strengthens. Exercise will not cure a "weak" stomach. It may increase the appetite, but it won't cure dyspepsia, and an increased appetite is a curse not a blessing to the sufferer from dyspepsia.

Take exercise by all means but also take Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery if there is a deranged or diseased condition of the stomach and other organs of digestion and nutrition. This medicine is not a cure-all but a specific for diseases of the stomach and digestive and nutritive system. It strengthens the stomach, purifies the blood, and increases physical vigor.

There is no alcohol contained in "Golden Medical Discovery" and it is absolutely free from opium, cocaine and every other narcotic.

It is strictly a temperance medicine. "I wish to say that Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery has proved a great blessing to me," writes Mrs. Ellen E. Bacon, of Shutesbury, Franklin County, Mass. "Prior to September, 1897, I had doctored for my stomach trouble for several years, going through a course of treatment without any real benefit. In September, 1896, I had very sick spells and grew worse; could eat but little. I commenced in September, 1897, to take Dr. Pierce's medicine, and in a short time I could eat and work. I have gained twenty pounds in two months."

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets are a cure for constipation.

A. M. CRAIG, ATTY-AT-LAW, IN ALL THE COURTS.

C. C. JOHNSON, Attorney and Counsellor at Law and Notary Public.

SNYDER TEXAS

A. C. WILMETH, LAWYER. NOTARY PUBLIC.

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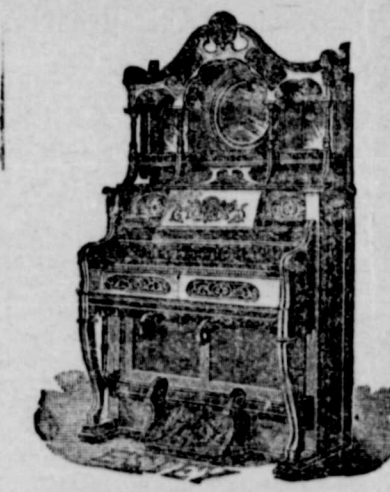
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The Home Life of China.

Laura B. Star, who for several years resided in China, and who had great facilities for understanding the feminine side of Chinese life, contributes to the October Deliantor an article that throws much light on home life of Chinese women. This article is illustrated with several authentic photographs of Chinese women of various social positions. The October number of The Deliantor, in addition to Miss Starr's article and the eighty or more sketches of present-day styles, which are prominent features of the magazine, contains twenty other valuable contributions. For thirty years it has been trusted by American women for guidance in home dressmaking and home management.

To The Public.

The Southern Publishing & Book Co., Austel Building, Atlanta Georgia, publishers of Field and Factory, have issued a booklet under the title of "Books for the World by Southern Authors". This booklet contains a sketch of the book publishing and printing situation in the southern country, and shows that millions of dollars have been sent out of the south for books that should have been

published in the South. It also shows that our schools have spent millions of dollars for books that are an injury to them, and that exorbitant prices have been paid for some to outside concerns. In fact the book should be in the hands of every person in the South, who is interested in up-building her literature, education, and all that will make her great, as well as preserve to history her traditions, institutions beliefs and accomplishments. The booklet is mailed free to all will send their address.

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400 pairs Buckskin Breeches at Cost.	
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We Especially Invite Ladies to Look at our Dress Goods and Silk Department.

We Have the Goods and Prices.

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LOCAL NOTES.

Dr. A. G. Person's office is at Dodson & Wasson's.

Uncle Kim Elkins and family were down attending the reunion.

The Snyder Bank, established 1890. General banking business

Pete Scoggin and P. Brady, of Clairemont, were here Monday enroute home from Colorado.

Ice in any quantity you wish at S. R. Fickas.

Mr. and Mrs. John Doak are the proud parents of a baby girl who made her arrival the 4th inst.

Collar pads, 4 hooks, and reversible, at Wellborn's 30 cents.

Miss Fannie Patterson will teach the public school at Dunn the ensuing session.

Cotton Pickers Knee Pads at Wellborn's 8c

Boley Brown and family came down from Clairemont to enjoy the reunion of the Ex-Confederates.

Cheapest buggy harness in Snyder at Wellborn's. 4c

Miss Lucy Grantham left last Monday for Liberty, Mo., where she will enter the American-Mozart Conservatory of Music.

Buggy tops complete at Wellborn's.

Jim Mills, who is now located in Garza county, was here Friday enroute to Colorado to spend a few days with hoive folks.

Get Your Money's Worth by buying groceries from S. R. Fickas.

The school board has secured the Presbyterian church to use for one department of the school until the new building is completed.

Best Brand Breaking Plows at C. T. GIRARD & Co.

D. J. W. Pearson, A. R. Earnest, Edgar W. Bounds, Bob Fields and several others from Colorado attended the reunion here last Thursday.

When in Colorado go to Fred and Sam Leskey's, in the Lasker block, for your meals and short orders. Everything first class. Ice cream, soft drinks and cigars in connection.

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Freshest and Purest Groceries always on hand.
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Highest price paid for country produce.

Prof. Lively's office is now located northwest corner square.

J. R. Manry left last Friday for St. Louis to purchase a stock of goods for the Big Cash Store and will be absent about a week or more.

The finest line of **Glassware** in town at Grayum & Co's. Drug Store.

The child of John Koonsman reported sick with scarlet fever last week, died Wednesday night and was buried Thursday of last week.

S. R. Fickas is now prepared to serve all kinds of ice drinks, also keeps ice for family use.

Rev. H. W. Laye, who has been conducting a revival in the York community, Borden county, was here Tuesday en route to his home in Colorado.

See the new and up-to-date line of **Jewelry** just received at Grayum & Co's.

District court will convene next Monday and the grand jury will be empaneled that day. The petit jury will not meet however until next Thursday morning.

Grain Drills, Mowers and Rakes, Wagons and Buggies and Buggy Harness.

C. T. GIRARD & Co.

L. D. Grantham, wife and little daughter, Miss Birdie-Ray, returned Tuesday from Mineral Wells where they have been recuperating the past fortnight.

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B. L. Cooper of Colorado makes a specialty of fine watch repairing. Work guaranteed and prices reasonable.

F. M. German announces in this issue for re-election to the office of county surveyor. Mr. German has filled this office for the past eight years, and his work speaks for itself.

The party who borrowed my stone hammer will please return it and oblige.

S. A. B. McDOUGAL

Rev. C. C. Bullock, who has been assisting Rev. Werner in the revival here at the Presbyterian church, left Tuesday for his home in Big Springs.

Keep the flies off your horses. Wellborn has just received buggy mesh nets; also swinging ham mocks

Jim O'Keefe, a prominent stockman of Mitchell county, was here Tuesday and went out to the Light community to look at some ranch property with a view to locating.

I could not get the nomination because I reserved the right to vote as I please, but Huzzan for McKinley!

L. J. NICHOLS.

C. W. Simpson, the editor of the Colorado Spokesman, attended the Ex-Confederate reunion here last Thursday and was a pleasant caller at this office Friday morning.

Don't fail to come and get my terms and prices on buggies and harness. I keep only reliable stock and sell at reasonable prices.

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Misses Maggie Mason and Jettie Elkins came down from their home in Kent county last week to attend the reunion here and spent several days with friends here, visiting Colorado before returning home.

Wagons, Buggies, Farming Implements, Guns, Amunition, Stoves, Stove fixtures.

Tin shop run in connection.

C. T. GIRARD & Co.

Prof. Frank Bowron left Tuesday for Galveston, his mother and sister being in that city at the time of the storm of last Saturday. It is hoped that he will find them safe upon his arrival.

Go to A. D. Dodson next week and see the largest and best line of dry goods ever offered in Snyder for the money. Also a complete and up-to-date stock of millinery goods.

C. T. Girard and family left Sunday for Weatherford where Mrs. Girard will remain and send the children to the Texas Female Seminary the ensuing term. Mr. Girard will return as soon as he has them comfortably located.

The "Honest John Truss" is fitted to the person, before leaving the office, and guaranteed to hold your rapture, and give satisfaction.

DODSON & WASSON.

Miss Mattie Patterson left yesterday for Monahans where she will teach the public school the ensuing term. Miss Patterson is a teacher of ability and we congratulate the people of that city in securing her.

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