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STATE NEWS

FROM SPECIAL GLEANERS.

GALVESTON.

Decision of the Famous Koop Will Case Against the Devisee—A Raft of Small Items.

Special Telegram.

GALVESTON, February 18.—The famous Koop will case was decided at 10 o'clock to-night. The jury were out fifteen minutes, and brought in a verdict against the devisee of the will, declaring the instrument void. The estate will now go to Koop's heirs, if he has any, if not, to the state.

The carnival celebration, which commences Monday, promises to be of a description long to be remembered. The military from the interior will commence arriving Sunday, and the following companies are expected to participate: Dallas Queen City guards, Bryan Rifles, Austin Greys, Brenham Greys, Hempstead Johnston guards, Orange Rifles, Navasota guards, Brazoria San Bernard mounted rifles, Houston Old Guards, artillery Light Guards and Galveston St. Mary's light guards, Washington guards and Galveston artillery.

Monday, the day's programme is as follows:

At 10 a. m. there will be a grand military display and parade, and a magnificent and most royal reception of his majesty, King Momus, and his court, escorted by his gallant and loyal subjects, the Galveston artillery company and the Washington guards.

At 4 p. m. the reception takes place at the Tremont house, when will be the presentation to the king of his fair and beautiful subjects, the ladies, for whose pleasure he is most solicitous. Here, also, he will receive from his devoted followers the keys of this, his chosen city.

At 2 p. m. the grand fantastic and burlesque parade of the F. F. F's, forty funny fellows, takes place.

In the evening the grand ball of the F. F. F.'s takes place at the pavilion, when the king will appear, accompanied by his prime minister and royal court. At the cotton exchange a grand military ball takes place, at which his majesty's own court band will discourse inspiring music, and at artillery hall will be a ball of the protection rowing club, where will be presented the prizes awarded the successful crews of the regatta. The address will be delivered by Hon. K. G Street.

The city is rapidly filling up, and already the hotels and private boarding houses are full to overflowing.

Among others, the following cases were submitted in the supreme court to-day, after which the court adjourned till Monday:

B. B. B. & C. railway company vs. Menard, from Galveston, set for Thursday the 23d.

G. H. & S. A. railway company vs. Wassell, from Galveston. Submitted on briefs for appellant and on briefs and oral argument for appellees.

Galveston, Harrisburg & San Antonio railway company vs. Murphy, from Harris. Submitted on briefs for appellant and on briefs and oral argument for appellee.

In the court of appeals, among other cases, action was had on the following from western Texas:

W. J. J. Jordan vs. the State, from Fayette; reversed and remanded. Opinion by White, P. J., and by argument the mandate may issue immediately.

W. L. Granger vs. the State, from Bandera; submitted on briefs for the state.

J. J. Coon vs. the State, from Guadalupe; reversed and remanded. Opinion by Hunt.

The court adjourned till Saturday.

James L. Madison, the crazy book agent, was examined and the jury pronounced him of unsound mind. County Judge Austin, this afternoon, turned him over to his friends, who will send him to New Orleans.

A young man of this city, who had recently fallen heir to $1,500, spent it in riotous living in two weeks, and is now engaged in driving a coal cart at $6 per week.

The Misses Burke and Taylor, who were to have ridden the two mile race at the fair grounds to-day, for $500, failed to do so in consequence of the non-arrival of their horses, which are on the cars between here and St. Louis. The ladies tried to get horses here, but failed. The race for Wednesday for $1,000 is confidently expected to come off, as horses are looked for on every train, at which time there will be a number of pacing and trotting races between fast steppers.

The distribution of cotton on ships this morning is as follows: Total to Great Britain, 5,897 bales. Total for other ports, 21,489. Total for coastwise ports, 200. Grand total, 27,586 bales. The week's export was 11,022, and season's 32,790 bales. The receipts to-day were 1,928 bales. Spot sales 765 bales, the market closing firm with the high grades one-eighth of a cent higher. Futures steady; sales, 500 bales.

Interments for the week—eight adults and four children.

Real estate transfers filed for record for the week aggregate $330,844.

Entrances at the custom house to-day were: Norwegian brig Milatus, from Vera Cruz, in ballast.

Clearances were: German bark Gutenberg, with 2,357 bales of cotton, valued at $125,386; American schooner L. A. Romma, for Philadelphia, with bones and iron; brig W. J. Phillips, for Pensacola, with scrap iron; Norwegian bark Stagrode Brocx, for Mobile, in ballast.

AUSTIN.

Happenings at the Capital City Yesterday.

Special Telegram.

AUSTIN, February 18.—The attorney general in replying to the right-of-way agent of the Kansas & Gulf Short Line railroad company, decided that railroads do not have free right-of-way through school lands. If, he says, the right-of-way is acquired over school lands, it should be acquired in such a manner that any pecuniary advantage which might accrue to an individual over through whose lands the right-of-way is obtained should also accrue to the state as trustee of the public school fund.

He also decided that railroads are not entitled to the right-of-way over lands which have been bought in by the state for taxes.

The governor and chief clerk of the house, Will Lambert, are trying to secure suitable halls for the meeting of the called session of the legislature. They have received liberal offers from Capt. Millett for his opera house, and from the Manning Rifles for their armory; also from Mr. Brueggerhoff, for his building. The opera house, for the house of representatives and the armory hall for the senate would undoubtedly be the best possible arrangement until the new capitol is finished.

Col. Amos C. Babcock and Mr. Abner Taylor, of the capitol syndicate, returned to Chicago to-day. Mr. Mathias Schull is superintendant of construction, Col. Babcock has charge of land matters, and Gen. Taylor will have charge of all matters of inspection, etc. The work of excavation is progressing.

The Austin & Northwestern road is completed ten miles.

The company of Austin Greys left to-night for Galveston to attend Mardi Gras.

Subscriptions are being raised at Brownsville for the family of Mamento de la Rosa, who was killed a few days ago while acting with a sheriff's posse in undertaking an arrest.

BROWNWOOD.

Heavy Rains—Fine Crop Prospects—The Woolgrowing Interest.

Special Telegram.

BROWNWOOD, February 18.—A heavy rain in the north-west part of the county has caused the bayou to raise past fording, and causing great delay in the mails and travel generally.

One of the county officers got on a spree last night and got a terrible beating at the hands of one of our citizens. The general verdict is that it was richly deserved.

Reports from all sections of the county indicate an abundant harvest this year. Last season there were ninety-six thousand bushels of wheat raised in this county, and with no severe freeze next month the crops will more than double that of last year.

The sheep men say this has been an unusually good winter for sheep, and the wool clip this spring will be very large. Theirs was marketed at this place last season upwards of six hundred thousand pounds of wool. Sheepmen are buying all the land they can and fencing for pastures. One sheep firm lately bought seven thousand acres of land in this county, which they propose fencing. The demand for sheep ranches is so great that land is advancing rapidly in value.

J. P. Holeman, a leading sheep man of this county left this morning for Vermont to buy three carloads of fine Merino bucks. Brownwood is coming forward rapidly. It is the centre of the wool producing district of this section of the state and has caused some of the capitalists here to begin a movement towards erecting a wool factory at this place.

FROM LAREDO.

Happenings Yesterday in the Town and Vicinity.

Special Telegram.

LAREDO, February 18.—The Chas. Smith case is set for Monday, the 20th.

Two men were tried in the district court to-day on indictments charging them with the theft of property in the state of Tamaulipas, Mexico. Maj. E. H. McDonnell appeared for the defence and they were acquitted.

A man by the name of Webbs, also proved to be a deserter from the post, made an unsuccessful attempt to commit suicide by shooting him self in the breast.

W. E. Thurber, general freight and ticket agent of the T. & M. railway, was in the city to-day. He says the schedule on his road will change to-morrow, and that a night passenger train between Laredo and Corpus Christi, with sleeping car attached, also regular passenger train, will be put on the Mexican National railway after Tuesday next.

The Stutz star opera troupe are playing their farewell to a crowded house to-night. They leave Monday for Corpus Christi, where they will play for ten weeks under the auspices of the Masons and Knights of Honor.

J. W. Orr & Co. have opened a new stage line from New Laredo to Victoria, Mexico, via Mier and Matamoras, a distance of 378 miles.

LAMPASAS.

Blown into Eternity While Drilling a Hole—The Weather.

Special Telegram.

LAMPASAS, Texas, February 18—Bryant Samples, a respectable rock driller near Ricker & Lee's camp, 16 miles from town, was blown from the cut over the embankment a distance of 30 feet. His recovery is hopeless, his entire body and head being terribly bruised and burned. It seems he was drilling out a blast that had been previously charged, and waited to get off. He had poured in water, but not in a sufficient quantity to wet the powder, which was ignited by sparks from his drill. Henry Kates, his assistant, was also injured, but not dangerously.

The weather is very warm and cloudy.

CASTROVILLE.

The Bandera Special Term Illegal—Sudden Death.

Special Telegram.

CASTROVILLE, February 18. — Judge Paschal and our local attorneys returned from Bandera to-night. The special term of the court went by default. The exceptions to the legality of the court, as made by the counsel for Kelley, being sustained.

The shooting scrape in Uvalde has created quite an excitement here, where Ware is well known and under indictment for murder.

Mr. Blanchard Beckner, of New Paris, Ind., who has been here for the past month seeking health, died very suddenly after supper. He was out fishing late this afternoon and seemed to be doing very well.

PENNSYLVANIA.

A Liberal and Charitable Offer to Jewish Refugees.

PHILADELPHIA, February 18.—Mayor King received the following dispatch this this morning:

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., February 17.

Hon. S. M. King:

Learning that a vessel will soon arrive in Philadelphia with fifty Jewish families who have been compelled to leave Russia on account of their persecution, I hereby, through you, on account of our company, offer to give each family forty acres of land in our purchase as a token of sympathy, and to assist their friends in placing them in a position of comfort.

Signed: HAMILTON DISTON.

The land in question is a portion of Diston's purchase of the Okeechobee land and improvement company of Florida.

WACO.

Lecturers Busy—The Courts—A Bon Ton Wedding.

Special Telegram.

WACO, February 18.—Miss Francis Willard, temperance lecturer, will deliver two addresses at the M. E. church to-morrow, and Dr. Ford of St. Louis, begins a series of lectures on the pyramids of Egypt at the Baptist church.

At the late term of the district court of Bosque county fifty-four cases were disposed of, two of which were divorce and one the case transferred to the U. S. court at Waco. Five criminal cases for thefts, etc., were cleared off the docket. Levi Roberts, a horse thief, got five years.

J. A. Robinson and a bridal party left in a special car over the Missouri Pacific south of Waco this morning for McLennan, in this county, where Mr. Robinson was united in marriage to Miss Betty Grey Williams. They left on the night train for Galveston on a tour. The bride and groom are well known in society circles.

At 11:30 Dick Johnson, while passing a burnt out brick building, near the square, was set upon and badly cut by two white men who robbed him of $105. When he reached his friends he was so weak that he could not tell much about it. The officers are in pursuit of the parties. There has been a new arrival of tramps and suspicious looking characters in town in the last two days.

ASSOCIATED PRESS REPORTS.

AMERICAN AND FOREIGN.

MASSACHUSETTS.

The Town of Haverhill in Flames—Great Loss of Property.

BOSTON, Mass., February 18.—A fire started in the business portion of the town of Haverhill, last night and spread with great rapidity. The small fire department was unable to cope with the flames, which soon got beyond control and assistance was telegraphed for to Lawrence, Newburyport and other towns adjacent. The first district report from Haverhill says the First National bank, Savings bank, and all of the lower part of Washington street, have been burned, and there is no knowing where the fire will stop. The operator at the depot says the fire is getting uncomfortably close, and he is afraid he will be forced to desert his post. The fire, he says, covers at least ten acres pretty thickly built upon. The South block is the finest block, and Tilton block and Prescott building on Wingate street. The loss will be several millions. Engines are coming from Newburyport and Dover. A number of families on Wingate street are burned out. This is the largest fire that has ever occurred in this vicinity. The streets are lined with merchandise and furniture, and there is no doubt that numbers of people are homeless, although, owing to the panicky feeling, no really authentic report can be got from any person in Haverhill. The telegraph office has been burned—all connection between the city and the depot telegraph office being thus severed.

HAVERHILL, Mass., February 18.—At 3:55 this morning the fire was gotten under control. But one block remains on Wingate street and two at the upper end of Washington street. All else on a square bounded by the Merrimac river on the south and Washington square and Essex street on the east, and north side of Wingate street, and the Railroad square on the west, is burned to the ground. This locality contains a part of the boot and shoe manufactories. The loss cannot be estimated at present. What yesterday was the finest street in the city, and the principal business part, is to-day a smouldering, shapeless mass of ruins. Some eighty shoe firms are entirely burned out, and others suffer more or less damage. The men who last night were worth thousands are this morning penniless, while the losses of others are fully or partially covered by insurance. Two thousand people are out of employment, and several families homeless. The loss is estimated at $2,000,000.

The most dreadful feature of the calamity is the loss of life and the awful uncertainty caused in many anxious hearts. It is feared that the bodies of a score or more prominent business men are buried in the ruins. Thus far, none are known to be dead. Of the buildings burned, most of them were of brick. About sixty of them were occupied by eighty-six firms, and twenty-five hundred persons are thrown out of employment.

VIRGINIA.

The Readjusters Carry Other Points.

RICHMOND, Va., February 18.—In the senate, to-day, Wingfield, of Hanover, a dissatisfied republican, who has heretofore voted with the democrats, voted with the readjusters, making a tie of 18 on several votes. Lieut. Governor Lonn was in the chair, and by his casting vote decided everything in favor of the readjusters.

The action of Wingfield, strs grt republican, in the senate, in deserting from the democrats, it is claimed virtually settles the question of the auditorship, as the defection of only one senator was needed to cause the vote on the joint resolution now pending in the senate, providing for an election of auditor, railroad commissioner, several corporation judges and judges of the supreme court of appeals, which vote will be decided in favor of the readjusters. In that case the only means the democrats could use to obstruct legislation in the matter would be to refrain from voting and leave the senate without a quorum. Both parties will hold a quorum to-night.

GOVERNOR CAMERON AFTER A DEPREDATING OYSTER FLEET.

NORFOLK, VA., February 18.—At a late hour last night intelligence was received of Governor Cameron's military expedition against the depredatory oyster fleet in the waters of the Rappahannock river. It was reported by Capt. Bloodworth, of the Baltimore freight steamer Gaston, which came down the Chesapeake bay yesterday, The Gaiton passed the mouth of the Rappahannock river at 12 o'clock. At that time Governor Cameron's steamer, Louisa, left, and the scooner Orton, some distance up the river, was supposed to be her consort. No oyster boats were in sight, excepting the Victoria J. Reed, and as the the two steamers effectually blocked the mouth of the river, it is presumed that the rest of the fleet has been driven up the river, where they will no doubt be captured. There were no indications at that time of a fight having taken place.

ALL FROM POLITICS.

PETERSBURG, Va., February 13.—Information was received here this morning that a serious difficulty occurred several days ago at Littleton, Sussex county, between J. W. Adkins and Thomas Swain, resulting in the latter being dangerously stabbed by the former. Adkins is a well-known merchant of Littleton and Swain was formerly postmaster at the same place. A political discussion was the cause of the difficulty.

DEATH OF AN EDITOR.

RICHMOND, Va., John Hampden Chamberlain, of Chamberlain & Beurie, proprietors of the state newspaper, died this evening after only three days illness.

WEST VIRGINIA.

Another Strict Accountability Case.

WHEELING, W. Va., February 18.—A slanderous article appears in the Pittsburg Despatch, of this date, connected with the names of N. W. Campbell, of the Wheeling Intelligencer, and Geo. K. Wheat, a prominent merchant of this place. The malicious story is said to be without a particle of foundation in fact, and the author will be held to a strict accountability for giving publicity to it.

PALESTINE.

A Defaulting County Collector—Joe Herrin's Good Administration.

Special Telegram.

PALESTINE, February 18.—This county has its defalcation in county collector's accounts as well as its rich neighbors, and the county commissioners who have just met have not succeeded yet in getting to the bottom of it. It is reported the collector is about two thousand dollars behind, and little prospect for recovery, except from his bondsmen, two of whom are county commissioners themselves.

Manager Hoxie went south to New Orleans from here this morning, and thence by the New Orleans and Pacific back to St. Louis. He expressed much satisfaction with the condition of the International under Superintendent Herrin's management.

FROM WASHINGTON.

Action Had in the House of Representatives Yesterday.

House.

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 18.—The speaker laid before the house a resolution of the legislative assembly of Utah opposing the anti-polygamy bills and urging that a commission be appointed to go to Utah and investigate the affairs of that territory.

Shellenbarger presented the petition of the American Baptist Home Mission, representing one million persons, asking that congress take early measures to remove and prohibit polygamy throughout the United States.

Both were referred to the committee on the judiciary.

The morning hour being dispensed with, at 11:35 the house went into a committee of the whole on the immediate deficiency bill, which makes the appropriation of $1,882,983.

Over clause appropriating $75,000 for construction of vaults in the United States treasury and sub-treasury, quite an interesting discussion arose upon the silver question. Hewitt, of New York, made a vigorous attack upon the standard silver dollar, characterizing it as a cheat and fraud and fiat money in the worst and most repulsive and most objectionable sense.

On a point of order by Blount, of Georgia, the clause for the payment of $600 extra salary to the the deputy commissioners of pensions and $500 to the chief clerk, was ruled out and after some discussion relative to rebuilding the Jefferson school building at Washington, the committee rose and reported the bill to the house, when it was passed and the house adjourned.

A CORRECTION.

WASHINGTON, February 18.—The item about the agricultural bill sent last night should read—the bill is based upon estimates aggregating $502,980, and appropriates $396,880, which is $106,100 less than is asked for by the commissioner, and an increase of $71,380 over the appropriation of last year.

THE SUGAR IMPORT QUESTION BEFORE THE HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.

The committee on foreign affairs today heard arguments on the question of the proposed abrogation of the Hawaiian treaty. Darrell, of Louisiana, who introduced the bill for that purpose, made an argument in favor of the bill, contending that the only way was to effect a treaty to save the treasury two and a half million dollars from the admission of Hawaiian sugars free of duty, and he said that in violation of the treaty sugars grown in China, Cuba and India were introduced as Hawaiian, and much of the sugar so introduced was of a higher grade than was contemplated and authorized by the treaty.

Darrall was followed on the same side by Henry A. Brown, an expert on the subject, and formerly special agent of the treasury department. He estimated the Hawaiian sugars, imported in violation of the treaty at three-fourths of the whole.

Cypher, formerly representative from Louisiana, also advocated the abrogation of the treaty—because its existence promotes Cooley slavery in the Hawaiian Islands and is prejudicial to the planters and laborers of the south. He also claimed that the increased importation since the treaty went into operation is much greater than the productive capacity of the islands, which is evidence positive that sugar not grown there is branded and fraudulently imported here. The hearing will be continued.

THE NEW PAYMASTER GENERAL.

WASHINGTON, February 18.—The time spent by the senate in executive session to-day was warmly consumed by the discussion of the nomination of Major Rochester to be paymaster general. The nomination was at length confirmed by a large majority.

THE APPORTIONMENT BILL—GEN. PORTER'S CASE.

The senate committee on census to-day unanimously decided to recommend the passage of the house apportionment bill without amendment.

On Thursday, the New Jersey senators and representatives sent a letter to the president requesting him at as early a date as possible to review the finding of the court-martial of former Gen. Fitz John Porter case, obtained in April, 1878, and take action to relieve him from the penalties and forfeiture imposed by the findings of the court-martial tendered in January, 1863, and to restore him to the rights and position of which said sentence deprived him.

NEW YORK.

Last Week's Failure Record.

NEW YORK, February 18.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s mercantile agency reports 154 failures throughout the country for the past week, some greater then last week, the increase being made up by speculative failures in grain and cotton, and principally in New Orleans and Chicago. In New York the principal failure was that of C. F. Hardy & Co., shipping and commission merchants, which is enveloped in mystery. It is not known who they owe or what their assets will be. Hardy has not put in an appearance since the failure. The debts of this firm are abroad. The distribution of failures was in the Eastern States 15, Western States 50, Southern States 45, Middle States 21, Pacific Coast and Territories 13, and New York City 10.

TOO LONG OF LARD.

NEW YORK, February 18.—After change, the failure of V. W. McFarland & Co., the second largest lard refinery firm in the city, was posted. The firm is long of lard. McFarland says he will pay dollar for dollar. No statements are made.

THE POPE'S LATEST LETTER.

NEW YORK, February 18.—A special cable dispatch to the New York Catholic Review says the Pope's letter to the bishops throughout the world briefly summarized in yesterday's general dispatch, is couched in most vigorous terms, and while in a broad sense is moderate, will produce a profound impression throughout the civilized world. A special correspondent dwells especially on that portion of the letter which urges the organized Catholic press and clergy up to the plane of the present emergency. The language used by the Pope is elegant and impressive, but in that part of the address wherein he exposes what he declares to be a wicked fallacy, that papacy is the enemy of national loyalty and temporal authorities, he becomes very emphatic.

A BANK CLOSED DOORS.

WATERTOWN, N. Y., February 18.—The Merchants' bank closed its doors this morning.

ASSOCIATED BANK STATEMENT.

NEW YORK, February 18.—The statement of the associated banks shows the following changes: Loans, increase, $745,800; specie, decrease, $3,750,500; legal tenders, decrease, $419,500; deposits, decrease, $4,762,200; circulation, increase, $340,000; reserves, decrease, $2,978,950. The banks now have $1,072,225 more than the legal requirement.

GEORGIA.

A Dreadful Boiler Explosion.

ATLANTA, GA., February 18.—Just before seven this morning a boiler of the Georgia car works, at Chartiersville, exploded, killing instantly five negroes and injuring a number of others, two of whom have since died. The engineer, named Wood, was injured, it is thought fatally. Superintendent Lucas, of the Lucas sleeping cars, was also hurt. The damage to the building is very great. The cause of the explosion is not yet known.

THE DREADED SMALL-POX.

ATLANTA, GA., February 18.—A negro tramp named Graves, from Oxford, Ala., has been taken with a disease in Cartersville which proves to be small-pox.

The English Market.

LONDON, February 17.—The Manchester Guardian, in its commercial article this morning, says the market is almost unchanged. Buyers and sellers are acting cautiously.

KENTUCKY.

Sentenced to Death.

LEXINGTON, Ky., February 18.—Joe Lawson, a negro desperado, was sentenced to death for the murder of John Stevenson on Christmas eve.

A Colliery Catastrophe.

LONDON, February 17.—Forty bodies have been recovered from the colliery at Tremdon Grange, Durham, where the explosion occurred yesterday. It is feared that the forty men still remaining in the pit are dead.

OHIO.

Mrs. Scoville Addresses Mrs. Garfield a Letter of Sympathy.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, February 18.—J. H. Rhodes, secretary of the Garfield monument committee, and a near friend of Mrs. Garfield, said to an associated press correspondent to-day, that Mrs. Garfield received a letter from Mrs. Scoville this morning, and that he was authorized in her behalf to say that toward the slayer of her husband she cherishes no malice. He must answer only to his God and the American people. For his sister, and all the members of his family, she entertains only profound pity. Further than this she asks to be let alone with her sorrow, and to be spared being dragged into useless and torturing publicity. Mrs. Garfield will not answer the letter.

THE DEATH PENALTY PASSED.

CINCINNATI, February 18.—A Lancaster special says that William Autmire, was last night found guilty of the murder of Miss Bettie Bland, eighty years ago. The death penalty was passed.

LOUISIANA.

A Negro Mail Rider Robs the Mail.

NEW ORLEANS, February 17.—Tuesday last the mail between Opelousas and Prendhomme was robbed. Benjamin Eugene, the colored rider, reported that three white men covered him with their pistols and took the mail bags from him. Suspicion pointed to Eugene as the guilty party, and he was arrested and finally confessed the crime, giving up seven dollars, all the money he obtained by the robbery.

LOUISIANA.

A Probable Chance for Pinchback.

WASHINGTON, February 18.—The president has received the resignation of the surveyor of the port of New Orleans. The statement is published in New York that Pinchback will succeed him, but Secretary Folger said he had no knowledge that such would be a fact.

RESIGNATION AND APPOINTMENT.

NEW ORLEANS, February 18.—Henry G. Hester has resigned the secretaryship of the National Cotton Exchange in consequence of a pressure of official duties as secretary of the New Orleans cotton exchange, notice of the proposed resignation having been given several months ago. The executive committee have decided on C. H. Parker, now editor of the New Orleans Picayune, as Mr. Hester's successor.

PROBABLE SUICIDE.

Ferd. Ernest, representing Louis Reinhart, of Havre, has been missing since morning. The letter from him addressed to a friend indicates that the writer has committed suicide.

GATESVILLE.

Death of District Clerk Grimes—Mails and Weather.

Special Telegram.

GATESVILLE, Texas, February 18,—Wm. Grimes, district clerk of this county, died suddenly last night at the residence of Sam. Dyer, about ten miles from town, where he had gone to spend some time.

Mails due here last night have not yet arrived at 5 o'clock p. m.

Strange to say, no rain for three days, but very warm and threatening rain.

STATE NEWS.

Private advices received at Brownsville state at a meeting of the Palmer & Sullivan company, Mr. Palmer stated they had $775,000 on hand and $3,000,000 subscribed. Mr. Palmer says, he is going to begin operations on the Matamoros & Monterrey railroad at once. The company have 2,000 tons of rails at New Orleans and a portion has been ordered here at once. The P. & S. stock has risen ten points in New York and is still rising, the withdrawal of Gould from Mexican railroad enterprises doing much to restore confidence in the national stock.

The people up in north Texas are all absorbed in the question of prohibition and the pleasures of the skating rink. Their papers talk about nothing else. The Denison Herald, which declares prohibition to be the cause of imbeciles, says: Hon. Dan. Webster, chairman of the republican executive committee of Grayson county, and Hon. Cockrell, chairman of the democratic committee, met a few days ago, in Denison, shook hands across the bloody chasm of politics, and, from actions, said: 'Let us deliver our fellow-men from the afflictions of intemperance.'"

The Grimes county farm, on which misdemeanor convicts are worked, appears to be a success. An exchange from that section says: "Our commissioners did a wise thing when they inaugurated the system of hiring convicts to this county farm. Were it not for the farm the jail would have been filled again with prisoners, convicted at the present term of the county court. As it is, the farm will receive but one recruit from the present term, the others, managing some way to get their fines paid.'

We reproduce the main points in this most able article, not because we have not frequently, in one form or another, published the same ideas and arguments, but especially to contradict the notion, assiduously cultivated in some quarters, that the south is rather more solid for free trade than it was before the war. There are not more than two papers of influence and ability in the whole section that are for free trade in ultra form.

Markets by Telegraph.

MONEY, STOCKS AND BONDS.

New Orleans, February 18.—Sight—92 per thousand premium; sterling bank, 4.84¾; consols, 95⅝@96⅝.

New York, Feb. 18.—Money 4@5; exchange, 484; governments bonds fairly firm and ½ higher for 5's and 6's; new 5 coupons, 102; new 4½'s coupons, 114¾; new 4's coupons, 117¾; other bonds moderately active and generally higher.

New York, February 18.—Stocks—somewhat irregular; Alabama class A, 2 to 5, 84¾; Alabama class A small, 82; Alabama class B, 5 to 5, 89¾; Alabama class C, 84¾; Chicago & Northwestern, 134¾; Chicago & Northwestern preferred at 140¾; Erie, 39¾; East Tennessee, 19¾; Georgia Railway, 107; Illinois Central, 131¾; Lake Shore and Michigan Southern, 111¾; Louisville & Nashville, 86¾; Memphis & Charleston, 70; Nashville & Chattanooga 76; New York Central 113¾; Pittsburg & Cleveland guaranteed 131; Richmond & Allegheny 27¾; Richmond & Danville, 122¾; Rock Island 133¾; Wabash St. Louis & Pacific 32¾; Wabash, St. Louis & Pacific preferred at 60¾; Western Union Telegraph, 79¾.

New York, 11 a. m., February 18.—The stock market opened ⅛ to 2 per cent higher than yesterday's closing quotations, Wells Fargo Express, Richmond & Danville, Memphis & Charleston being the prominent in the advance. In early dealings a decline of ¼ to ¾ per cent took place, Western Union leading, after which the market sold up ¼ to 1½ per cent, New Jersey Central and Hannibal & St. Joe preferred, being the most prominent in the advance, while Richmond & Danville sold up 3 per cent at 2 30.

Paris, 2 p. m., February 18.—Rents, 82@90.

London, noon, February 18.—Erie, 39¾.

London, 4 p. m., February 18.—consols—money, 100 5-16; account, 100 7-16.

COTTON MARKETS.

New York, February 18.—The total visible supply of cotton for the world 2,127,206 bales, of which 1,696,406 bales is American against 2,032,571 bales and 2,417,519 respectively last year.

Liverpool, noon, February 18.—Cotton—hardening; uplands 6¼d; Orleans, 6 11-16d; sales 10,000 bales; speculation and exports 1000 bales; receipts, —— bales; American, —— bales, uplands, low middling clause, February delivery, 6@6 17-64; February and March, sixes, 17-64; March and April, 6 17-32d; April and May, 6 19-32d; May and June, 6 21-32d; June and July, 6 23-32d; July and August, 6 25-32d; August and September, 6 27-32d; futures firm.

Liverpool, 4 p. m., February 18.—Cotton—sales American, 651 bales; uplands low middling clause April and May delivery, 6 19-32d; futures dull and easier.

Galveston, February 18.—Cotton—The market closed firm; low ordinary, 8½c; ordinary, 9½c; good ordinary, 10½c; low middling, 10½c; middling, 11½c; good middling, 11¾c; middling fair, 11⅞c.

New Orleans, February 18.—Cotton—strong; sales, 9000 bales; ordinary, 9¾; good ordinary, 10½; low middling, 11; middling, 11¾; good middling, 11¾; middling fair, 12; receipts net, 13,222 bales; gross, 1506 bales; exports none; stock, 570,454; futures firm; sales, 62,000 bales; February, 11.43@; March, 11.43@11.44c; April, 11.64@11.65c; May, 11.81c; June, 11.97@11.98c; July, 12.09@12.10c; August 12.26@12.27c; September, 11.48@11.51c; October 11.30@11.32c; November, 11.16@11.17c; December, 11.31@11.32c.

New York, February 18.—Cotton—firm; sales, 574 bales; uplands, 11¾; Orleans, 11¾; consolidated net receipts, 8707 bales; exports to Great Britain, 1239 bales; continent, 1213 bales.

St. Louis, February 17.—Cotton—steady; middling, 11¾; low middling, 10¾; good ordinary, 10¼; receipts, 679 bales; shipments, 1502 bales; stock, 79,070 bales; weekly receipts, 2565 bales; gross; 4677 bales; shipments, 6476 bales; sales, 717 bales.

New York, February 18.—Cotton—net receipts 229 bales; gross, —— bales; futures closed firm; sales, 127,000 bales; February, 11.04@11.05c; March, 11.16@11.17c; April, 11.35@11.37c; May, 11.51c; June, 11.67@11.68c; July, 12.02@12.03c; August 12.24@12.25c; September, 11.48@11.49c; October 11.30@11.32c; November, 11.16@11.17c; December, 11.31@11.32c.

The Post's market reports say: Future deliveries have again been run up and down during the day on better Liverpool accounts. Prices advanced at the first call 6 to 8-10 against the advance at the last call, but immediately declined on the second call and last call advanced was reduced to 7-100 above yesterday's closing quotations. At the last call there was a decline of 1 to 4-100, which was, however, recovered before the close, and the market left off firm at 7-100 to 8-100 higher than yesterday.

LIVERPOOL COTTON CIRCULAR.

Liverpool, Feb., 18.—This week's circular of the Liverpool cotton brokers' association says: Cotton was unsettled and irregular, with a limited demand and fluctuations are generally reduced. American was unsettled, and after declining ¼d and closed 1-16d before last weeks quotations, with the exception of middling fair and Texas and Orleans, which are unchanged. Futures were depressed and declined fully ¼d. They have since been steadier, and partially recovered, closing 1-16d lower.

MISCELLANEOUS MARKETS.

Baltimore, February 18.—Flour—unchanged and quiet; Howard street and western superfine, $3 75@4 75; extra, $5 00@5.85; family $6 25@7.25; city mills superfine, $4 00@5.00; extra, $5.00@6 00; family, $6.50@7 75; Rio brands, $6.75; Patapsco family, $8 00.

New York, February 17.—Flour—dull and heavy. Pork—firm, and quiet at $16.75@17.37½. Lard—strong at $11.02½. Spirits turpentine, 51. Resin—$2.37½@2.35. Freights—firm.

Baltimore, February 18.—Provisions—lower and quiet. Mess pork—$18.25@18.50. Bulk meats—shoulders, clear rib and sides, $7.50@10.50. Bacon—shoulders, $8.50; clear rib and sides $11.50. Hams—13½@18¾. Lard—refined, 12¾. Cotton—firm; Rio cargoes ordinary to fair, 8¾@9¾. Sugar—firm; A soft, 9¾c. Whisky—nominal at $1 10@1.30. Freights—unchanged.

New Orleans, February 18.—Flour—quiet and steady; superfine, $5 00; XX $5.25@5.50; XXX $6.00@6.25; higher grades, $6.25@7.25. Corn meal—scarce and firm at $4.75. Hay—firm; common, quoted at $18 00@20.00; prime, $22.00; choice, $24.00. Pork—scarce; old firm; new, firmer $16.75. Lard—quiet and firm; refined tierce, 11¾; keg, 12¼. Dry salt meat—scarce; shoulders loose higher at 8.75; packed steady; clear, 10¼. Bacon—scarce, clear, $8.75@9.00; clear. Bacon—steady; shoulders, $7.75; sides scarce in demand; clear rib and long clear, 10.75@10.87½. Ham—scarce and firmer; choice sugar cured canvassed, 18½@13. Whisky—steady and good demand; western rectified $1.16. Coffee—demand good and tendency upward; cargoes ordinary to prime, 11. Sugar—good demand; common to good common, 9@9½; fair to fully fair 9⅝@9⅞c; prime to choice 7⅞@8¼c; yellow clarified, 8¼@8¾. Molasses—steady; fermenting, 35@60c; centrifugal, 60@65c; fair, 80@85c; prime to choice, 90@72. Rice—fair demand; ordinary to choice, 5¼@6¼c. Bran—scarce and firm at $1.45.

New York, February 18.—Coffee—higher and more active; Rio, 9¾@9¾c. Sugar—unchanged and dull; fair to good refining quoted at 7@7¼; refined steady and quiet.

St. Louis, February 18.—Flour—dull and unchanged. Pork—nominally easier at $17.70. Lard—nominally lower. Bulk meat—very quiet; $6 30; clear rib, $9.40; clear sides, $9 65. Bacon—steady; shoulders, $7.25; clear rib, $10 10¼; clear sides $10.37½. Whisky—steady at $1 17.

Chicago, February 18.—Flour—dull and nominal. Barley—steady and unchanged at $1.05. Dressed hogs—steady and lower at $7.35@7.50. Pork—quiet, weak and lower $17.37½@17.50 cash; $17.32@17.37½ for February and March. Lard—weak and lower at $10 60 cash and February; $10 60@10.62½ for March. Bulk meats—moderately active, weak and lower; shoulders, $8.40; short rib, $9.60; sides clear, $9.65. Whisky—steady and unchangedat $1.19.

GRAIN MARKET.

New York, February 18.—Wheat—less active and 1½ lower. Corn—dull and ⅛@⅛ lower.

Baltimore, February 18.—Wheat—southern scarce and higher; western active, lower and closing dull; southern red, $1.20@1.25; amber, $1.26@1 46; No. 1 Maryland, $1.44@1.46; No. 2 western winter red spot and February, $1.30¾; March, $1.30¾@1.31¼; April, $1.34¾@1.34¾; May, $1.35¼@1.35¾; June, $1.35¾@1.34¾; July, $1.31¾@1.32¼. Corn—southern steady; western firm and inactive; southern white, 74@74½c; yellow, 67@67¼.

Baltimore, February 18.—Oats—quiet and lower; southern, 47@ 48c; western white, 48@49c; mixed, 46@47c; Pennsylvania, 48@50c.

St. Louis, February 18.—Wheat—lower under advices from other markets declining steadily within fluctuation and closing at the lower figure quoted; No. 2 red fall, $1.36¼@1.37¼ for February; $1 22 for March. Corn—higher at 56⅝c for February; 56¼c for March. Oats—higher at 42½c cash.

Chicago, February 18.—Wheat—unchanged and lower; No. 2 Chicago spring, $1.20¼@1.20½ for February; $1.21¼ for March. Corn—weak and lower at 50¼@50c for February; 55⅝@56½c for March. Oats—quiet but firm at 42@42½c for February; 41¾c for March.

WOOL MARKET

New York, February 18.—Wool—dull and rather weak; domestic fleece, 36@48c; Texas 14@31c.

New Advertisements.

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We have now in Pasture One Hundred and Thirty Mules and Eighteen Horses, which will be on sale

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Apply at the El Paso Stage Office on Alamo Plaza.

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Homœopathist.

RESIDENCE—No. 909 Nolan street.
OFFICE—No. 275 Commerce street, over G. W. Caldwell's. feb 19 6m

The Daily Express.

Sunday Morning, February 19, 1882.

THE St. Louis jail doors closed on a formidable criminal seven years old the other day. He had been tapping a till.

THE Lowell, Massachusets, Courier intimates that Ben. Butler will run for congress next fall.

THE EXPRESS acknowledges with thanks a complimentary season ticket to the annual exhibition of the Island City poultry association to be held at Galveston.

THE people of Texas take very little interest in the public debt repudiating cases in other states. They have very little state debt to repudiate, and no disposition at all to do so.

THOS. LITTLE will not be restored to his rank of captain in the army. His own affidavit, or the language in which it was expressed, appears to have had a great deal to do with the defeat of the bill.

GREENWOOD, a town of Steuben county, New York, has been declared in a state of insurrection by the governor. The people have resisted the execution of a judgment for the sale of town property for interest on bonds.

THE members of the stock convention are well pleased with the results, and are enthusiastic over the whole affair. By such unity of action they will wield an immense power in the state, and can exert an influence upon the legislature found in no other source.

ANOTHER crushing American poet is turning up in Chicago—queer place for the occurrence. It is said John G. Whittier and Dr. Holmes have written congratulatory letters to a rising genius who is about to wreath with undying laurel the engaging name of Eugene I. Hall. Well, we wanted another American poet.

THE Philadelphia authorities have dealt a heavy blow at dance houses and the lower order of variety shows, by decreeing that no place of amusement with a bar-room attached shall have a license in that city. As the principal revenue of such places of amusement comes from the sale of liquors, this law is a squelcher.

THE town of Pullman, a manufacturing burg near Chicago, has a perfect system of sewerage which completely solves the problem of drainage on a dead level. There is no difficulty to gather the sewage to a central reservoir, as the grades can easily be arranged for a town of that size. From this reservoir it is pumped to a farm three miles away, where its value as a fertilizer is expected to repay all the cost of pumping.

IT is expected that Edison's electric railroad at Menlo Park will be completed in two months. Its length will be three miles. A new electric engine has just been completed, designed to run at a high rate of speed. It resembles the ordinary engine in having a cab, what looks like a short boiler and one pair of driving wheels, but no smoke-stack. With the new machinery Edison thinks over 90 per cent. of the power generated will be available.

THE New York Commercial Advertiser recommends the tow-paths of our prominent canals as graduating colleges for our young men rather than the brass buttons and leather decorations of West Point. That is correct. With a reasonable avoirdupois of brain, the first demands of a resolute will will be freedom and a fair field, and with these the canal path may become a royal enough road to distinction and wealth.

A POSTAL from Miguel, Frio county, dated on the 13th inst., says there has been plenty of rain in that section, the farmers are busy plowing and planting, and the prospects for a good crop were never better. Grass never was better at this time of the year, stock of all kinds is doing well, the health of the people is good, and many newcomers are settling in that neighborhood and others going still further west. A pretty encouraging record.

THE proposition of the Iowa legislature to pass a law forbidding the issuing of free passes by railroads and other public carriers, has caused a lengthy discussion of the practice by the papers, especially as far as it relates to members of the legislature. A legislator who can be bought up or influenced by a "deadhead" pass over a railroad is not fit to fill the position, and if people are so reckless of the importance of the office as to elect such men to represent them, they should suffer the consequences. We do not believe there is a legislative representative in western Texas whose action could be influenced in the least by all the free passes that could be issued to him, and if the railroads see fit to so compliment them let them do it.

THE bill which the democratic caucus, though rather meagrely attended, agreed, a few days ago, to substitute for the bill of the committee on banking and currency relative to national bank charters, provides that treasury notes, redeemable in coin on demand, shall be substituted for national bank notes, and the banks, of course, be done away with. These treasury notes are to be issued to the amount of national bank paper now in circulation, in denominations of not less than ten dollars, and are made receivable for all dues, including customs, by the United States or its creditors, except where specially provided otherwise. The treasury shall maintain a redemption fund, in coin, equivalent to not less than fifteen per cent. of the outstanding treasury notes, as well as an equal reserve for the redemption of legal tender notes outstanding. This measure is known as the Buckner bill, and embodies his well-known views on the currency question.

MARGARET, the orphan's friend, Margaret the lavish dispenser of charity, the main stay of half the eleemosynary institutions of New Orleans, has gone hence to claim the reward which is promised the doer of good. For many years this excellent woman has diverted the gains of a large and remunerative business from her own coffers to the support of the weak and lowly. She questioned not as to creed or color, caring only that distress be real, when her purse was open, and all demands were promptly met. Jew or Gentile, Protestant or Romanist were as one to this Mother in Israel when she heard the plaintive cry of suffering. Margaret Haughery, such was the homely name by which this angel of mercy was known to the world, died as she had lived, thinking how to relieve the distress of the unfortunate. Munificent bequests to Jewish homes, protestant asylums and Catholic convents, will build for this woman in the hearts and memories of all Louisianians a monument which time will not soon destroy.

Captain Oglesby denies the report that he is a candidate for the office of sheriff of Maverick county, and says it is not his intention to withdraw from the frontier service.

THE SERVICE QUESTION AT ST. MARK.

A Statement from Dean Richardson.

Editors San Antonio Express:

I was surprised on Sunday morning last to see in your columns a communication, concerning the services in St. Mark's cathedral, which had already been addressed privately to the dean and vestry. As you editorially remark, there was not a quorum present at the regular monthly meeting of the vestry on the 6th inst., so of course no action was had on the communication, and now that it has been given to the public, through the medium of the press, without awaiting the formal action of those to whom it was addressed, I have thought, notwithstanding the very full and able answer already given by one of the choristers, that, being the really responsible one, it were well perhaps that I should make some reply also through the press, hoping thus to satisfy any doubts or difficulties that may be felt by others as well as by the writer of the above mentioned article.

Now in the first place it is necessary to bear in mind that the "choristers of St. Mark," numbering about 25 boys and young men, constitute the choir of the cathedral, organized about eight months ago with the consent of the vestry and with the hearty concurrence and approval of the bishop, repeatedly and earnestly expressed.

And therefore, in general reply to the objection several times repeated against the choristers interposing their vicarious chant in those parts of the service in which the people should participate, I would say, first that I assent most heartily to the proposition that no choir should be allowed vicariously to interpose and take the devotions out of the mouths of the people, not only in the creed but in the Te Deum, chants, anthems and hymns as well, and the people should claim and exercise their right of participation, but how? Certainly not by silencing the choir or choristers in order that the few who cannot sing may be able to read their portion undisturbed. And secondly, if we substitute the word choir for choristers it will be seen at once that the objection, if of force at all, lies equally against any choir.

How it is usually with the quartette choir in this particular we very well know. The music almost as a rule being intentionally so chosen that the congregation cannot sing, and, too often the people love to have it so, and will patiently stand, or sit, as the case may be, and listen to it with all the artistic pleasure perhaps that one might have at a sacred concert but with how much of personal devotion in it it would be hard to say.

It has already been confessed to me by some not otherwise favorable to the boy choir that its most excellent feature is the opportunity afforded by the simplicity of the chants and tunes that are used, for the whole congregation to join in singing, and I have been requested by some of the congregation to announce from the chancel the name of the musical edition of the hymnal and service book in order that all so disposed may procure copies and be better enabled to bear their part in the service. The communication objects to the chanting of "therefore with angels," etc., in the communion service, and yet, notwithstanding the opinion expressed that such was never the intention of the church, still, every churchman knows that it always has been the custom of the Episcopal church to chant it; and also that no congregation perhaps ever did, or scarcely even would chant it, unless led by a choir, whether that choir was composed of boy choristers or not. And that is the primary intention of any choir, to lead the people in such portions of the service as may be sung or chanted, and never vicariously to supercede them.

It is asserted in the communication referred to that on the occasion of the chanting "therefore with angels," etc., the people were silent. In this the writer was mistaken, for several have told me that both they and others within their hearing took their part in the chant as among the people, led and not hindered by the choristers, or, rather, in the particular instance referred to, led by myself, the choristers singing with and as part of the people.

Objection is further made to the chanting of the responses to the ten commandments by choristers. Again we have only to substitute the word choir for choristers to see that the objection lies with equal force against the chanting of those responses by any choir, and yet there is not a diocese in this country or in England, or in any of her colonies, nor scarcely a church in any one of those dioceses where the custom has not been, and is not now, to chant them, the people always and invariably, if they sing them at all, being led by the choir. The universal usage of the church thus having the force of common law, as it were, and interpreting the force and intent of the rubric.

Finally, it is urged as "the most serious objection, that Christians should chant in apostles' creed. There is not a shadow of authority to have it vicariously sung by the communicants."

(Note—Vicariously, certainly not, as we have already said.)

And the protest goes on to say: "The prayer book is imperative—then shall be SAID "at the apotles' creed by the minister and people standing." Very true, and the creed was said on the occasion referred to, only instead of being said in the tone of ordinary reading it was said by priest and some of the people at least, with the choristers in concert upon a monotone sustained by the organ. Do not let it be thought that this is a mere quibble upon words, for all liturgiologists know that that the words say and said in the rubrics have always been interpreted to include and not to preclude either the monotone or chant.* (See page 2, Annotated Book of Common Prayer, etc., by Rev. John Henry Blunt, M. A., F. S. A. Third edition; Rivingtons, London, Oxford and Cambridge, 1878.)

In further proof of which, your readers will only need to be reminded that such a chanting of the creed in its proper place in a choral service is at this day the custom in every English cathedral—including those of York and Durham, Low church, and even in the newly established cathedral of Manchester under the pronounced evangelical, or so called Low church, Bishop Ryle—in many of the larger parish churches, and in, I believe, every one of the established cathedrals in this country, except St. Marks, and in many of our parish churches beside.

If, then, the saying of the creed in monotone on the occasion referred to, or the chanting of it, for I accept the word, fell upon astonished ears, in the sense of unfamiliar, unaccustomed ears, then those ears can never have heard the customary choral services of any of the English cathedrals, college chaples, or large parish churches, or of old Trinity, in New York, or any of her half dozen subordinate parishes, or of the cathedrals of our church in Albany, Chicago, Indianapolis, Springfield, Omaha and Memphis, and perhaps others, not mentioning any of the prominent so called ritualistic churches.

Several years ago St. Marks church was made a cathedral i e the bishop's offical see or seat for the performance of all distinctively Episcopal acts, that is, official acts as bishop. This action was had jointly by the rector and vestry, ratified by vote of the congregation and accepted by the bishop, and yet this protest against the chanting of the creed and the general confession objects to a feature; had once or twice only in a festival service to mark the Holy Christmas tide, and in the evening, when comparatively few attend, out of deference to the recognized prejudices of some, which has always been and still is characteristic of almost every cathedral service in England and the colonies and in this country, and indeed constitute but a very small part of a full cathedral choral service.

Surely it is not well sweepingly to condemn the methods and usages of our mother church of England, to which as says the preface to our prayer book, "The Protestant Episcopal church in these states is indebted under God for her first foundation and a long continuance of nursing care and protection." While prominent sectarian Divines like Dr. Adam Clark and in our own day the Beechers H. W. and Thos. K. and Dr. Hall, and Dr. Prime, and, if my memory serves me, our own Rev. Mr. Nell, the eminent and able pastor of the Presbyterian church in this city, have generously borne witness to the grandeur and solemnity of the services in those noble old English cathedrals.

I have thus, I think, fully and fairly answered the objections brought against specific acts in the services at St. Mark's and have shown that there has been nothing unlawful introduced, and no innovation upon the established and recognized usages of the church in this country and in England, and let us not forget that neither individual taste, nor the range of our own individual observation and experience is always safely to be taken as the limit of what is wise and right, and, furthermore, if a more elaborate and ornate service, always and entirely within the bounds of what I have just shown to be not only lawful, but also according to the common and constant usage of our church; if such a service would draw an evening congregation as the present services do not, and I do not know that it would, would it be wise and right to oppose any lawful means which might attract any worshippers to the courts of the house of our God who now do not go anywhere.

If there are any who think me an extremist let me assure them they are mistaken. I am not a ritualist, so-called, still less a Jesuit in disguise. If I do not habitually go about berating the Romish church I am still the fatherest possible from assenting to the broad assertion in the concluding paragraph of the communication referred to, that the Romish church is the oldest of all. Her Greek sister is certainly the older; even if ours may be, by ever so few years, the younger. And in all the recognized points of essential difference between ours and the Roman church, I yield to none in my devotion to, and entire acceptance of those principles of true and primitive catholicity upon which the Anglican church was founded and which she re-asserted at the reformation I cannot close without a word in defense of my boys, "the choristers of St. Mark's."

For nearly eight months have I had them with me, on the average, three nights in Avery week, besides the Sunday services; bright, manly, wide awake, merry fellows, full of life and fun, boys all over; often heedless and forgetful, often needing reproof, but never disobedient or disrespectful, never once guilty of an act of intentional and studied annoyance, never once having any contention or jealousies or bickerings among themselves, at least not within my knowledge, nor in all that time have I heard one oath from their lips, even in their sports in the street while awaiting the hour for rehearsals, and yet "it is alleged that some of them swear like troopers;" such a charge casts a slur and reproach in the eyes of this community, upon every member of that choir, several of whom are communicants of the church, and others of them are hoping soon to be.

"Non-christian boys" they are styled and yet every one of them I believe has been made a member of Christ and His church in Holy Baptism (see catechism). And if not, and if what has been so indefinitely alleged be true, still no worse, surely noworse than the none christian way godless men and women who in some instances and for hire only have been known to alternate between the stage of the opera house and the choir loft to the church. The choir boys may not be saints, in the popular sense of the word, but surely the church and her services, and her *service*, as members of the choir, is a better school for them than the streets on the Sabbath day. So much for the benefit it may to the boys; while for the people, it is surely something to know that for nearly eight months those boys have been indefatigable in attending rehearsals, two, three, four, and even five times a week, and in all weathers, and that for six months, or since their first public service, the choir has not missed one service. Surely it is something to feel when they go to church that the choir will be there, and the services be rendered.

I am, Messrs. Editors, very respectfully your obedient servant,

W. R. RICHARDSON,
Dean of the Cathedral of St. Mark.

LETTER FROM WASHINGTON.

GEO. D. PRENTICE AND SAM HOUSTON.

Gen. Scott and "Old Sam"—What is Said of One of the Family—Editors, Pistols and Little Pencils—Blaine and His Rivals, and the War on Him.

Special Correspondence.

WASHINGTON, D. C. February 12, 1882.—Sauntering about in the congressional library to-day, I found a copy of the Louisville Journal of 1861, and can't refrain from making an excerpt which will revive memories of 22 years ago. Prentice, in an editorial paragraph referring to one of Wigfall's speeches, and to the proposed action of the seceding state convention, of which Gov. Roberts was president, writes:

"A secession paper says that Texas is calling upon Sam Houston to resign the governorship. Texas can, if she chooses, demand of her ex-president to resign the office she gave him, for she need have no apprehensions that he can call upon her to resign the independence he gave her."

In another place in the same paper, I find these words:

"Gen. Scott whipped Santa Anna when he had but one leg. Gen. Houston whipped him when he had two legs."

A GOOD OLD DAME.

Then in an East Tennessee paper of last week, before me, is this announcement, having interest for many old Texans:

"Died, at her late home, at Post Oak Springs, in this county, Saturday, 21st inst., Mrs. Elizabeth Houston, wife of R. T. Houston, who is a cousin to the late Governor Sam. Houston, of Texas. Aunt Betsey, as she was called by all who knew her, was one of Roane county's old landmarks, as it were. Her and her husband have been citizens of this county for over seventy years. They have never accumulated a great deal of this world's goods, but have always been in comfortable circumstances. And Aunt Betsey, at the mature age of about seventy-five years, has lain down to rest, and left such a life behind that no one can speak of her except in praise of her many virtues."

You must know that Houston, when senator here in Washington, always, in winter time, wrapped about him a great shawl or woven Indian blanket. I have often heard old citizens of Washington say, pointing to the Goddess of Liberty as enwrapped on the summit of the capitol's dome, "That figure, as we see it from the street, always reminds me of Sam Houston as he used to stalk, a very giant, along Pennsylvania avenue." I have heard Gustavus A. Henry, the eagle orator, addressing Judge George Dixon, of Tennessee, say this same thing of the bronze figure crowning the lofty dome, while both these eminent lawyers rested lazily beneath the shade of great oaks that then grew within the park about the capitol.

THE WOMEN.

There was a woman involved, perhaps two of them, in the fight between three newspaper men last night in the Republican office, and in which an editor, by accident, was shot by his brother. The gentleman supposed to be fatally injured, was exceedingly anxious just now, to escape the fate of Garfield and have the bullet, lodged in the back of his head, extracted. There was a desperate fight some years ago in a newspaper office in which (I wont give names) I was interested. The newspaper man wrote habitually with a No. 4 Faber. It was very hard and sharp, and so are most newspaper men. He carried this pencil, with its sharp point upturned, in his upper vest pocket. In the struggle with his assailant it happened that this pencil pierced the latter's throat and entered the mouth, and the wounded man threw up the sponge. Last night an editor's life was saved by the bullet's impinging upon a pencil. It was thus deflected from its deadly course.

Pencils, in every aspect in which we contemplate their uses, are "deadly weapons," and it's a wonder Texas Siftings, in its recorder's court reports, has never so decided.

GREAT MEN OF THE HOUR.

Blaine's candidature for the presidency makes him most stared at and more sought after, and more courted than any citizen of Washington. See, too, how his enemies contest his majesty and dangers to them involved in his aspirations! How rudely and how unjustly has his proposed convention of all American peace congress been criticized, and how infinitely harsh are diatribes directed against his state papers relating to the Peruvo-Chilian war. These ebullitions of fury and vindictiveness attest Blaine's pre-emminence. Except Mr. Conkling, who has no personal following, Blaine is the peerless leader of the Republican party. He embodies all its virtues and is equally free from most of its vices. I am not sure that he is anything of a better man than Arthur, but he is better known and understood. Arthur steadily wins adherents, near democrats of the fiercest type asserting, after having personal business relations with the president, strong in admiration of his fairness, frankness and unvarying kindness and capital good sense. The ardent and magnetic "Jem Blaine," after all, may find his most dangerous rival in the modest, unpretending, but dignified, gentleman who supplanted Blaine's devoted friend. L. J. D.

Pinched to Keep Awake.

Ruskin was unflatteringly truthful when he said: "We are all, and always asleep half our lives, and it is only by pinching ourselves hard that we ever learn to understand anything. At least, it is not always we who pinch ourselves, sometimes other people pinch us, which I suppose, is very good of them; but it is a sad life, made up of naps and pinches."

EDUCATION FOR NOVELISTS.

Novelists, perhaps, need little thorough education, because their book is man, and observation, fancy, wit and a clear style will do all they need. And yet how much of his charm Thackeray owed to that wide reading which seems impossible for a lad cheaply trained, and then led straight into professional literary production. Thackeray himself has lamented the case of those who have to raise literary crop after crop from brains too often worked, and who have no time to lay in matter for thought from older literature.—Daily News.

NOBLEMEN, GENTLEMEN AND AMERICANS.

"I am just arrived from Boston," writes an American visiting London, "and I am studying with great eagerness the various social phenomena of your great metropolis. Imagine then with what interest I read in this morning's Times the advertisement which begins as follows:

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AUTHOR AND CRITIC.

The relation between author and critic is painful in itself not by mere accident. There seems to be something indecent in admitting another man to wander at will through the secret recesses of our own minds. It recalls a wild legend of witchcraft in which malignant sorcerers could call a soul into their presence and subject it to the grossest indignities while the body lay wrapped in an apparent trance. The critical wizard may be intentially polite to the poor, wandering shade. The offense is that it should be at his mercy. It lies there helpless for him to work his will. Suppose him to be as benevolent as you please, he will still, in all probability, applaud it just so far as it echoes his own thoughts and confirms his preconceived prejudices, and fail to perceive the truth, so obvious to us, that its merit lies precisely in the passages where we deviate from him. It is well if many critics approach even so near an understanding as to understand what falls in with their own prejudices. Two many resemble that famous churchwarden who said to his bishop: "A most excellent, sermon, my lord; but I cannot entirely agree with all you said; for I think there *is* a God."—Pall Mall Gazette.

SOME OF LYELL'S STORIES.

Lyell went everywhere and met everybody. He was obviously fond of society, and if not witty himself, could appreciate wit in other people. There are plenty of capital stories and clever sayings of the principal characters among a generation now passed away, to be found recorded here, as, for example this anecdote of his friend, Dr. Fitton. Lyell writes: "Fitton was in great force. I got him to refresh my memory with his story of a Dublin professor who said to his class, 'Gentlemen, the Hon. Mr. Boyle was a great man; he was the father of chemistry, and uncle to the Earl of Cork;' from which says Fitton his pupils worked out the conclusion that chemistry and the Earl of Cork were first cousins."

Here, too, we find the following, perhaps to be met with elsewhere, but it will bear repetition: "They (Lord Lansdown and Lord Clarendon) were talking of Sydney Smith, and how he never talked of his mother; whereas, his brother, Bobus Smith, was so fond of dilating on his excellences and the extraordinary beauty of their mother. On this, Lord Lansdown said one day, he (Bobus) bored Talleyrand so much with that theme in London that Talleyrand said: C'eroit done monsieur votre pere qui etoit si laid."

THE SINFU' WEE FIDDLE.

The violencello was the violone of former times. In the earlier editions of "Corelli" the bass part is entitled violone. To Brescia, the cradle of Italian violin-making, we are indebted for the many grand double-basses and violas made there by Gaspard di'Salo and Magini. For one Brescian violin there are ten double-basses or violas, a fact which would have told well for the town in the opinion of that Scottish congregation about whom an amusing anecdote is told. Their minister, it appears, was addicted to music as his recreation, and the sounds were heard often at night as well as by day, issuing from his study. The strange noise caused scandal among the people, who associated all instrumental music with fairs and merry makings.

At length a deputation of elders was sent to expostulate with the minister. He received them blandly, and begging them to be seated, after hearing what they had to say, produced his violoncello. He discoursed sweet strains, sometimes solemn, sometimes cheerful, till his hearers were charmed and subdued. They murmured apologies, and after a while confessed that there could be no objection to that instrument, but they had thought that he played "the sinfu' wee fiddle!"—Leisure Hour.

LIGHTHOUSE TERRORS.

If those on shore are awed by the terrible violence of the winds and waves during a tempetest, what must be the experience of men who live in a building exposed to the full fury of the heavy ocean breakers! When we look at a lighthouse in calm weather, it is almost impossible to realize that the sea sometimes breaks over the lantern. Such is, however, frequently the case, and an instance of this occurred not long after the completion of the Bishop's Rock Light, which is erected on a rock beyond the Sicily Islands, far out in the Atlantic. One of the builders told of a heavy sea striking under the lantern and carrying away the fog-bell, which hung by a stout arm of iron nearly three inches square. A few years ago the lighthouse keepers on this rock were in a terrible predicament during a hurricane, the violence of which was described as being fearful. The lighthouse was struck by enormous waves in quick succession, each causing a noise like the discharge of a cannon, and making the massive stone building rock to and fro, so that every article fell away from its place. One fearful sea broke the great lens in several pieces, and another smashed the cylinders of the spare light, while sand from the bottom, thirty fathoms deep, was found heaped up on the lighthouse gallery. The power of these unbroken masses of water is so great that lately, at Wick, one of these shocks moved "a concrete block of four hundred tons built-up in situ."

EVIL IN POETRY.

Who can say that the marvelous power of "Don Juan" is not exhibited in the free and potent strokes with which vice is evil, ignoble and mean is drawn, even when nothing, by way of comment, appears in connection with it, except, perhaps, the scoffing laughter of the poet? And so, too, in Burns's "Jolly Beggers," it seems to us that Burns touched nearly the highest point of his creative genius, though nothing except the large license of the roving vagabond's life, is concentrated into it, and rendered with an almost passionate wealth of vigor and sympathy. It cannot be doubted, we think, that the picture of what is ignoble and mean—even when painted with the invisibness of positive sympathy, as it is in the cases we have just mentioned—may be made the subject of a true poem; but then, when this is the case, there must be implicity contained, some link, such as the cynical laughter of Byron affords, or such as the licentious abandon of Shakespeare's scenes of dissipation, and the vagabond rollick of Burn's beggars, give us, that here you see man as he is when he deliberately throws off the yoke of the moral law and dashes into the wilderness of mere licentious pleasure. Poetry, when it paints subjects of this kind, is undoubtedly not doing its highest work. But it is doing a poetical work all the same, if it is only sufficiently true to nature to make you see clearly that here men's passions have cut the bit between their teeth, and are rushing away into the world of "sand and thorns." And this all true of poets, even when they spend their poetic power on evil subjects, do make you feel with great intensity.

BLANTON DUNCAN AGAIN.

The Weather to be Dangerous for Crops About March 1st.

Editors Express:

SAN ANTONIO, February 16, 1882.

Prof. Vennor sends me the latest information as to the probable weather, which for the benefit of Texas you should publish. It is very possible that the extremely cold weather, which he foresees for the northern latitudes, may not strike Texas. But in the forward condition of everything vegetable, a cold spell of one or two days would bring serious disaster. Precautions now might bring very valuable results. And especially in regard to fruits, of which nearly every kind is fast progressing to bud and bloom. To set these back a few days without injury, would, perhaps, save the crop. And digging around the roots and mulching them would probably produce that effect.

The vegetable gardeners would act wisely by looking after their hot or cold beds, and be prepared to cover them completely from frost, and especially to postpone planting out for a few days anything which frost would injure. The securing of newspapers, and old cloths to cover over many kinds of vegetables would much more than repay the trouble if the frost comes. If intense cold is to prevail in Chicago or St. Louis, it is scarcely probable that the greater portion of Texas will escape the blighting effects from a norther. Prof. Vennor says of February:

"Copious rains and floods in the United States. Some heavy storms in the western and northwestern states. One decidedly cold 'dip.' A windy and stormy ending of the month nearly everywhere, ☞ with a return to winter in March."

So far, the reports from the whole United States show a terribly disastrous fall of rain and consequent deluges and overflows. The Mississippi is devastating vast territories, and the water is higher than it has been since 1862. Just as in Texas the continuous rains for 35 to 45 days are rendering impossible any preparations for the crops, or are seriously injuring everything that was planted previous to January 1st. Mr. Vennor thinks there will be in the more northern latitudes on the 17th and 18th general snow falls.

☞ "The 19th will probably usher in a terrible week of rain storms (snow in some quarters) and floods, with days of very high winds and gales. These will be more marked in western and southern sections of country, ☞ and will culminate in generally colder weather and heavy snowfalls towards 25th and 26th days and entry of March. "Old Boreas," will assert his reign with and through gales ☞ the forepart of March."

Prof. Vennor has announced the publication of a "Weather Bulletin" at Montreal, giving in advance a forecast of each month in full detail. The subscription is $1 per year. Thousands of farmers might save thousands each by having the information as to change of weather. B. D.

Religious Intelligence.

Messrs. Whittle and McGranahan are still engaged in revival work in San Francisco, and are meeting with signal success.

On the 20th inst. will be dedicated a Home for Aged and Indigent Men, in Cleveland, Ohio, under the auspices of a flourishing Jewish society.

It is said that the Anglican clergy draw large sums yearly from taxes on tombstones. The Vicar of Croydon receives $5 for every headstone erected in the parish churchyard.

It is estimated that as the result of the persecution of the Jews in Russia 100,000 Jewish families have been reduced to poverty, and property has been destroyed to the extent of £16,000,000.

The Centennial Methodist Mission at Lucknow, India, is reported to be in a prosperous condition. The present number of pupils is 115, comprising 58 Christians, 44 Hindoos and 14 Mohammedans.

Encouraged by the Bishop of Lincoln, Episcopalians at Nottingham are adopting a scheme to aid in meeting the religious wants of the people. A fund of £60,000 is to be established for the purpose of providing eleven mission churches.

For the first time in twenty-eight years Christ church, New Haven, Conn., is without a rector. The Rev. Joseph Brewster, who took charge of it in 1854, has tendered his resignation on account of ill-health, and it has been reluctantly accepted by his parishioners.

A religious census taken on a recent Sunday in Glasgow showed that the number of Evangelical churches were 324, with an aggregate attendance of 115,201, and 20 Roman Catholic churches with an aggregate attendance of 15,871. The population of the city and suburbs included was at last census 704,436.

The truth is, people want definitions; they want doctrines, however much superficial thinkers may discard them. Give the people something they can grasp, that takes hold of eternal verities, and they will hear. They may or may not believe, but they will listen, think, study, see their own littleness, we may hope, bow to the truth.—The Golden Rule.

Archdeacon Watkins, of Newcastle, England, has partially adopted the methods of the "Salvation Army." Under his direction recently out-door services were held in the lowest and most crowded parts, consisting of collects, hymns and brief addresses, which were attended by persons nearly all of whom are known to the police. Archdeacon Watkins was accompanied by a surpliced choir, and the band of the Salvation Army was engaged.

It is the spirit of the age to count sin a *mere peccadillo*, whereas it cuts off at one stroke all hope or trust in God, all love for Him, and every pleasing thought of Him. To count it a little thing, to laugh at it, to jest about it, to find pleasure in reading or hearing representations of it, is criminal thoughtlessness in the young, and desperate wickedness in the old. The spirit of belittling sin is infectious. Those who do so, whether in the bitterness of the cynic, the impotent folly of the wornout debauchee, the buffoonery of the clown, or the frivolity of the precocious young man, poison their own souls, and should be avoided like the pestilence.—Christian Advocate.

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The Horse Shoe Charm.

BY ANNA C. STARBUCK.

They hung a gay horse shoe up overhead,
In the early morn when they were wed
They said it would bring good luck to the bride,
Good luck to the groom and all beside.

But the sweet carnations paled with fright,
And the roses shook from their lofty height
What power had the blossoms to alter fate?
Or how could the smaller fears abate?

Or the sweet perfume of the mignonette
Untangle the meshes of sorrow's net?

God's pity hangs over the flowers we pluck,
His blessings, alone, can bring good luck!

Alas, the red roses high up on the wall
Took their fate from the wine that has cursing for all

For the bridegroom's heart brought the bride her charm—
What use, what use of the horse shoe charm!

Embryo.

I feel a poem in my heart to-night,
A still thing growing;
As if the darkness to the outer light
A song were owing:
A something vague, and sweet and sad,
Fair, fragile, slender;
Not tearful, yet not daring to be glad,
And oh! so tender.

It may not reach the outer world at all,
Despite its growing;
Upon a poor flower such cold winds fall
To blight its blowing.
But oh! whatever may the thing betide,
Free life or fetter,
My heart, just to have held it till it died,
Will be the better.

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Oh, Tell Me Not of Heavenly Halls!

Oh, tell me not of heavenly halls,
Of streets of pearl and gates of gold.
Where angel unto angel calls
'Mid splendors of the sky untold.

My home—sick heart would backward turn
To find this dear, familiar earth
To watch its sacred hearth-fires burn,
To catch its songs of care or mirth.

I'd lean from out the heavenly choir
To hear once more the red cock crow.
What time the morning's rosy fire
O'er hill and field began to glow.

To hear the ripple of the rain,
The summer waves at ocean's brim.
To hear the sparrow sing again
I'd quit the wide-eyed cherubim!

I care not what heaven's glories are!
Content am I. More joy it brings
To watch the dandelion's star
Than mystic Saturn's golden rings.

And yet, and yet—oh dearest one,
My comfort from life's earliest breath,
To follow thee where thou art gone,
Through those dim, awful gates of Death—

To find thee—feel thy smile again,
To have eternity's long day
To tell my grateful love—why then,
Both heaven and earth might pass away!

The Shore Without a Port.

I know a shore without a port—
I were better be the east wind's sport
Than be aimless here!
Sails dropped and motionless, we stand,
Not more than one poor league from land;
Yet thither may not steer.

Such calm prevails—'twere not more vain,
Shipmates, upon the waveless plain
To give the sail and oar,
Like flickering metal, cooled in mold,
A solid sea of burnished gold
Divides us from the shore.

Fair is the land and flowerful;
On many an old wrecked, floating hull,
Wing'd seeds, windblown, alight;
They spring again in rank display—
The lotus, kissed with sun and spray,
And unknown flowers of night.
Good souls! an idle crew are we
We have no errand on these sea
No trade with any strand.
We nothing do but strive to guess,
(With lids half-shut in idleness),
What shapes are on the land.

Some say this region is the home
Of elf, and sprite, and urchin gnome,
A shrewd and jealous clan;
And some have seen a pale rout;
Of Loves and Graces, borne about
In Cytherea's van.

But some, of hotter vision, deem
This is the sest of every dream
The Gods send dreaming youth;
Our crew is like to mutiny,
No two the same delight can see,
Yet each contends for Truth!

Lost. A Boy.

From the Albany Express.

He went from the old home hearthstone,
Only two years ago,
A laughing, frolicking fellow,
It would do you good to know.
Since then we have not seen him,
And we say with nameless pain,
The boy we knew and loved so
We shall never see again.

One bearing the name we gave him
Comes home to us to-day,
But he is not the dear fellow
We kissed and sent away,
Tall as the man he calls father,
With a man's look in his face,
In he who takes by the hearthstone
The lost boy's olden place.

We miss the laugh that made music
Wherever this lost boy went;
This man has a smile most winsome,
His eyes have a grave intent,
We know he is thinking and planning
His ways in the world of men,
And we cannot help but love him,
But long for our boy again.

We are proud of this manly fellow
Who comes to take his place,
With hints of the vanished boyhood
In his earnest, thoughtful face;
And yet comes back the longing
For the boy we henceforth must miss
Whom we sent away from the hearthstone
Forever with a kiss.

Withered Roses.

Withered rose-leaves in the urn—
Every where our glances turn,
Time-old gifts recovering
Many a dainty, perfumed note,
Hands long cold once warmly wrote,
Hidden there by lovers.

Ah! the manly hand is now cold,
Ah! the men, where are they old,
This quaint room disclosed.
All the warmth is chill to-day;
All the life has passed away;
Naught is left but roses.

Roses withered now and dead,
All their ancient sweetness fled
With their ancient splendor.
As I bend, above I feel
A vague fragrance from them steal,
Like a mem'ry tender.

Of their olden pleasant day,
When the sun's rich golden blaze
Kissed their cheeks to glory;
Ah! the pain these mem'ries give;
Ah! the pain that one must live
When our life's sweet story

Holds no more the olden joy!
Of what use a valued toy,
When its charm is broken?
Of our life when youth is o'er
Of the past which comes no more,
Are these flowers the token.

When the sun has lost his light,
When the fall of winter's night
Our autumn tide o'ercloses—
Call we then the mem'ries sweet
Of those vanished moments fleet—
Ashes of youth's roses!

The Ploughboy.

KATE SEYMOUR MACLEAN.

I wonder what he is thinking
In the ploughing field all day;
He watches the heads of his oxen,
And never looks this way.

And the furrows grow longer and longer
Around the base of the hill,
And the valley is bright with the sunset,
Yet he ploughs and whistles still.

I am tired of counting the ridges,
When will the oxen come and go,
And or thinking of all the blossoms
That are trampled down below.

I wonder if ever he guesses
That under the ragged brim
Of his torn straw hat I am peeping
To steal a look at him!

The spire of the church and the windows
Are all ablaze in the sun;
He has left the plough in the furrow,
His summer day's work is done.

And I hear him caroling softly
A sweet and simple lay,
That we often have sung together,
While he turns the oxen away.

The butterneps in the pasture
Twinkle and gleam like stars;
He has gathered a golden handful,
A leaning over the bars.

He has shaken the curls from his forehead,
And is looking up this way.
Oh, where is my sun-bonnet, mother?
He was thinking of me all day

And I'm going down to the meadow,
For I know he is waiting there,
To wreathe the sunshine blossoms
In the curls of my yellow hair.

Alleged Spring.

Whereas on certain boughs and sprays
Now divers buds are found to cling,
And sundry flowers their heads upraise—
Hail to the return of spring.

The song of those said birds arouse
The memory of our youthful hours;
As green as those said sprays and boughs;
As fresh and sweet as those said flowers.

Oh! busiest term of Cupid's court,
Where tender plaints in action bring,
Season of frolic and of sport—
Hail, as aforesaid, coming spring.

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Pure white, without any yellow or ecru tinge, will be more fashionable than the creams of ecrus.

Why Some People Fail to Succeed.

They neglect details.
They fail to push business.
They talk politics too much.
They have no eye to business.
They imitate the neighbors.
They know not the power of method.
They become rusty and lose ambition.
They let their help waste and destroy.
They have too much outside business.
They fail to invent or have new ideas.
They are liberal to home enterprises.
They are penny wise and pound foolish.
They are not polite or accommodating.
They don't know that the best is cheapest.
They hope for fortune to drop in their laps.
They think most things take too much trouble.
They attend to everything but their own business.

Married Folks Would be Happier.

Sunday Courier.

If home trials were never told to neighbors.

If they kissed and made up after every quarrel.

If household expenses were proportioned to receipts.

If they tried to be agreeable as in courtship days.

If each would try and be a support and comfort to each dollar.

If each remembered the other was a human being, not an angel.

If women were so kind to their husbands as they are to their lovers.

If fuel and provisions were laid in during the high tide of summer.

Is both parties remembered that they were married for worse as well as for the better.

If men were as thoughtful for their wives as they were for their sweethearts.

If there were fewer silk and velvet street costumes and more plain, tidy house dresses.

If there were fewer "please darlings" in public and more common manners in private.

If wives and husbands would take some pleasure as they go along, and not degenerate into mere toiling machines. Recreation is necessary to keep the heart in its place, and to get along without it is a big mistake.

Fashion Points.

Linohen green is a new shade.

The new red is carnation color.

Sateen is a good material for a domino.

Satin, with jet heads, is the new gimp.

Redingotes and polonaises are revived.

Combination costumes are losing favor.

Double-breasted sacques are out of style.

Worth is bringing plain stuffs into fashion.

New cotton satinettes are as lustrous as silk.

Jersey dresses are fashionable for little girls.

The Valois style retains its hold on public favor.

Cashmere and India shawls will be in high favor.

Stained glass designs are copied in new spring goods.

The latest form of the poke bonnet is the "London Witch."

The "Comets of 1881" is a new design for cambrics and lawn.

The masculine style of dress for women is going out of vogue.

Sunflower yellow crops out in ribbons and other millinery goods.

Sleeves made of fine flowers are pretty on evening dresses.

A pouf just below the back of the waist is on the newest dresses.

Moons and large polka spots will be stylish for spring dresses.

Sicily and Turkey reds in bright ruby-like shades will be much worn.

Embroidery patterns, done in feathers' appear on new ball dresses.

Maiden hair fern is mixed with orange blossoms for brides' dresses.

All shades of color are represented in the grounds of the new sateens.

Satin toilets are much used for receptions and afternoon entertainments

Quarter trains are more stylish than either short skirts ar demi-trains.

Foulard handkerchiefs have large balls of three colors on a white ground.

Moire Pekin in narrow stripes of satin on a moire surface is a pretty novelty.

Feathers trim many ball dresses, but flower garnitures are not exploded.

Jasmine and white lilacs are mingled with orange blossoms in bridal wreaths.

Chipped feather rosettes, in pale pink shades, trim newly imported bonnets.

The passion flower is a favorite design in printed sateens, percales and cambrics.

The new batistes follow the colorings and designs of the new sateens and percales.

Straw hats and bonnets will be worn almost to the exclusion of chip this spring.

Gilt nails, with flat, square heads, are used to fasten cloth dresses instead of buttons.

Many small capote bonnets are seen among the first openings of spring millinery.

Lenten costumes will be made of fine black wool, trimmed with braid or with lace.

A plainly but well made and tastefully draped costume often eclipses a more elegant toilet.

Sleeves are very short, and generally consist of a shoulder-piece plaited in fan shape, or a bow and two crossed draperies.

A novelty in ornaments for evening wear is flowers of gold, silver or steel filigree. They are worn in the hair, on the corsage, and looping the sash or skirt draperies.

The liveliest and purest shades of rose, pink, blue, mauve, maize, and other light colors are seen in spring sateens in addition to the sage grays, bronzes, olives, hunter's maroon, navy and turquoise blues, black and white.

New woolen dress stuffs have appeared in albatross cloth, and French bunting and nuns' vailings will live through another season; and because useful and durable, they will perhaps acquired standard position in the list of dress fabrics.

Lace ribbons are the novelty of the season. These imitate the designs of moresque and Spanish laces, which are woven in thick figures on a lace-like ground that forms the ribbon, and the edges are scalloped. The familiar arabesques, great roses and leaf patterns of Spanish laces are perfectly copied, and a soft, lace-like trimming is the result, that will be very effective on the bonnets of plain English and Tuscan straw.

Trimming ribbons are wider than those of last season, and will measure three to four inches. Another new ribbon combines faille sedulously with the lace patterns and with satin; thus the centre stripe will be faille, a lace stripe edges this on one side, while on the other side is satin with brocaded small flowers or leaves. There are also ribbons that are moire half their width, and the moresque lace designs make up the other half; sometimes a watered stripe is through the middle of the ribbon, and there are lace stripes on each edge.

Waists cut low in the neck, "a la grecque, with shoulder-pieces of precious stones, are to be the style. Jewels are to be much worn on ball dresses, arranged in novel ways. Branches of flowers and leaves, in diamonds and other stones, as well as very large beetles of precious stones, are worn on the dress. The last named are on the waist. The bunches of a mhlematical flowers are arranged in branches, placed one over another, and twisted around the arm, reaching to the elbow, or are arranged to form aigrettes for the hair. White satin and tulle toilets are trimmed with natural flowers, arranged for the purpose.

It has probably been raining up in Fannin county. The Honey Grove Independent intimates as much when it says that wild ducks can float throughout the length and breadth of Fannin county, and only touch land in high places.

San Antonio Market Review.

FINANCIAL.

OFFICE OF DAILY AND WEEKLY EXPRESS, Friday, February 18th, 1882.

Money continues in good demand and to-day, as usual on Saturday, business was quite lively at the banks. Rates are very firm. Local securities are firm and in demand with few offerings. Nice quotations are unchanged.

EXCHANGE—	
Silver coin	¼ dis to par
Mexican dollars	57¼@58
Mexican halves	40
Mexican quarters	20
New York exchange, bankers	par. to ¼ pre.
New Orleans exchange	par. to ¼ pre.
Galveston exchange	par. to ¼ pre.
St. Louis exchange	par. to ¼ pre.
MONEY—	
Bank discounts, good paper	10 per ct.
S A Gas Co stock	75@80
S A R R & Loan Lock	par
S A street railroad Co bonds	115 bid
S A " " " stock	nom.
S A Water Works Co 7 per cent bonds	par
" " " " stock preferred	nom.
" " " " common	nom.
City bonds due April 1st, 1885, 10 per cent	112
" " " June 1st, 1888, 8 " "	110
" " " Sept. 1st, 1891, 6 " "	105
Bexar county bonds due March 1st, 1896	115
State of Texas 5 per cent	112¾
Alternate land certificates	$34.00
Confederate 1280 acres	$35.00
Veteran 1280 acres	$230@235
" 640 "	$125@130

COMMERCIAL.

Receipts by wagons were better to-day than for several days past but a continuance of dry weather is needed to make the receipts by wagons up to the proper mark

COTTON.—The local market is firm and unchanged. Receipts continue light. Twenty-four bales were received by rail and seventy-two bales were shipped by rail.

The New York market for spot cotton opened this morning quiet and firm, ruled firm and closed firm with sales of 514 bales. Our New York quotations show only the price of Texas cotton in New York. It plands are a quarter of a cent lower.

The New Orleans market for spot cotton opened steady and closed strong with sales of 9,000 bales.

The Galveston receipts were 725 bales and the sales were 765 bales. The market closed firm with quotations revised.

SPOT COTTON QUOTATIONS.

	N. Y.	N. O.	Gal'n	San. An.
L. O.	—	8¾	8¾	7
S. M.	9¾	9¾	9¾	8
G. O.	10 5-16	10¼	10¼	9¾
L. M.	11 7-16	11	10½	10¼
M. M.	11¾	11½	11¼	10¾
G. M.	12¼	11¾	11¾	10¾
M. F.	12	12	11¾	11¼

The future markets show advances to-day and New Orleans appears to be leading the advance.

NEW YORK FUTURES CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

	To-day	Yesterday.
Sales	127,600	122,000
January, 1883	—	—
February, 1883	11.61@11.63	11.56@11.58
March, "	11.66@11.69	11.62@11.63
April, "	11.86@11.87	11.79@
May, "	12.02@12.05	11.94@11.95
June, "	12.17@12.18	12.10@12.11
July, "	12.32@12.33	12.24@
August, "	12.45@12.44	12.34@12.35
Septemb. "	11.92@11.96	11.88@11.90
October, "	11.42@11.43	11.39@11.37
November "	11.27@11.29	11.24@11.25
December "	11.31@11.33	11.26@11.28

NEW ORLEANS FUTURES CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

	To-day	Yesterday.
Sales	63,600	64,200
January, 1883	—	—
February, 1883	11.45@	11.43@11.45
March, "	11.43@11.44	11.43@11.44
April, "	11.61@11.63	11.61@11.63
May, "	11.84@	11.79@11.80
June, "	11.97@11.98	11.91@11.93
July, "	12.09@12.10	12.04@12.05
August, "	12.20@12.22	12.17@12.18
September, "	11.48@11.50	11.45@11.48
October, "	11.16@11.18	11.13@11.20
November, "	11.06@11.07	11.05 bid
December "	— @	11.05 bid

GRAIN.—Prices are very firm and dealers state that they have more orders than grain.

Corn per bushel	$1.05@1.10
Oats " "	70@80
Red Winter Wheat No. 1	$1.70
" " " No. 2	1.60
" " " No. 3	1.50
Seed Rye per bushel	1.50
Cracked corn	80@90
Corn meal	$1.00@1.10
Ground mixed corn and oats	$2.50@2.60
Wheat bran, per hundred pounds	1.50@1.60
Corn bran per hundred pounds	70@80
Purified middlings per hundred pounds	$3.05
Common " " " "	265
Shorts per hundred pounds	$1.25@1.40
Corn fodder, per hundred bundles	2.00@2.50
Baled hay, per ton	18.00@20.00
New hay bulk per ton	15.00

LIVE STOCK.—Local business is light on account of the heavy condition of the roads but there are large transactions in the country for future deliveries. Prices are firm.

Cows, per head	$16.00@20.00
Milch cows, per head	25.00@35.00
Yearling steers and heifers	10.00@11.00
Two year old steers & heifers, pr hd	14.00@15.00
Three " " " " "	18.00
Four " " " " "	22.00
No. 1 oxen	25.00@30.00
Mexican ewes, per head	1.65@2.00
Improved Mexican	2.00@2.25
Graded to shear 4 lbs	2.50@2.00
Graded to shear 5 lbs	3.00@3.50
Graded to shear 6 lbs	3.50@4.00
Mutton, weighing 70 to 80 lbs	1.50@2.00
" " 80 to 95 lbs	1.75@2.25
Horses, unbroken, 14 hands and upward	$20@30
Broken horses, 14 hands and upward	$35@45
Mules 13 to 14 hands	$35@50
First class mares, by carload	$15@20
Kids	$ 50@1.00
Hogs, good, per hundred	4.00
Hogs, fat.	4.50@4.75

LUMBER.—The demand continues active, and stocks are not large. With settled weather the demand will be largely increased. Prices continue very firm.

Texas pine, rough, per M	$25.00
" dressed on one side, per M	32.00
" " both sides, per M	35.00
" flooring, per M	32.00
White pine siding, clear	35.00
" " second class	32.50
Florida pine, dressed, per M	$35.00@40.00
" " flooring,	35.00
Laths, white pine, per M	7.00
Laths, Louisiana pine, per M	7.00
Shingles, Long & Co., O. K. per M	7.00
" " " R. " "	5.50
" Russell's No. 1 " "	5.50
" Moore & Co., No. 1, "	5.50
" Star A. Cedar " "	6.00
" Pine " "	4.50

HIDES AND SKINS.—There is no change to note here since our last report. Good, heavy average primes and seconds are wanted, all others are neglected. This is a good time to ship good hides to this market as the demand for the best stock is improving.

Prime 20 lbs. and over	16@18
Seconds	14@16
Damaged and Bull	7@9
Deer	30@35
Goat, selected	22@25
Goat, damaged	11
Kid	15@16
Sheep skins	25@35

FUEL.—Wood is in better supply and plaza prices are easier. The coal dealers have done a thriving business since the rainy weather began.

W od, per cord	$5.00@7.00
Charcoal, per barrel	30@00
Coal per ton	$4.50@—

COFFEE.—Demand and stock good.

Cordova	15
Rio fair	12½
" prime	13¼@14
" choice	15@16

SHEEP DIP TOBACCO.—The advance in prices of all kinds of tobacco are firmly maintained. There is no prospect of any decline until after next year's crop is harvested. Sheep dip tobacco is in fair stock and is firmly held.

Hill's extract of tobacco, retail per can	$5.00
Bennett's diamond " " "	9.50

LARD.—There is a good demand at steady prices.

Tierce	12¼@13
Tins	13@14

SUGARS.—Steady, with usual demand and fair stock.

Crushed	11¾
Powered	11¾
Granulated	11¾
Standard A	10¾
Extra C	10
Prime La	9
Fair La	8¾@8¾

FLOUR.—Stock of better grades good. Low grades are scarce. The demand is active.

Fancy per bbl	$8.50@8.75
Choice Family	8.25@8.50
XXX	8.00@8.15

HAMS.—Good demand and good stock.

Canvassed	13¾
Uncanvassed	13

NUTS.—The following quotations are for retail lots from stores.

Brazil nuts per lb	20
Almonds " "	30
Filberts " "	25
Pecans " "	12½@15

BUTTER.—The demand far exceeds the supply of the best grades. Prices are very firm.

Goshen	30@40
Northern, per lb	25@30
Common country per lb	15@20
Dairy " "	25@30

RICE.—Fair demand and good stock.

Louisiana, per pound	7¼@9¼
Carolina " "	9@10

DRIED FRUITS, Etc.—Strongly held at present prices and with further advances probable.

Apples	9
Barley	6@6¾
Beans, white	75
Citron	19
Currants	9
Dates	7@8
Figs, split and green	5
Peaches	18¾
Prunes, Turkish	9¾
Layer raisins, whole, per box	$3.25@3.00
" " halves	$1.25

ALES, PORTER, Etc.—

Mueller's beer, quarts, pts per cask	6 ds $22.00
English ale, pints, "	8 " 21.00
English porter, pints, "	8 " 20.00
" quarts, "	7 " 22.00
St. Louis beer, Anheuser or	7 " 15.50
Milwaukee, Schlitz quarts	6 " 15.5

BACON.—The demand is good and stock fair.

Long clear	11¼@11¾
Short clear	—

POTATOES.—The supply of white potatoes by rail is ample for present demand. Prices are well maintained.

Irish, per lb	3¼@4
Sweet, per bushel	$1.50

ONIONS.—In fair stock and firmly held at quotations.

Onions per lb	5¼@

CIDER.—Stock equal to demand.

Apple per gal	30@40

RECEIPTS BY RAIL TO-DAY.

By the Galveston, Harrisburg & San Antonio railroad: Two carloads of salt, one of household goods, two of sand, one of cotton, seven of lumber, and four of general merchandise.

By the International & Great Northern railroad: One carload of beer, two of flour, one of oats, one of wagons, one of sulphur, eight of general merchandise, and five of lumber.

SHIPMENTS BY RAIL TO-DAY.

By the Galveston, Harrisburg & San Antonio railroad: Seventy-two bales of cotton, one carload of lumber, and 159,000 lbs. of general merchandise.

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Notice is also hereby given that the regular annual meeting of the Stockholders of this company will be held at the office of the company, at Palestine, Texas, on Monday, April 3rd, 1882, at 11 o'clock a. m., pursuant to the By-Laws of the company, for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors, to serve for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting. D. S. H. SMITH,

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1	do do OF	5,000		5,000
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5	do do	1,000		5,000
20	do do	500		10,000
100	do do	100		10,000
200	do do	50		10,000
500	do do	20		10,000
1,000	do do	10		10,000

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The Daily Express.

Sunday Morning, February 19, 1882.

Meteorological.

Daily Bulletin—Signal Service U. S. Army Division of Telegrams and Reports for the benefit of commerce and agriculture.

Observations recorded at 1:35 P. M. Feb. 18.

Observations taken at the same moment of time at all stations.

Locality	Bar.	Thr.	Wind	H'n	Weath'r
San Antonio	29.96	76		...	cloudy
Denison	30.00	70		...	cloudy
Sill	29.98	63		...	cloudy
Elliott	29.95	71	S	...	cloudy
Concho	29.95	71	S	...	cloudy
Eagle Pass	29.96	79	SE	...	cloudy
Stockton	29.93	80	SE	...	cloudy
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Indications for To-Day.

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 18.—Indications for the west Gulf states: Partly cloudy weather, local rains, stationary or higher temperature and generally higher pressure.

City News.

—It looks like rain.

—Masquerade ball at Peter Jonas' to-night.

—Cloudy and threatening all day yesterday.

—The joy bells rang out merrily yesterday.

—The Sabbath day. Remember to keep it holy.

—New gutters and sidewalks are being put down on avenue D.

—The market on Military plaza was unusually lively yesterday.

—There were but four cases tried in the recorder's court yesterday.

—The expected norther arrived about 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

—Excessive mud and bad drainages is still the topic of conversation.

—Don't forget those remnants on Monday at SCHRAM & CO.'s.

—Casino members do not forget the mask ball Tuesday evening the 21st.

—Fun and frolic at Jonas' garden to-night.

—Mr. Fred Bader has just disposed of five hundred dollars worth of fine Durham cattle.

—Lent is near at hand, and there are only three more days for fashionable marriages.

—For barrel mackerel—fine and fat, pickles, kraut and pigs' feet, go to Sauer & Smith.

—The Mauermann residence will be ready for occupation during the latter part of the coming week.

—The trains run more regularly now, the wash-outs on the roads having been repaired.

—A splendid band of music will play at Jonas' garden this evening.

—Grand prize to the comic—male and female maskers on the 21st, Casino mask ball.

—The mud, as it was being carted off the streets yesterday afternoon, gave out a most intolerable stench.

—A float loaded with flour broke down while crossing the street car track on Alamo plaza yesterday afternoon.

—Just received by J. Landa, a lot of very fine hay, far superior to any in the market. Every bale guaranteed. 14tf

—We learn that the scheme to re-lease the San Pedro Springs to a California gentleman, has about fallen through.

—Only 50 cents admittance to the grand masquerade ball at Jonas' garden this evening.

—The Sunset 4.30 evening passenger train will leave the depot on the 18th, 19th and 20th, at 6:30 p. m., with passengers. feb 18-3t

—Only 1000 tickets left for Hart & Brown's free donation. The rush for tickets is a sight and so will the drawing be.

—Rain or shine there will be a grand masquerade ball at Jonas' garden this evening.

—Andrew Tuttle was thrown from his seat on an express wagon on Main plaza yesterday afternoon, injuring himself severely.

—Ti-Ching Wong, an almoned-eyed Celestial, has changed his name to Jim Collins, and now runs a laundry on the other side of the San Pedro.

—St. Marks church sociable will take place at the residence of A. Dean on Monday night, if the weather permits, at 7½ o'clock. All are invited.

—The case of Wm. Lyons vs. Larry Carpenter, before Justice Shields, for forcible entry and detainer, was decided for plaintiff.

—Arrangements are being made for the free donation of Hart & Brown, to take place either in Casino or Turner hall.

—The select, Casino mask ball will take place Tuesday evening. Two grand prizes for comic costumes.

—Children's mask ball—Saturday afternoon, the 25th, from 4 to 10, p. m., at Casino Hall.

—There were over four hundred and twenty tickets sold for the masquerade ball at Turner's hall last night, before the doors were opened.

—The last masquerade ball of the season at Jonas' garden this evening.

—The annual masquerade ball at the Casino promises to be one of the grandest events of the season, and will take place Tuesday evening.

—We were yesterday shown the will of Oscar Mitchell, deceased. It contained twenty-five dollars worth of stamps on it to make it legal.

—To-day the Catholic church celebrates the feast of Saint Barbatus, and to-day is also the anniversary of the birth of Henry, Prince of Wales.

—J. W. Hall, of Escambia, Alabama, writes that he thinks of purchasing 20,000 acres of land in Frio county and going into the cattle business.

—C. Bain & Co., have now for sale 130 good mules and 18 horses. Call to-morrow and get your choice. See advertisement.

—The 22nd infantry band will be in Galveston most of this week, so that there will probably be no dress-parade on Monday at the post of San Antonio, and no concerts this week.

—An old woman, 84 years of age, named Mrs. Cooker, rode into the city on horseback yesterday afternoon, a distance of four and a half miles.

—The improvements on the Canterberry homestead, by Henry Pauly and C. H. Cotton, are going on rapidly, and it is now ready for the tin roof.

—Very Rev. Canon Johnston's sermon to-morrow morning will treat of the able and profoundly learned pastorate of the Rt. Rev. Bishop Neraz.

—Two marriage licenses were issued yesterday from the county clerk's office as follows: Alberto Castro and Tuburcia Gonzales; Max A. Bardenwerper and Eliza Weling.

—A tame deer, in the third ward, being teased by several children, attacked one, and would have severely injured him, had not his mother, hearing his cries, ran to his rescue.

—The piles of mud and garbage that line Avenue C, on either side, should be carted away at once, as they are not only a great inconvenience to carriages and teams, but also are exceedingly unhealthy.

—The contract to build Mr. Albert Maverick's new two-story store, on Houston street, adjoining the Maverick estate office, has been awarded to Mr. Henry Pauly at the figure of $13,914. Ground will be broken for work on Monday next.

—Wm. Matthews, who lives in the Poulos neighborhood, was in town yesterday and found upon our streets a genuine specimen of the Colorado potato bug—the first, he says, he ever saw in Texas. It is almost round, about the size of a large pea, and has black and white or gray stripes along its shell.

—An ambulance, loaded with dry corn husks, while crossing the junction of the Sunset and International became ignited by a spark from the driver's pipe, and in a moment his inflammable load was one mass of flames. Hastily unhitching from his wagon the team he switched his horses and left his wagon and load a heap of ashes on the road.

—The London house has been reopened.

—We acknowledge a pleasant serenade from the negro minstrel maskers last night.

—The Arbeiter Verein also gave a pleasant masquerade ball last night at their hall.

—A great many neat cottages have recently been built in the northwestern portion of the city.

—There were many country people in the city yesterday, and as a consequence trade was brisk.

—A new meat market and several small buildings have been recently contracted near the international depot.

—A new and substantial pavement is soon to be constructed in front of the Maverick lumber yard on Houston street.

—Nearly all the material used in the construction of railways that was formerly in this city, has been shipped to Mexico and St. Louis.

—Avenue C and west Commerce street are terribly uneven, so much so that many carriages have their springs broken when driving over them.

—A riderless horse, with saddle and bridle on, was seen going southwest of the city yesterday, about five miles from town. It was a dun horse, in good condition.

—George Nash, a colored boy, while fishing in the river yesterday morning, accidentally ran a fish hook into the palm of his hand, which was cut out with much difficulty.

—The machinery for the electric light company of this city, which is daily expected, is capable only of lighting halls, hotels, houses, etc., and not the streets and plazas, as many suppose.

—We are glad to be able to say that Capt. Stevens is getting along nicely and doing as well as possible under the circumstances. If his constitution is sufficiently strong, there is no doubt of his ultimate recovery.

—A meeting of the San Antonio Land League will be held at Myer's hall on Wednesday next, at 7½ p. m., to celebrate the anniversary of Washington's birthday. All persons are cordially invited to attend.

—While climbing on top of his father's wood-shed on North Flores street, Robbie Bracewood slipped and fell to the ground, a distance of about ten feet. He was insensible for some time, but fortunately no serious injury was done.

—One of the most noticeable features of the masquerade at Turner hall last evening, was the character of Liggett & Meyer's Star Navy tobacco, St. Louis, which is always ahead. Those who can appreciate a good article of tobacco should chew no other.

—St. Joseph's orphan asylum, on Military plaza, is in every way unfitted for its present purposes. The site is anything but desirable, for the pious and gentle sisters are continually disturbed by the ribald song and jest of loose and drunken characters that pass by their very windows. They have suffered this long and patiently, and some well directed effort should now be made to procure for them a better building in a quieter portion of the city.

—Mr. F. J. Reitel has one of the largest and varied stocks of lumber in the city. He has constantly on hand all kinds of lumber and building material, which he sells at an exceedingly low price. He also has a large assortment of doors, sashes and blinds, which are manufactured expressly for this climate. His lumber yard is near the International depot, and those wishing to buy cannot do better than call on him before going elsewhere.

—Referring to an article in Thursday's Light, headed "The Keroman-Cupples Cases," I have only to say, that as the representative of the State in this matter, I dismissed these cases with a knowledge of what my own business is, and without the least intention of "practicing a cruel sell upon the public, or a serious joke upon the Count. If, however, it be regarded as a joke," I will mercifully cite the old adage—"Who laughs last laughs best," for the edification of those interested. ELIAS EDMONDS.

—The correct name of the Mexican who shot Captain Ed. Stevens is Juan Salizar y Garza. He was known as a very desperate and daring horse-thief, and it is supposed those with whom he has been staying on the Cibolo are engaged in the same business. Several months ago he was confined in the Bexar county jail, supposed to be a Live Oak county horse-thief, but nothing could be heard from there and he was turned loose. We learned yesterday that there is now no doubt but that the baby was killed during the battle, but by whom the shot was fired will never be known. It was one of those unfortunate acts that could not be helped. While Captain Stevens lay wounded and bleeding in the house waiting for Mr. Alexander to procure an ambulance at the Weir ranch, another Mexican, probably the father of the child, approached and cursed and abused him in a dreadful manner, and he expected every moment to be murdered outright.

Texas School Journal.

Through the kindness of the editor, Prof. W. C. Rote, superintendent of public schools in this city, we have received the initial number of the "Texas School Journal," published in this city, a sixteen page pamphlet, devoted to Texas schools and homes. The "Texas School Journal" is ably edited, and gotten up in good style of typography. We trust it will meet with hearty encouragement. Following is the contents of the number before us:

Public Opinion: Independence of Teachers—Teachers must be Scholars—Be Satisfied—School and Society—Normal Training and Superintendence—Productive Value in Education—Principles before Methods—Playing on School Grounds—Newspapers and Schools—The Social Rank of Teachers—Practical Methods of Moral Culture—Moral Instruction—Teacher's Salaries—Our Higher Institutions—Corporal Punishment.

Politeness a Lost Art.

A New Method in Arithmetic.

Teaching Reading.

Sex in Teachers.

Editorial Department: Greeting—Business—For Schoolmen—National Aid to Education.

Value of School Rivalries.

How to Manage a New Rule in Arithmetic.

The Power of Example.

Educational Miscellany.

Book Notices.

Commissioners' Court.

The county commissioners met yesterday morning. Present, Judge Felix G. Smith, presiding; Sam S. Smith, clerk, and a full board.

In the matter of the Mathews' road a new jury of viewers was appointed to view the road heretofore ordered, and obtain consent of the owners.

Robert C. Symington petitioned for an increase of salary, which was rejected.

A Confederate land certificate was granted to Andres Mata.

The bill of $35 for a postmortem examination on the body of Bryce, by Dr. Adolph Herff, was acted on by the commissioners by charging the same to county physician Graves.

Many reports from road overseers were received, approved and ordered filed. A majority of them asked that their successors be appointed for 1882.

Action on the new court-house plans submitted by Mr. Alfred Giles, will be acted on during the early part of next week.

Railroad Work.

Mr. Joe Van Wie, a prominent contractor on the Sunset road, is in the city. He tells us there are from 2,700 to 3,000 railroad hands now at work on the road between the Pecos and Devil's rivers. The work is progressing as rapidly as possible, and more men are arriving at the rate of from forty-five to sixty per day. He does not think connection will be made with the line from El Paso under twelve months, and maybe longer. The Del Rio branch is being pushed forward in order to furnish all the necessary supplies. The enormous amount of from four to five hundred kegs of powder are used for blasting purposes in a single day. The noise is so great that it resounds like a great battle in progress. It is the battle of civilization in the wildernesses of the Texas frontier. "Let the battle proceed."

Recorder's Court.

The following cases were tried before Mayor French in the recorder's court yesterday morning:

Camillo Savalles, drunk and down, fined $5.

Frank Huetmer, drunk and down, fined $5.

C. Horn, leaving his team unhitched in the public streets, fined $3.

F. Gutierez, drunk and down, fined $5.

TURNER MASQUERADE BALL.

A Jolly Good Time at Turner Hall Last Night.

For many weeks past the San Antonio Tarn-Verein has been preparing for their grand masquarade ball, which took place last night at Turner hall, and as far as we were able to judge, it was an eminent success. Everything was well prepared and arranged to the best advantage, the large stage being set apart and furnished with chairs for unmasked spectators, and also around the hall were seats for the same purpose. As is usual at such entertainments, the hall was not too crowded, affording every opportunity for the jolly maskers to enjoy themselves to the fullest extent, and they did indeed, for a jollier and happier set of young folks it has never been our pleasure to witness.

The principal group represented Oberon, Titania and staff, elves, frogs, etc., and contained twenty six characters, equally divided among ladies and gentlemen, as follows:

The three Misses Staffel, Miss Kaltenyer, Miss Stumberg, the two Misses Heusinger, Miss Ida Rossy, Miss Sartor, the two Misses Hermer, Miss L. Paschel and Miss Schlickun; Messrs. Otto Staffel, Herman Schutze, Herman Muenzenberger, Louis Stumburg, H. Michel, Alex Sartor, Moritz Rossy, Wm. Vollbright, August Grossman, Willie Huerman, A. Beckmann and Frank Huck. This was the finest and largest group in the hall, and was artistically gotten up and well represented.

The next group were the sailors of the Great Eastern, sixteen characters, eight ladies and eight gentlemen, as follows: Arthur Guenther and Miss Emilia Zork; Albert Steves and Miss Fannie Baetz; Ernst Steves and Miss Mary Guenther; F. W. McAllister and Miss Johanna Rische; Rudolph Froebel and Miss Virginia Zork; Henry Boerner and Miss Ella Zork; A. Huth and Miss Mary Elmendorf; Ed. Elmendorf and Miss Lizzie Degener. The costumes were very tasteful and the groupe made a handsome appearance.

The burlesque on the "Way we celebrate Washington's Birthday in San Antonio," was fine indeed, and elicited much favorable comment.

They were as follows:

John Beckmann, chief; Martin Stroebel, Fire Co., No. 1; August Briam, Hook and Ladder Co.; Kiefer, Hose Section, Berthold Schram, bootblack; musicians, etc.

Universal Stomach Bitters, a huge bottle with two attendants—Albert Persh, Chas. Pape and Julius Dauer.

The San Antonio Daily EXPRESS—Miss Natalie Derr.

The best negro masker in the house, conceded so by all was Mr. Willie Schuncke.

Good Scotchman—Mr. Oscar Patzig.

Knitting women, well represented—Misses Bertha Dauenhauer and Annie Kuehn.

Gauchos from the Argentine Republic—Francis Vogel, Eugene Staffel, Herbert Zork, Billie Reuter and Mr. Villareal.

German Country Boy—C. Wurzbach.

Courtier of Louis XV—L. Lewin.

Faith, Hope and Love—Misses Lina Briam, Lina Heuermann and Miss Baenel

The Sun—Miss Annie Heiner.

Europe—Johanna Schuncke.

Harlequins—The Misses Saens, Miss Agnes Laue, Miss Atelia Haenel, Mrs C. F. Wagenfuhr, Miss Ida Hanelsen, Miss Louisa Dauenhauer, Joe Beckman and Sam W. Bennett.

Swiss Girl—Miss Ella G. Sturm.

Wine Picker—Miss Dora Mugge.

Seamstress—Miss Matilda Duessen.

French Harlequin—Miss L. Rousel.

Chimney Sweeps—Ben Mauermann and C. Runge.

Druggist—Mrs. C. Wurzbach.

United States, stars and stripes—Miss Duesselhorst.

One of the best groups in the hall was the negro minstrels. They left the hall before unmasking, and we could not learn their names.

At twelve o'clock the signal was given to unmask and supper was then announced, which was spread most bountifully in the rooms adjoining the hall.

Everything passed off in the best humor, nothing occurring to mar the enjoyment of the occasion. The whole entertainment reflects much credit on the managing committee, which was composed of the following gentlemen: Messrs. Udo Rhodius, Charles Heuermann, C. F. Klein, Wm. Huth and Conrad Zuschlag.

District Court.

The following cases were disposed of yesterday:

1895 Rafael Garcia, theft under $20. Plea of guilty, jury waived. Judge Noonan remarked that Garcia being so young, if he would go to work and try to earn an honest living, the court would be lenient, but otherwise the heaviest penalty possible would be imposed.

1896 State of Texas vs. Manuel Perez, theft under the value of $20. Plea of guilty, sentenced to 3 months in county jail.

1897 State of Texas vs. Manuel Perez, theft under $20. Plea of guilty, dismissed.

903 State of Texas vs. T. P. Burdett et al., forfeiture of bond; judgment made final.

865 G. W. Hauk vs. A. Philo et al., suit on drafts; motion to reinstate granted.

870 F. McC. Newton, tax collector, vs. the S. A. R. E. Building & Loan association, suit for $887.62 taxes 1878-9; motion to reinstate granted and leave to file a supplemented petition.

914 Anton Fyka, sr., vs. Anton Fyka, jr., et al., appeal from justice's court; motion for a new trial overruled.

1893 State of Texas vs. Wm. Evans, theft over $20; motion for a new trial overruled and notice of appeal given.

Religious Notices.

Services at Odd Fellows' building, corner of Houston and St. Mary's streets, at 11 o'clock a. m. and 4 p. m. to-day, conducted by Rev. Wm. Howell Buchanan, pastor. All are invited.

San Fernando cathedral—Rt. Rev. J. C. Neraz, pastor.—Low mass 7:30 a. m., high mass 10 a. m., vespers, 5 p. m.

St. Mark's cathedral—Rt. Rev. R. W. Elliott, bishop of western Texas, very Rev. W. R. Richardson, dean; morning services at 11 a. m., evening services 8 p. m., and Sunday school at 9 a. m.

St. Mary's church—Very Rev. T. J. Johnston, pastor and canon of the diocese. Rev. Father Milmo, assistant; low mass at 7 a. m., high mass at 10 a. m. and vespers at 3 p. m.

First Presbyterian church, Rev. J. W. Neil, pastor, services at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Sunday school at 9 a. m.

First Baptist church, Rev. H. Dobson, pastor. Morning services at 10:30 a. m. and evening services at 8 p. m.

St. Michael's (Polish) church, Rev. Father Stanislas Woiciechowski, pastor, high mass at 10 a. m. vespers at 4 p. m.

St. Joseph's church, Rev. Father Pefferkorn, pastor, low mass 7 a. m., high mass 10 a. m., vespers 3 p. m.

Regular services to-day at the Soledad street Methodist church, south; W. J. Young, pastor. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Preaching by the pastor at 11 a. m., and 7:30 p. m. The public are cordially invited to attend. Seats free.

Trinity M. E. church on Avenue C, cordially invites the public to her services to-day. Sermon at 11 a. m., on the subject of "The Choice of Barabbas." Preaching at 7:30 p. m. Subject, "Esther the Beautiful Queen." Both services by the pastor, Rev. J. A. Kerr. Sabbath school at 3 p. m., Col. R. M. Moore, Superintendent.

St. Luke's chapel, Episcopal, corner of Leona and Zavala streets. Sunday school, 9:30; celebration of the holy communion 11 a. m. Sermon by the Rev. T. C. Stanley.

St. John's chapel, Austin street. Sunday school at 3 p. m. Services at 4 p. m. Sermon by the Rev. T. C. Stanley.

Divine services at the Macedonia Missionary Baptist church to-day at the corner Live Oak and Crockett streets. Sabbath school at 9 a. m., preaching at 3 p. m., and at 8 p. m. Subject for night service—"What Shall I do With Jesus." Rev E. M. Wright, pastor.

The Gallows.

INDIANA, Pa., February 17.—James Allison was hanged in the jallyard here today. He refused the services of all ministers, and on the gallows claimed himself innocent of the crime for which he was about to be hanged. The drop fell at 11:12, and at 11:19 he was pronounced dead. His neck was broken, and he died without a struggle.

Teams Wanted.

Twelve teamsters, each with a wagon and two mules, can find employment hauling gravel out of a cellar, by applying to Henry Pauly, or to foreman, on the premises, next to Maverick estate office. Six to seven dollars per day will be paid for a first-class plow team.

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Personal.

Hon. J. H. McLeary is in the city.

W. C. Daugherty, of Frio, is a guest at the Central.

Mr. J. T. Woodford, of St. Louis, is again at Hord's.

Mr. R. W. Nance, of Quincy, Illinois, is a guest at Hord's hotel.

Col. J. T. Brackenridge, of Austin, is in the city.

Mr. Sam Lytle, of Medina county, is visiting the city.

James Cumings Evans, of Kendall county, is again in the city.

R. M. Pendro, Esq., city attorney of Round Rock, has registered at the Central.

Ed. Haenel, merchant on the Cibolo, and his cousin, Mr. Hellman, came to the city yesterday to attend the turner ball.

Mr. J. Puig, a merchant of San Diego, arrived by the International train, and is a guest at Hord's hotel. Mr. Puig is on his way to New Orleans to attend the Madi Gras festivities.

Mr. Harry C. Leslie leaves to-morrow to attend the carnival festivities in Galveston. He will return in a few days and take views of the missions and of San Pedro springs.

Mr. D. J. Crowley, representing N. D. McDonald & Co., of New Orleans, is in the city delivering the 13th volume of the Encyclopaedica Britannica. Mr. Crowley tells us he has eighty names of subscribers for the Britannica in San Antonio.

Mr. T. R. Cree, of New York, traveling secretary of the international committee of the Young Mens' Christian Association of the United States, is staying at the Menger. His former visit to this city in company with Rev. Geo. Hall, will be remembered by many who attended the Evangelistic meetings they held. Mr. Cree has been renewing acquaintances here, and it was hoped he would be able to address religious meetings in the city to-day, but, having just returned from Evangelistic work on the Pacific coast, he has been obliged to spend his time here quietly recuperating health.

FROM SAN MARCOS.

Contract for New Court House Let—Crop Reports.

Special Correspondence.

SAN MARCOS, February 17.—The bids for building a new court house for Hays county were opened by the commissioners at 1 o'clock p. m., yesterday.

The bids were as follows:

Donalson & Rogers, $27,474.

E. Northcraft, $28,500.

Jas. B. Smith, $28,786.

It having been the intention of the commissioners to construct a building not to exceed in cost $20,000, the time since yesterday has been consumed by them in investigation of the plans and specifications with a view to a reduction in cost of construction. At 1 o'clock p. m. to-day they reached the conclusion that the house, in accordance with the accepted design, could not be built for less than the lowest bid, and the award of contract was made to Messrs. Donalson & Rogers, of this place. Plan by Mr. Ruffini, of Austin. Work to be commenced by February 24th, and building to be completed within eight months. The structure will be a handsome and substantial one and an honor to the county.

Small grain crops of all kinds are unusually well advanced, and with excellent seasons in the ground we look forward to planting time with "great expectations of splendid crops.

E. N.

Budget of News From Bandera.

Special Correspondence.

BANDERA, TEX., February 6th, 1882.—Bandera is crowded this week, the special term of district court being in session. The court met Monday, but has been at a standstill all week, waiting for the special venire in the Kelly murder case. This case will be taken up this morning, when the defendent will try to break up the court by showing that this special term was illegally called. This was done a few days ago, and the Stitts case, but the case was postponed, so the court did not set. In that case Mr. H. L. Gosling, attorney for Stitts, filed a large number of exceptions and motions to quash, in which exceptions and motions the legality of the court was attacked. The jurors are being held here from day to day, and nothing being done, there is big growling, and many wish the court would break up. If the Kelly case is tried this term it will be the big "battle royal" ever tried in this county. "Big guns" will wage the war. Master, Gosling, Hedspeth and Sullivan defend, and Wallace, MacNut and Teel prosecute.

Parson Potter is here selling his "Life," and will preach Sunday.

The town is improving, new houses going up all the time. The contract for building the Methodist church has been let out, and it will go right up. Mrs. Cunningham has opened up her new and elegant hotel, and Charley Montague's beautiful new residence looms up "immense."

The jail is full, but most of them are from other counties. Tom Jackson is in jail for stage robbing, and his lawyer, Mr. Gosling, sued out a habeas corpus for him a few days since, but the judge decided the case belonged to the federal court.

The Bugle is growing right along, and is a good paper. It and the Quill and THE EXPRESS are our main dependence.

It has been rainy and muddy, but it cleared off yesterday, and is beautiful now.

A good many invalids are here for their health. It is the best place for them.

The sheepmen are getting ready for the spring lambing, and the farmers are are happy with their prospects.

MORE ANON.

FROM LAMAR.

Irregular Mails—Bad Weather—Aransas Pass Deepening.

Special Correspondence.

LAMAR, ARANSAS CO., TEXAS, February 13.—Due mails here are now some four or five days behind time; owing, I presume, to the misdirection of the various postmasters on the route. The postmaster of Lamar and Rockport inform me that letters and packages that are mailed at Houston, and farther north and east, are post marked at San Antonio, and then at Corpus Christi, &c., before reaching here; the paper mail must go in that same round about, as THE EXPRESS is sometimes a week en route. I have written the postmaster at Houston to direct the coast mail to Harwood, where it will be taken to Cuero, thence to Goliad, &c., and I now ask of your postmaster, to be kind enough to send all mail matter for Lamar, St. Mary and Rockport via Harwood, instead of Corpus Christi or the Rio Grande. If there was a direct mail from San Antonio to Goliad, (as there will be when your railroad is built to Lamar) then that will be the proper way for the mail to go.

We have had a great deal of wet weather on the coast, which puts back the farmers and gardeners in their work, but the ground is thoroughly wet clear down, which insures good crops.

There has been some loss in stock in these parts from black leg, and what stock men call big jaw, but cattle are generally in good condition, as the winter has thus far been mild, and the grass is now growing.

Pass Aransas is steadily scouring out. There is now nearly one foot more water over the bar than formerly, and the engineer in charge confidently predicts from twelve to fifteen feet by March, and then, that it will steadily increase in depth till it reaches hard pan, which is from twenty to twenty-five feet below the surface of ordinary water. With Pass Aransas thus open I presume it will not be long before your people will build the long talked of railroad. The transportation of your wool alone would more than pay the yearly expense of running such a road, to say nothing of other and great advantages.

E. P. U.

Quinquagessima Sunday.

To-day, while so many Christians give themselves up to the dangerous pleasures of the world, the church brings forgivably before they the life of Christ, who died to save them. The epistle for the day is 1 Corinthians xiii. 1-13., and the gospel Luke xviii. 31-33.

Gravel for Sidewalks.

2,200 loads of gravel will be delivered at a very low figure, with two-horse wagons, to any part of the city, by applying to Henry Pauly, or on the premises, next to Maverick estate office. Six to seven dollars per day will be paid for a first-class plow team.

feb19-5t.

ATTENTION. ATTENTION.

SPECIAL REMNANT SALE AT SCHRAM & CO.'S

Linen and Cotton Lawns in Remnants at Half Cost.

To secure these bargains call early, it will be to your interest. We also include among remnants white and red flannels at prices which will astonish the trade.

feb19-2t SCHRAM & CO.

White Wines, Sweet and Dry,

At $1.25 a gallon, at the City Grocery Store, 220 Commerce street.

E. ABRAHAMS.

Found.

On Friday, a large brown hound. The owner can have it by applying at 247 Austin street.

Just Received

By Labatt & Co., two carloads of choice family flour in sacks of 50 and 100 pounds each. For sale in lots to suit at low figures. feb 19-3t.

—One pound can best baking powder for 25 cents, at the City Grocery Store, 220 Commerce street.

E. ABRAHAMS.

Just Received.

The largest and finest assortment of Mexican silver jewelry, at

E. HENTZENNO'S

Next to S. A. National Bank.

—Just received, three carloads of choice baker's flour, in sacks of 50 and 100 pounds each, and for sale at Labatt & Co.'s. Low for cash. feb 19-3t

Guitean's Hanging

Will not affect the low price at which boots and shoes are being sold at Martin & Son's. feb17-tf

—New white fish and extra mess mackerel at 220 Commerce street.

E. ABRAHAMS.

Spring Goods Arriving at Schram & Co.'s

White and colored linen lawns.
White and colored Persian lawns.
Plain and dotted Swisses.
Laces of all descriptions.
Spanish lace scarfings.
Black lace buntings.
And many other goods too numerous to mention. All of the above named goods are marked at our usual low prices and we shall take pleasure in showing them to the trade on and after Monday next.

SCHRAM & CO.

—Dr. E. L. Beaumont, the well-known homeopathic physician, has again opened an office in the city. His office is on Commerce street, over G. W. Caldwell's. See card published to-day.

Just Arrived. For Sale.

Three flocks young ewes 2,000, 1,225, 750 head each, good order and condition.

feb19-1w J. W. GLASS.

A Few Facts Worth Knowing.

1st. That A. I. Lockwood runs the only "coffee roasting" establishment in San Antonio, at 331 Houston street, that makes a specialty of "parching coffee."

2d. That he parches coffee every day, Sundays excepted, and the public will always find fresh, freshly parched coffee at his store, 331 Houston street.

3d. That his teas and coffees are strictly pure and fresh, and as low priced as any in this market. feb19-2t

—Furnished rooms to let with board, No. 234 Dwyer avenue. C. H. TUMEY.

—If you want a good Porter-house steak, bird on toast or buckwheat cakes, go to Frank Starr's restaurant, between Main and Military plazas, opposite San Fernando cathedral. feb18-tf

Notice to Grocery Merchants.

40,000 pounds choice sacked flour, for sale, low for cash, by Labatt & Co feb19-3t.

Just Received.

40,000 pounds choice family flour in sacks or 50 and 100 pounds, and for sale by Labatt & Co. in quantities to suit the trade. feb19-2t.

—Lawns will be sold below cost on Monday at SCHRAM & CO.'S

Different patterns of new fancy shirtings from England and France, just received, to take special orders from, for Wilson Bro.'s celebrated shirts.

feb19-1w YOUNG & ARNOLD.

French Claret on Draught

At the City Grocery, 220 Commerce st.

E. ABRAHAMS.

Pianos and Organs.

Just received, the largest stock of pianos, organs and small instruments ever brought to San Antonio. Prices at rock bottom, 229 Commerce street.

J. F. JONES & CO.

Money to Loan.

In large and small amounts on city property, or on farm and land securities. Principals may apply personally or by letter, to W. J. Dabnitye Patterson, over Messrs. Lockwood & Kampman's bank. feb19-tf

For Sale.

Will sell surveys 9097, 485 and 487 for 4605 acres each, total 18,420 acres in one body, on the southwest side of the Leona river, in Zavalla county. Also 6000 acres in same county on the Nueces river.

J. L. TRUEHEART,
37 Soledad street.

feb 19-1w

New Spring Goods.

We have just received a large assortment of

French bunting.
Lace bunting.
Nun's veiling.
Tamise cloth.
Spring ginghams.
Lace collars.
Linen collars.
Lace fichus

and a very large line of new neck wear.

feb19-3t HAAS & OPPENHEIMER.

Choice Dairy Butter

In rolls, just received at the City Grocery, 220 Commerce street.

E. ABRAHAMS.

Wanted.

A first-class servant to do general house work. Address A. R. box 503, San Antonio. feb 18 3t

—When you go shopping take the Herdic coaches—they will carry you to any store on Alamo and Commerce street, between the postoffice and the Main plaza.

Kid Gloves. Kid Gloves.

Wishing to close out a lot of kid gloves we will sell the entire stock of our 50c gloves at 25c; sizes from 5½ to 6½. We can recommend same worth double the money. SCHRAM & CO.

Notice.

MEXICAN AND PACIFIC EXTENSION, G. H. & S. A. Ry.,
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, Feb. 4, 1882.

All claims for labor and supplies furnished contractors on this road must be presented to contractors who employed or ordered same.

Time checks issued by contractors for labor or supplies, will not be paid at my office. JAMES CONVERSE,
feb 18-1m Sup't Constr.

Self Raising Flour,

For sale at 220 Commerce street.

E. ABRAHAMS.

Twenty-Five Stone Masons Wanted

At 7½th section of Sunset extension. Apply to Wm. Gannon, Painted Cave, Crockett county. feb 18-3t

—Finest stock of fancy pocket knives, razors, carvers, scissors, etc., at

E. HENTZENNO'S.

feb 18-tf Next to S. A. Nat., Bank.

—Wanted—a boy 15 or 16 years old, to carry a foot route for DAILY EXPRESS. Enquire at the office.

Wilson House, Laredo, Texas.

The best hotel in the city. Give it a trial. D. M. WILSON,
feb16-1w. Proprietor.

At a Sacrifice.

Boots and shoes are being sold at a sacrifice at Martin & Son's, Commerce street.

—Good board and nice rooms at 236 Market street, by Mrs. S. E. Cook. 163t

Closing Out

Our stock of boots and shoes at low prices. Now is the time to buy.

MARTIN & SON.

Honey, Milk and Butter Depot.

Sweet and butter milk, by glass or measure; also fruits, confectioneries, home-made blackberry jam, at S. C. Bellis', cor Houston street and avenue C.

feb15-tf

For Sale,

Three land scripts. Call on

JAS. L. TRUEHEART,
feb16-3t. 37 Soledad street.

—Reed's Gilt Edge Tonic is a gentle cathartic.

Gallagher Bros.

If you want a good, pure drink or fine cigar, go to Gallagher's saloon in this city or to the Custom House Saloon in New Laredo. feb-1-tf

New and Beautiful Photograph Studio.

F. Kuhn & Co. have just fitted up an elegant photograph gallery, northwest corner of Main Plaza, entrance on Acequia street. They have one of the most complete skylights in the state. Families and others desiring life-like pictures should not fail to call on them, as they are practical men who thoroughly understand their business. Their work is all strictly first-class. feb14-1w

Boarding.

Pleasant front room at Mrs. Leach's, 410 avenue D. feb14-1w

—Pain from indigestion, dyspepsia and too hearty eating is relieved at once by taking one of Carter's Little Liver Pills immediately after dinner. Don't forget this.

Sold at wholesale by A. Dreiss.

—Reed's Gilt Edge Tonic nourishes and strengthens.

Shirts.

Be measured at Young & Arnold's for a set of Wilson Bro.'s celebrated Shirts—white and colored—the best in the land, fit guaranteed. feb12-1w

—Fever and ague and chills and fever broken up and prevented by using the purely vegetable remedy Carter's Liver Bitters. An antidote to all malarial poison.

Sold at wholesale by A. Dreiss.

Notice.

Persons having claims against or owing claims to the late James Callaghan will please call on the undersigned for a settlement.

feb16-1w. BRYAN CALLAGHAN.

For Rent,

Store, No. 257 Main street. Apply to

W. J. KINGSBURY,
Law office, near courthouse.

feb17-tf

Two Pleasant Front Rooms,

With or without board, 206 Villita street. feb17-3t

For Sale,

A good stone house and about three acres of land, situated on the river and in the city. Also house and two lots on Press street. For particulars address Wm. Denison, care L. M. Gregory, city.

feb17-1w

Just Received,

100 gross of matches and a lot of wood and willow ware, by

feb17tf SAUER & SMITH.

A. Joseph

Has removed his jewelry store to the store of Mr. P. Floyd, where he will be pleased to attend to the wants of his many friends and customers. He keeps constantly on hand a large stock of jewelry, watches, clocks and silver plated ware. He also has one hand now a carload of fine buggies and family carriages, which he must sell at once on account of not having store-room. He offers to sell a No. 1 buggy for $110, Mexican money, with a twelve month's guarantee. He still hold out in selling goods at Eastern prices. A. JOSEPH,
feb12-7t Laredo, Texas.

—A limited amount of San Antonio City six per cent bonds can be had by applying at the bank of Lockwood & Kampman, before March 10. feb8-tf

—Reed's Gilt Edge Tonic allays irritation.

—You can save money by buying winter clothing and underwear from Pancoast & Son. We must have room for our spring goods and will sell cheaper than the cheapest.

Cash, Cash.

The highest price paid for all kinds of Household Goods and Furniture at No. 25, southwest corner of Military plaza.

dec 18-tf.

—We keep up our stock in Stetson hats—all sizes and styles.

jan 20-tf PANCOAST & SON.

Notice,

Go to Mrs. Blumenkron's, where travelers as well as day boarders can be accommodated with first-class board and newly-furnished, airy rooms at reasonable terms, 233 Market St., opposite Goldfrank, Frank & Co's. Particular attention paid to invalids. feb 1 1m

1300 Head Fine Mattons for Sale.

Age from one to five years, fine high grade sheep, will clip six pounds. Will be sold at a bargain. Call on or address J. H. Baldwin, Indio, Texas, or Sam C. Bennett, San Antonio, Texas. jan28-1m

4,000 Good Young Ewes.

Shear 5 lbs., regulated to lamb in March, free from all disease and fat.

feb12-1w J. W. GLASS.

Sauer & Smith.

We keep a full and fresh stock of staple and fancy groceries—low prices and prompt delivery. Orders by telephone will receive prompt and careful attention. SAUER & SMITH,
Cor. Houston and Soledad streets, Henry Wagner's building. feb11-tf

LANDS AND CITY LOTS FOR SALE.

Belonging to the Dignowity Estate.

Over 50,000 acres of land well situated. Also 2,000 city lots, all within city limits and beautifully located. "Good titles guaran