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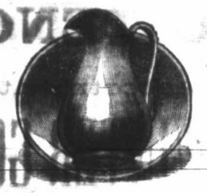

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AT
Wholesale and Retail.
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Complete Dinner Sets, 103 pieces, $35 00
Plain Gold Band and Decorated
TEA SETTS,
IMPORTED GLASSWARE.
Gregory & Co.,
Goods Rented Commerce Street, Corner of Paso.

UNPARALLELED OFFER
We offer to Private Parties, at Factory Prices, LESS DEALERS' DISCOUNT, for a short time only, full lines of strictly first-class
PIANOS
of the celebrated manufacture of Messrs.
HORACE WATERS & SONS,
AND
AUBER, SCHUMANN & WAGNER
Also WATERS' unequaled line of CABINET
ORGANS
Including the universally admired
Centennial Prize Chime Organ,
Recently received at the recent TEXAS STATE FAIR, all the prizes awarded, consisting of DIPLOMAS, GOLD MEDAL and THREE SILVER MEDALS, as well a sthe Highest Awards at the innumerable exhibitions throughout the world during the last forty years.
Sheet Music at Publishers' Prices.
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P. O. Address Lock Box 278, San Antonio. VALENTINE & CO. General State Agents.
HEADQUARTERS, No. 69 Commerce Street, San Antonio, Texas.
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Loan Offices.
LOAN OFFICE
The oldest and most reliable Loan Office in
SAN ANTONIO.
Corner of Military Plaza, in the two-story building.
Rates Reduced According to the Amounts Loaned
Has on hand CHEAP Diamond Rings, Gold and Silver Watches, Revolvers of all descriptions, particular attention to Jewelry.
Maximilian Dollars.
Arms, Saddles, &c., &c., &c. Ample room for fine furniture and Pianos.
B. SCHWARZ.

M. KOENIGHEIM'S
Loan Office,
WEST SIDE MAIN PLAZA.
WILL ADVANCE MONEY ON VALUABLES AT VERY LOW RATES.
Those desiring to pledge articles would do well call on him. mar9tf
☞ A large lot of fine watches and jewelry of all kinds for sale, all unredeemed pledges, which can be bought at less than half their real value.

VALUABLE
Information!
Any parties having Furniture or any other Kind of Merchandise to sell at
AUCTION OR PRIVATE SALE,
Can have the same disposed of to the
Best Advantage
and in the most satisfactory manner by calling on or addressing the
NEW YORK
Auction & Commission House
J. Abrahamson,
Proprietor.
Auctioneer,
Corner Main Plaza and Flores Streets, Next to Green Front Theatre.
A complete stock of General Merchandise, consisting of
GROCERIES,
DRY GOODS, CLOTHING, BOOTS, SHOES, TINWARE, CROCKERY, ARMS AND AMMUNITION.
Furniture of all kinds constantly on hand, which we will sell at private sale at Auction Rates.
Liberal Advances on Consignments.

J. L. TAIT. T. HARRISON. D. KIRKWOOD
The San Antonio Coal Mining Co.
are now prepared to deliver hand-picked
COALS
FOR
OFFICE AND PARLOR USE
To any part of the city direct from their coal depot, n Laredo street.
Address Philip Cross, Agent, P. O. box 481, or orders left at Gate at Menger and Hord Hotels will be attended to.
Office—Laredo street. Hours—9 to 12 a. m. and 4 to 6 p. m. oct3

Coke as Fuel!
5,000 Barrels
FOR SALE AT THE
San Antonio Gas Works.
The attention of the public is directed to the introduction of this decidedly improved fuel.
It has recognized advantages over the Texas coal, being less expensive, producing more heat, emitting no unpleasant sulphuric odor, and is freer from smoke and uncleanly qualities. It is adapted to ranges, grates and all manner of heating apparatus used in churches, halls, saloons and private families, and is cheaper than wood or coal. oct22 dtf

Telegraphic Flashes

HOME AND FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE

Gold Down to Bed-Rock at Last—Sold at Par Amid Cheers.

Washington News—Congressional and Other Items of Interest.

The Posse Comitatus Clause in the Army Bill.

To be Rescinded as to States Liable to Invasions from Marauding Indians.

How the Coin Disbursements Have Been Made.

Bad Report Concerning the Treasury Expenditures.

Congress and the Country Deceived Concerning Them.

Conkling Not a Candidate for the Presidency—Scared Off by the Grant Movement.

Two More Mollie Maguires Must Go—No Force in Appeals.

The Benner Cotton Bale—$1,310 Realized in New Orleans.

A Colored Man Whipped for Theft, Blows His Brains Out.

Governor Hampton's Condition and other News Notes.

GOLD AT PAR.

New York, December 17—12:30 p. m.—Gold just sold at par. It is the first time it has touched that figure since the suspension of specie payment in 1862.

The first sale of gold at par to-day caused considerable excitement in the gold room. The brokers cheered enthusiastically. It is even said that brokerage was paid for the sale of gold at 100.

NATIONAL CAPITOL NOTES.

SENATE PROCEEDINGS.

Washington, December 17.—The Senate mixed upon the amendments to the Military Academy Appropriation bill, and a committee of conference was ordered. Messrs. Allison, Blaine and Davis of West Virginia, were appointed on the committee on the part of the Senate.

Mr. Plumb, of Kansas, from the committee on Military Affairs reported with amendment the bill recently introduced by Mr. Paddock of Nebraska, providing that the posse comitatus clause in the Army Appropriation bill for the present fiscal year shall not be construed as applying to the army or any part thereof employed in the protection of life and property in States and Territories subject to Indian depredations. Placed on the calendar.

The bill of Senator Morrill, of Me., to provide for the completion of the Washington monument was taken up. Windom took up the Consular and Diplomatic Appropriations bill, subject to call for the regular order, being Blaine's resolution, which came over from yesterday. Mr. Windom in explanation of the bill said as it came to the Senate it appropriated $1,945,725. The Senate committee had added $482,100, and as now reported from the committee the bill appropriates $50,800 less than was estimated. The committee had restored the salaries of Ministers at Great Britain, Russia, France, Germany, Spain, Austria, Italy, and other places cut down by the House of Representatives so as to provide that these ministers should receive the amount of compensation now fixed by law. The various amendments proposed by the committee were agreed to without discussion. The bill was then read the third time and passed.

Mr. Windom from the committee on Appropriations, reported with amendments the pension appropriation bill, which was placed on the calendar.

After the morning hour the Senate resumed consideration of the resolution of Mr. Blaine regarding the inquiry as to whether the rights of any citizens were violated in any States of the United States at the late election.

Mr. Merriman read a prepared speech in reply to that of Mr. Blaine of last week. He spoke in favor of peace, harmony and the breaking down of all sectional lines.

Mr. Blaine's resolution, together with his amendment providing that the committee shall take testimony on any point necessary to their, was adopted, the vote being 56 ayes and 6 nays. There was an animated debate against the purpose of the resolution. Those who voted in the negative were Eaton, Hill, McCreery, Morgan, Wallace and Wright.

HOUSE PROCEEDINGS.

Washington, December 17.—In the House Mr. Wait of Connecticut introduced bills for the improvement of the Thames river and Stonington harbor, Connecticut. Referred.

The House then resumed consideration of the Geneva award bill, and was addressed by Mr. Kieffer, of Ohio, in favor of the majority report.

The House passed the bill to meet the deficiency in the appropriation for postal railway service.

SHERMAN ON THE COIN QUESTION.

Washington, D. C., December 17.—A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury was laid before the Senate today in response to the resolution of Mr. Beck, adopted by that body on the 3d inst., calling for information as to the amount of silver coin received for custom duties since the beginning of the current fiscal year, and whether it has been applied to any extent to the payment of interest on the United States bonds and if not so applied to state the reason why the Secretary transmits a report made to him on the subject by the Treasurer, and adds that under existing laws gold coin or standard silver dollars may be used in payment of the interest at the public debt. The law does not direct which shall be paid, but leaves this to the discretion of the department to be exercised upon considerations of public policy and practice. As stated by the Secretary of the Treasury, allowing the public creditors the option of form and denomination of money in which he shall be paid has thus far been observed. The manifest object of the act to authorize the coining of silver dollars and restore its legal tender character when contributed in connection with resumption is that gold coins and standard silver dollars shall be maintained at par with each other, and this object can be maintained by paying out such coin as may subserve the convenience of the person to be paid and not to force upon him either form of money. Any other course would discriminate against the standard silver dollar and tend to its depreciation. Treasurer Gilfillan in his report to the Secretary says, among other things, that no distinction has ever been made between gold and silver moneys on the Treasurer's account. The total receipts of standard silver dollars for the period from July 1st to December 30th, 1878 were $5,178,345, one million and a half being on account of customs. These figures don't cover the silver certificates. The Treasurer has exchanged standard silver dollars with the public for gold to the amount of $1,534,785. The coin interest paid during the year amounts to $39,365,224. The silver coins received during the current fiscal year have not been specifically applied to the payment of interest upon bonds and notes of the United States except so far as fractional silver received has been used in disbursements for coin interest in making payments of fractional parts of dollars.

BAD BOOK-KEEPERS IN THE TREASURY BUREAU.

Washington, December 17.—Representative Glover, chairman of the committee on Expenditures of the Treasury, in accordance with the request of Mr. Atkins, of the House Appropriation committee, to furnish information that might be useful in framing general appropriation bills, in complying with the request, says Congress and the public have been deceived as to the expenditures of the bureau. The figures are wholly unreliable. The bureau reports do not make a proper showing of the cost of bank note printing, and indicates a needless expenditure and extravagance within the last fiscal year to the extent of over one hundred and thirty thousand dollars. The expenditures of the bureau before the year 1871 are not even known, being mixed with the so-called expenses of the national loan, and it would take a corps of clerks six months to ascertain the state of the accounts.

COMMITTEE ROOM GOSSIP.

Secretary Sherman, Assistant Secretary French and Mr. James, Chief of the Customs division of the Treasury Department, were before the Ways and Means committee of the House this forenoon to advocate the passing of a bill prepared in the Treasury Department and recently sent to the House of Representatives, to prevent the evasion of duties on sugar, alleged to have been practiced under the present color standard. They agree in urging the addition of a Polariscope when necessary to a chemical analysis.

The Appropriation Committee is now engaged on the army and postoffice bills, which will probably be reported before the holiday recess.

MINOR NOTES.

Washington, December 17.—The United States Treasury expects to have the first of January next, exclusive of all demands, $135,000,000 coin with which to resume specie payments.

At the Cabinet meeting to-day, there was a general interchange of congratulations on the peaceful condition of the country.

The Senate confirmed the nomination of John S. Mosby as Consul-General to Hong Kong.

CONKLING WON'T RUN.

New York, December 17.—A Washington special to the Graphic, which that paper in a leader says is undoubtedly correct, states that the friends of Senator Conkling have recently been in conference there and in New York on the subject of his nomination to the Presidency, and that he wishes it understood that he is not a candidate and will not again enter into the contest. This attitude is supposed to be due, according to the Graphic, to the movements on foot to concentrate on Grant.

THE LAST HOPE GONE.

Pottsville, Pa., December 17.—No hopes are now entertained here of a respite for either John Keogh or Martin Bergan, the Mollie Maguires who are to be executed tomorrow morning, and the parting farewell of the families of the doomed was taken this morning.

Harrisburg, Pa., December 17.—At an informal meeting of the Board of Pardons this morning it was decided not to re-open the case of Jack Keogh, who is to be hanged at Pottsville to-morrow.

GOV. HAMPTON IMPROVING.

Columbia, S. C., December 17.—Governor Hampton's condition has improved decidedly within the past 24 hours, and this evening he expressed the opinion that he passed the crisis. This declaration on his part is regarded as a favorable indication because his cheerfulness will aid largely in his recovery. His appetite has been extraordinarily good during the day and the nourishment taken has been retained.

BLEW HIS BRAINS OUT.

Norfolk, December 17.—Moses Ford, a negro section hand working on the railroad near Franklin, Southampton county, was tried before a magistrate yesterday for stealing ten dollars, was found guilty and sentenced to be whipped. After receiving the punishment he went to his mother's door and blew his brains out with a double barrelled gun, discharging the second barrel before succeeding in his purpose, the first having missed fire.

COUNTERFEITER CONVICTED.

New York, December 17.—Michael Connors, wholesale dealer in National bank notes and trade dollars, was convicted in the United States Circuit Court this afternoon and remanded for sentence. Connors was the head of a notorious gang of dealers in counterfeit money. He sold packages of counterfeits to Secret Service detectives, hence his capture and conviction.

THE BENNER COTTON BALE.

New Orleans, December 17.—The Benner bale from Memphis sold at the Cotton Exchange to-day and was bid in by Col. Wm. Owen, of the Washington Artillery, for $1,310, which amount goes to the family of the late Lieut. Benner, U. S. N. The bale will be forwarded to Galveston.

FIRE IN THE CUBAN CANE FIELDS.

Havana, December 17.—A conflagration in the cane fields has badly damaged eleven plantations in the Alquizar and Lagunra districts. Reports to the effect that the negroes set fire to the cane are contradicted. A thousand field laborers have arrived from the Canary Islands.

AN EMBEZZLER SENTENCED.

Boston, December 17.—Chas. F. Colburn, clerk of the Charleston district postoffice, was to-day arraigned for the embezzlement of letters. He pleaded guilty and was sentenced to three years imprisonment at hard labor at East Cambridge.

AGREED TO DISAGREE.

St. Johns, N. B., December 17.—After a trial lasting four weeks the jury in the case of the Osborne family, charged with the murder of Timothy McCarthy, failed to agree, this being the second trial.

PROBABILITIES.

Washington, December 17.—Indications for the West Gulf States: South and west winds, warmer, partly cloudy weather, and stationary barometer will prevail.

GENERAL FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE.

BUSINESS NOTES AND COMPLICATIONS.

London, December 17.—The Manchester Guardian's commercial article says: "The large sales of cotton at Liverpool are said to be due to extensive operations for Russia, made with a view of forestalling the new import duty and to a rise reported in New York. The latter is attributed partly to the report sent from this side that the Oldham strike is ended.

[NOTE.—If such a report has been sent, it is false. The card room hands of one mill resumed at a five per cent. reduction on Saturday, but in the spinning department hands could not be got on Monday. Five more limited company mills resumed work ostensibly at a reduction of five per cent., but with compensatory arrangements that the five per cent. taken should be invested in the names of trustees and paid to the employees. If they carry their point with other mill owners, a meeting of operatives is the be held to-day to vote whether members of the operative association may resume at all the mills offering the foregoing compromise. If the vote be favorable, doubtless a large number of joint stock mills will resume, but the contest will be continued until the issue decided between operatives and individual proprietors.

Uneasiness regarding financial affairs and the general clearing out and preparations for the annual inspection of accounts is causing a depression of all speculative home securities, railways, telegraphs, &c. Foreign securities are supported by continental bourses. Money brought into market by the closing out of speculative stocks is being put into consols, United States and other unimpeachable securities.

THE FRENCH PENSIONERS.

Versailles, December 17.—The Senate has adopted an amendment reinserting in the budget the grant of two hundred thousand francs for augmenting the stipends of aged priests, which was stricken out by the Chamber of Deputies. This renders necessary the reassembling of the Deputies before the 31st of December to reconsider this portion of the budget.

BRITISH PARLIAMENT ADJOURNED.

London, December 17.—Parliament has adjourned until February 13th next.

MISCELLANEOUS PARAGRAPHS.

Constantinople, December 17.—The Porte and Great Britain are negotiating concerning British jurisdiction over foreigners in Cyprus. Great Britain recognizes the Sultans sovereignty over the island, but denies that capitulation concerning consular jurisdiction is still applicable thereto.

London, December 17.—The Prince of Wales, Prince Christian and Prince Leopold have left Darmstadt to attend the funeral of the Grand Duchess of Hesse.

PUBLIC OPINION.

[Short communications on local issues will be published under certain restrictions, under the above heading, but the Express does not wish to be considered as endorsing the utterances of correspondents who may write for the "Public Opinion" column.]

Farming out the Poorhouse.

Editors San Antonio Express:

The proposal on the part of the County Commissioners' Court to farm out the poorhouse, is one that demands public attention and discussion, as it is a new and startling departure from custom and usage. In England "the poor" are sometimes "farmed out," and Dickens has written in vain if he has not made everything that is humane in our nature revolt against the system and denounce the principle underlying it in all its details. The law under which our county poorhouse has been established certainly never contemplated farming out our poor—our sick—our lunatics. None of its provisions accord with such a measure.

The responsibility of the county to supply the maintainance and superintend the care of its helpless poor and lunatics and destitute sick, as well as to guard and work prisoners found guilty of petty offences, cannot with any show of reason be complied with in letter or spirit by the proposed action of the County Commissioners' Court in advertising for some person to rent and take charge of the poorhouse at such a rate as may be agreed upon.

For what is the County Judge paid his salary and the County Commissioners their monthly fees if not chiefly for a strict monthly supervision of and attention to the conduct and management of the County Poorhouse? Why, then, should they delegate their trust to others? How can they justify it with any show of reason?

It is a principle of law that a delegate can not delegate his trust. The confidence and respect of the whole community gained by years of acquaintance with their character, have placed the County Judge and the County Commissioners in direct personal charge of the poor and sick and insane of the county, as well as over the county prisoners guilty of misdemeanors and condemned to work out their fines.

Can it be fairly expected that any man taking charge of the County Poorhouse for profit—because no one is likely to take charge of it for anything else—can conduct it more humanely or more intelligently than it can be conducted under a respectable and responsible Superintendent, having no interest to squeeze a living and profit out of management, like a mere contractor, said Superintendent being constantly under the supervision of the County Judge and four County Commissioners?

In these hard times, economy has to be looked to, but whilst looking to it we ought not to sacrifice humanity, principles and justice, all of which imperatively demand of us that we, through our trusted public officers, should take care of those committed to our care by law as well as humanity, and do the best for them that our circumstances will allow, avoiding extravagance as much as meanness.

The law allows the sheriff 40c a day for the mere board of prisoners. The whole expense of prison repairs, lighting, warming, water supply, bedding, clothing, medical attendance, medicines and guard for the prisoners, are exclusive of the 40c. Now, the whole expenses of the "County Poor House," including salaries to Superintendent, doctor hospital steward, washwoman, cook and guard, together with cost of repairs, lighting, firing, bedding, clothing, provisions and medicines, are covered by a charge less than 40c for each inmate of the poor house. Is not this economical?

CITIZEN.

Daily Review of the Local Market.

The weather still continues favorable for the holiday trade, and besides this a large general business is being done, which shows that the country merchants anticipate a continuance of the present prosperous season. The financial quotations remain unchanged, as do all others, and at the banks the news of gold being at par in New York, did not cause a quiver in quotations.

FREIGHTS.—The receipts by rail yesterday included three cars of corn, one of flour, one of sugar, and eight of mixed merchandise, consisting of apples, onions sour krout, celery, cabbage, coffee, butter, wine, cheese, pickles, whisky, cider, groceries, ironware, stoves, tinware, cartridges, paper, wagons, etc. The out freight consisted mainly of hides and cotton. The receipts from the country were large and consisted of hay, hides, cotton, and the usual produce.

COTTON.—The receipts yesterday were about the usual number of bales, but the market was weak and irregular, though no special decline was noted. We therefore continue our quotations:

Middling	6c
Low Middling	5½c
Good Ordinary	5c
Ordinary	4½c
Low Ordinary and Trash	3½@4½c

WOOL.—The market is flat. We merely continue former quotations:

Extra or fine	15@17c
No. 1 or prime medium	14@15½c
No. 2 or medium	12@10½c
Mexican and Mexican improved	10@13c

HIDES.—No considerable lots were received yesterday, merely the usual number of small lots from the country, the prices obtained being within our quotations. A lot Mexican hides received Monday were placed on the market yesterday and sold at 11½ for selected hides. The latest advices by mail from New York report a very quiet market, and the sales are in small amounts to tanners who still feel indisposed to pay the prices asked. At the close of business on December 11th, the stock on hand was about forth-five thousand above that of the corresponding date last year. Here the market is firm and we continue our quotations:

Mexican, heavy weight, 20 lbs and over	13@14c
Mexican, light weight, 15 to 20lbs.	10@10½c
Butchers, selected, 20 lbs. and over	13@14c
" light, 15 to 20 lbs.	10½@11c
Country, selected, 20 lbs. and over	11@12c
" light, 15 to 20 lbs.	9@10c
Kips, 5 to 15 lbs.	11@12c
Bulls, calves and damaged	6@8c
Deer	12½@13c
Goats, selected	16@17c
" damaged	9@11c

MARKET REPORTS BY TELEGRAPH.

FINANCIAL.

New York, December 17.—Gold opened at 100½; noon call, the same.

Galveston, December 17.—Gold 101; silver, American, par. Mexican nominal. New York sight par; New Orleans ¼ prem.

New Orleans, December 17.—Gold 100½@100¾; sight ⅛ dis; sterling bank 482½; consols unsettled, quoted 68⅛@68⅞.

New York, December 17.—Money 4; exchange, 482½; gold par; governments quiet; new 5's 106½; State bonds dull.

Berlin, December 17.—Specie increase nine million six hundred thousand marks.

HIDES AND WOOL.

Galveston, December 17.—Hides—active demand at last figures: dry select 14c; pickled 12c; stack salted 11c; kips 13½c; green salted as they run 8@8½c. Wool—quiet; eastern, fine and medium 17@19c; Western 16@18c; improved Mexican 12@14.

COTTON MARKETS.

Galveston, December 17.—Cotton—receipts 4,551 bales. Exports, coast, 219 bales; sales, 3,831 bales. Stock, 110,818 bales. Market firm. Middling, 8½c; low middling 7½c; good ordinary 7½c.

Liverpool, December 17, Noon—Cotton—Quiet; middling uplands 5d; Orleans 5⅞d. Sales 8,000 bales; speculators and exporters 2,000; additional sales late yesterday after closing 3,000. Receipts 141,000; American 11,000. Futures 3-32d lower; uplands l. m. c. December delivery 5@5 4-32d; December and January 5 1-32@5 4-32d; January and February 5d; February and March 5 1-16@5 1-32@5d; March and April 5 3-32@5 1-16@5 3-32d; April and May 5d; May and June 5 3-16d; June and July 5 5-16@5¼d.

Liverpool, December 17, 2:30 P. M.—Uplands l. m. c. March and April 5 1-16d; new crop shipped November sail 5 1-32@5d; November and December 5d.

Liverpool, December 17, 4:30 P. M.—Sales American 6,700 bales; uplands l. m. c. December delivery 5 15-16d. January and February 4 31-32@4 15-16d. Market for yarns and fabrics at Manchester firm in advance demand, which buyers refuse.

Liverpool, December 17, 5 P. M.—Futures steady; uplands l. m. c. March and April delivery 5 1-32d.

New York, December 17.—Cotton—Net receipts 1145 bales; gross 3,210 bales. Futures closed December, $8.91@8.93; January, $9.00@9.01; February $9.14@9.15; March $9.26@9.27; April $9.39@9.40; May $9.52@9.53; June $9.63.

New York, December 17.—Cotton—easy; Sales 728 bales. Middling uplands 9 15-16; middling Orleans, 9 1-16d. Consolidated net receipts 33,308 bales. Exports, Great Britain 10,965; France 3,683; continent, 1,575 bales.

New Orleans, December 17.—Cotton—dull; sales 5,500 bales; ordinary 7⅛; good ordinary 7⅞c; low middling 8c; middling 8⅞c; good middling 9⅛c; middling fair 10⅛c. Receipts net 7,805; gross 9,758. Exports Great Britain 5,775; continent 3,683; stock 269,300.

MISCELLANEOUS MARKETS.

Galveston, December 17.—Salt—steady and unchanged. Bagging—weak.

New Orleans, December 17.—Sugar—irregular; common to good common 4@4½; fair to fully fair 4⅞@5⅝c; prime to choice 5½@5⅞c; yellow clarified 6½@7½c. Molasses—demand good and tending upward; common 22@23c; fair 24@25c; centrifugal 19@27c; prime to choice 27@34c. Others unchanged.

Kansas City, December 17.—Bacon—clear 4⅝c; rib and long 4⅝c. Wheat—No. 2 spot 79½c bid; No. 3 spot 74½ bid, 76c asked.

St. Louis, December 17.—Flour—demand light, holders firm and unchanged. Wheat—firmer but quiet; No. 2 red fall 90½c; No. 2 spring 80½c. Corn—easier; No. 2 mixed 29¼@29½c spots. Oats—higher; No. 2 20½@20¾c spot. Pork—inactive and lower; jobbing $7.60@7.70. Lard—dull and nominal at $5.40. Bulk meats—quiet and unchanged. Bacon—inactive and lower; shoulders 3½@4c; clear ribs 4½@4¾c; clear sides 5c. Whisky—firm at $1.05.

LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Kansas City, December 17.—Corn-fed Texas steers, $2.50@3.25; grass wintered $2.25@2.65.

Bell AND Bro.
CHRISTMAS PRESENTS
New Goods in
Plated Ware.

Silver and
Of Latest and most Elegant Designs.
Clocks
Of all Kinds.
Razors, Pocket and Table Knives
Of our own Importation.
Celluloid Novelties,
Watches, Diamonds and Jewelry.
A magnificent display. Before buying in your Holiday Presents take a look at the goods of
BELL & BRO.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

FOR RECORDER.
We are authorized to announce John Rosenheimer as a candidate for the office of City Recorder at the ensuing election.

ALDERMAN.
We are authorized to announce Geo. Schroeder as an Independent candidate for the office of Alderman of Ward No. 4, at the coming election in January, 1879.

CITY ATTORNEY.
We are authorized to announce W. W. Herron as a candidate for the office of City Attorney at the election in January next, subject to the action of the Democratic Convention.
We are authorized to announce Thos. N. Devine as a candidate for the office of City Attorney at the coming election in January, 1879.
Editors San Antonio Express:
Please insert my name as an independent candidate for the office of City Attorney at the coming election. L. C. GROTHAUS.

CITY PHYSICIAN.
We are authorized to announce Dr. W. B. Van Duyn as a candidate for the office of City Physician of the city of San Antonio at the coming city election.
I announce myself as a candidate for the office of City Physician for re-election. Dr. R. MENGER.

CITY TREASURER.
We are authorized to announce Mr. C. E. Bartlett as a candidate for the office of City Treasurer, subject to the action of the Democratic Convention.
Trusting that I have performed the duties of City Treasurer to the satisfaction of my constituents, I respectfully ask that they will support me for re-election to the same office at the coming election. J. F. MINTER.

STREET COMMISSIONER.
Wm. Pieper having consented to become a candidate for Street Commissioner, we desire to state that we believe he will, if elected, fill the office to the satisfaction of the public. He has followed the occupation of cartman in this city for last twenty years and knows every street in the city, and his friends believe him, for this and other reasons, a fit man to fill the office. MANY FRIENDS.
We are authorized to announce Eugene Dietrich as a candidate for the office of Street Commissioner at the ensuing election.
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We are authorized to announce Charles P. Smith as a candidate for the office of City Engineer at the ensuing election in January.
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GOLD AT PAR.

At 12:30 p. m. yesterday, according to our New York dispatch, gold sold at par for the first time since the suspension of specie payments, 16 years ago. This, two weeks before the time fixed by law for the resumption of specie payment, is significant, and should put a quietus upon the mouthings of those who have been prophesying every imaginable kind of financial ruin if the resumption act were not promptly repealed.

SENATOR COKE'S RESOLUTION.

Senator Coke has been heard from, and in the resolution offered by him on the 16th instant in reference to the compensation of United States attorneys he has given another proof of that strong practical sense and originality which is a characteristic of his mind. The resolution as reported by the telegraph, proposes to put a stop to the present system of allowing fees as compensation to district attorneys and to establish uniform salaries for these officers. The fact that the resolution was agreed to seems to show that its purpose is approved by the Senate. Indeed, the proposition is somewhat like the feat of Columbus in making the egg stand. It is so simple, and its merit so obvious, when once broached, that the wonder is why it had not been thought of and acted upon before. Aside from the unequal and generally excessive compensation derived from fees—excessive in comparison to the salaries paid in other cases—the system itself is based upon an unsound idea and is contrary to correct principles of government. The idea is that the prosecuting officer is incited to perform his duty only by the hopes of the fees to be gained from the case on trial, and that in proportion to the fees and perquisites he will give his efforts and services to the government, irrespective of the guilt or innocence of the accused. His interest is opposed to that principle of the criminal law, that a prosecuting officer is not bound to prosecute an accused person unless there is good ground to believe him guilty. Hence the innocent are sometimes made the victims of the unscrupulous greed of the public prosecutor. A prosecuting attorney should not be made an interested party in his cases any more than the judge before whom they are tried. His only incentive, like that of the judge, should be the honorable desire to see justice done and the guilty punished, and the government has no more reason to rely upon a sense of honor and the obligations of official duty in the one case than in the other. Besides this view of the matter, the government should not encumber the administration of justice with this system of fees and perquisites, whenever it can be avoided, but pay its officers directly and make their compensation uniform. These observations apply to the present judiciary system of our own State as fixed by the constitution, especially in reference to county judges, sheriffs and assessors, and a change in this respect should engage the attention of the Legislature at an early day.

THE BUTLER AMENDMENT.

Senator Butler's amendment to Blaine's resolution, requiring the investigating committee to act with open doors, has put the Republicans in a most awkward attitude. A proposition so fair and so in accord with all American ideas and precedents, ought to have been agreed to without a question. That it was not, is the strongest proof that the Republicans feel that their cause is lost if the proposition is carried. The plan of Blaine was to organize a star chamber in each of the Southern States accused by Hayes of denying free suffrage to the negroes, and in all others where perjured charges could be found to furnish a pretext for the so-called investigation. Senator Merriman's remark, that after two years' experience on an investigating committee he could conceive of no better plan to encourage perjury than to sit with closed doors, reveals the true ground of the proposed investigation, and for the solid opposition of the Republican members to Butler's amendment. For their purposes it must be a secret investigation or nothing. The pretense of Blaine that witnesses would not be willing to testify with open doors, is absurd upon its face. Besides the fact mentioned by Senator Eustis—that past investigations have proved that witnesses are not afraid to testify—everybody knows that the testimony given, even in secret, must finally find its way to the public through the medium of the reports of the committee and the ultimate discussions upon the evidence in Congress. So that, even admitting that there may be danger to the witnesses who testify to such things as may bring them into antagonism with the communities in which they live, this reason—which, by the way, is the only one offered for the opposition to Butler's amendment—falls to the ground. It is quite possible that Mr. Blaine and his fellow Republican Senators saw another danger in the Butler amendment which touches them nearer home. This is the publicity to be given to the testimony to be taken under Thurman's amendment, and which will show up the dark ways and vile tricks by which elections have been manipulated by corrupt means in the North and East in the interest of the Republican party. It is true that such evidence is likely to find its way to the public eye, as above indicated in reference to that to be taken at the South, but there might be a hope of suppressing the worst features of such exposures if made before a secret session of the committee—a hope that some way might be found to cover up or break the damning force of a public uncovering of fraud and rascality at home. Whatever the Republican party may have saved themselves from in this direction, however, it has lost far more in the estimation of all honest and fair-minded men by the strict party vote on the Butler amendment, by which it places itself on record as the party of star chamber inquisitions for political offenses. The position taken by the Democratic Senators is the only one in accordance with the fundamental principles of free government, and will commend itself to the American people, who—no less than their British cousins—are sticklers for fair play in all things. Mr. Blaine probably feels by this time that he has caught a tartar.

THE NEW RICKAREE RESERVATION AT SAN JUAN SABINAS.

The Express made mention, some weeks ago, of the invitation conveyed by Colonel Estrada, the Mexican officer commanding at Nuevo Laredo, to Col. Price to join him in an expedition to the camp of the Kickapoo Indians, who had made their appearance at a point not far in the interior of Mexico. It is now understood that the mission was a peaceable and not a hostile one, and that Col. Price, accompanied by several other officers, accepted Col. Estrada's invitation, and has returned from the excursion to the Kickapoo camp. It is also understood that that these Kickapoos were hovering near the border with intent to make a descent upon Texas when visited by the joint military party, and that they have returned whence they came. In this connection it is stated that the Mexican authorities have definitely assigned to these Kickapoos a reservation at San Juan Sabinas, in the State of Coahuila, to which place they are to be removed. If this be true, and if it is expected that the location of these Indians at the point above mentioned will diminish the danger of raids by them into Texas, the change is likely to prove anything but favorable for the safety of our border. The fact is, as we understand the geography of Mexico, that San Juan Sabinas is actually nearer to the Rio Grande than either Santa Rosa or Remolino, where these Indians have been living. The district known as Remolina was assigned to the Kickapoos by the Mexican government in 1852 as a home for that part of the tribe then in Mexico. Subsequently, in 1864, the balance of the tribe migrated to Mexico and have preyed upon Texas ever since. It was the understanding that the whole tribe was to be removed to a point in the State of Durango, so as to put it beyond their power to reach Texas, at least as readily as from their present haunts. Why this has not been done is not known. The intelligence that they are to be located at San Juan Sabinas may prove incorrect, but, if true, it bodes no good to our border, and is far from affording any cause of gratulation to the people of the frontier counties who have suffered so much at the hands of these bloodthirsty savages.

The invitation of Col. Estrada is a sign of a better disposition on the part of the Mexican military authorities to accept the co-operation of the United States in putting an end to the shameful and intolerable state of things so long disgracing the Rio Grande border. Gen. Canales has done well in his department, and is entitled to the appreciation of our people for his successful efforts to stop raiding on the lower Rio Grande. We trust Gen. Trevino will give us a like proof of his determination to promote friendly relations between the two republics.

THE LOCAL POLITICAL SITUATION.

It is now evident that the political parties—or one of them at least—will move in the matter of making nominations for city officials at the coming election. It would be far preferable that this should be done, as such a course would result in less confusion and less expenditure of time and money on the part of the people. It may be that should the Democrats nominate a ticket combining strong elements, the Republicans who care more for the defeat of the Democratic party than for the success of the best men—and that class generally controls its conventions—will make an attempt to increase their strength by a coalition with some independent organization formed for the purpose, and hope thereby to weaken the strength of the Democrats sufficiently to succeed in the election. Should the Taxpayers' Association adhere to their resolution to nominate a ticket Friday next, a nucleus will be formed which the Republican leaders can build upon, but the same action will destroy the strength of the Association, for those who joined it in good faith as an organization strictly non-political, will desert it, and refusing to be duped by a trick, will vote with the Democrats if they nominate a good ticket. Everything is decidedly favorable for the success of a Democratic ticket, if unexceptionable men are placed in nomination, but if such be not the case—if men are selected solely on account of the influence they may be supposed to exert among this or that class of voters—we believe defeat will be inevitable, for the taxpayers are determined, and though the present association may go by the board because of the hasty action of a few of its members who may happen to have been in the majority at a meeting, the interest taken is so deep and earnest that a new association can be readily formed, and its influence thrown to a better man if one be in the field, or to one of its own nomination, and a triumph will ensue. Republican, Democratic and independent party leaders may as well understand at once that the people are determined to have the best men elected to office at the next election, and the sooner they imbibe that idea and place their houses in order, the better it will be for all concerned.

A MEETING of the stockholders of the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railway Company held a meeting in Galveston on the 14th inst., there being 7,143 shares represented, and empowered the directors to convey to Robert Mills, Esq., by deed of trust, all the property and franchises of the company to secure a loan of $25,000 from Geo. Sealy, Esq. This amount, it is said, secures the completion of the road to Richmond, on the line of the Sunset Route, at an early day, and also gives control of the road to the business men of Galveston. The completion of this road is of importance to San Antonio, as it will bring us at least two hours nearer Galveston, if it does not make a decrease in rates, and we trust the hopes of the company will be realized. The arrangements for securing the proposed loan had been made with Mr. Sealy previous to the meeting on the 14th, the authority of the company only being needed to complete it.

THE Goliad *Guard* says the weevil have preyed upon corn this year to such an extent as to cause alarm among the farmers. There is a general desire to discover, if possible, some certain annihilator or preventive, and it would be well for planters to interchange ideas on the subject to the end that the next corn crop might escape the blight to which the present one has been subjected. Gonzales county is suffering from the same annoyance complained of by the *Guard*. A gentleman informs the *Inquirer* that sprinkling each load of corn with brine proves a very efficacious remedy. A sack of salt to 1000 bushels of corn makes a sufficient strong brine. Another one says that the ripe berries of the China tree sprinkled through the corn is a preventative. Will our farmers give their experience?

EVERY city goes through a sort of moral spasm or agitation at intervals nearest described as semi-occasional, and Galveston, we see, is now suffering from an attack of that kind in connection with the gaming house question. Gambling is one of the two greatest and most pernicious evils that exist in cities, and experience almost from time immemorial has shown that its complete suppression is an impossibility in cities of any size. The same experience has shown that in cities where open gaming houses are permitted under police restrictions and kept from flaunting themselves in the more public places, the greatest abatement of the evil has been accomplished.

THE conference of the colored M. E. Church have vindicated Rev. Johnson Reed from the serious charges made against him, and we presume the members of his congregation will vindicate the action of the conference. Now it remains for the non-members to cool their mighty wrath and accept the situation in good faith, let the parson and his wife "kiss and make up," and let all hands go to work to build up instead of attempting to destroy. Those who believe in the purity of the parson can afford to be charitable; those who yet have lingering doubts, can make nothing by continuing the quarrel. As we like to see all other churches prosperous, so we like to see the colored church prosperous, but it can never be so while dissensions and angry bickerings exist.

THE Austin *Statesman* says: "G. W. Tayleure is engaged in writing a new play founded upon the siege and taking of the Alamo. The dramatic situations will be the defense made by the handful of Texans, the assault of the Mexicans, the leap of Lieutenant Dickinson from the window with his child strapped to his back, and father and child being shot by the enemy, the escape of Mrs. Dickinson and another daughter, and the death of Travis, Crockett, Bowie and all their men. As it is the most thrilling chapter in the whole history of the continent, it will, if painted to life, be the most popular drama of local history ever put upon Southern boards."

HAY's crimes entitle him to ninety-five years in the penitentiary, but he will square the debt with a term of three years and ten months, having been in jail fourteen months for which he will receive credit in fulfilling his sentence. He will be at liberty in good time to fill the next vacancy in the Land Commissioner's office, a position his extensive experience in Texas land matters will eminently fit him for. It would not prove a much greater surprise to see him in that position than to see him escape with the light punishment he will receive.

IT is worthy of note that the Dallas papers of the 13th did not contain an account of a shooting scrape, a stabbing affray or a seduction. This break in the monotony gave the local editors an opportunity to complain of the bad whisky and worse cigars the good people of Dallas try to poison them with in a gratuitous way. This is the first intimation the world has ever had that a Dallas editor considered any whisky bad. They qualify it as better or best.

CHICAGO is becoming tired of the exorbitant rates of its gas company, and the practicability of lighting the streets and public buildings with oil is being considered. Experiments are being made with electric lights also. The day a city is found that is not tired of the exorbitant charges for gas, Charley Ross will come home, Stewart's body will rise up and say, "Here we are again," and the man who struck Billy Patterson will stand confessed.

NOW LET the Radical press of the North gibber and howl. A negro was sold at public auction at Sherman the other day. He was a wooden negro, for some months engaged in busines as a tobacco sign, but nevertheless the case furnishes as much foundation for political strictures upon the "solid South" as can be found in forty-nine out of fifty of the bull-dozing cases out of which so much capital is made.

ARANSAS bar must be improved. The steamers cannot cross it, and on account of the absence of lighters, the stores of Corpus Christi are almost empty. The *Gazette* says unless relief is afforded soon, the people will suffer for the actual necessaries of life. Corpus Christi is an important point, and Congress should recognize this fact at as early a day as possible.

THE fact that Randall has been repeatedly elected to Congress from a Republican district, and also repeatedly elected Speaker of the House, taken in connection with the charge that he is backed by certain powerful corporations, is making a good many people throughout the country shake their heads in doubt and perplexity.

SOME of the Northern papers think the "solid South" can be broken up by nominating Postmaster Key for Vice President on the ticket with Grant. We believe the Democrats once tried to break up the "solid North" by nominating Horace Greely for President.

THE Tennessee bond holders have made another proposition to that State. They now agree to have all the old bonds redeemed by a new issue bearing only four per cent. interest and to run fifty years, but redeemable within six months after issue if the State so desires.

THE papers of the State are making Parson Reed's name as familiar as a household word. They make him out as almost as great a man as Beecher in what some people consider Beecher's peculiar line.

THE Potter Committee appear to have been by common consent assigned to a back-seat in public consideration. Its proceedings fail to either excite interest or cause enthusiasm in any quarter.

TEXAS is overwhelmingly Democratic, yet five negroes have been given places in the State Legislature. To what species of bull-dozing can Blaine attribute this state of affairs.

ANOTHER Richmond in the field! No, but another Butler, the "gentleman from South Carolina," and his hat is stuffed full of bricks. And he can hit the spot with them every time.

THERE is "heap talk" about who will be the Republican and Democratic candidates for President, but as for the Greenback candidate, "nobody knows and nobody seems to care."

THE probabilities are that Tilden will be mentioned as a candidate for President as long as Montgomery Blair lives. Montgomery B. evidently is in his dotage.

A Singular Sect in New Mexico.

Correspondence Cincinnati Gazette.

Pehitentes is the name of a singular sect or order existing in great number in New Mexico. The self-inflicted torture which they undergo during the season of Lent are almost incredible. With no clothing but a pair of drawers rolled above the knee they carry heavy crosses until they sink under them from exhaustion. As they walk they lash themselves over the back and shoulders with a scourge made of the Spanish bayonet plant, or soap weed, wich is full of prickly points, sharp as needles, until the blood runs down to their feet. An acquaintance informed me that he had seen a man walking with a cross on each shoulder, weighing 100 pounds each, and a heavy log chain fastened to each foot, while another, with one of these whips plaited to order, scourged himself over the shoulders and for one hour, and this was repeated several times during the day. Bear in mind that these men live in the United States; they are voters and a part of the acquisition of the war with Mexico.

LANDS FOR SALE.

Some of the lands belonging to the estate of W. A. Menger, deceased, are offered for sale at very reasonable prices, to-wit:

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3. Lot on the corner of Losoya and Crocket streets opposite the Barracks.
4. Lot No. 30, and middle third of block No. 30, comprising nearly 2½ acres, near San Pedro avenue and the Upper Labor ditch.
5. Twenty acres of land, part of block No. 3, range No. 1 and district No. 7, 1½ miles southwest of the city, near Scheiner's candle factory.
6. Blocks Nos. 1, 2, and 3, and Lots Nos. 1, 2, and 3, in block No. 5, west of the San Pedro, being a subdivision of original lot No. 148.
7. Lot No. 7, subdivided from lot No. 75, west side of San Pedro.
8. Three hundred and twenty acres of land, upper half of 640 acres, survey No. 33, in section No. 4, about nine miles southeast of San Antonio, on Calaveras creek, very good land. The country in the neighborhood is settling up very fast.
9. Nine hundred and sixty acres in Atascosa county, survey 1320, in section No. 6, very rich land and well watered.
10. Six hundred and forty acres of land in Frio county, being four surveys of 160 acres each, Nos. 81, 82, 83, and 84, in district No. 2, excellent land, being part of Castro's colony—Henry Castro original grantee.
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Leaves San Antonio	6.00 a. m.
" Seguin	7.35 a m.
" Luling	8.35 a. m.
" Columbus	12.06 p.m.
Arrives at Houston	4.50 p. m.
" Galveston	12.35 a. m.

THROUGH EXPRESS WEST—Daily except Sun.

Leaves Houston	9.55 a. m.
" Columbus	2.36 p. m.
" Luling	6.05 p. m.
" Seguin	7.35 p. m.
Arrives at San Antonio	9.25 p. m.

Wednesday Morning, December 18, 1878.

STATE NEWS.

Waco is improving rapidly.

Rain is badly needed in many sections.

"Sneak thieves," is the cry all over the State.

A Texarkana barber sports $3,000 worth of diamonds.

Immigrants are reported as thronging into all parts of the State.

An even dozen marriage licenses were issued in Washington county last week.

A turkey hunter on the Leon discovered one roost containing over 500 of the birds.

Henry White, mail contractor from Fort Worth to Grapevine, has mysteriously disappeared, and foul play is suspected.

A Galveston banker will locate a branch of his establishment in Georgetown, and wholesale houses will have depositories on the same place.

Quitman, December 14.—Last night the prisoners in the county jail burned the staple out of the door and escaped, four in number. Three were in for horse stealing and one for murder, all awaiting trial.

McLennan county is in a very prosperous condition. She has paid off an indebtedness of $75,000, built a $36,000 court house, and now has on hand $20,000 in addition to a special fund of $800 for the purchase of a poor farm. She has not had a Republican administration.

Greenville Independent: The horse with six feet was on exhibition in our town during the early part of the week. The horse is an ordinary gray animal, about fourteen and a half hands high, and the two extra feet protrude from the pastor joints of the fore leg. It is a real curiosity.

Franklin Herald: Two young men, Bill Evans and J. F. Craft, who live near Wayhaw, fitted a project, two weeks ago, by setting fire to the grass on Blossom prairie, which proved to be a very disastrous and destructive fire, destroying about seven miles of fence, some corn and cotton, making the total loss some four thousand dollars. The parties have been arrested and are this a trial, the result of which is to us unknown.

The stock meeting held at Cuero, according to the Bulletin, was well attended. The former officers, with Major Gellhorn as president, and O. L. Threlkeld as secretary, were re-elected for the current year. The prices of beef cattle were reduced one dollar per head from figures resolved upon last season, Kansas cattle to be sold hereafter at fourteen dollars each. The next annual meeting of the association will be held in Victoria on the first Tuesday in December, 1879.

The petrified body of a man is the latest sensation in Kaufman county. It is no Cardiff Giant humbug, but the veritable body of Philip Dunnell, who died and was buried in 1862, near Kaufman. The body was recently disinterred, for the purpose of removal to another cemetery, and was found to be as hard as solid stone, weighing several hundred pounds. A rose that was placed on the bosom of the corpse the day of burial was also petrified, preserving its symetry of form perfectly.

Sherman Register: A man by the name of Richardson, doing a drug business at Howe, was arrested a few days since by process from U. S. Commissioner Williams' court, for compounding alcohol and selling liquor without license. He was bound over in a bond of $150 to appear yesterday at 1 p. m., Mr. H. C. Holcombe, of this city, going on his bond. The hour for trial came, but Richardson didn't, and now Mr. Holcombe is confronting the disagreeable fact that, while he had none of the fun, he has been left with a bag to hold.

Jefferson, December 14.—The Northeast Texas Teachers' Convention met at Kelleyville on the 13th, having a large attendance from the adjoining counties. An association for this Congressional district was agreed upon, and a constitution and by-laws adopted. Major J. A. H. Granberry, of Denison, was elected President, and Messrs. Wallace, of Jefferson, were appointed delegates to the Austin convention in January. Pittsburg was selected as the place of the next meeting, which comes off the second Wednesday in July next. The convention was to adjourn last night.

Mexia Ledger, 13th: As a young lady named Caruthers, was last Saturday evening on a journey on horseback from Wortham to her home, she was accosted by a negro man named Cassey Andy, living on the farm of T. B. Longbotham, dragged from her horse, and choked nearly to death by the fiend, who, but for her struggles and cries, and the timely arrival of assistance, would have accomplished his hellish designs. He fled, was pursued, caught and held for trial, but we hear that a posse of men last Sunday night took him from his keepers, and hanged him until he was dead.

Houston Age: The merchants engaged in the various branches in this city are: Agricultural implements 5, auctioneers 2, booksellers 8, billiard saloons 4, building material 4, butter and eggs 4, brokers 3, boot and shoe dealers 3, liquor and tobaccos 16, cotton buyers 4, coffee and tea dealers 3, coal dealers 4, coffee saloons 10, coopers' supplies 3, carpet dealers 4, crockery, etc. 4, cotton seed association and buyers 2, general commission merchants 6, commercial colleges 2, druggists 9, dealers in dry goods and clothing (about) 40, fancy goods 2, wire fencing 1, fruits 14, hunters' supplies 3, furniture 5, grain dealers 3, gents' furnishing goods 3, grocers 75, hats and caps 1, hardware, 7, hair goods 4, hide and wool dealers 5, hotels 6, iron 2, ice factories and dealers 4, junk 3, shoe findings 2, livery 3, lumber dealers 5, liquors 6, live stock 8, brewers' supplies 1, vegetable hucksters 22, market butchers 27, milliners and dealers 8, musical instruments 3, paints and oils 3, publications 7, piano tuners 5, pawn brokers 3, real estate 9, railroad offices 10, saw dealers 1, saloons 40, sewing machine offices 4, tailors 13, undertakers 3, wood dealers 2, cotton factors 2. In addition to these are seven banks, a cotton exchange and board of trade, the most spacious elevator in the state, etc.

Paris Banner: Last Friday night several gentlemen of color assembled at the house of Jesse Simmons, a freedman, and in imitation of their white brethern, began to while away the weary hours with a game of poker, at the same time occasionally indulging freely in essence of corn juice. A dispute arose between two of the number, Neil Davis and Orin Gray, about the sum of fifty cents, which Davis claimed the latter owed him. Gray promptly proceeded to settle the account by drawing a six-shooter, and firing inflicting a slight wound on Davis. After this the shooting became general and every gentleman of ebony hue, who had a pistol or a knife, commenced to get in his work. The fracas terminated, however, with but two or three slightly wounded, and a number of broken heads.

Marlin Ball: Friday night last a strange man was found apparently in a dying condition on Bridge street, near Dr. Attaway's residence, the disease seeming to be hemorrhage of the lungs. When found he was bleeding and frothing at the mouth, with now and then a convulsion. Sheriff Read, Dr. Attaway and some others went to him and after a few moments of investigation found that he was an impostor, and wanted help from the Masons. The game was too old to work well. A large number of citizens have drawn up a petition, signed, and sent to the Governor, asking for a suitable reward to be made by his excellency for the murderer of Mr. T. S. Parton, and we doubt not under the circumstances but what the Governor will offer a liberal reward.

WHAT HOODOOING DID.

LEADING TO A LYNCHING AND A DOUBLE EXECUTION.

Hanging of Smith Jackson and Pryor Jones, Colored, in Bastrop County.

Special dispatch to the Galveston News.

Bastrop, December 14.—To-day for the first time in thirty years, the extreme penalty of the law was inflicted upon felons in this county. Smith Jackson and Pryor Jones were executed for murder.

Your reporter interviewed the prisoners at the jail, who in response to numerous questions made about the following statement in regard to the crime for which they have suffered death:

WHAT THEY WERE HANGED FOR.

During the latter part of November, 1876, John Henry Owens, 9 years of age, son of a sister of Smith and Burrell Jackson, was met in the road by Bob Olive, a cattle dealer, and carried to Olive's home without the knowledge of his parents. They becoming anxious, and finding no clue to trace the child, sent to Gonzales for one Sam Squirrelhunter, a negro charm or hoodoo doctor, who, on arriving, met Geo. Veal, Pryor Jones, Smith Jackson, Henry and Mary Ann Owens, and Elder Ridge, at Owens's house, where, after Elder Ridge had read the passage in the bible directing search to be made for the child Jesus, the hoodoo doctor, with a cup of coffee grounds, a pack of cards, some water and much talk, pronounced that the child was dead, was killed by John Black's children; that they struck it with a club, breaking its left jaw; that the body was put into a sack and thrown into the creek at its mouth; that John Black could tell about it. Therefore a night was selected to make John divulge, and Tom Robertson's house designated as the point to meet at. The following assemble: Steve Robertson, Sam Squirrelhunter, George Veal, Pryor Jones, Burrel Jackson, Bill Peterson, Moses Tolliver, Richmond Gradington, Freeman Shelton, Henry Owens and Smith Jackson. From there they proceeded to John Black's house. The door was beaten down with an ax, Black tied with a rope and led some distance into the woods, the rope thrown over a limb and the order given to tell where the boy was or be hung. As he insisted he knew not, up he was drawn to make him tell. Twice he was let down, but not giving the information sought, was drawn up and left until found by passers-by next day, a victim to negro superstition. His death becoming known, his body was returned to his parents. Officials having no clue to the perpetrators, quietly awaited for some one to speak, and were soon awarded by the gamutty of negroes. Then Steve Robertson, Sol Ridge, George Veal, Burril and Smith Jackson were arrested, all the others leaving the county with the hoodoo doctor. George Veal turned State's witness. Robertson and Veal were acquitted; but the Jacksons being condemned, Pryor's conscience smote him to such an extent that he voluntarily surrendered and was also condemned. Application being made for commutation of Burrell's sentence, because he left the party when he learned that they really intended to commit murder, instead, as was first attended, of frightening him, the Governor complied and he goes to the penitentiary. Four bottles of whisky helped to inflame these negroes' passions to carry out their threats to the final end.

Both professed religion, and expressed the utmost faith in going to heaven.

THE EXECUTION.

Sheriff Jenkins being ordered by the commissioners to erect a gallows which would last, had one constructed in the courthouse square of large cedar posts. Though not very much of an ornament, it is substantial and in full view that all may see the sentences of death carried out.

The condemned were visited this morning by colored ministers, with whom they prayed and sung, exhibiting no fear of dying.

Mounting the gallows, which were surrounded by an armed posse, each made a lengthy but incoherent speech, closing with the request that everybody meet them in heaven, whither they were going. The caps was adjusted and the trap fell and both went down.

Prior Jones was pronounced dead five minutes after the drop fell, and Smith Jackson at 5:15.

The Chinese Embassy.

Some queer stories are told of the Chinese Embassy now engaged in endeavoring to get used to the uncivilized ways of Washington society. A Washington letter says they are likely to be the social sensation of the coming season. They keep two servants in their establishment who are not Chinese, and who furnish the public with the details of their private life, which are interesting and, possibly, reliable. One of them, a female servant, tells the story that the first night one of the Chinamen spent in his bed-room there he did not discover that the bed-clothes could be turned down, and shivered all night through on the outside of the coverlet. Another story, which his better authority is thus related: "The house they occupy was leased furnished, and when the legation took possession the furniture in the parlor was covered with white linen wraps. There was a deal of talking when this furniture was examined. None of the Chinese liked it, and in the end it was ordered away. White, every-one knows, probably, is the Chinese mourning color. A furniture dray was backed up to the door of the big house on F street, in which the legation lives, and a fair share of the furniture loaded on it, when, tipping over a chair, the cover slipped from it, and the crimson silk showed itself. The Chinaman saw it and ordered the furniture unloaded. The covers were taken off and no further objection existed." Mr. Chin (or Pin, or whatever his distinguished name may be,) greatly enjoys the attention he receives from the ladies of the capital.

The Art Awards at Paris.

New York Herald.

There is much food for reflection in the perusal of the list of awards for painting and sculpture made by the art jury at the late exposition to the painters of different nations who exhibited there. France, with 1,421 exhibits, has 128 awards, including medals of honor of the first, second and third classes, honorable mention and diplomas to the memory of deceased artists. England, with 522 exhibits, has 20 awards of various kinds. Belgium 396 exhibits, awards 20; Austria and Hungary 298 exhibits, awards 17; Italy 382 exhibits, awards 17; Spain 152 exhibits, awards 11; Norway and Sweden 166 exhibits, awards 10; Holland 117 exhibits, awards 9; Russia 195 exhibits, awards 9; Switzerland 142 exhibits, awards 5; Portugal 27 exhibits, awards 4; United States 143 exhibits, awards 4; Denmark 85 exhibits, awards 3; Greece 92 exhibits, award 1. We stand, therefore, twelfth in the list of fourteen countries, ahead of only Denmark and Greece, and in proportion of awards to exhibits, only of the latter.

It Was the Boss.

From to Exchange.

He was an esthetic young man from the city. The floor manager had introduced him to a divine young creature in blue, and they stood in the set waiting for the prompter's call.

"What a charming assembly," remarked the young man from the city, gazing around upon the array of the beautiful faces and costumes. "There is something so captivating, otherwhizing, in these gatherings of culture and refinement, that I am always charmed when I can mingle with such a joyous throng. Do you not pronounce this a fashionable and intellectual soiree—a superior gathering of beauty and gentility?"

"I'd a-thought so," replied the creature in blue, as she arranged the fastening of a neat little glove?"

The young man from the city had to be assisted out of the hall.

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5,424 acres, mesquite grass, mostly open prairie land, 50 miles from San Antonio, $1.25 per acre, timber enough to fence entire.
2310 acres good land on Frio river, Uvalde Co.
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Passenger coaches carrying the U. S. mail will leave the Menger Hotel at 6 o'clock A. M. of each day, for Corpus Christi and way stations, and Laredo and way stations. For passage or further information apply to El Paso Stage Office, opposite the Postoffice. All express packages must be delivered before 8 P. M.

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An elegant hard rock family residence in the city, consisting of eight large rooms, hard finished, cellar, galleries all around, good cistern, well, outhouses, etc.; with four, eight or twelve lots. Terms easy. Enquire of MRS. LEUTHERING, on premises
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Fresh genuine Berwick and Matagorda Bay oysters always on hand.
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Forty-five acres irrigable land on Rock Quarry Road.
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I am now prepared to pasture stock at my place a mile northwest of San Pedro Springs. Plenty of water and good grass. Terms reasonable. JAKE MARSHALL.
nov8 tf

—If you want to spend an hour of genuine pleasure, go to Walker's Billiard Hall, No. 90 Main street. july6-tf

—Query: "Why will men smoke common tobacco, when they can buy Marburg Bros. Seal of North Carolina, 'at the same price?'"

—Saddles for ladies and gentlemen can be bought of Frost & Bro., at cost. They are closing out a large stock of this kind of goods at such low prices as to cause easy sales. dec17-d&w3t

—Photographs, ferrotypes or gems all in best style and finish at H. L. Bingham's studio, 43 Commerce street. oct11 6m

—Sam Maverick has removed to the corner of Houston street and Alamo plaza, where he will keep a complete stock of lumber, doors, sash, blinds, shingles, builders' hardware, groceries, paints, oils, glass, etc. Lowest prices for CASH. nov5 tf

—For the ensuing week special inducements will be offered in such goods suitable for Christmas gifts. S. MAYER.

—Underwear and woolens generally are selling fast. They have been and will continue to be sold at cost. S. MAYER.

—Christmas and New Year cards at Nic Tengg's. dec12-12t

—Buy paints, oils, varnish and window glass at C. H. Mueller's Paint Store. tf

—Pleasant rooms with board obtainable at Mrs. Anderson's, Soledad street, nearly opposite Methodist church. A young lady, who has resided in Mexico nearly ten years, resident at Mrs. Anderson's, will be pleased to give lessons in Spanish. dec3-d2w

—The "Clipper" without doubt has the finest whisky in the city—T. J. Monroch's—10 years old—only one trial asked.

Daily Express.

Wednesday Morning, December 18, 1878.

Meteorological.

Daily Bulletin—Signal Service U. S. Army, division of telegrams and reports for the benefit of commerce and agriculture:

Observations recorded at 4 P. M. Dec. 17, 1878.

Locality	Bar.	Ther	Wind	Rain	Weather
San Antonio	30.15	49	NE	.....	fair
Brownsville	30.30	59	NE	.....	fair
Eagle Pass	30.22	62	SE	.....	fair
Griffin	30.32	36	E	.....	clear
Sill	30.32	24	NE	.....	fair
Stockton	30.01	55	SE	.....	clear
Davis	30.15	54	SW	.....	fair
Mason	30.40	42	SE	.....	clear
Denison	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Indianola	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

LOCAL NEWS AND GOSSIP.

—Hart.

—Smoke Hart's Bimini Cigars.

—The Vaudeville for amusement.

—Get your Milk Punches at Walker's.

—Ladies' and gents' fine kids at S. Mayer's.

—Wholesale and retail. Hart opposite Menger.

—For fine apples by the barrel go to G. B. Cassenelli's.

—Just received, 150 barrels choice apples by G. B. Cassenelli.

—A large assortment of elegant fans, cheap, at S. Mayer's.

—The Eagle Pass stage arrived last evening at half-past five o'clock.

—Coolest and best beer in the city at E. Hart's, Jack Harris' corner.

—Go to the Vaudeville and see the new company of specialty artists.

—Chr. Dullnig's fine dwelling in the Third ward is nearly complete.

—At the Clipper you will find only the best of wines, liquors and cigars.

—The largest and best glass of beer at E. Hart's saloon, Jack Harris' corner.

—Brady's billiard parlor is the gentlemen's resort for all lovers of the game.

—A first class barber wanted. Enquire at B. McGovern's Central Hotel Barber shop.

—The Philharmonic met last evening at the Literary Hall for their regular practice.

—Since A. L. Wood has put the price of his carpets so low everybody feels able to buy one.

—Brady's for your drinks. He has a large supply of Ripy's Sour Mash Whisky, fine cigars, etc.

—We are selling all colors of Tarletans and Opera Kids 25 per cent. below cost at A. Morris's.

—Boys' Youth's and Men's clothing at lower rates than any house to close out stock at A. Morris's.

—Kimball's Catarrh Cigarettes are a wonderful relief and a pleasant smoke. They contain no tobacco.

—Nic Cosgrove was elected yesterday by the Board of Aldermen to fill the vacancy of Mr. Smith, resigned.

—You cannot make your wife a more acceptable present than one of those nice cloaks from A. L. Wood's.

—Escaping gas struck the olfactory nerves of the passers-by the corner of Main plaza and Soledad street yesterday.

—Boy wanted to do general store work. Reference required. Rose's Men's Furnishing Goods, 45 Commerce street.

—Large numbers of quail are noticed about the suburbs, having been driven to seek shelter there by the cold on the prairies.

—Farmers report that the winter mesquite grass, which furnishes pasturage for their stock from fall to spring, is growing finely.

—If you had bought a good pair of shoes like those sold by A. L. Wood your feet wouldn't be on the ground in this bad weather.

—For the holidays Mr. Struve has the Clipper bar well supplied with the finest brands of imported and domestic liquors and cigars.

—Avis, the Singer sewing machine man, has a bran new wagon and a spanking new team of grays. Sewing machines must be in demand.

—If you want fine apples, Malaga grapes, dried figs, California pears and other varieties of fruit, don't fail to go to Cassenelli's, No. 14 Main street.

—Messrs. Berg & Bro, have nearly all the iron on the ground for the Groos' Alley bridge, and the work of placing it into position will soon begin.

—At the Alamo cigar store, the new branch house of the Cincinnati cigar store, you can always find the finest brands of imported and domestic cigars, tobacco and smoker's articles. Opposite Scholtz's saloon.

—In connection with Special Orders No. 220, paragraph II, current series, from headquarters, Assistant Surgeon H. E. Brown, Medical Department, will, from and after January 1st, proximo, take station at Camp Guilford D. Bailey, Texas.

—The Lingards will give an entertainment at Casino Hall next Friday and Saturday night. It is only about a year ago since that troupe was here, at which time they made a decided hit. As there has been quite a resting spell in the amusement line their reception no doubt will be good.

—Brady's lunch counter is patronized by everybody, for whatever one wants can be obtained at it on demand. Attached to the saloon is a number 1 restaurant, where fresh fish, oysters, game of all kinds and everything the market afford is served promptly and in the very finest style. For palatable and tempting viands, there's no place like Brady's.

—On this page will be found a large double column advertisement of Mr. H. Grenet, offering a variety of articles all of which are needed by every family. As usual, his display of Christmas goods will be made a specialty during the holiday season. Articles for Christmas presents will be found there suitable for everybody. Read his advertisement and call and examine them.

—Will sell our heavy underwear as cheap as the cheapest. A. PANCOAST & SON.

—Many a man goes to his work cross and irritable because he has had a poor breakfast. If Kellogg's Baking Powder had been used in the biscuit or corn bread, it would not have happened.

—The teachers of the Presbyterian Sabbath School are requested to meet in the church on Flores street to-night, immediately after prayer meeting.
J. W. NEIL, Pastor.

—Don't fail to examine our stock of clothing—the best in the market.
A. PANCOAST & SON.

—Messrs. Hart Bro's., opposite Menger Hotel, are disposing of their line of Furnishing Goods, Fancy Stationery, &c., at cost, in order to give room to their large stock of Cigars, &c. Now is the chance for cheap and substantial gifts.

—I will vaccinate to-day, Wednesday, Dec. 18th, at 2 p. m., at my residence near Main street bridge.
dec18 1t DR. JOHN HERFF.

—Cellery at Bellis Bros.'s. d18 tf

—Good rooms and board can be obtained by applying to Mrs. M. E. Moffett, opposite German Catholic church. d18 1w

—By express—one of the finest lots of neckwear in all the novelties for the holidays, this day received.
A. PANCOAST & SON.

—Buy your gifts from Hart & Bro.

—I can give constant employment now to three more good finishers on dresses. 117 Main street. tf MRS. ALICE JONES.

—Rooms with board, west Houston street. Inquire at the iron fence. dec8-1m

—Down with fancy prices at Hart's.

—Fine Ben Davis apples at G. B. Cassenelli's. dec14-1w

OUR MEXICAN AND INDIAN BORDERS.

JUDGE BLACKER'S VIEWS IN REGARD TO THE RETENTION OF STATE TROOPS.

A Very Clear Account of Matters on the Texas Frontier.

Learning that Judge Allen Blacker, Judge of the 20th Judicial district, was stopping at the Hord Hotel, a reporter of the EXPRESS called on him yesterday morning, and in a very pleasant chat the Judge in sum and substance spoke as follows on border matters, at the same time giving the sequel of the El Paso affair of a year ago:

Since I was interviewed in this city last December by a reporter of the EXPRESS, in which I stated that I did not think the State forces at El Paso were sufficient to maintain law and order, Howard, Atkinson, McBride, Ellis and Mortimer were publicly executed in the fields of San Elizario, and more than $30,000 worth of property taken from this to the other side of the Rio Grande, in Mexico. The Rangers were betrayed into a surrender, and all their arms and horses taken away from them. Governor Hubbard, in order to get the bottom facts, requested from the President that a commission of the United States and Texas be sent to El Paso to ascertain facts and causes. The President appointed Gen. King and Col. Lewis, since killed in an Indian fight, and the Governor appointed Major Jones. They met at El Paso and took a great deal of testimony, and made a report which, as it pertained to the State Department, was not made public, and is not even now known. It will probably be called out by the present Congress.

However, before this commission organized, as extradition agent, I took evidence at various points in El Paso county, upon which to ground a showing for extradition under the treaty, knowing the great particularity that would be required by the Mexican authorities, and made two demands, one in February before court met, and one after court in March.

I appeared before the commission, at the request of Major Jones, several times, and became conversant with the views of its members, from which I judge they agreed upon recommending to the President: 1st. That the demand made by me should be enforced by the United States by military power. 2d. The reclamation should be made of the money and property taken from citizens of the United States into Mexico. 3d. That a permanent garrison of 500 should be maintained at El Paso, and other recommendations.

Well, the garrison was kept up until quite recently, when, I understand, portions of the garrison have been withdrawn. It is safe to say that if an Indian outbreak should occur in Gen. Pope's department, that the entire garrison would be withdrawn, and this portion of the country would be exposed to the rapacity of Mexican bandits, robbers and thieves, that infest the Mexican border. There would only be left on that distant frontier about twenty rangers to cope with lawless elements of both sides of the river, and the bloody scenes of last December would be re-enacted. I am satisfied the Representatives from Texas will call out this report of the joint commission at this session of Congress, and that some definite action will be taken.

In regard to the absolute necessity of maintaining a force of rangers in aid of the civil authorities, I regard the question as settled so far as the fact is concerned. I have no doubt but that the reports in General Steele's office are sufficient of themselves to show this necessity. Gen. Steele has been active and energetic in his Ranger policy, and the West owes him a debt of gratitude. The same may also be said of Major Jones, who has been adroit in the management of his forces, and always present at the point of danger and responsibility.

Aside from these reports, existing legislation show this necessity. There are four or five acts in the laws of 1876, and a joint resolution to Congress, which commits the Legislature to make a more liberal appropriation than it did in 1876. The change since that time has been from bad to worse. Martial law was in effect proclaimed in New Mexico, in October last, and all of that lawless element have scattered and sought refuge in the counties of Presidio, Pecos and Tom Green, and it is said they are going to make their headquarters in the unorganized county of Crockett, in my district. I have also understood that some of the leaders of the Lincoln county war in New Mexico are in El Paso county. So far as my information extends these men travel and camp in squads, very often have cattle and other stock, well armed, and ready to resist arrest from any quarter.

There is another lawless element in that section, and those are the fugitives from justice from other States. If the present system of rangers is not maintained, the first effect apparent will be the closing of all the courts on the frontier; the suspension of the civil law, and to be followed by a *receding frontier*, which will be marked alone by the sword, the revolver, the shot gun and the rifle.

I know that Governor Hubbard feels deeply impressed with the necessity of maintaining this system, as his administration has been signalized by great energy in behalf of the frontier, and by the efforts made by his co-adjutants.

The objection that this ranger system is a military establishment falls to the ground when it is known that the organization, which is alone to make it an efficient body, is military, and that every ranger is a peace officer acting under oath. Characterized as a body, they might be termed a *posse comitatus*, paid by the State, for operations in the sparsely settled portions of the State.

In my own district, I would regard it as simply impossible to hold the courts without the aid of these rangers.

The Judge spoke at length of many instances where the very presence of the rangers had a most salutary influence; that a repetition of a Mason county war had thus several times been averted.

Judge Blacker is now making out a report of the condition of matters in his district, and will in a few days go to Austin and submit the same to the Governor.

Chambers's Cyclopedia of English Literature.

Brief biographies of all noted British or American authors, from earliest times to the present, with specimens of their writings, making a work not only thoroughly entertaining and useful to all intelligent readers, but nearly indispensible to people of culture. The newly revised and beautiful edition contains over 3,000 pages, and the entire work, in eight handy volumes, is furnished, free of express or mail charges, for $2 in paper, $3 in cloth, or $4.50 in half morocco. The publishers sell only to subscriber direct, instead of giving dealers and agents the usual 50 or 60 per cent. discount to sell for them, which accounts for the remarkably low prices. Special inducements are offered to those sending early orders. Specimen pages with full particulars sent on request by postal card by the publishers, the American Book Exchange, 57 Beekman street, New York.

The Mexican Acrobats.

The Mexican circus troop that met with the usual misfortune of breaking up in this city, gave an acrobatic entertainment at Krisch's Hall last night. The attendance was very fair considering that it was advertised only a few hours, and that daily in Spanish. Although the hard boards of a stage are very unfavorable for acrobatic performances, yet, under the circumstances, the feats were very creditable. The trapeze was excellent, not laboring under the same disadvantages as the tumblers. Senora Forfiria Delgado de Rea, the proprietess, will repeat these entertainments during the winter. To strangers who never saw Mexican acrobats it will be quite a novelty.

Another Burglary.

The burglary mania seems to be raging here to considerable extent. This time the victim is Antonio Brunl, on Military plaza, whose store was entered Monday night, and the goods that had been hung at the door were missed. Probably other goods were taken, but have not yet been missed. A shutter was forced open, a sharp instrument introduced into the aperture, and the inside bar raised from its position. Some of the employees recognized a coat on the back of one Antonio Perez, formerly a porter in the store, and he was arrested by Captain Shardein.

—One 6 ft. new silver plate Show Case cheap at Hart's.

Council Proceedings.

At a regular meeting of the Council yesterday evening the following members were present: Hon. J. H. French, Mayor, Aldermen Degener, Faville, Froboese, Hoerner, Muench, Maverick, Newcomb, Prescott, Scheiner, Schreiner and Wulff.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

A petition from property holders for the widening of South Flores street from the Military plaza to Nueva street, was on motion referred to the committee on Streets and Bridges.

A petition from James Burns asking that a certain piece of land lying north of Commerce street bridge be granted him for the improvement of Loseya street, was on motion referred to the committee on Public Improvement.

The Finance committee reported the report of the City Collector for the month of October 1878, as correct. Also recommended payment of the following accounts:

John M. Zoller, curing sick horse	$10.00
John Twohey, pavement Court House	10.00
H. L. Degener, lumber furnished Street Commissioner	40.90
F. J. Beitel & Bro., cedar posts	11.40
Herald Printing Co., publishing, etc.	22.56
Wm. M. Edgar, forage	38.92
C. S. Noyes, harness (not approved)	22.00
C. S. Noyes, 2 hose	4.00
C. S. Noyes, brace straps, etc	4.25
Freie Presse, advertising	78.58

Reports adopted.

The committee also reported recommending that the petition of Fire Company No. 2, asking for the renting of said company be not granted. Adopted.

The committee on Public Improvement reported recommending that the resolution of Alderman Froboese that the sidewalk ordinance be enforced on Nueva and Quinta streets, was adopted, which, together with an amendment that the curbing be of six inch hard rock, or two inch lumber, was adopted.

Alderman Scheiner here appeared and took his seat.

The committee also submitted a report upon the petition of citizens for the opening of Evergreen street, which was adopted.

The committee further recommended that the petition of citizens asking that the San Pedro creek be cleaned be referred to the City Engineer for report.

The committee further recommended that the petition of Mrs. Carmen Hewitt for the removal of a gas lamp from her building be granted, and that the lamp be placed at the corner of Acequia and —— streets, and that the matter of repairing Acequia street be referred to the Street Commissioner. Adopted.

The committee on Streets and Bridges reported recommending that the gas light on the corner of Alamo plaza and Bonham street be paid for by the city. Adopted.

The Fire committee reported recommending that the petition of A. Lecher for permission to erect a lumber building on Dolorôso street be granted. Adopted.

The Police committee reported that the charges against policeman Zenk did not properly belong before that committee, and recommended that the original papers be returned to the complainant with the statement that he apply to the proper tribunal, etc. Adopted.

A communication from the City Marshal in regard to fees due him in the Recorder's Court, was referred to the Police committee.

The Council then proceeded to elect an Alderman in place of Alderman Smith, resigned, to fill the existing vacancy for the unexpired term.

The names of N. Cosgrove, John Withers, J. P. Hickman and B. Schwartz were thereupon put in nomination and balloted for.

No election being had upon the second ballot, it was moved and seconded that the election be postponed until the next regular meeting, which motion was lost.

The Council thereupon again proceeded to ballot.

The third ballot was was without result. On the fourth ballot Mr. Nic Cosgrove having received a majority of the votes cast, was declared duly elected Alderman for the First ward.

Alderman Newcomb offered a resolution appropriating the sum of $23 to supply the city prison with additional bedding, which was adopted.

Alderman Newcomb also offered a resolution directing the City Engineer to examine a fence erected by Mr. Lee on North Flores street, and if said fence is found to be an encroachment on said street, the same shall be ordered to be removed. Adopted.

Alderman Newcomb also offered a resolution that his Honor the Mayor, be authorized to furnish six hands to the citizens to assist in cleaning the Valley ditch, and appropriating for that purpose the sum of $35. On motion referred to the Ditch committee, with authority to have the work done if they deem it necessary and the amount sufficient. Adopted.

Alderman Degener moved that the committee on Petitions and Ordinances be instructed to report an ordinance regulating the erection of telegraph poles on streets and sidewalks; also to take into consideration the removal of trees on sidewalks. Adopted.

A resolution by Alderman Froboese, providing for the cleaning and deepening of the San Pedro creek, underneath the bridge on Nueva street, and the removal of willow trees above and below said bridge. Adopted.

The regular business of the meeting being disposed of, the Council, on motion, went into session as a School Board.

The School Committee, appointed as a Board of Examiners of applicants, reported that they had examined applicants for the position of teacher, and recommended the appointment of Miss Edith Carleton as teacher in the Flores street school. Report unanimously adopted.

Adjourned.

Appellate Court Decisions.

Reported Especially for the EXPRESS.

TYLER, TEXAS, December 14, 1878.

The following decisions were made by the Court of Appeals to-day:

J. W. Wilbee vs. J. B. Wright, from Titus. Affirmed.

J. N. Forsythe vs. the State, from Navarro. Appeal dismissed.

Frank Weaver vs. H. & O. Railroad Co., from Rusk. Affirmed.

Hiram Cole vs. Sampson McOown, from Hunt. Affirmed.

David Mason vs. Owen Mason, from Smith. Affirmed.

Kingsbury & Frazier vs. McCamant & Johnson, from Somerville. Stricken from the docket, because no agreement was shown to send the case to Tyler, and seal over the tie.

J. C. Hatchell vs. T. J. Glasscock et al., from Wood. Reversed and remanded. Opinion by Winkler, Judge.

Bob Denton alias Shearon vs. the State, from Lamar. Affirmed. Opinion by Winkler, Judge.

Isham Cherry vs. S. A. Griffin, from Titus. Affirmed on certificate.

P. B. Marshall vs. the State, from Young. Reversed and remanded. Opinion by White, Judge.

The T. T. Railroad Co. et al. vs. R. F. Overton, from Smith. Reversed and remanded. Opinion by Gray, Presiding Judge.

A. H. Wilson vs. the State, from Hamilton. Affirmed. Opinion by Ector, Presiding Judge.

J. W. Blasdel vs. the State, from San Jacinto. Affirmed. Opinion by Winkler, Judge.

Petit Larceny.

While in the postoffice yesterday morning, Mr. Gould, of the EXPRESS, noticed a couple of Mexicans standing by his horse, which was tied to a post in front. After a moment's business he returned to the animal and found that the blanket had been taken from under the saddle. Strange as it may seem, Stephen speaks of the Mexican race with considerable asperity, forgetting that this is cold weather and bed clothing may be scarce in some lonely jacal.

The Bacon Case.

A telegram was yesterday received by Sheriff McCall authorizing him to hold Jno. C. Bacon until the amended warrant can reach here by mail, in the meantime Bacon is being cared in the county jail. In some countries it is a crime to speak the truth sometimes.

Statistics.

On Monday the County Clerk issued a marriage license to James Hunter Barrow and Fannie Atill Dunnaka.

—Gents' Furnishing Goods at cost—Hart's

Personal.

General Walker is stopping at the Vance House.

W. R. Wallace, Esq., of Castroville, is registered at Hord's.

Maj. W. H. Burgess, of Seguin, was among the arrivals last night.

Lieut. B. M. Custar, quartermaster at Eagle Pass, reached here yesterday evening on the stage.

Major George Chamberlain left yesterday afternoon for a business trip through Wilson, Karnes, Live Oak and Atascosa counties.

B. K. O'Brien, State agent for the Singer Sewing Machine Manufacturing Company, is in the city, looking after its interests. He reports its prospects here more flattering than in any other part of the State.

Mr. Rowan Green, attorney at Columbus, gave the EXPRESS a pleasant call yesterday evening. Mr. Green is the author of a book entitled "Southwestern Texas," which has been extensively quoted throughout the country.

C. H. Tatum, New York; A. W. Houston, J. G. Walker, Texas; Leo Mayes, Atascosa; J. W. Benson, Uvalde; Jack Sutherland, Sutherland Springs; D. S. Donnell, Houston; W. H. Smith & Son, Pleasanton, are guests at the Vance House.

Mr. B. F. King, recently publisher of the Castroville *Era*, arrived in the city last night. We regret exceedingly that the publication of the *Era* has been discontinued. It was an excellent little paper considering the many difficulties it labored under, and the people of Castroville and vicinity will no doubt miss it greatly.

Naph. B. Greenfelder, John W. Dodson, St. Louis; Rowan Green, Columbus, Texas; R. M. Custar, U. S. A.; L. Zoellner, Somerset; W. McElhenny, Castroville; Louis Gerstley, Philadelphia; Arthur Mason Jones, New York; Gen First, Galveston; Ed Cohn, New York; L. Mason, Harrisburg, Texas; Louis Beahm, sr., Cleveland, O.; F. J. Boone, New York, are stopping at the Menger.

J. O. and J. A. Rich, Chihuahua; R. M. Harkness, Mrs. M. B. Nicholson, Frostown; J. H. Lockhart, G. D. Gilleland, Fairview; J. E. King, J. McDaniel, Texas; C. S. Wynne, Houston; E. H. Tabenskie, E. M. Miller, Pleasanton; W. R. Wallace, J. D. Morrison, B. F. King, Castroville; G. W. Tomelin, Brackett; C. A. Hoff, Dayton, O.; S. P. Wiseman, Lavernia; R. Bathe, B. F. Young, Gonzales; D. Lampkin, Loling; W. H. Burgess, Mrs. E. A. Jefferson, Mrs. F. Sanders, Miss Mary Jefferson, Miss Annie Braham, Seguin; A. W. Gee, Galveston; W. H. Heavern, St. Louis; Chas. Church, Cincinnati, are registered at Hord's hotel.

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The New York Herald, Post, Sun, Commercial Advertiser, Churchman, the Boston Globe, Boston Herald, Boston Post and Advertiser, together with a large number of others of the most influential papers in the North have published columns in detailing the wonderful results following its use as witnessed by their own reporters.

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Undertakers and others interested are invited to call and see testimonials in our possession or correspond with us in regard to "Alekton." R. H. NEAL & Co.
No. 69 Commerce street, San Antonio, General Agents for the State of Texas. 1w

Dissolution Notice.

The partnership of Harrison & Edmonds is this day dissolved by mutual consent.
T. S. HARRISON,
ELIAS EDMONDS.
December 16, 1878. 3t

Small Family Wanted

At the Lewis ranch, man to drive team and wife to cook. Can see me at Hord's Hotel Wednesday, Friday and Saturday of this week, at 3 o'clock p. m., or address where interview can be had, P. O. Box 500. dec 18-tf K. MACKEY.

Rooms for Rent.

Furnished and unfurnished rooms, with board if desired, at Mrs. Gunnoe's, on Acequia street, opposite the Convent. dec18 3t

A Spotted Pointer Shot

Can be heard from by calling at this office and paying for this notice. 2t

Penmanship.

J. A. McDowell, agent for Gaskell's Compendium of Penmanship, for self-instruction. Price $1.00. Call at basement of Synagogue, from 9 a. m. to 3 p. m. The Compendium will be sent by mail to any address on receipt of price. Address the agent at San Antonio, Texas. dec15 2t

Dissolution Notice.

The firm of Vance & Edwards has this day been dissolved by mutual consent. W. G. Edwards will assume all liabilities and collect all debts due the firm.
J. M. VANCE,
W. G. EDWARDS.
San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 16th, 1878.

A Card.

Thanking my many friends for their liberal patronage in the past, I hope by fair dealing and low prices to merit its continuance and shall do my utmost to give satisfaction. W. G. EDWARDS.

Down With the Prices According to Times.

The Tennessee Barrel House at the Green Front has opened with a large stock of whiskies, brandies, wines, 25 kinds. All drinks five cents; St. Louis lager beer, schooners, for five cents. Also the best five cent cigars and chewing tobacco. Whisky by the pint, quart and gallon.
MORRIS FRIEDEMAN,
dec14-1w Proprietor.

Tax Notice.

OFFICE OF STATE AND COUNTY COLLECTOR, PENN'S BOOK STORE, 1st DOOR SOUTH OF COURT HOUSE.

The rolls for 1878 are now ready at this office, and by law all property owners are required to pay State and County Taxes before March 1st, 1879, or undergo the penalties of the law. F. McG. NEWTON,
Collector Bexar County.
dec17 d2w&w2t

For Sale.

A pair of good young Mexican mules, with harness and ambulance, a complete outfit for traveling. Also one Winchester and one common rifle, will be sold cheap as the owner has no further use for them. Apply to James Clarke, at Dyer's Livery Stable, opposite the Courthouse.
dec17-3t

Wanted.

A loan of $3,000, secured by deed on valuable central real estate. Address post-office box No. 462. dec17 2tf

Wanted to Rent.

Room furnished or unfurnished, on or near Main street—second story South front. Address P. O. box 566.

Dissolution Notice.

The firm of Kornrumpf & Windes, at Brackett, Texas, was dissolved by mutual consent on the 6th day of December, 1878. Mr. Ed. Kornrumpf will continue the business at the old stand as heretofore and solicits a continuance of the liberal patronage extended to the old firm. dec15tw
Brackett, Texas, December 6, 1878.

For Rent

Twenty acres of irrigable land on South Flores street. J. ULRICH,
Agent Lewis estate.

Wanted.

A nurse girl—white preferred. Mrs. M. Hall, Goliad street. dec15-4t.

—The Cincinnati cigar store has received direct from Havana the largest lot of imported cigars ever brought to this city, which will be sold at wholesale and retail at the very lowest figure. Patrons, please call and examine. dec15 tf

—Invalids and strangers can find good board and attention in a healthy location. Terms reasonable. Enquire at San Pedro Springs, or at this office. nov 23 1m.

GRAND CHRISTMAS RAFFLE.

No Blanks—Every Chance Wins a Prize.

Will take place at the Menger Cigar Stand on Monday evening, December 23, 1878, at 7 o'clock, sharp. One hundred chances at 25 cents each. No blanks—every chance wins a prize. Prizes consist of jewelry, fine stationery, cigars and other useful articles, all now on exhibition at the Menger Cigar Stand. dec18 3t

Wanted.

A girl to do general housework—white preferred. Inquire at the Singer office. dec18 2t

—Valentine J. Co. are receiving and opening new and elegant holiday goods every day. They now keep their store open every night until after nine o'clock, and shall be pleased to have all those who wish to find Christmas presents call in and examine their stock. dec18-4t.

—Fine Stationery and Fancy Articles. Hart's.

—Finest billiard tables in the city at the Metropolitan.

—For sale cheap, a good paying business. Call at 98 Commerce street. d10 1w

—Something new—self-raising buckwheat flour. Try it and you will use no other. dec11 1w H. GRENET.

—Latest styles of dress goods, cassimeres, merinos, bourettes, &c., at and below cost from this day to the 1st of February at A. Morris's. dec17-1w

—Gregory & Co., at China Hall, have just received and opened out a large assortment of holiday goods of every description in their line. Open at night. dec17 2t

—Wharton has some good milch cows with young calves, for sale cheap. Enquire at stock yard, South Flores street, near Military plaza. dec17-4t.

—All articles pledged prior to November 3d, if interest is not paid, will be sold December 23d, 1878, at 10 o'clock, a. m., at my office, west side Main plaza.
dec17-6t. M. KORNBLUTH.

—All colors of large knit shawls just received and to be closed out at $2.50.
S. MAYER.

—Seasoned cord wood delivered to any address on graded streets at $4.00 per cord. Address orders giving name and street to Lock Box 182. dec14-1w

—Opposite Menger, rear of P. O. Hart's. Apply at this office. dec12-tf

—For fine Shaker Flannel and all wool-knit Underwear in regular and extra sizes, go to Pancoast & Son's.

—Fresh Messina lemons just received by C. H. Merritt. dec15 3t

—Great reduction in the price of underwear at A. L. Wood's. dec14-tf.

—Pancoast & Son have just received their extra fine hats.

—Invalids and strangers can find a healthy location, good board and attention, 6 miles north of the city, by addressing Lock Box 543. References—Rev. W. Richardson and Dr. J. Jones. nov17-tf.

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