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VICE PRESIDENT WILSON says that Grant does not seek a third term, that he could not be elected if he did, and thinks Mr. Washburne, Minister to Paris, is the "coming man."

ELLIOT, of the State Gazette, supports Stockdale for Congress, because he dares not do otherwise. Why? That is our secret until Elliot calls for it. He hates Stockdale, and Hancock, also.

AFTER denouncing the maddog Democratic press, and then being nominated, Judge Hancock met Maj. Dan McGary of the Houston Age, and told him he meant every word of it for him. Will the Age stand Hancock?

JUDGE HANCOCK, in his speech at the Brenham Convention, showed that there were in the bill for which he voted, and which contained the back-pay matter, thirty-three important matters, one of which was an appropriation of \$400,000 for Southern claimants; \$100,000 for the military depot buildings at San Antonio; \$2,000,000 to pay the Southern census-takers in 1860.

"FRONTIER PROTECTION GUARANTEED" is one of the headings of the State Gazette's specials from Brenham, announcing the nomination of Hancock. Bah! Who has "guaranteed" it? Nobody but the General Government can "guarantee" any such thing. Through Gen. McKenzie it is now giving that "guarantee," after Coke's State Police have proved an expensive failure.

BEECHER is triumphant, Mrs. Tilton is vindicated, and Moulton and Tilton are destroyed, as they deserve to be. Moulton's full statement, which both he and Tilton declared would demolish Beecher, has been published at last, and the whole New York press scolds it as an utter failure.

BEECHER's alleged sermon in favor of hanging Mr. Jefferson Davis, at the time he was a prisoner in Fort Delaware, and which has recently been republished against him all over the county, is an infamous forgery, and Beecher has denounced it as such through the press. What will now become of Col. A. M. Hobby's indignantly heroic poem in reply to that sermon? Sic transit &c.

THE *Ranchero* learns that Capt. Refugio Benavides had arrested and hung the man Alanis who was the guide of Capt. Wallace's company, stationed at Conception. Alanis pointed out to Wallace and his men certain parties as thieves or cattle skimmers, and upon this testimony, Wallace's men proceeded to summary execution. This wholesale and indiscriminate execution did not accord with the views and knowledge of Capt. Benavides, who proceeded to arrest Alanis and apply to him a little of his own remedy, and left him hanging to a tree.

THE MEMORIAL of many Republicans in this State to Congress, in relation to the forcible seizure of the State government by Gov. Coke, three and a half months before the constitutional term of Gov. Davis was ended, will be found in this issue of the EXPRESS. It will be followed to-morrow by the memorial of the Republican State Central Committee to Congress, setting forth the abuses of the usurping Legislature and Governor, the lawless condition of the State, the gerrymandering of the Congressional Districts, and so on. The end is not yet with Coke's mob State government. The test will come when so-called United Senator Maxey offers to take his seat.

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Republican Convention 6th District.

At the request of leading Republicans in this District, as Chairman of the Executive Committee of the old 4th Congressional District, I hereby call a Republican Convention of the 6th Congressional District, to meet at San Antonio, Bexar Co., on Wednesday the 9th day of September next, at 10 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of nominating a candidate for Congress, or of taking such action with reference thereto as may be necessary. The basis of representation will be fixed by the Convention. All the counties in the District are requested to send as many delegates to the Convention as they deem proper.

T. C. BARDEN,
Chairman Rep. Ex. Com. old 4th District.

Call for a Mass-Meeting of Republicans.

SAN ANTONIO, Aug. 17, '74.

The Republicans of Bexar county are hereby requested to meet on Saturday the 5th day of September, 1874, at 8 o'clock p. m., in Karber's Garden for the purpose of selecting delegates to the Congressional convention, to be held at San Antonio on the 9th day of September, 1874, as per call of the Chairman of the 6th Congressional District.

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Chairman Rep. Ex. Com. Bexar Co.

Notice to Republicans.

BRENNHAM, TEXAS,
August 20, 1874.

Upon consultation with leading Republicans from all parts of the State, it is deemed advisable to recommend that conventions be held in each Congressional District as early as the 15th of September. Chairmen of Congressional Executive Committees are requested to issue calls at once for such conventions, to meet at some central point in each District at the time indicated, or at such other time as may be most suitable.

The conventions thus assembled may nominate candidates for Congress, or take such other action as may be deemed best for the welfare and benefit of the Republican party, at their discretion.

BOULDS BAKER,
Chairman Republican State Ex. Committee.

THE NEWS, authoritatively stated, is, that the Pierce Railroad will now be pushed through from Luling, via Seguin, to San Antonio by the first of May next. We believe this statement is true.

THE REPUBLICANS OF PENNSYLVANIA have just held their State Convention, in which they oppose the third term proposition, and recommend Gov. Hartranft for the Presidency.

REV. MR. HALLIDAY, assistant pastor to Mr. Beecher at Plymouth Church, now testifies that both Tilton and Moulton assured him, in the most emphatic manner, of Beecher's innocence at the time of the Woodhull-Claffin assault on him, about two years ago. They then knew all they know now.

"BESSIE," the young lady who was brought up in Tilton's house, and afterward sent off to school, and whose name has been mixed up in the great scandal, was taken in as a waif, and turned out to be the daughter of a rich Tammany politician, who had separated from his wife. Both father and mother refused to receive, or do anything for her.

PRESIDENT GRANT is greatly abused by the Democratic press for spending his summers at Long Branch. Washington spent his summers at Mount Vernon, John Adams at Quincy, Jefferson at Monticello and Poplar Forest; and they had no railroads and telegraphs then for the swift transmission of business news. Adams transacted the executive business at Quincy from July 11th till October 9th. Democratic boob, as usual.

Memorial from Citizens of Texas to Congress.

We present in the form of a memorial to your honorable body the following facts, embodying as they do questions of law and government, which we ask you to consider and let your consideration be followed by appropriate action.

THE CONDITION OF TEXAS.

We of Texas may possibly overestimate our own importance in the great aggregate of humanity and human institutions, but we claim that it would be well and just, if our condition as a State and people could be examined into with calm deliberation and without prejudice.

To this end we make our appeal to the Congress of the United States and to the deliberate second thought of the President and his Cabinet. Texas was one of the insurgent States, she was pointed to by the most malignant Confederates as the "last ditch"—and hither at the close of the war flocked many of the most unique and desperate men who had engaged in the Confederacy.

A short review of our previous history will show that within a quarter of a century, the government of Texas was changed from a Mexican Province to a Republic, from a Republic to a State, and from a State in the great American Union she shortly afterward joined in the rebellion against the General Government—was conquered, and found to be without a Republican form of government. She resisted to the last the various well meant and liberal schemes of reconstruction; finally in November, 1869, by a vote of her people which showed a majority in favor of upholding the existing and the present constitution, which was accepted by Congress on the 30th March, 1870.

At the previous November election which in pursuance of the reconstruction acts had been ordered by the President, the time having been postponed from July until November, she elected a Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Legislature, and certain other State officers.

The only powers which could be exercised by any of these officers, so elected, until after the adoption of the constitution by Congress was derived from the reconstruction acts, and from November, 1869, until the 30th March, 1870, no attention what ever was paid to the State constitution, it not yet having become the paramount law, and it may be well said here, that the courts of the State, as well as the legal profession generally, have hesitated and doubted as to the date of its adoption, but no one has hesitated in the opinion, that whether the constitution must date from the election in 1869 or the adoption of the instrument by Congress in 1870, it had no binding force until the latter period; no officer in the State was inaugurated under it, no business whatever was conducted in pursuance of its provisions—the reconstruction laws furnished the only legal guide.

Gen. J. Reynolds, commanding the Fifth Military District, had full and complete power to appoint to the various offices those gentlemen who had been elected to them, or any others whom he might prefer acting; however, in the spirit of courtesy he appointed such of those gentlemen who had been elected to fill provisionally the offices *ad interim* as could take the test oath of 1862. These officers were installed under the constitution on the 28th day of April, 1870. Speaking of the Governor in this connection, we refer to the 4th section of the XIV Article of the constitution; the clause applicable reads thus:

"The Governor shall hold his office for the term of four years from the time of his installation and until his successor shall be duly qualified."

The annals and archives of the State furnish the date of the Governor's installation, and that date is the 28th of April, 1870; and now will it be contended by anything short of blank and distorted idiocy, that Gov. Davis' term of office expired before the 28th of April, 1874?

What possible bearing can the reconstruction laws or the election declaration have upon this question? That declaration so called, provided for an election on the first Monday in July, 1869, and it may be said if it were ever binding on the President of the United States, Congress, the people of Texas, or any body else, it was binding then, and the President would have no power to postpone the election from July until November; but this he did as authorized by the act of Congress of April 10th, 1869. When the constitution was submitted to the people for their adoption, this election declaration or ordinance, so called, not being regarded as a part of the constitution any more than numerous other void acts and ordinances, was never submitted to the people of Texas; how then are they bound by it? But hereby, after all, is the main question in this controversy, and if these so-called ordinances of the convention are to be held valid, then is the State of Texas regained, and sold, held and bound to certain railroad companies and other shysters and schemers. This accounts for the active exertions of railroad lawyers and the evident misrepresentation of our condition here which has caused a number of the newspapers of the country to speak against us; the truth is the railroads appealed this case to certain newspapers in the North, which, from their great influence, were expected to mould public sentiment and impress the minds of those in power; but we have not lost our faith either in the Executive or in Congress, nor in the Constitution of the United States. The 4th section of the IV Article of the Constitution reads thus:

"The United States shall guarantee to every State in this Union a Republican form of Government, and shall protect each of them against invasion; and on application of the Legislature, or of the Executive when the Legislature can not be convened, against domestic violence."

Now we ask, has Texas a Republican form of government to-day? We say No, and lawyers and statesmen must say so; many of the best lawyers in the State of Texas, of both political parties, say so; many of the most distinguished Democratic lawyers in the State say so, but they say it in bated breath and in confidence to their friends.

"The decision of the Supreme Court in the Rodriguez case is sound law, and that court, as the case was presented, was bound by oath of honor to decide the case and declare the law."

But we need not go beyond the report of the conference between Gov. Davis and those distinguished Democratic lawyers and gentlemen, members of the pretended 14th Legislature and others, who, as a committee, consulted him about recognizing that body on the 13th ultimo. The phenographic report of that interview, together with Gov. Davis' address to the people of Texas and the accompanying documents, which appear in the State Journal of the 20th ultimo, we refer to and make a part of this memorial, and it will be observed that these Democratic lawyers and gentlemen do not attack the decision of the Supreme Court; they say nothing that it shall be regarded as the law, so

that it shall effect nobody but Rodriguez; but they say, the learned committee, this decision must not affect the Legislature and the Government officers, the constitutional amendments, &c. And they fall back upon the undoubted rule, which however, of late has become a very trite maxim here in Texas, that the Legislature must be the judge of the election and qualification of its members; but we would ask, does this apply to the aggregate body? Can a Legislature override the decision of the Supreme Court upon a question which has no reference to the qualification and election of its members, as individuals, but applies to the body in its aggregate capacity? But let us go further. Are the powers of government shifted here in Texas from the judiciary to the legislative branch? Is the Legislature to pass on the constitutionality of a law which has had the effect to introduce a new order of things entirely? This is upon the supposition that a Legislature from office three and a half months before the qualification and election of its members, can we not apply it to a body of men who have no legal existence as a Legislature; but it is such a body which has assumed to override the decision of the Supreme Court in declaring an act of a previous Legislature constitutional and binding when the Supreme Court, with perfect unanimity and acting under the responsibility of an oath, has declared the same unconstitutional and void. But has this so-called 14th Legislature stopped at determining the qualification and election of its members? O, no! It has assumed to inaugurate State officers; it has set its own so-called officers to force the legally constituted officers out of their respective departments of government, after failing to get from Gov. Davis the recognition it entreated; it has had the impudence to turn about and deposit him from office three and a half months before the completion of his conceded term; it has gone through the farce of declaring certain supposed amendments to the constitution as having been passed. No legally constituted Legislature could have done this under the 50th section of the XII Article of the constitution. These amendments have not been passed. No effort was made at the polls of the late so-called election to comply with this section. The clause applicable reads thus:

"And it shall be the duty of the several returning officers at the next general election which shall be then holden to open the polls for and make return to the Secretary of State of the names of all those voting for representatives who have voted on such proposed amendments."

Nothing of this kind has been done or attempted, yet these amendments are declared to have been passed, and are given to them which never was intended by a majority of the members of the 13th Legislature or by the people. We apprehend that very few lawyers of respectable standing in the profession would claim that the amendments relating to the Supreme Court were ever intended to displace the judges of the old court, yet they are forced from the bench and the chambers of the court occupied by persons who do not bear their necessary oaths, and all this is done by the assumed right of a body of men calling themselves the 14th Legislature. Now who are the usurpers? Was it the Supreme Court which in the discharge of its sworn duty passed upon the constitutionality of a law which did not affect the tenure of the judges? But it is this body of men, clothed with no judicial or legal right whatever, that usurps the power to displace the legal and sworn officers, and the legally constituted court. There are but a few facts, and we make no comment upon the fact that this has all been done by armed violence and in violation of the Federal Constitution, by "domestic violence."

We thought we had a right to ask for assistance against this species of violence. We have done so—the accompanying documents will show how our appeal has been met. But perhaps we did not ask in the right way; there may have been some want of formality in our appeal, or we may have been forestalled by interested slanderers, but we still have an abiding confidence in the virtue of the American press, the people, Congress, and the President.

But what is to be done? The question is answered in that section of the Federal Constitution already quoted. We ask Congress for a committee of both houses, of impartial minds, to consider the propositions we make, to consider the facts of the case, and that committee and the country may look a little farther if they please. Here are 270,000 square miles of territory, a territory as vast as all the other six original seeding States together, embracing every variety of agricultural, mineral, and pastoral wealth, now occupied by more than a million of people, with a capacity to support in comfort and wealth the whole present population of the United States. We ask without a groveling look across the line where prominent men and revolutions have been chronic for half a century. What better are we off than they? Is our General Government too weak or too far detached from us, like the Central Government of Mexico, that it can not afford protection to the people of its States? Or must we, too, be over-run and trampled under foot by chiefs and despots, who happen to lead the mob of the day? What can you expect a few years hence, when Texas numbers her population by millions, under such a domination as we now have? Is it not a concealed boast of those men who are laboring to get up another war that in ten years time Texas shall dictate the political status of the United States? These men do not make this boast in mere idle bravado; they are laying the foundation of the next rebellion broader and deeper than that inaugurated in 1861. But the United States has abundant power if she but have the wisdom to lay at rest in due time all these wicked devices. Will it be done? If so, now is the time to begin it. It will not do for the United States to become the vindicator of mob law, the support and prop of usurpation. But we are told that peaceable submission is the better policy, and that because forsooth Gov. Davis signed the act of March 31, 1873, he should be bound by his action, and that he should not be treated as being deprived of his unquestioned rights under his election in 1869. This is the first time in the history of our country that such an argument has been put forth. Every law that ever was declared unconstitutional and set aside by the courts of the country had precisely the same argument to support it. Had the Governor vetoed the act its constitutionality never could have come before the courts.

But suppose that, under pretense of a peace implying equity, it should be said the Governor ought to be bound by this official act, it would apply to him and none other; but we must go further, and say, because he signed an unconstitutional act he shall be treated like a felon, the keys of his office violently seized upon, and he, threatened by the violence of an armed mob, compelled to abandon his office and his home. But the Secretary of State, the Attorney General, the Commissioner of Schools and the Land Office, the Com-

troller, Treasurer, Supreme Court, and many of the district judges are all compelled to submit to similar outrage and wrong, simply because Governor Davis signed an unconstitutional act. We apprehend this would be considered a hard rule if applied to all like cases. The danger of adopting such a precedent as that which has been applied to us is too apparent to require allusion or comment. Under it the courts of the country are set aside by the Legislature, or that which may assume to call itself a Legislature; constitutions are trodden under foot, and minorities have no longer a vestige of protection against the unjust exertions of majorities. But in Texas it goes further: there may have been a majority of the votes cast on the 2d day of December in favor of the Democratic candidate; though as the usurpers have never published the returns of the election, this can not truly be known. What would have been the result of the election had the provisions of the constitution been complied with, and the polls kept open for four days? It is a well-known fact that many thousands of legal voters who were registered in the different counties did not reach the polls on the second day of December, and of those who did—take the State throughout—a very large per cent. were elbowed off, and kept away from the ballot-box by one device and another. It was not merely the purpose of the framers of the constitution when they provided for a four days' election, that those living at a great distance from the polls might have time to make the journey necessary to reach their respective places of voting, but it was intended that every legal voter should have time and opportunity to deposit his ballot.

It is a much easier matter to keep a ballot-box surrounded by a mob for one day than it would be for four, and those who understand how these matters are managed too often can readily discover the real object and purpose of the change from four days to one.

In presenting these facts to the Congress of the nation and the country we ask no more than a simple right, and one which we conceive we are justly entitled to; that we will be heard and our prayer acceded to we can not doubt.

It has been the proud boast of every American citizen that the arm of the United States Government was long enough and strong enough to protect him in his rights at any point upon the face of the earth. (Signed by many citizens of Texas.)

Texas News.

The Belton Journal says: "If you desire to enjoy a rich musical treat, just make it convenient to drop into the Methodist Church some Tuesday night, when the choir is practicing, and you will be richly repaid for the trouble of doing so. The choir is composed of the young people of our town, irrespective of denominations, and it presents an array of musical talent that will challenge comparison from any quarter."

The Austin Statesman says: "The blatherkite editor of the Houston Age, Dan McGary, who figured with Col. Elliot in the Hamilton-Stuart-Brenham Convention of 1869, to the great delight of Gov. Davis and the Republicans generally, is cutting and slashing at people generally, if Grant would make him minister to Africa his dirty mouth would be forever sealed in this latitude; but then poor Africa."

The Mexicans in Austin have organized a society with the name of "Sociedad Juarista Mexicana-Texas" the object of which is to promote the education of their children, and mutual assistance among the members.

Thirteen ten-mule wagons were expected at Austin from Concho, to convey to that place 3000 bushels of oats, sold to one man at 80 cents a bushel.

The following counties have pronounced in favor of Gov. Stockdale: DeWitt, Gonzales, Victoria, Calhoun, Jackson, Karnes, Refugio, San Patricio, Goliad, Aransas, Bee and Live Oak.

MANY who are suffering from the effects of the warm weather and are debilitated, are advised by physicians to take moderate amounts of whisky two or three times during the day. In a little while those who adopt this advice frequently increase the number of "drinks," and in time become confirmed inebriates. A beverage which will not create thirst for intoxicating liquors, and which is intended especially for the benefit of debilitated persons, whether at home or abroad, is Dr. Schenck's Sea Weed Tonic. Containing the juices of many medicinal herbs, this preparation does not create an appetite for the intoxicating cup. The nourishing and life-supporting properties of many valuable natural productions contained in it and well known to medical men have a most strengthening influence. A single bottle of the Tonic will demonstrate its valuable qualities. For debility arising from sickness, over exertion, or from any cause whatever, a wineglassful of Sea Weed Tonic taken after meals will strengthen the stomach and create an appetite for wholesome food. To all who are about leaving their homes, we desire to say that the excellent effects of Dr. Schenck's seasonable remedies, Sea Weed Tonic, and Mandrake Pills, are particularly evident when taken by those who are injuriously affected by a change of water and diet. No person should leave home without taking a supply of these safeguards along. For sale by all Druggists.

FOR SALE LOW.—Two new Buggies, Axles and Tires of steel. Handsomely finished, light and strong, at Schultz's Stable, near Menger Hotel.

FAIRBANKS' SCALES.—The Fairbanks Scale Company received an order from San Francisco by telegram last week for 75 large dormant and warehouse scales. This order indicates good crops and a prosperous season in California. The company also shipped \$3000 worth of scales to Russia during the last ten days, and 19 500-bushel hopper scales for a large elevator in Wisconsin. The product of the first six months of scale-making for 1874 footed up 23,240 scales, with a larger per cent. of track and hay scales than ever before.—St. Johnsbury (Vt.) Caledonian.

KARBER'S GARDEN is now open to the public at all times of the day, and will be illuminated every evening. Ladies and gentlemen will find all kinds of accommodations and good, cool beverages of every description.

CARD.

Texas Grand Prize Concert,

Postponed to October 22, 1874.

The Hon. Jas. T. D. Wilson, Mayor of Houston, and the City Council endorse the enterprise as follows:

HOUSTON, Texas, April 29, 1874.

We the undersigned, regard the Real Estate Distribution, which J. E. Foster proposes to make on the 2d of October next, in this city, as calculated to promote improvements, and placing within the reach of many, who otherwise would be unable, a chance to secure a home for them and their families, and having from our long acquaintance with him, every confidence in his integrity, we feel justified in saying, that he will carry out his Distribution honestly and fairly, according to his advertised plan.

Signed by the Mayor, the Hon. Jas. T. D. Wilson, and City Council.

Capital Prize, \$5,000 Gold; ten Residences in Houston; Population 20,000 and the Railroad centre of the State; 150 tracts of land in different portions of the State. Value of prizes, \$146,000; 73,000 tickets, at \$2 each. The management are so well convinced of the success of the Enterprise that they feel justified in promising to refund every cent of money, if the drawing does not take place on 22d of October. EVERY PRIZE PAID in full, whether all the tickets are sold or not. Send for circular. Agents wanted.

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Dr. Bille has made a specialty, and this scourge of humanity, unsuccessfully treated by most practitioners, is easy and quickly overcome by his new treatment. Being a pupil of the most renowned Physician for syphilitic diseases in the world, Prof. Ricord, in Paris, Dr. Bille will always guarantee a cure in any case of syphilitic disease which may come under his treatment; and hundreds in this city and vicinity can testify that in cases of syphilitic nature, where other physicians have failed, Dr. Bille has always been successful.

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LOCAL AFFAIRS.

TWO MAILS a week from San Antonio and Pleasanton from this time on, is the cheering announcement of the *Stock Journal*.

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BAD FOR SAN ANTONIO.—A San Antonio Democrat writes to the *Stock Journal* "that we are so depressed to-day and so far behind our neighbors in social and material progress, is mainly due to the fact, that a few corrupt and selfish individuals have, under the potent name of democracy, warped and controlled the affairs of this unfortunate city to subserve their personal interests."

For all the styles of spring and summer hats go to **PANCOAST & SON.** 14-3-dtd

MAJ. R. H. PURDON, editor of the *Calvert Texas*, died last Friday at Boerne. About three months ago we met him in this city, in declining health, and, being old friends, we ministered to him as best we could. By medical advice he left for Boerne, accompanied by his mother. Since then we have corresponded with him somewhat, and, at his request, were trying to rent a house for his return to this city. Seeing the name of his amiable and devoted wife among the arrivals at the Meager Hotel, we called, and found that she had, in obedience to a telegram, arrived the night before, and left that morning for Boerne in great haste. We then feared the worst, of which the present sad news is the confirmation.

We have known Maj. Purdon intimately ever since the close of the war. He was for a long time editor of one of the leading journals in Houston. Afterwards he was for a considerable time connected with the *Galveston News*. After that he founded the *Central Texas* at Bremond, which was subsequently removed to Calvert, of which he remained in charge until his death.

Maj. Purdon was a courteous, gallant, and talented gentleman, a man of unblemished honor, and had a large circle of admiring friends. About the spring of 1867 he married Miss Mattie Butts, one of the most beautiful and amiable young ladies in Houston. We give to her, and to the bereaved mother, our sincere condolence in their great affliction. The loss sustained by the death of Maj. Purdon will be hard to repair; he was a man of rare mental and moral endowments.

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WHAT IS TO BE DONE?—For the sake of Western Texas interests, and also for the general comfort of the thing on general principles, the *EXPRESS* has labored to keep the peace among the Democracy of the Sixth District. We reported their county convention in San Antonio in as decent a manner as the nature of the case would allow, smoothing over, as best we could, the flaming denunciation of a so-called San Antonio ring by our old friend, Gen. Saylor. Thinking all "serene in the East" and "clear in the West," we were not a little mortified and disappointed when Democratic correspondents from San Antonio giving the convention "hail Columbia" in the *Pleasanton Stock Journal*, edited by our old conferee, Col. J. D. Logan, the founder of the *Herald* of this city, and the ablest Democratic writer in Western Texas. (He was trained in a good school, having been, like the writer of this, a true-blue Old Line Whig.) The *Stock Journal* then pitched into what it calls "a selfish San Antonio ring," and when the *EXPRESS* tried to make peace, the *Stock Journal* intimated that we also were in the "ring." We had to haul off at once, to keep from being placed in a false position. Then the *Herald* "went for" the editor of the *Stock Journal* "without gloves," accusing him of jealousy because he had failed in sustaining his ring.

Now, the *Stock Journal* "comes back" in the following savage manner, which annihilates our whole peace-making programme at once. It says: "A friend writes from San Antonio that grandmother Dashiell of the *Herald*, has made a personal attack upon the present Editor of the *Stock Journal*. As we only get the *Weekly* edition of that brilliant Ring organ, we have not seen the attack. We cannot be deprived of the consoling circumstance, that where the old lady of the *Herald* is known the sting she makes is not very hurtful, hence we hope to survive it. We again assert, what we personally know, that there is a selfish ring at San Antonio, (known sometimes as the court house clique) and no man can be elected to any office there unless he joins it and becomes one of them."

And now the *Herald* comes out against Hancock, the Democratic nominee in the Fifth District after having helped twice to elect him, and the Hancock men here are "as mad as blazes" about it. We give it up. These people will quarrel, and we cannot help it.

PANCOAST & SON are constantly receiving a good assortment of cloths, capes and chevots for custom trade. The New Braunfels cassimere for sale.

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I will give ten tickets in the Texas Grand Prize Concert to take place at Houston, October 22, 1874, for the best written letter on the advantages of Texas, to be awarded by a committee of three prominent citizens of Houston. No manuscript will be returned to writers, but all well written letters will be published in the principal papers of the United States and Europe, with whom I am now negotiating for their publication.
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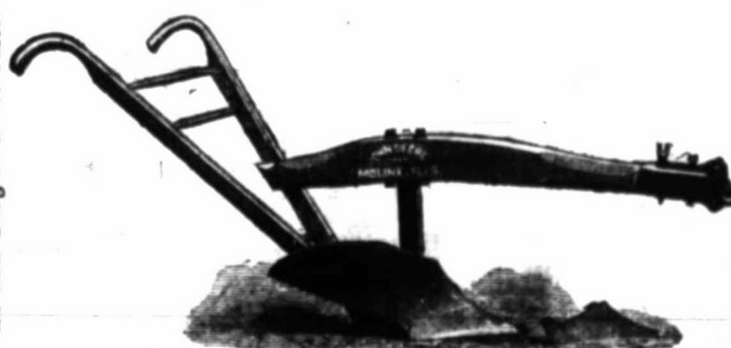
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- 25 " Castile,
- 150 " Tea,
- 1000 " Canned Goods,
- 100 " Brandy Cherries,
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- 300 " Chewing Tobacco,
- 5000 Pounds Smoking "
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LAW
OF THE
UNITED STATES,
PASSED AT THE
FIRST SESSION OF THE FOR-
TY-THIRD CONGRESS.

[GENERAL NATURE—No. 70.]
AN ACT fixing the amount of United States notes, providing for a re-distribution of the national bank currency, and for other purposes.

[Conclusion.]
Sec. 7. That so much of the act entitled "An act to provide for the redemption of the three per centum temporary loan certificates, and for an increase of national bank notes" as provides that no circulation shall be withdrawn under the provisions of section six of said act, until after the fifty-four millions granted in section one of said act shall have been taken up, is hereby repealed; and it shall be the duty of the Comptroller of the Currency, under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, to proceed forthwith and he is hereby authorized and required, from time to time, as applications shall be duly made therefor, and until the full amount of fifty-five million dollars shall be withdrawn, to make requisitions upon each of the national banks described in said section, and in the manner therein provided, organized in States having an excess of circulation, to withdraw and return so much of their circulation as by said act may be apportioned to be withdrawn from them, or, in lieu thereof, to deposit in the Treasury of the United States lawful money sufficient to redeem such circulation, and upon the return of the circulation required, or the deposit of lawful money, as herein provided, a proportionate amount of the bonds held to secure the circulation of such association as shall make such return or deposit shall be surrendered to it.

Sec. 8. That upon the failure of the national banks upon which requisition for circulation shall be made, or of any of them, to return the amount required, or to deposit in the Treasury lawful money to redeem the circulation required, within thirty days, the Comptroller of the Currency shall, as provided in section forty-nine of the national currency act approved June third, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, bonds held to secure the redemption of the circulation of the association or associations which shall so fail, to an amount sufficient to redeem the circulation required of such association or associations, and with the proceeds, which shall be deposited in the Treasury of the United States, so much of the circulation of such association or associations shall be redeemed as will equal the amount required and not returned, and if there be any excess of proceeds over the amount required for such redemption, it shall be returned to the association or associations whose bonds shall have been sold. And it shall be the duty of the Treasurer, assistant treasurers, designated depositaries, and national bank depositaries of the United States, who shall be kept informed by the Comptroller of the Currency of such associations as shall fail to return circulation as required, to assort and return to the Treasury for redemption the notes of such national banks as have failed, or gone into voluntary liquidation for the purpose of winding up their affairs, and of such as shall hereafter so fail or go into liquidation.

Sec. 9. That from and after the passage of this act it shall be lawful for the Comptroller of the Currency, and he is hereby required, to issue circulating notes without delay, as applications therefor are made, not to exceed the sum of fifty-five million dollars, to associations organized, or to be organized, in those States and Territories having less than their proportion of circulation, under an apportionment made on the basis of population and of wealth, as shown by the returns of the census of eighteen hundred and seventy; and every association hereafter organized shall be subject to, and governed by, the rules, restrictions, and limitations, and possess the rights, privileges, and franchises, now or hereafter to be prescribed by law as to national banking associations, with the same power to amend, alter, and repeal provided by "the national bank act." Provided, That the whole amount of circulation withdrawn and redeemed from banks transacting business shall not exceed fifty-five million dollars, and that such circulation shall be withdrawn and redeemed as it shall be necessary to supply the circulation previously issued to the banks in those States having less than their apportionment: And provided further, That not more than thirty million dollars shall be withdrawn and redeemed as herein contemplated during the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-five.

Approved, June 20, 1874.

[GENERAL NATURE—No. 71.]
AN ACT to provide for the establishment of life-saving stations and houses of refuge upon the sea and lake coasts of the United States, and to promote the efficiency of the life-saving service.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to establish life-saving stations, life-boat stations, and houses of refuge, for the better preservation of life and property from shipwreck, at or in the vicinity of the following named points upon the sea and lake coasts of the United States, namely:

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