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of the game will find everything first-class. 4  
BILLS INTRODUCED.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—Brecken-  
ridge of Kentucky introduced a bill in  
the house, yesterday providing for the  
assignment of army officers as military  
attaches to the United States legations  
at London, Paris, Berlin, Madrid, Rome,  
St. Petersburg, Vienna and Constantinople,  
whose duty it shall be to secure  
accurate information relative to military  
affairs in those places.

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## THE STATE AND NATION.

Rev. Boines and the Sinful Town of  
El Paso—A Failure at Jefferson  
—New Court-house at  
Marfa—Wedding at  
Morgan—Comanches  
at Montague.

Edwards' Political Treatment—Texas  
Cattle Growers—South-western Post Re-  
solving—Labor Convention in New  
York—Antislavery in Sweden  
in Minneapolis, etc.

A Western Anecdote.

PORT SMITH, Jan. 21.—The notori-  
ous Belle Star, of the Cherokee Nation,  
walked into the United States mar-  
shal's office to-day and surrendered  
himself into the hands of the law, there  
being several writs out against her for  
horse stealing. She came prepared to  
give bond, which she soon did, and has  
returned to her home to await trial.  
She said she had heard there were some  
writs out for her, but that she did not  
propose to be dragged around by depu-  
ty marshals, as she was innocent of the  
charges and thought she could prove it.  
Belle is quite a remarkable female,  
her name being familiar all over the  
Indian Territory and in portions  
of Texas. She claims to have been  
at one time the wife of Cole  
Younger, and figured conspicuously as  
a member of the notorious Younger  
gang. After Cole was thrown into  
prison she became the wife or mistress  
of Jim Reed, the notorious desperado,  
who met death at the hands of officers  
in Texas, in 1871 or 1875. After Reed's  
death she went to the Territory and  
married Sam Star, and since  
then has been connected with and  
reigned a veritable queen of different  
bands of outlaws. About three years  
ago she and her husband, Sam Star,  
were tried in the Federal Court here  
for horse-stealing, and sent to Detroit  
for one year each. Serving out their  
time, they went back to the Territory  
on the Canadian River, which Belle  
calls Younger's Bend, and soon ga-  
thered around them some desperate  
characters, among them the notorious  
John M. Middleton, with whom Belle  
became infatuated, and deserted her hus-  
band to become the mistress of Middleton.  
She started to leave the Territory with  
Middleton about the first of last May,  
and he was drowned in the Pateau  
Belle soon afterwards returned to the  
Territory and again joined Star, who  
is now on the scout for horse-stealing  
and robbery. Belle is a native of Mis-  
souri, is a fearless horsewoman, a good  
shot, and is said to rule the men she  
has about her in a most remarkable  
manner.

TYPOS IN COUNCIL.  
ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 21.—The State  
Typographical Union began its delib-  
erations here to-day.

CATTLE GROWERS CONVENTION.  
KANSAS CITY, Jan. 21.—The Mis-  
souri and Kansas Cattle Growers Asso-  
ciation will meet here this afternoon  
and elect delegates to the Denver con-  
vention.

NEW YORK LABOR ASSEMBLY CONVEN-  
TION.  
NEW YORK, Jan. 21.—The State  
trade and labor assembly convened in  
annual session in the Peter Cooper in-  
stitute here to-day.

GARDENERS GATHERING.  
MINNEAPOLIS, Jan. 21.—The State  
Horticultural association began its  
session to-day. Layman Elliott pres-  
ides over the deliberation of the meet-  
ing.

CLARKSVILLE, TEXAS, Jan. 21.—A  
young man named Trilling committed  
suicide here last night by blowing out  
his brains with a revolver. He was a  
citizen of this place. The cause of his  
unnatural taking off is not known.

A RAILROAD ELECTION.  
LEAVENWORTH, Kan., Jan. 21.—In  
accordance with the order of the board  
of county commissioners the voters of  
the entire county are to-day casting  
their ballots for and against the grant-  
ing of \$20,000 in county bonds, all of  
which is to go toward the construction  
of a railroad from the town of Leavenworth  
to the northern limits of the county, passing  
through this city.

A BIG FIREMEN'S TOURNAMENT.  
SEWARD, Neb., Jan. 21.—The fire-  
men's tournament, which opened here  
this morning, promises to be an in-  
teresting and highly enjoyable affair.  
Representatives from the best fire  
brigades in Nebraska are in attendance,  
and it is certain that the faction fight  
of last year will not be repeated as all  
the delegates will probably unite on  
Butler for the presidency of the associa-  
tion.

GORMAN GETS THERE AGAIN.  
ANNAPOLIS, Md., Jan. 21.—Arthur  
P. Gorman was at noon to-day elected  
United States senator from  
Maryland to succeed himself.

JEFFERSON.  
JEFFERSON, Tex., Jan. 21.—D. M. &  
J. E. Smith went out yesterday evening.  
They were closed out by a \$200  
attachment.

OHIO STATE NOVELTY EXHIBITION.  
CINCINNATI, Jan. 21.—The exhibition  
of the State Novelty Association  
opened here to-day and will continue  
through the week. Delegates from all  
the county organizations in this and  
neighboring states are in attendance.

FIRE BRICK MAKERS' MEETING.  
CINCINNATI, Jan. 21.—The conven-  
tion of Western Fire Brick Manufac-  
turers will be called to order in the  
parlors of the Burnett House this after-  
noon. This will be one of the most  
important business gatherings of the  
year, as a scale of prices is to be de-  
termined upon.

## THE TEXAS PRESS.

The Sherman Democrat says:  
We were shown this morning a  
chunk of ice that weighed near 200  
pounds, which was taken from a  
branch near the city. Talk about its  
not getting cold in North Texas. One  
satisfaction we have though, is that it  
doesn't last long.

The Gainesville Hesperian contains  
the following:  
A dispatch from Montague, of date  
Friday says: C. C. White, president  
of the Montague & Southwestern rail-  
road, left for the east this morning on  
business pertaining to the road. The  
contract for the building of said road  
has been signed and work commenced  
in good earnest this morning.

According to the Jefferson Jimpin-  
gute the charter of the Knights of Labor  
is doing a land office business. It says:  
The Knights of Labor are increasing  
in number faster than any organization  
ever before known, and Assemblies are  
being organized so rapidly that char-  
ters cannot be issued fast enough to  
supply the demand.

This from the San Antonio Light is  
worth noting:  
One of the most encouraging signs  
for the future greatness of Texas is that  
everywhere the public schools are over-  
crowded with pupils seeking knowl-  
edge. It is the imperative duty of the  
adult to provide for the education of the  
young.

The Bryan Enterprise is inquisitive.  
It asks:  
Will the Hon. Seth Shepherd ever  
compete for Wellborn's seat in Con-  
gress? We would like to see Shep-  
herd in the house and Wellborn in the  
senate.

The Willis Index evidently thinks  
that district gets the worth of its mon-  
ey in its congressman. It remarks:  
If any one is preparing to take the  
congressional scrap of Col. Charles  
Stewart it is about time he was making  
his wants known to the dear people,  
for he'll have a hard row to hoe before  
he gets to the end, and don't you forget it.

The Houston Age knows the Repub-  
lican party "like a book." He "sizes  
it up" thusly:  
If Dakota was Democratic, and was  
demanding admission as a state, with  
two Democratic senators and a quota  
of Democratic representatives, every  
Radical in both houses of Congress  
would "chump" his back against the  
door and swear he would see it done  
rather than let her in.

Is this a prediction or a threat from  
the Houston Post?  
If the Twentieth Legislature has as  
many young men in it as the Nine-  
teenth had, the "kids" may capture  
the United States senatorship.

The Ennis Commercial Recorder  
makes the following remarks for the  
benefit of certain preachers who would  
do well to give it heed:  
Some few of our ministers use the  
reproving authority a little too freely,  
if we may be allowed to criticize. If  
one minister whom we have in our  
mind at present wishing would give a  
little more attention to preaching Christ  
and Him crucified, and less to whether  
some one of his audience is making a  
finey bronch on the established rules of  
church etiquette, his sermons would  
probably be a trifle less dry, and his  
audience a little more attentive.

The Recorder also strikes close to  
the mark in this:  
Some men grown grey in the mer-  
cantile trade in this city don't believe  
in advertising, and yet they wonder  
why the young, go-ahead men out-  
strip them in the race for patronage.

The Huntsville Item sums up the  
number deaths that have occurred in its  
neighborhood recently, and preaches a  
little sermon as follows:  
From sudden death, good Lord de-  
liver us, is part of our Litany, yet our  
town has seen no less than six of them  
that we know of within the last few  
months. There was Colonel Dunc. Al-  
ston; then Mrs. and Mr. Capree; then  
Mr. Jim Cox; next, Mrs. Judge Jos-  
eph, and now we have to add that of  
Mrs. Dr. Prince. Verily, "in the midst  
of life we are in death," notwithstanding  
the appeal in the good old Litany of  
our fathers, and handed down to  
us, their children. Our community is  
on the "anxious seat," for all are think-  
ing, "who next?" The fact is, not only  
has our town seen six deaths, but in  
many other parts of the world there  
have been equally premature. May Heaven  
give us all grace to be able to meet him  
when he cometh.

The Fort Worth Gazette says:  
If President Cleveland lived in Mex-  
ico he would not have to content him-  
self with charging newspapers with  
lying. He could have the offending  
lars arrested, whether they lied or not.

Messrs. S. S. Floyd & Co., the buck-  
et shop people, offered a prize of \$250  
to the person who should make the  
"cotton guess" at the cotton yield of  
Texas during the past season, it be de-  
cided as to the estimate made by  
KAUFMAN & RUNGE, of Galveston, in  
their annual circular. The prize was  
won by and paid to H. H. Hunt of  
Grand Rock, who guessed the yield at  
972,557 bales, while KAUFMAN &  
RUNGE's figures were 973,000. There  
were over 600 guesses sent in.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Jan. 18.—  
Lorenzo Snow, one of the twelve Apo-  
stles of the Mormon Church, was to-day  
sentenced to a term in the penitentiary  
and a heavy money fine. He was con-  
victed January 6, on two separate  
charges of unlawful cohabitation.  
The defense was on the line that Snow  
had lived with his third and youngest  
wife exclusively since the passage of the  
Edmunds law. Judge Powers instructed  
the jury that at that time was unlaw-  
ful cohabitation; that the man, having a  
legal wife living, and shown to be liv-  
ing with another woman, was guilty  
under the law.

## TEXAS AND THE WORLD.

Meeting of the Railroad Committee  
And the Santa Fe People—  
Nothing Definite.

JURY OUT IN THE COOK-GIBSON CASE—  
BIG BATCH OF INDICTMENTS—AR-  
RESTED FOR INDECENT AS-  
SAULT—EL PASO COURT-  
HOUSE FINISHED AND  
RECEIVED BY THE  
COUNTY.

SAN ANTONIO.  
SAN ANTONIO, Jan. 23.—In the Cook  
and Gibson murder trial the jury re-  
turned late last night and have not as yet  
returned a verdict. It was thought  
from the evidence that the jury would  
have no trouble in giving a verdict, and  
this delay has been a surprise.

PARIS.  
PARIS, Jan. 23.—E. E. Grams and A.  
Greider, two hot-blooded citizens  
brandished each other pretty effectively  
last night with their fists.

Thirty gamblers were arrested here  
yesterday all on account of this occupa-  
tion.

HONEY GROVE.  
HONEY GROVE, Jan. 23.—D. M.  
Robinson was yesterday evening ar-  
rested for an indecent assault on Mrs.  
Yates, living a few miles from this  
place. Robinson and Mrs. Yates tell  
different stories about the matter, but  
interesting developments are looked  
for.

MORGAN, TEX.  
MORGAN, TEX., Jan. 23.—Rev. H. R.  
Coleman, who lectures in Dallas last  
night, is billed to lecture here Febru-  
ary 1.

About half of our male citizens have  
gone to Meridian to appear before the  
grand jury. Those left behind are en-  
thusiastic to know what it is all about.

DENSON, TEX.  
DENSON, TEX., Jan. 23.—The order  
of Knights of Labor have determined  
to publish a daily paper here to ad-  
vocate and uphold the demands of that  
order.

NEW YORK, Jan. 23.—President  
Gowen of the Reading Railroad Com-  
pany will leave for Europe to-morrow  
to raise the \$20,000,000 on his collateral  
loan, with which it is proposed to  
purchase the company on the high road to  
prosperity. During his last trip it is  
understood that pledges for the mon-  
ey were secured from a number of German  
and English capitalists on condition  
that he become again the executive  
head of the corporation. This condi-  
tion having been fulfilled, Mr. Gowen  
proposes to call on the foreigners to  
make their promise good, and with  
that end in view he will take his de-  
parture to-morrow.

The receivers of  
the Reading Railroad Company held a  
protracted meeting a few days ago, the  
first since election day, but declined to  
give publicity to any of their proceed-  
ings.

THE RAWHIDES SUFFERED.  
DENVER, Col., Jan. 23.—Another  
meeting of stock men was held here  
to-day to devise means and ways for  
preventing a re-iteration this winter  
of the great loss of stock incurred dur-  
ing the recent blizzard. Reports received  
to-day state that hundreds of cattle  
had died and were accompanied by  
any particulars, it is that the rawhides  
are the ones which suffered.

Down the "Platte" about the  
beaver and on the Republican  
the water holes are reported frozen and  
the snow drifted badly in spots, leaving  
a plenty of bare ground. Men are busy  
keeping open water holes, which is  
about all that can be done now. On  
the Arkansas the snow is said to be  
deeper than it has been for several  
years. It is in this region where the  
heaviest losses have doubtless taken  
place.

PALESTINE.  
PALESTINE, Jan. 23.—Dr. Douglas  
accidentally shot himself here late yes-  
terday evening with a Derringer. The  
wound is very painful but not danger-  
ous.

SHERMAN.  
SHERMAN, TEXAS, Jan. 23.—H. Kitch-  
en, a five-foot cuss, got on a spree and  
arrested by the police pulled out a roll  
of \$5,000 in currency. "A fool and his  
money, etc."

The end of the holiday season seems  
now to have dampened the ardor of  
society-folks. Parties, hops and social  
gatherings are still the order of the  
season.

TEXARKANA.  
TEXARKANA, Jan. 23.—W. B. Busby's  
accidental shot himself here late yes-  
terday evening with a Derringer. The  
wound is very painful but not danger-  
ous.

Our Minister to Japan.  
Hon. James B. Simpson has received  
a paper from Japan along with a lot of  
bills and flowers sent to him by Hon.  
Richard Hubbard, our minister to  
Japan. The paper contains a photo-  
graph of his excellency. The sheet is  
printed in Japanese.

It is said that an effort will be made  
to prevent the confirmation of EDWIN  
G. ROSS as governor of New Mexico.

The burden of the Republican complaint  
against Mr. Ross is that he required  
them to get up before daylight to at-  
tend his confirmation.

"GATH" has discovered an inter-  
viewing a Washington politician who  
doesn't think CLEVELAND can be nomi-  
nated in 1888. CLEVELAND's chances  
for re-election may now be classed A1.

"GATH" has an infallible genius for  
prophecying the wrong thing.

NEW YORK, Jan. 21, 12:15 p. m.—  
Futures quiet. January, 9.24-27; Feb-  
ruary, 9.27-28; March, 9.37-38; April,  
9.48-49; May, 9.59-60; June, 9.69-70;  
July, 9.78-80; August, 9.87-89; Sep-  
tember, 9.95 b.

## THE QUEEN'S SPEECH.

What Victoria Said at the Opening of the  
British Parliament Yesterday.

LONDON, Jan. 22.—Queen Victoria  
opened Parliament in person yester-  
day. The scene in the House of Lords  
was very brilliant. The peers, peer-  
esses, judges, ministers and bishops  
were present in large numbers, and full  
court dress. The queen looked as if  
she was suffering from a cold. Her  
majesty, in her speech, said her rela-  
tions with other powers continue friend-  
ly. The differences with Russia, re-  
garding the Afghanistan boundary,  
have been satisfactorily adjusted. She  
trusts that the work of the Russo-Eng-  
lish frontier demarcation commission,  
already far advanced, may tend to se-  
cure the continuance of peace in Cen-  
tral Asia. Referring to the rising in  
Eastern Roumelia, her majesty  
says her objections to the Cretan insur-  
rection followed the outbreak had been  
to follow the inhabitants of that country,  
according to their wish, under the  
prince of Bulgaria's rule, while main-  
taining unimpaired the essential rights  
of the sultan. The queen regrets that  
she had been compelled to declare war  
against King Theobald of Burmah,  
owing to acts of hostility by himself  
and subjects. The gallantry of the  
forces under Gen. Prndergast had  
rapidly overthrown the Burmese forces,  
and she had decided that the most cer-  
tain method of maintaining peace  
was to form a confederation in cor-  
poration of Burmah with her em-  
pire. The negotiations respecting the  
rights of the French on the coast of  
Newfoundland had been satisfactorily  
concluded. With Spain also an agree-  
ment had been reached giving the  
British the same commercial rights as  
the Germans in the Canary Islands. Par-  
liament would be asked to adopt cer-  
tain measures rendered necessary in  
the convention relative to international  
copyright, to which the Queen has  
agreed.

Turning to internal affairs the queen  
said: "Gentlemen of the house of  
commons, my lords and gentlemen, I  
regret to say that no material improve-  
ments can be noted in the condition of  
trade or agriculture. I feel the deep-  
est sympathy for the great number of  
persons, in many vocations of life, who  
are suffering under a depression, which  
trust will prove transient. I have seen  
with deep sorrow the renewal of at-  
tempts to excite the people of Ireland  
to hostility against the legislative  
union between that country and Great  
Britain. I am resolutely opposed to  
any disturbance of the fundamental  
law. In resisting it, I am convinced  
that I shall be heartily sup-  
ported by my parliament and my  
people. The social, no less than the  
national condition of that country, en-  
gages my anxious attention. Al-  
though there has been discussion in  
parliament on the increase of serious  
crime, there is in many places a con-  
certed resistance to the enforcement of  
legal obligations, and I regret that the  
practice of organized intimidation con-  
tinues to exist. I have caused every  
exertion to be used for the detection  
and punishment of crime, and no  
effort will be spared on the part of my  
government to protect my subjects  
in the exercise of legal rights  
and the enjoyment of individual liberty."

"If, as my information leads me to  
apprehend, the existing provisions of  
law should prove inadequate to cope  
with its growing evils, I shall look  
with confidence to your willingness to invest  
my government with all necessary  
power. Bills will be submitted for  
transferring to representative bodies  
in the country of Great Britain local  
business, which is now transferred by  
the courts of quarter sessions and other  
authorities. Measures for the reform of  
county government in Ireland are  
also in preparation. These measures  
will involve the consideration of the  
present incidence of local burdens.  
A bill for facilitating the sale of lands  
in a manner adapted to the wants of a  
rural population will also be submitted  
to you; also bills for mitigating the de-  
pressed condition of the poorer classes  
in the western highlands and islands of  
Scotland.

"The prompt and effective dispatch  
of business which in an ever growing  
proportion falls to you to transact will,  
I doubt not, occupy your attention. In  
these and in all other matters pertaining  
to your high functions, I earnestly  
commend you to the keeping and guid-  
ance of Almighty God."

MORE RAILROAD CONSOLIDATION.  
NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—In accordance  
with a circular recently issued by Re-  
ceiver Williams, of the West Shore  
road, the board of directors of that  
corporation are holding a secret session  
to-day. The meeting means  
nothing less than the entire absorption  
of the West Shore road by the New  
York Central & Hudson River road.

It is proposed by the New York Cen-  
tral people, say railroad operators, to  
make traffic arrangements with the  
Pennsylvania Road; and run the West  
Shore trains through the terminal com-  
pany's property and along the West  
Jersey bluffs to Jersey City, and there  
connect with the Pennsylvania Road to  
Baltimore and Washington. In consid-  
eration of the traffic arrangements with  
the Pennsylvania company, the New  
York Central company will give the  
Pennsylvania the privilege of storage  
at Weehawken, increasing that com-  
pany's storage vastly. This will make  
a through line for the New York Cen-  
tral company from Chicago to St.  
Louis. If the New York Central peo-  
ple desire—and those who know say  
they will—to make southern connec-  
tions with Jacksonville, Florida, or any  
other part of the south, there is little to  
hinder them.

MASSACHUSETTS LABOR ASSOCIATION.  
BOSTON, Mass., Jan. 23.—The State  
Committee on Labor is hearing  
arguments to-day on the much mooted  
subject of enforcing weekly payments  
in all establishments employing over  
fifty men. The opponents of the measure  
have a set on long lobby here and the at-  
torneys of several large corporations are  
being listened to this morning. This  
afternoon the attorneys for the State  
Labor Assembly will address the com-  
mittee. A bill similar to this is up  
before the legislature of five different  
states, and it looks now as if Massachu-  
setts and Iowa would be the first to  
enforce weekly payments.

## TEXAS AND THE WORLD.

Fixing Freight Rates—Passenger  
Agents in Session—Calm Mi-  
ners Convention—Tobacco  
Growers Association.

Waterway Convention—The Queen Weathers  
The Cook-Gibson Trial—A Colored Preacher  
Bounced—A Mormon on Mexico—The  
The Galveston, Sabine & St.  
Louis Railway.

LATEST ABOUT THE SANTA FE.  
GALVESTON, Jan. 20.—1:30 p. m.—  
The Galveston, Sabine & St. Louis  
and Ft. Worthville all arrived last night.  
This morning the Dallas delegates  
waited on Attorney Gresham and ar-  
ranged a meeting for to-night, at which  
the several in crests will be heard.  
The Galveston delegates are strongly  
urging their claims. Indications are  
that neither committee can offer the  
\$20,000 demanded by the Santa Fe.

PASSENGER AGENTS MEET.  
ST. LOUIS, Jan. 20.—The meeting of  
Western Passenger Agents postponed  
from December 8, is in progress in the  
parlors of the Southern Hotel here to-  
day. It will regulate the pro rata  
divisions of passenger earnings on the  
various lines running west, north and  
south from here.

IRISH NATIONAL LEAGUE.  
CHICAGO, Jan. 20.—Fully sixty dele-  
gates and at least a thousand Irishmen  
occupied seats in the Central Music  
Hall at 11 o'clock this morning. It is  
the gathering of the National Commit-  
tee of the Irish League, and would  
have been, had Mr. P. Mell been able  
to attend. The presence of a large  
number of the Emerald Isle ever known in this  
country. Preparations on a grand  
scale were almost completed when Mr.  
Harrington, M. P., Secretary of the  
National League in Ireland,  
cabling on this subject, on behalf  
of Mr. Parnell, said: "I am  
inclined to think it best to postpone  
the convention until after the meeting  
of Parliament in February." Among  
the men in attendance who have con-  
tributed most to the Irish cause and  
whose names are greeted with applause  
at all Irish gatherings here and abroad  
are Patrick Egan, Nebraska; Rev.  
Charles O'Reilly, John J. Finerty, A.  
G. Malloy and Thomas Goggin, Texas;  
John Markey and Timothy Creamer,  
Iowa; J. Corrigan, Minnesota; Roger  
Wald, Michigan; J. F. Armstrong,  
Georgia; John P. Sutton, Conn.; James  
W. Fitzgerald, Connecticut; H. V. Gan-  
non, Iowa; Colonel M. Boland, New  
York; Pat Donnan, Dakota; J. G. Con-  
nelly, Wisconsin; John P. Sutton, Can-  
ada. The meeting was called to order  
by President Egan in a spirited speech  
in which he congratulated the league  
on the splendid success achieved in Ire-  
land. The meeting will last two days  
and a definite time will be fixed for  
the holding of the convention on as originally  
intended. A letter from Mr. Parnell  
will be made public to-day, giving a  
time which will suit him best for attend-  
ance on the convention. This will  
probably not be earlier than March.

TOBACCO GROWERS' CONVENTION.  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—The delega-  
tion from the New York State Tobacco  
Growers' Association, which met in  
annual session at Baldwinville, that  
state, last week, arrived here to-day

THE O-STAKED-O PLAIN, MIDLAND, TEXAS.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 1886.

J. C. RATHBUN, Editor.

Entered at the post-office at Midland, Texas as Second Class Matter.

THE SYNDICATE RANCH ROAD.

A few towns to the east of us expect to get the capital syndicate ranch road up the panhandle. We can just say to them that they are hugging a delusion.

The lay of the country and distance are in favor of Midland. The staked plain is a natural road bed, there being no expense to keep it in repair.

Of course we recognize the importance of the road. It means that Midland gets, not only the Syndicate Ranch trade, but the trade of the western panhandle and south-east New Mexico.

In an address before the international congress of educators, World's Exposition at New Orleans upon "The Railroad in Education," Prof. Alex. Hogg of Fort Worth, a prominent Texas educator, used the following language in reference to West Texas:

Mr. President, I have seen much of this Continent, have seen more of Texas. That which in our geographies was called "The American Desert" - later, "The Staked Plain" - is no desert at all.

It is wonderful how fast this country is developing. The old conservative Texan cannot realize the situation. He looks with amazement on the changes wrought in so short a time.

A Wisconsin man visiting San Diego, Cal. writes to his home paper as follows:

The manner of putting up and selling butter in California is so different from what it is in Wisconsin and in the east, that I give you a sample.

Butter put up that way is on tap at Midland every day at only two bits a pound.

Dr. Vandell of the San Angelo Enterprise declines to be a candidate for the legislature on account of the meager remuneration. This circumstance is worthy the attention of the people.

The senate wants to know why the president makes removals. To speak after the manner of men the president should inform the senator that this is none of their business.

Congressman Bragg of Wisconsin has discovered a peculiar conspiracy against the pension bureau: That of American girls marrying old soldiers in the hope of subsequently receiving a pension.

Farmers are pouring into West Texas so fast that ranchmen have just time to move their cattle out and prevent their tails being chopped off by the advancing hoe.

LOUIS H. HOPKINS, Surveyor.

B. K. BRANT, Notary Public.

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Table with 2 columns: COMMISSIONER'S COURT and LANDS TO BE PAID. Lists court dates and land sale information.

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J. R. JOHNSON, Proprietor.

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- W. H. THOMAS, Pres. Am. National Bank. W. M. C. HILL, County Clerk. C. R. GILLESPIE, County Collector. H. W. JONES, District Clerk. JNO. H. MORTON, M. D., Dallas, Texas. PADGETT BROS., Wholesale Saddlery, Dallas. HENRY SMITH, County Treasurer. E. BOWEN, County Judge. W. H. WSMITH, Sheriff of Dallas County.

D. H. KEDZIE, LOCAL AGENT, Midland, Texas.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

At a late hour last evening Mr. Cameron was in a very low condition.

The first book published on the staked plain is just issued by this office.

The board meets next Tuesday to act upon applications to purchase.

Mrs. W. A. Murphy has the thanks of this office for an excellent lemon pie.

There has been a lively strike in the coal mines and coke works of Pennsylvania.

How would some of your former friends like to read copies of The Cephalanographism?

Patton & Burton are yet here attending strictly to business of which they have plenty. They do good work too.

A scheme is on foot by which a Chicago company buys the town site of Marienfeld. It is expected to mature shortly.

Judge G. W. Smith of Colorado came up on Wednesday. Mr. Smith's friends are presenting him for congressional honors next term.

The 23rd two car-loads of cattle were found frozen to death at Minneapolis, Minn. They had been shipped from Iowa. Not an animal escaped.

Postmaster General Vilas has ruled that photographs go through the mail as printed matter. Probably this is the reason Patton & Burton are having such a good run of custom.

D. C. Conn of Ironton, Ohio, was in town on Wednesday and gave the STAKED PLAIN office a pleasant call. He thinks enough of staked plain soil to purchase a railroad section.

The first grand jury of Midland county is composed of the following persons:

- C. W. Hunter, J. E. D. Stallings, W. B. Crosby, J. B. Leese, J. J. McCollough, John Ferguson, J. C. Clark, Thos. Burkhart, W. L. Payne, W. W. Lanoster, J. J. McCollough was appointed foreman.

We have received from George Stinson & Co., of Portland, Maine, a full length, steel engraving of General Grant. It is after a celebrated photograph, made while the general was in full vigor, and represents him as the people wish to remember him. It is, undoubtedly, the best portrait ever made of the general.

Now that the court-house is finished everybody is interested in having it taken care of; also the block on which it stands. To this end stock should be kept away from it.

Cattle standing in its shade will open break windows. Hogs will rot around the foundation to be under the building. The grass will be destroyed. A very light expense will put a cheap fence around the block that will preserve the beauty of the grounds and protect the building.

H. A. Rathvon at Odessa is prepared to take orders for all grades of watches, for the best watch companies of the country. He can also furnish all the latest improved key and stem winding cases, both hunting and open face. He can fill orders for any of the above mentioned promptly and as cheap if not cheaper than they can be procured any where else in Texas.

In addition he is prepared to handle the best makes of gold, filled and silver cases. He buys at wholesale which enables him to cope with any of the dealers in this country.

THE CEPHALANOGRAPHISM. A pamphlet bearing the above unique title is now ready for sale, at the STAKED PLAIN office.

It is a truthful description of the staked plain country and should be read by every one seeking a new home. It will be sold at the following PRICES:

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CITATION. THE STATE OF TEXAS. You are hereby summoned to appear in person or by attorney at the court house in the town of Midland, in the county of Midland, Texas, on the 3rd day of February, 1886, to answer a petition filed in said court on the 23rd day of January, 1886, in said county, and to defend against the claims of the plaintiff therein.

The plaintiff furnished defendant with a copy of said petition and a copy of this citation, and defendant failed to appear and defend against the claims of the plaintiff as required by law. It is therefore ordered that said petition be taken as confessed and that the plaintiff be allowed to take such judgment as he may see fit to render, and that he be allowed to take such judgment as he may see fit to render, and that he be allowed to take such judgment as he may see fit to render.

WITNESSES: A. R. ROUNTREE, Clerk of said court; J. H. BARRON, Sheriff of said county.

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**OUR LOCAL ROUND-UP.**

A red cross X on your paper indicates that the term of subscription to the STAKED PLAIN has expired and solicits a renewal. A blue cross X denotes that the subscriber is in arrears and cordially asks a liquidation.

The jail is painted.  
County court next week.  
Rather windy on Tuesday.  
Read notice of estray horses.  
Carpenters are busy nowadays.  
Incorporation is still talked of.  
Boys play in the streets barefoot this week.  
Midland will have a brick building soon.  
When surveyors disagree who will decide?  
Every bed in town is occupied this week.  
Will S. Palmer is living on a ranch in the country.  
L. H. Hopkins was out at Odessa last week surveying.  
This week is a good one for hotels; also grocery stores.  
Assessor Adams is at work taking the inventory of property.  
Those photographic views of buildings look just splendid.  
The county officials moved into the new court house last Friday.  
Last Monday afternoon the mercury, in the sun, went up to 94°.  
Judge Lancaster procured John Bailey as nurse for J. P. Cameron.  
The organization of a scientific club is being worked up by our literati.  
Gilt edge New York state but no oleoargaine at Wilbar's butcher shop. Try some.  
It don't do to ask too high a price for town lots. Assessor Adams is on to the racket.  
The first term of district court for Midland county convened on January 26, 1886.  
Some of our exchanges call us the "THE STAKED PLAINS." There is only one of us.  
Eugene McKenzie returned last Saturday from an extended visit to his old home in Central Texas.  
A slight breeze Monday afternoon brought out the sheriff's force which was equal to the emergency.  
The son of Gustave Phillips, who was accidentally shot at Abilene a few weeks ago, is rapidly recovering.  
Midland county was created February 28th, 1885. Can we not celebrate the first anniversary in some appropriate manner?  
Judge Kennedy and district attorney Hill came up from Colorado on Monday to conduct our first term of district court.  
President Rush of the Town Co. came up from Big Springs last Monday to confer with Attorney Zane on business matters.  
There was a full meeting of commissioners' court last Thursday to inspect the court house and jail. The work done was found to be satisfactory in every respect.  
Co. Surveyor Lerch located town sections a few miles south of town this week. Two of them, already have buildings on them, and before spring all will be occupied.  
Mr. Curtis, of West Virginia, is at Midland visiting his son, who owns an extensive cattle ranch a few miles north of town. He is much pleased with the staked plain country.  
S. M. Edwards, who has been working with Hunter & Weller on the court house, went out to Fuller & Burton's ranch on Monday to put up windmills. Sam is a good workman and not long out of a job.  
C. P. Fuller, a sheepman of Martin county, was in town on Monday. He intends to make Midland his trading point hereafter, and cannot keep home without the STAKED PLAIN.  
O. Y. Carr & Co. will build at once on the corner opposite Theo. Ray's, a two-story frame building, 22x40 ft. This building will be used by them in carrying on mercantile business.  
The work of the district court on Tuesday forenoon consisted of unpaneling a grand jury. Judge Kennedy then charged the jury after which it retired to deliberate upon the moral condition of the county.  
Wednesday morning court took a case from Martin county involving the claim to a school of school land. We surmise the courts of West Texas will have several such cases in the near future.

**LAND CERTIFICATES.**

Parties owning or controlling land certificates will find it to their interest to correspond with Hopkins & Brant, Land and Live Stock Agents, at Midland, Texas, giving class and date of same.  
Our pamphlet on Midland county is now ready for distribution. Residents of Midland should distribute it liberally among friends at their former homes. The prices, mentioned elsewhere make it the cheapest advertising matter we can send out.

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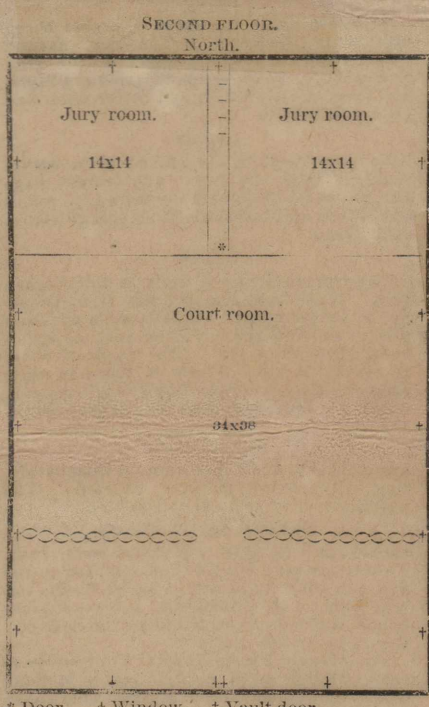
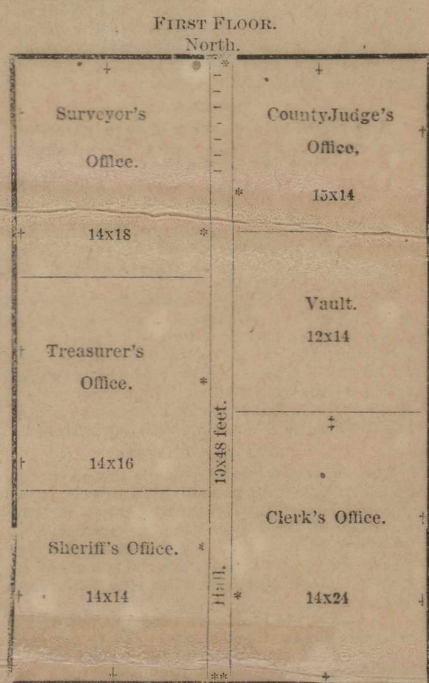
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**THE COURT HOUSE.**

Now that the court house is completed and accepted by the county it is more evident that the commissioners acted wisely in confining their expenditures to the money on hand. The building is sufficiently commodious for several years. If a \$25,000 building had been put up the probability is that it would have been laid aside as too small for county purposes as soon as the present one will be.

Entering the building from the south one finds himself in a hall extending longitudinally through the middle of the building. Below are diagrams showing the general plan of the two floors.



The carpenter work has been done under the supervision of Hunter & Weller, and it has been patent to every observer that good work was being done. Good material has been used and no sham work allowed. The painting has been done by Messrs. Gueissinger and meets with the approval of good workmen that have inspected it.

The vault walls were put up by J. B. Stout, of brick burned by himself at Midland. That it met the approval of the commissioners is a sufficient guarantee of its security. The jail, a distinct brick building, also put up by J. B. Stout, was accepted previously.

We think the tax payers of the county are to be congratulated on the favorable condition of the county as regards buildings, more especially when compared with many counties, both in Texas and other states, that are groaning under heavy burdens of taxation.

As soon as the assessment is completed and the amount of taxes on property in this school district is ascertained, steps will be taken to vote a tax for school purposes. There can be no valid objection to voting the largest tax possible under the law (20 cents on the \$100) and we think it will be generally acquiesced in. A building sufficient for two teachers will be required by next fall. If means can be devised to put up a good building now, one that will accommodate a good school of at least four departments, it will be found to be the most economical in the end.

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STRAYED from Odessa one dun colored horse, branded X O, and one bay stallion with saddle marks. Freshly branded B O X, stake rope fastened to left fore foot. A reward of \$5 is offered by the undersigned for information that will lead to their recovery.  
S. L. PRITT,  
Odessa, Texas, Jan. 25, 1886

