

STATE NEWS.

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THE RACES—SECOND AND THIRD DAYS.

BRUTAL MURDER—HOUSTON GETS THE SUNSET SHOPS.

Special Telegrams.

HOUSTON, March 23.—The body of a man was found in one of the sewers this morning the skull split by a hatchet and the neck broken. Intended robbery is suspected.

Dr. Huntington, through Judge J. F. Crosby, proposes to erect the Southern Pacific shops here if the city will build a bridge directly across the bayou to his passenger depot. As the citizens had made more liberal offers, the city accepted this proposition. It is regarded as a big thing for Houston.

The racing to-day resulted as follows: Garland won twice, Hickory Jim once, best time 60. Trotting, won by Clarence and Dexter second.

Friday will be the biggest day of the season, wrestling, collar and elbow match, between John McMahon and an unknown of San Antonio made for one week, one day this week, and one dollar has been put up as forfeit money.

The cotton exchange and citizens of Houston after Saturday afternoon to act on the Huntington proposition regarding the erection of the bridge.

The proposition will be accepted. Members of the exchange who met the other day, and making arrangements for the entertainment of the State Press Association when it meets here.

A slight clue is in the hands of the police as to the identity of parties in the first race, but the unknown man night before last.

To-day was the third day of the races. The first race, won by the unknown man night before last.

The second race resulted—Hardwood first, and then Lorrillard, Horard and Josh Hillman. Time, 1:15.

The trotting race, 3 in 5, Blind Tom won the first heat, and the next heat was given to Kokomo. The third heat was given to Kokomo, who was distanced on account of fouling. Blind Tom was the winner, but on account of one judge being found betting, the race was declared off.

AUSTIN.

NOTES FROM THE DEPARTMENT—THE CASH BALANCE—GENERAL LOCAL.

Special Telegrams.

AUSTIN, March 23.—The Hygienic union of this city was chartered to-day. It is for the purpose of paying to each member on his marriage one hundred dollars for each month he has been a member, from the time of joining until he is twenty years of age.

The comptroller to-day, following up his intention as stated yesterday, to recommend the repeal of forced sale of lands for back taxes, sent out the following circular to the collector: An examination of list of lands surrendered for taxes from 1871 to 1879, furnished your county by this office under provisions of act provided April 21, 1879, shows conclusively that the same is inaccurate to such an extent as to invalidate any action that might be taken thereunder to force collections by levy and sale. In view of this fact, and the further fact that sales made thereunder would unjustly embarrass many land owners whose taxes for years were actually paid, but such payments are not shown by the records of this office, I am instructed to withhold any action in relation to said list, and not levy or advertise or sell thereunder until further instructed. In the meantime, the attention of the legislature at the approaching called session will be invited to the subject, and further legislation recommended. Respectfully,

Wm. Brown.

The comptroller says that the sheriff of the state has filed claims for fees in an amount of over two hundred thousand dollars in excess of the appropriation for that purpose, and the appropriation is exhausted. He cannot settle, but the sheriff in most instances has retained amounts due by the state from money in their possession belonging to the state, and will not turn it over until the legislature makes an appropriation.

Gov. Lubbock left for Galveston again this evening, the presumption is with another pocket full of cash he carried several hundred thousand dollars Sunday.

Bob Roberts, a part owner of the new two-story brick, opposite the postoffice, has a partner in the building, and it is being arranged. Mr. Ragio and not Mr. Roberts will it up a saloon there.

Mr. A. Wood, of San Antonio, who came here some time since to recover from business and regain his health, is much improved. He is the guest of H. K. Snow, and will soon be back among his old friends in the Alamo City.

The fence around the capitol, being whitewashed, and presents quite a creditable appearance.

Gen. King left for San Diego, Duval county, this morning on a tour of inspection. His report will be ready this week. The head of every department has given a list of the forthcoming reports to the public except one which could not be published in the newspapers without disclosing the state's affairs worth when it comes out.

Mr. J. D. Stevenson, of San Antonio, was up to the view of getting a site for a Presbyterian church.

GALVESTON.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COURTS—SHIPPING NEWS AND MARKETS.

Special Telegrams.

GALVESTON, March 23.—In the supreme court, to-day, action was had on the following cases from Western Texas: Rodgers vs. Bradford, from Victoria; transferred to Austin.

Indemnity vs. Fryer, from Calhoun; dismissed. The court will adjourn to-morrow for the term.

In the criminal district court, to-day, George Parker, for forging, and Pablo Lough, attempt at burglary, were convicted, and sentenced to the penitentiary for two years each.

In consequence of the serious illness of Major Frank Spencer, district attorney, Howard Finley was appointed by the court to act in his place.

The cotton receipts to-day were 1000 bales. The spot market closed dull and nominal. Sales 500 bales. The future market closed very dull, with a decline of from three to five points on yesterday's closing. Sales 300 to 400 bales, May, 30 for June, 30 for July and 30 for August.

Entrances at the custom-house were the Norwegian bark Sparanza, with 1750 steel rails for the G. H. & S. A. railway; schooner H. S. Martin, from New York, with 1000 barrels of flour; and the schooner Orville Herwitz, with 700 tons of coal.

The schooner North Star, Capt. J. F. C. Crosby, arrived from Galveston, with 1000 barrels of flour, and the schooner Orville Herwitz, with 700 tons of coal.

The tug W. B. Curtis, with the barge Minnie in tow, from the Avery salt works, with a full cargo of salt, arrived from the American salt company, arrived to-day.

PAINE ACCIDENTS—RAILROAD RUMORS—DEATH OF DR. GREGORY.

CORPUS CHRISTI.

CORPUS CHRISTI, March 23.—Ybarco Zola, a Mexican laborer on a wharf, while unloading a vessel laden with the rice, fell from the wharf, and was washed in that about the ankle. It will have to be amputated. Another Mexican let fall an iron rail on his foot, severing a toe.

By a misplaced check the yard engine was ditched, with considerable loss. The engine was dinged, and the yard engine was dinged, and the yard engine was dinged.

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ASSOCIATED PRESS REPORTS.

RATE A BUSY DAY IN CONGRESS.

The House Passes the Troublesome Chinese Bill.

INTERESTING CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN ATTORNEY-GENERAL BREWSTER AND ASSISTANT.

Lat. From the Flooded Country—Waters Receding—Most Wonderful Boiler Explosion on Record.

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