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MOVING DAY.

The Senate and House Move into their New Quarters - The Legislators Lost in the Big Halls.

THE NEW CAPITOL.

AUSTIN, TEX., May 10.—The state has received and is moving into its new home. The resolution passed by the House yesterday was concurred in by the Senate to-day. Chairs, desks and tables were rapidly transferred to the new building and at 8:30 p. m. Speaker Pendleton called to order the first Legislature that ever assembled in the new capitol. The old furniture looks very shabby by contrast with the fine finish of the new house and also very lonesome, for both halls are much larger than the old ones and are hardly full enough to be comfortable. It is thought the sight will be a great help in getting through the House a sufficient appropriation for suitable furniture. There has been a hot fight made to cut down the appropriation for furniture, and there are some members of the House who would vote against the bill no matter how small the figure. There is at least one member of the House who has not voted for any appropriation except the one to pay the mileage and per diem of the members.

WITHOUT POWER.

Mr. Bell of Cooke tried to defeat the picture item in the omnibus appropriation bill by dilatory tactics this morning.

He moved a call of the House, but it failed of a sufficient seconding and he was foiled. His unwarranted attack on Gresham yesterday drove from him most of the few followers who remained faithful to him and divested him almost entirely of his power.

PASSED THE SENATE.

The geological bill passed the Senate unanimously and without a dissenting voice. This was a disappointment to its foes in the House, who were hoping to get another chance to knife the measure.

BROWNING'S RESOLUTIONS.

The deep water resolutions offered by Mr. Browning caused a good deal of comment. Few persons were ready to express an opinion on the matter, which was entirely new to a large majority.

INCIDENTS OF THE MOVE.

It was a historical day in Austin which will be marked in the annals of Texas as the day on which the state government took possession and occupied the magnificent new \$4,000,000 granite capitol. Early in the forenoon the work of removing the office furniture out of the temporary capitol into the new building was begun. A large force of negroes, furniture wagons, drays, etc., were employed, some hauling the heavier desks and other furniture around through the cedars on the brow of Capitol Hill, others carrying light articles, chairs, etc. on their shoulders directly up the hill. In half an hour the offices of the Governor, his private secretary, the Attorney-General and of Representative hall and the Senate chamber were literally torn all to pieces. Carpets, books, chairs, tables and other furniture lay piled up in fearful confusion. About 1 o'clock the old furniture, desks and chairs, were got into position in the magnificent and stately new Senate chamber. Among the articles were some old chairs, split bottom and otherwise, that were saved from the burning of the old capitol ten years ago, and in which General Houston sat as President of the Republic of Texas fifty years

ago, also the fine portraits of Stephen F. Austin and Davy Crockett which will grace the new chamber. The other departments of the state government also took possession of the quarters set apart for them. Everything inside the new capitol looked as grand and magnificent as its exterior is stately and imposing. Each footstep sounds like an echo in some enchanted palace. Neither the Comptroller nor Treasury Departments have moved into the new capitol. There are \$3,000,000 of money to move and it is deemed too particular a job to be undertaken while so many strangers are in town and whose intentions may not be altogether known. The treasure will be moved into the new vaults after the drill.

ACCEPTED.

The New capitol in Possession of the State - A Letter from Edwin Gould on the Austin Depot.

An Informal Reception Tendered the Members of the Legislature by the Governor and Mrs. ROSS.

BELONGS TO THE STATE.

AUSTIN, TEX., May 9.—The new capitol now belongs to the state. An agreement was reached to day satisfactory to the board and contractor, and a contract was drawn up and signed by both parties.

UNCOOKED HIS WRATH.

Dr. Camp the member from Limestone, uncorked his viols of wrath to-day and poured it forth upon the management of the Insane Asylum at this place, moving to strike out the appropriation for that institution. The House sat on him with a thud. His amendment got but one vote, his own.

A UNION DEPOT.

The following has been received by Mayor Nall from Jay Gould's son:

The Missouri Pacific Railway Company, New York May 4, 1888.

Mon. Jos. Nall Mayor of Austin.

DEAR SIR, Yours of April 10th just reached me this forenoon. There has been quite a delay about building your depot at Austin on account of the unsatisfactory financial condition of the International and Great Northern. Now, however, Mr. Clark has authority from Mr. Jay Gould to go ahead and build the depot, which I suppose will be commenced before the dedication ceremonies. I have seen the plans of the depot, which look well on paper at least and I hope will be satisfactory after a few changes which Mr. Clark will make for better convenience. The people who come to the dedication ceremonies will be able to see that the International and Great Northern intends to give Austin a new depot. I am very much obliged to you for your invitation to entertain me and my friends at the ceremonies, but an affair I cannot be down in Texas at that time. Yours very truly, EDWIN GOULD.

WILD WITH JOY.

The city to-night is wild with delight over the acceptance of the capitol by Governor Ross and the board representing the state of Texas. The ladies are all fixing up for the grand ball which is going to eclipse every thing ever seen in Texas. The elite of the state, its beauty and gallantry will be here amid the splendor of the new capitol, Glory and fame of the Texas veterans, the grand old men who charged Santa Anna at San Jacinto, will not be forgotten.

The Comptroller to-day deposited in the treasury about \$50,000. Twenty two sets of interrogatories were received by the District

Clerk of Travis county from the International Railroad in the late suit now pending against that road.

INDIGNATION MEETINGS.

An Indignation meeting called in the Fourth ward to denounce the refusal of the Council to accept the arsenal lot must be accepted. An indignation meeting was also held in the fifth ward, and other wards will follow to-morrow night.

AT THE GOVERNOR'S MANSION.

The reception given by Governor and Mrs. Ross to the members of the Legislature and their ladies to-night was informal but brilliant and thoroughly enjoyable. The Governor's unaffected genuine spirit of hospitality pervaded it all. The Senators and Representatives felt as much at home as on their farms in the interior. The receiving party of ladies lent a charm to the scene so thoroughly representative of Texas. The following ladies assisted Mrs. Ross in the reception at the Governor's mansion: Mrs. Major Holmes, Mrs. R. M. Hall, Mrs. P. E. Hall, Mrs. R. M. Harrison, Mrs. W. H. Tobin, Mrs. J. J. Tobin, Mrs. J. M. Barrows, Mrs. A. H. Graham, Mrs. K. Dunbar, Mrs. Dr. Reaney, Mrs. Dorsett, Mrs. F. R. Lubbock, Mrs. John O. Johnson, Mrs. Morse and Mrs. Satterfield.

AN INTERESTING CONVENTION.

Howdy Martin Described as a Man of Humor and the Cause of Humor in Others.

WASHINGTON, May 9.—The friends of revenue reform here are looking with a good deal of interest to the Democratic convention to be held in New York next week. The feeling is that its expression on the subject of the tariff will be most influential on the future of the Mills bill. If that expression should be equivocal the influence will be against the bill. If it is outspoken and endorses the position of the Democratic majority in Congress on the tariff the effect will be to make it impossible to defeat the bill. The convention meets on Tuesday next, and by a singular coincidence Speaker Carlisle will be heard on that day, and should his speech be supplemented by an emphatic endorsement of revenue reform the New York Democracy, no less than the country at large, will feel the effect of it. The Democratic leaders are trusting everything to division in the Republican camp. Divisions exist there of more or less moment, but they may be healed at any hour by compromises that are now being canvassed on that side. The Democratic purpose is to present an unbroken front to the enemy, if possible, and to leave nothing undone to insure certain success for the tariff measure.

AN INTERESTING PERSON.

The New York Star speaks as follows of Howdy Martin: "One of the most interesting men in the House is Col. Wm. H. Martin Representative of the Second Texas district. He is tall, slender, stoops somewhat, wears a stock of crinkling black hair and a wide, black slouch hat. In a word he is a typical Texan in appearance, and a man of humor and the cause of humor in others. Col. Martin is a farmer, but has all his life taken an active interest in politics, and was elected by an overwhelming majority to succeed Hon. John H. Reagan. When Colonel Martin first arrived on the scene here there was a disposition on the part of the Washington wits of the press to have a little fun at his expense. It was of him that the story was told last winter that upon retiring one night at Willards hotel he

blew out the gas in his room and came near being asphyxiated. This story had wide circulation, and at the outset gave the Colonel some annoyance, but he soon recovered himself and since that time has stoically borne all such slings as a part of Congressional experience. Colonel Martin is a good story teller with a rich fund of racy figures of speech, and is always assured of an audience whether on the floor of the House or in the hotel lobbies. One of his warmest friends and most ardent admirers is Hon. Amos J. Cummings of New York, who had mentioned him cordially in his readable correspondence from Washington and in other ways contributed towards bringing about the wide interest felt in the distinguished Texan."

THE M. E. CONFERENCE.

Business Transacted on the Eighth Day of the Convention.

New York, May 9.—The eighth day of the twenty-fifth general conference of the Methodist church opened to-day with Bishop Mallahan presiding.

Numerous memorials were read. One of these was in support of superannuated ministers, submitted by Rev. Dr. H. H. Green of upper Iowa. "The Determination of the Boundaries of the Conference" was a memorial offered by Rev. Dr. Bels of Ohio.

A committee on American Bible work, consisting of a delegate from each conference, was appointed.

Dr. Wilder of Illinois offered a resolution calling for a ministerial election in 1890 to settle the question in regard to the admission of women as lay delegates. The motion was voted down.

It was voted to exclude John E. Rickards of Montana, who it is claimed came as a delegate to represent a conference to which he does not belong.

Rev. Dr. Gray of Williamsport, Pa., offered a resolution providing that bishops shall be appointed to continuous districts rather than to be sent as now to different parts of the country. After considerable discussion the resolution was referred to a special committee to consider.

Business Men Arrested.

GRAFWORD, TEX., May 10.—Messrs. J. B. Nicholson, J. W. Frost, J. L. Burucker, F. M. Parks, W. L. Warrock, J. W. Gerion, W. H. Jean, Captain C. F. Bewley and Dr. A. M. Asmstrong, nine of our most prominent citizens and business men, were arrested this morning on a charge of libel by an affidavit made by J. N. Cross, a trustee of the free schools at this place. The cause of the trouble is this: On the 29th of March seventeen of our citizens met and passed joint resolutions to the effect that the trustees of the free schools for the past two years had wasted the public funds by employing distasteful if not incompetent teachers, and the charges have been made on these grounds. It is thought that it will not amount to anything except to keep up animosities and strife, but a great deal of interest is manifested in the case. The evidence given will tend to enlighten the people as to the true state of affairs. The gentlemen seem to be in good spirits and refuse give bond, preferring to go to jail where they intend to swear out a habeas corpus and beat the case and then bring suit for false imprisonment.

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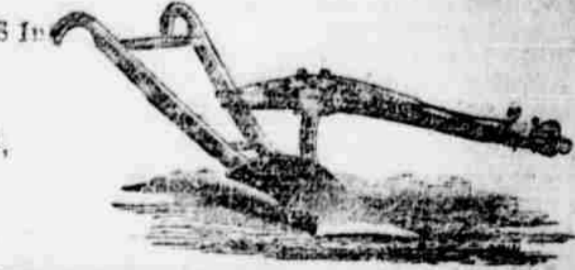
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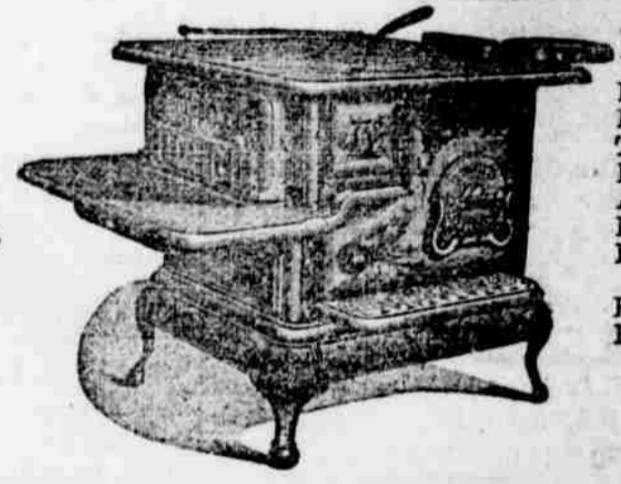
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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

COUNTY JUDGE. We are authorized to announce W. R. Standefer as a candidate for the office of County Judge, next November election.

LOCAL DOTS.

Stone jars at Dodson's. Stone curns with lids at Dodson's. A. H. Tandy was in from the range this week. Mr. H. C. Dillahunty was in from the range this week.

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The election for school trustees of the several school district will be held the 1st Saturday in June. It's no use talking, Mr. Dodson has as nice an assortment of goods as any store in the west.

The school which has been conducted by Professor Christopher assisted by Miss Eric Henry closed yesterday with appropriate exercises.

Remember the new harness shop when you want anything in that line. West side of Public Square.

Dr. McGregor his wife and daughter of Waco are in Haskell. The Dr. has made extensive investments in Haskell county.

Mr. Robinson was in the city yesterday, and said that the stock men rounded up at the five mile lakes, they will round on lake creek or at the twin lakes to day.

W. H. Parsons, jeweler, came to Haskell when his business paid but little (owing to the few inhabitants.) He now gets a large trade from Haskell and adjoining counties.

Mr. George of the H4 ranch was in the city yesterday. E. L. Ritch, the Jeweler, Abilene, has the largest repair trade of any house west of Dallas.

Mr. Robinson says the calf crop is very heavy this spring. Full line of farm and ranch supplies at Dodson's.

Come boys join the band of hope and quit your bad habits. If you want a good sewing machine call at the FREE PRESS office.

Miss Lena Williamson is in the city this week visiting friends. Sheep shears, the Keen Cutter at Dodson's.

Mr. Walter Wright says the general horse work is about ended. I pay all return charges on jewelry and watches sent me by mail for repairs.

Capt. W. E. Rayner is having some of his resident lots improved. Sulphur, Strychnine and Dog poison at Bass Bros. & Co's, Abilene, Texas.

Mr. J. Jones our efficient county and district clerk left Tuesday for Austin. Kill your Prairie Dogs! you can find the different poisons very low at Bass Bros. & Co's, Abilene.

L. S. Smith commenced learning the printers trade this week at the FREE PRESS office. See Bass Bros. & Co's ad in this issue.

Messrs. H. R. Jones and F. P. Morgan left Monday for Austin, where they will attend the interstate drill. J. M. Bachelor of Ellis county was in town yesterday.

Mr. Bachelor has recently become interested in the H4 cattle in this country. Hat! Hat! A large supply just received, ladies' and gentlemen's, a large variety, at DeLong & Johnson Bros'.

The case of H. C. Board vs W. C. Ballard et al dismissed in the supreme court the other day. R. C. Lomax Esq. our efficient School Trustee has completed the census of this district, and reported children within the school.

A bridle reins, bridle bits stirrup leathers, tie straps, girths, quirts, spurs, trace chains, hames, harness strings, back bands, duck collars, plow lines, buggy whips, horse brushes and carry-combs at Dodson's.

Our Junior received a social letter from Mr. H. L. Koons the other day which stated that he intended to come back to Haskell just as he was able to arrange to speak in very high terms of the school.

The quarterly report of the Tax-Collector made out by Mr. Bullie Fields Deputy Sheriff and Deputy tax-collector was pronounced by the county commissioners to be the most complete report of its kind ever made to their court.

Mr. McCullum postoffice inspector was in the city yesterday, investigating some charges secretly prepared against Mr. D. M. Winn our efficient postmaster.

Mr. McCullum made thorough investigations and exonerated Mr. Winn. Such is official life.

Some of our friends have been sending us poetry for quite awhile, and the same has been thankfully received. The FREE PRESS has a poet in the person of Mr. H. B. Martin and as we are tired of letting our friends walk off with all the honors we will turn him loose. Here he goes:

The serenaders were handsome, The music was sweet, The girls set their cake out, And sure got it eat.

I caught up with my work this week and went out on the streets to loaf a while, and soon learned that there was a political death expected every minute. Judge Chapman is preparing to leave Haskell, and of course his unexpired term must be filled. I found that all the commissioners were in town, and that all their neighbors were in with them running for the office.

Well, the grand auguring was going on of course, and if it had all been done at one place we would have had artesian water by this time.—Deril.

Miss Eric Henry accompanied by Miss Millie Massey will leave Haskell for Buffalo Gap, Miss Eric's home to-day. The young men of Haskell as well as the School patrons regret to see Miss Eric leave. They say, that there is one indispensable plank necessary in the platform of all candidates for school trustee of district No. 1, and that is; "that they will give Miss Eric the refusal of a position in the free school."

Our junior is a strong advocate of this policy and deems any other ruinous in its tendencies. Miss Millie will only be absent a few days, and we hope Miss Eric will also return soon.

As advertised in our last issue the Delmonico had prepared an ample supply of ice-cream for its patrons last Sunday, and early in the afternoon quite a crowd of young people had assembled around the neat tables in its capacious dining parlors, indulging in the luxury of a plate of ice-cream. The enjoyment of the cream was greatly enhanced by the polite courtesies of the proprietor Mr. J. W. Becknell and his able assistant Mr. Richard McGee. Parlors will be open every Sunday at from 4 to 7 P. M. Lemonade and cake will be served with the cream.

To Non-resident Land Owners, who have not contributed to the immigration fund of Haskell county: GENTLEMEN:—In another column of this paper will be found a description of Haskell county published by the Immigration Association of Haskell Co. with money contributed by resident and non-resident land owners; with the object of inducing immigration to come to the county, which if accomplished will benefit all alike, and we think the expense should be borne by all equally. Therefore you are earnestly requested to remit to me as Secretary one half cent an acre for the land you own in the county which is your pro rata share as assessed by the Immigration committee.

P. D. SANDERS, Secy. Haskell Co. Im. Ass. Notice. All watches that were repaired and warranted by Ritch & Clark, Abilene, will be kept in order by me. Next door to the post office.

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Master James Tucker fell Thursday from the loft to the ground in the stable of Draper & Baldwin and was severely though not dangerously injured. He fell on his head which caused blood to flow from his ears and nose. He is resting very well to-day and we hope he will soon recover.

Commissioners Court. Commissioners court convened Monday in regular session. The day was spent in examining and approving the quarterly reports of the several county officers.

What's the Good of Immigration? The Coleman Voice gives the following excellent reasons why we need immigration in Texas:

It is good for the land proprietor, for it will enable him to dispose of his surplus acres. It is good for the general merchant, for it will afford him an opportunity to sell more goods.

It is good for the lumber dealer, for it will be the means of disposing of his building material. It is good for the hardware man, for he will sell more machinery.

It is good for the miller, for he will have more grain to grind and more flour and meal to sell. It is good for the mason and carpenter, for they will have all they can do.

It is good for the blacksmith and wheelwright, for their shops will be crowded. It is good for the furniture dealer, for all will need supplies in his line.

It is good for the bankers, for they will have more money transactions. It is good for the postmaster, for it will increase his salary.

It is good for the doctor, for it is not to be expected that all will be blessed with the same robust health that the people in Texas are.

It is good for the lawyer, for by-and-by they may have legal business to transact. It is good for the farmers, for they will be of mutual aid and assistance to each other.

It is good for the surveyor, for the boundary lines will be sharply defined. The more land in cultivation the more regular the seasons.

The more crops produced the better the market. It is good for the newspapers, for the more patronage they have the more pride they feel and the harder they labor for the good of the country.

It is good for all, for it will reduce taxes. There is only so much money required to run the state and county governments, anyway, the great number to pay the tax, the less each one will have to pay.

AN EXCITEMENT AT HOME. HOUSTON, TEX., May 11.—Excitement over the Austin drill is running high here. At the Houston Sporting Exchange to-night a large sum of money was put up on the New Orleans Artillery Company and several \$500 were offered on the Houston Light Guards which company will probably be barred by the pool sellers to-morrow.

Ex-Alderman Stephen O. Flynn publishes this challenge: "I will wager with any man not a resident of Texas \$1000 that at the Austin interstate drill to come off next week the Houston Light Guards will be awarded the prize awarded the best drilled infantry company. I do not want to bet against any Texan nor to win any Texan's money but the offer is open to any man not a Texan and the money is ready to be staked whenever called for."

THE FINANCIAL COMMITTEE reported back the House appropriation bill, with amendments, increasing the allowance for the State Reformatory to \$40,000, and to strike out the appropriation for a quarantine steamer; also to add some small sums, including \$2500 for county clerks for recording lists of school lands, \$2500 for the Supreme court, \$1000 for the expenses of the immigration agent at Washington, \$10 for improvements in the office, and changes the appropriation for the University to

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I dislike to speak of moving in New York for several reasons. In the first place it is an old subject, and in the second place it is an intensely disagreeable one to me. I am now in training, however, for Tuesday. Quite a number of our best people will move on that day, so I shall move in good society.

Last year I was unfortunate. I spent the month of April looking for a house, and finally decided to take the Plummer house, as the tenants there were good people, but were going to Europe to have fun with some of the monarchies. The house was a good one, with Croton water and sewer-gas in it, and as I had been denied the pleasure of sleeping in a room where I could blow out the sewer-gas at night I secured the place.

Later, however, the Plummers concluded to take the Minks house for the summer, instead of jarring the already tottering dynasties of the Old World. The Minks were to take the Olds house, and the Oldses were going into the Pangborn house. Pangborn's folks claimed that they were going into the Rutledge place on the first of the month, provided the Rutledges moved into the Swartz house. The Swartzes had not yet fully decided whether to keep their house another year.

About three days before the 1st Swartz concluded that he would rather have the Stikeleather place and so he cabled me through the Rutledges, the Pangborns, the Oldses, the Minks, and the Plummers that everything was all right. I therefore caught a stair-carpet in my teeth and "gliding down the banisters" ripped the costly fabric from dome to basement, filling the air with stair-rods and the dandruff of time. I rolled up this carpet and left it in the hall for intimate friends to fall over, and then went out on the street to secure a man who would be willing to move us on moving day to the Plummer place.

I was real glad to secure the Plummer house, for, as I say, it had every convenience and looked so much like all the other houses on that street that when a man went in it he felt as though he owned the whole block. I always thought, too, that there was a kind of vague, indefinite feeling about stealing into one of those extremely and abnormally similar brown-stone high-stoop houses at night which reminded me of the singular yet pleasing apprehension one feels when one has quenched his thirst at night on a sleeping-car and returns to gently enter a berth which has no originality about its exterior, but may contain his own clothes or the clothes of another, for it has no distinguishing berth-mark, as it were, and one does not know whether one will be shot dead by an infuriated man who is lying awake to defend his Waterbury watch with his life or bitten by a set of artificial teeth tied to the inside of the curtain.

But I was speaking of the Plummer place. It looked plain on the outside, but had cute little rooms which could be richly furnished by putting a rug and a chair in each one. The parlor also had room for an ottoman, provided it was not a very large ottoman. The back parlor could be profusely and luxuriantly furnished by putting in an album and a picture of Abraham Lincoln signing the emancipation proclamation, which I had purchased of a connoisseur. It had a scrap of at the door and an iron hitch-

ing post in front of the house where the nobility could tie their teams when they came to spend their day with us.

The hall was just wide enough to admit a moderate-sized man after he had taken his overcoat off. Everything was petite, cosy, and debonnaire. There was an antique air about the whole house also. It was an air that seemed to have been handed down from the dead past. It was such an air as an antiquarian might pick up in the Catacombs and bring home with him and put into a house. I hardly know how to describe it, but it impressed you at once, and you concluded that some old family had lived there as long as they could and had then died.

So I wanted to have the Plummer house and impress people with the fact that we were a good deal older family than we looked to be. As a matter of fact, we do not spring from a long line, but have worked our way up into notice by our own efforts, like the Prince of Wales.

The 1st day of May a man came around to our house driving a large, green, second-hand tiger van. It looked some like the van of civilization, but the man who drove it was drunk. Otherwise he was a perfect gentleman. He talked freely with me and looked at our album while I was strapping a trunk. He said it was wonderful how folks had improved in taking pictures. Look at the pictures that were taken during the war! I said yes, certainly. Look at anything and see how different it was from something else. I said this with a tinge of bitterness, for I was in a hurry to get moved out, as the Lunkerses had already begun to move into the house we were leaving.

He then closed the book wearily and began to smell of some bottles which he found in a hamper. He tried several times to fit his large, spongy nose to one of those bottles, but did not succeed. By that time I had put several of the heavier articles in the van and he helped to carry the bric-a-brac and load it in.

At 11 o'clock the parade started, with the right resting on Two Hundred and First street and the left on the opposite side from that. We reached Union Square at 5:30 p. m., without having been discovered by roving bands from the Tammany Reservation, and halted for food and water, intending to cross the Fourteenth street Divide and camp on the Dry Forks of Little Fifth avenue for the night, that being the place where the Plummer ranch was situated. While the horses were taking much needed nourishment from a pair of nose-bags and I had gone to a concealed spring in one corner of the Morten House for water, a breathless messenger-boy came up to the driver with a note stating that Stikeleather had decided not to give up his house, and so the Swartzes had no place to go, but had decided to remain in their own house. It was the same with the Rutledges, the Pangborns, the Oldses, the Minks, and the Plummers. The driver laid aside some old letters of mine which he had been reading and took the message.

When I returned to our camp on Union Square all was confusion and night was coming on apace. To add to the horror of the scene a policeman requested us to move on.

The sun was now setting in the western horizon, never having found a place that seemed to fit him any better than that, and the whole sky looked red and irritated. Far away to the westward a yodler could be heard yodling. Near the Broadway Forks an emigrant wagon from Fifth avenue on the way to the Brooklyn settlements, had broken down, and a pale green satin sofa pillow, with a sprig of golden rod and a dash of mustard on it, could be seen oozing out at the back. All seemed lulled to repose. The Plummers were getting read to light the gas in the house I had intended to occupy, and the Lunkerses were winding the clock in the house I had just left. I did not know what to do.

Looking down at the ground, the more readily to think of something, I thought I saw a footprint. Following the spoor for a short distance I came to a hostelry in which I remembered to have stopped before. Driving the van

up to the front door and calling out the proprietor, I said to him: "Sir, heretofore you have objected to me on the grounds that I had no baggage. Will you please check this van and give me a room connected with the swearing salon, and prepare a meal for us at once, as I have only eaten a doughnut soaked in salad oil since early this morning." He said he would.

Moving in New York has been spoken of frequently by other literateurs. It is not a new subject, but there are new features to it every year. For instance, one who desires to move his household goods from upper town across the Staten Island ferry will have to pay \$100 per van this year. Vans are worn higher this year than ever before, and those who do not have to move can take the money and buy a couple of yachts.

The rich and poor do not worry so much over this matter as the great middle class. The rich do not have to move, and the poor have little to move, but middle classes, who load themselves down with a feeble imitation of grandeur and yet do not feel able to own a house have to suffer.

DEEP WATER FOR NORTH TEXAS.

Jefferson, as the head of navigation to New Orleans, is attracting attention in deep water circles. The people of all North Texas, as well as the great Northwest, and the States of Louisiana and Arkansas, would be greatly benefited in their trade and commerce by co-operating in the interest of deep water between New Orleans and Jefferson. A number of our exchanges have already given favorable consideration to this all important matter of river navigation from North Texas to New Orleans and the markets of the Great West. The Inter-State law is favorable to river navigation, and in view of cheaper freights and a more extended commerce as the result of deep water streams, there would be every reason to hope for an adequate appropriation by Congress to insure an outlet by water at Jefferson if North Texas and Louisiana will heartily co-operate in the movement. The undeveloped resources of our great mineral wealth will soon be unearthed and made marketable in iron articles of general use, which alone is worthy of a deep water appropriation to make navigable all the year the river communication between New Orleans and Jefferson. We again call upon our contemporaries of North Texas and North Louisiana to labor with us in behalf of a deep water outlet to the world of trade and commerce from Jefferson to New Orleans. Look at the map and see how well Jefferson is located to be neighborly benefit to North and Northeast Texas for a radius of two hundred miles. An expert in the iron ore business tells us that pig iron as an article of commerce can be transported from Lane County to Pittsburg, Penn., via Jefferson, a distance of over three hundred miles by rail to the river route at this point—if there was deep water, at a cheaper rate than all-rail transportation. The Texas Iron News has no selfish axe to grind in offering the deep water suggestion to our neighbors and friends in North and Northeast Texas. We would all be correspondingly benefited, more so than by a deep water point on the Gulf coast, although in common with all Texas, we wish a seaport at the most available place to accommodate the general demands of commerce. Discussion provokes, arguments, and brings the naked truth to light on all questions affecting the public welfare. If our suggestion has merit, and while we think it has force, yet it is our desire to consult the wishes and judgment of our neighbors, to the end that co-operation may ensue which will work to the general advantage of all. An expression from our contemporaries is kindly solicited, for say what men will in this day and generation, the press is the moulder of public opinion—the demagogue politicians to the contrary notwithstanding.—Texas Iron News.

Taylor, Tex., May 11.—The special schedule on the International and Great Northern Railway will have six passenger trains each way for the Austin drill and dedication.

Selling His Daughter.

LAREDO, TEX., May 9.—Following story comes from Laredo and Hidalgo, some miles up the river from this place, the story is told in Texas and the latter town being on Mexican soil. Some time ago a Mexican named Andrew Garcia, belonging to the middle class of Mexican people, left this city, accompanied by his family, among which was a pretty seventeen-year-old daughter, and moved to Palafar. In this city a man named Galan had become enamored of the girl and followed them there, leaving his wife and children in this city. After sojourning in the town some time, he succeeded after several stolen interviews, in luring her away from her parents and they fled together to Laredo with the father in pursuit. In the city the irate parent lost them. It appears they crossed the river and lived a few days in New Laredo and then went up the river to Hidalgo, where they lived together as man and wife. The father got track of them again and went to Hidalgo and Galan fled. After a few days his inamorata sent him word to come back, the father was gone to Laredo. He went back, but was immediately arrested and thrown in jail. Garcia, the father, then had an interview with him in company with the judge of the city and demanded that he marry his daughter. As Galan already had one wife he could not do so. Garcia then offered to withdraw the complaint and allow him to have the girl on payment of \$100. On being asked by the judge if he would sell his daughter's honor for that sum of money he answered that the honor was gone and that she never had any virtue, so he was nothing the loser. Galan is now rustling for the money.

FIREMEN'S MEETING.

The Boys Entertained in Royal Style at El Paso—Some of the Delegates Tied Up.

EL PASO, TEX., May 9.—The thirteenth annual state convention of firemen met to-day in this city. The delegates have been arriving for the past three days from all parts of the state by the various railroads leading to the city, and to-night the entire delegation has arrived except an installment from Central and Southern Texas, who are still delayed on account of the washouts this side of Big Springs. The city is in holiday attire. The actual business of the convention is postponed until tomorrow, but a grand parade and street pageant came off this afternoon. The procession formed in the following order: The police force, Sixty-six Infantry Band, school groups, Grand Army of the Republic, custodians of the state banner in carriages, visiting delegates, Hose Company No. 1, city officials, Hook and ladder Company, Hose Company No. 2, City Band, carriages of citizens followed by the trade display consisting of floats representing every trade and occupation and numbering altogether over one hundred vehicles, forming a procession over a mile long, which marched along the principal streets and wound up at the opera house where the Mayor delivered an address of welcome. Juan Hart, editor of the Times, was the orator of the day. The convention was then called to order but adjourned until to-morrow on account of delayed firemen.

Arrested for Carrying a Pistol.

QUEEN CITY, TEX., May 9.—Yesterday evening one Tom Bull, a hard character from Atlanta, came in on the north bound train. He was what they call full. He showed his pistol around the depot and talked of shooting the negro porter. He then went to the saloon and accused Bill Moore, the proprietor, and Pete Mill, a lumber man, of being in a mob which Bull stated had hung him a few nights since. Bull showed his pistol around freely, said he had been badly treated and wanted revenge. Officers were notified and immediately went to the scene where they found Bull quietly seated in a chair. When asked he denied having a pistol but he was arrested, and a search revealed a Smith & Wesson. He was carried before the magistrate who bound him over to the county under a \$200 bond, failing to which he was to be committed to jail at Linden.

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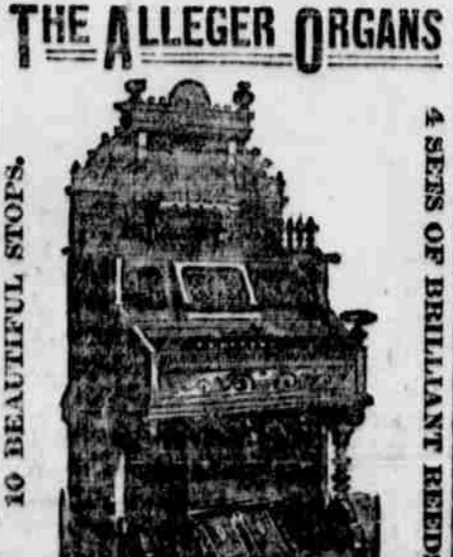
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