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ESCAPED.—Alex. Thompson and one Shaw escaped from the Lee county jail on Friday last.

Mr. Hall is now sole proprietor of the Dallas Daily Commercial, having purchased the interest of Messrs. Treach and Jenkins, his former partners.

It is stated that the resolution of Senator Ingalls, of Kansas, for a convention to amend the constitution, contemplates an entire revision of the whole instrument.

The Southern Cultivator for January 1877 is upon our table, and is a splendid edition at that. No Southern farmer, who wishes to keep posted, should be without it. Subscription price, \$2.10 a year. Address W. L. Jones, Atlanta, Ga.

A negro was recently bulldozed near Fayetteville, N. C., by his own color, for having voted the Democratic ticket. A white man one of several who were trying to protect Democratic negroes, had his skull so severely fractured that he will probably die.

We are in receipt of the speech of the Hon. S. B. Maxey, in the Senate of the United States, on the electoral vote of Oregon, delivered the 21st ultimo. We have not had time to peruse it, but like nearly all the productions of his distinguished author, we have no doubt it is entirely equal to the occasion.

In a crisis like this the worst class, the most passionate, selfish, reckless and ambitious men, become most active and prominent.—Austin Statesman.

Adjectives, to much. Some old coin, three thousand years ago, expressed it better. He said:

And what do you want to know?  
The worst of mortals may be better.

The Austin dailies have both interviewed the honorable Mr. Benjamin Thompson, whose headquarters are in one of the "office rooms" of the Travis county jail. The most that the Gazette learned from the Hon. Benjamin was, that the Statesman interviewer had lied. We wonder for what especial merit the honorable Benjamin is awarded an "office room" of the jail?

JAMES GIBSON BARNETT, JR., was recently assaulted with a cow-bird, by Frederick May, the "bull-headed" Miss Mary, whose marriage with Mr. B. was recently announced as about to take place, but which according to the public report, was broken off at the instigation of the young lady's considerate papa. If this be the case, it looks to us as if Barnett deserved commendation and commendation, rather than a cow-bird.

THANKS.—The senior of the BANNER desires to return his acknowledgments to the Galveston News, for the complimentary manner in which it has been pleased to notice his accession to the editorial staff of the first named paper. The News pays the previous administration of the BANNER a neat, but well deserved compliment, when it says:

"The BANNER has ever been plain-spoken and fearless—perhaps a little impolitic at times, but it is always frank and honest, which is the best policy in the end. The BANNER discusses the causes and remedies of much of the lawlessness prevailing in many parts of Texas, and says the main cause of the evil lies in a willful neglect of justice to do their duty, and not to judges or sheriffs.

Were we to give the opinion in which the News is held by us, it would have too much the appearance of a pat up job. We desire reluctantly, however,

## THE SOLUTION.

In this morning's BANNER will be found the views of Mr. Lamar, of Mississippi, as reported from Washington the 3d inst. These views afford a constitutional solution of the troubles that have been forced upon the country by unscrupulous and desperate partisans. If the course alluded to is the plan that will be pursued—and there is strong reason to believe that it will be—there would seem to be no imminent danger of disorganization or collision of any kind. Mr. Lamar points out the way, or rather the constitution points it out, and Mr. Lamar merely applies the provisions made in that instrument to the case in point.

The good sense of the country will at once recognize the wisdom of the course. If the two houses fail to agree, as they most probably will, from present indications, the next step to be taken is clearly pointed out by the constitution itself. Any disorganization or demoralization that may prevail, will be due alone to the revolutionary schemes of the party of "great moral ideas." If this party persist in throwing obstacles in the way of a constitutional and peaceable disposition of the question, they will be annihilated by the indignant wrath of the American people.

## A RICH MAN GOES.

It will be seen by reference to telegrams in today's BANNER, that one of the richest men in the South has been added to his list. Mr. Vanderbilt was the architect of his colossal fortune. He was distinguished by many acts of charity, and his donations being prodigious in their magnitude. He never entered no reverses and he once obtained a foothold in the career in the field of which he was steadily forward. He has been a long time before the public eye, and produces another Vanderbilt. Great possessions of money in the hands of a single man, and locked up and subject to the sole direction, are beginning to be regarded as of doubtful value to the great masses of the people. Vanderbilt left several millions of securities of property, and estimated at high as \$35,000,000.

In this man with plenty of money, and the highest blood in his veins, and anything else, he at least feared that any courts, juries, or officials will ever hurt him, as true as it is dignified and hurtful to society. With \$100,000 in his pocket, and in Texas, should he whom he pleased, he may like a holocaust of his enemies, whom he may butcher, stab and shoot, then put a cigar in his mouth, smile, and look the judge square in the face.

We reproduce the above from the Houston Age, simply to enter our unqualified dissent to its statements. It is not true that a man can shoot another down in Texas with any more impunity than he can in Georgia or Pennsylvania. Such paragraphs do harm at home, because they encourage the thoughtless to hope that they may go unwhipped of justice, when they commit crime. Such statements are uncontradicted, do us incalculable damage abroad, for in the older States the press is not slow to seize on any statement calculated to decry Texas, and lessen the many advantages which she offers to those seeking homes.

It is a fact worth thinking about that Africa is three times as densely populated as America. The estimated number of inhabitants of Africa is about eleven and a half square miles of territory is more than twice that in America on about fifteen and a half square miles. In Africa the average is 54 people to the square mile, in Africa 17.

"Young man," said he solemnly, "I'm sorry to see you smoking tobacco," and the young man assured him that he wasn't, that it was a Connecticut cigar.

## STATE NEWS.

Harry Robinson's Ministers are playing to good houses in Houston.

Bosque county is to have a \$9,500 jail.

An ox weighing over 2,500 pounds was raffled off at Fort Worth last week.

The bridge over the Gaudalupe river, on the Sunset Railway, will cost \$109,000.

Fifteen hundred buffalo hunters are now said to be rusticated on the frontier.

The good citizens of Brownsville are teasing upon roasting ears.

Immigrants from Iowa are settling in Jack county.

Fire wood is worth nine dollars per cord in Galveston.

Barney Curry, a laborer, committed suicide at Galveston on Saturday morning last by shooting himself in the breast with a pistol.

It is estimated that Texas has 9,500,000 head of stock.

Sugar culture is becoming profitable in Cameron county.

A San Antonio hunting party killed twenty-two deer and a bear in one day on the Florida a few days ago.

Two hog-heads of sugar to the acre is an average crop on Brazos bottom plantations.

The office of the Bonham News, together with almost every building on the West side of the square, was consumed by fire last week. New material has been ordered and the News will soon resume publication.

Sandy Hartgraves was shot and killed by Oscar Sims at Waxahachie on New Year's day.

The manifestations of a Denison Spiritualist has been exposed. A block of Wood attached to a string did the rapping.

The loss sustained by the Bonham fire is estimated at \$100,000.

State warrants are worth 88 cents at Austin.

Chamberlain Brothers, bankers at Belton, have suspended and an assignment has been made for the benefit of their creditors.

## Letter from Giddings

Giddings, Jan. 5 1877.

Dear Reader:—

Yesterday evening about 4 o'clock our community was startled by the cry of "fire," when it was discovered that the residence of Mr. Lewis Harris was on fire. The fire originated in the kitchen, and before any assistance could be rendered, the building was totally destroyed. Loss about \$3,000 partly covered by insurance. Our citizens rendered all the assistance possible and many valuables were rescued from the burning building.

## YEOLA.

The Midland Farmer states that within the last year about \$55,000 of the accumulated surplus in the treasury of the National Grange has been distributed among the State Granges in the ratio of \$2.50 for each subordinate grange borne on the rolls. Inasmuch as the grange has pretty well occupied all its territory, it is not likely that the fees for dispensations for the establishment of new granges (\$15 for each grange) will for the future form an important element of income to the National Grange.

Everything has been done, says an exchange, to honor and aggravate the Tilden people to fire-eating uterances and incendiary expressions, but thus far they have presented an unassailable front and every hour they withstand the temptation to do or say violent things the conspiracy grows weaker and finds less and less defense among the better class of Republicans.

We sometimes fail to get our New York Herald, Cincinnati Enquirer and Galveston News, and manage to get on in some sort, but when the BRENHAM BANNER fails for a whole week, it's just a little too much for us.—Cincinnati Intel.

The failure was not intentional on our part. A change in mailing clerks was the cause. All O. K. now bro. Bartow.

## Going to the City.

Both by experience and by observation we know the eager, restless desire of a certain class of young men on the farm to get away from farm life and come to the city. They dislike frugality, the steady, hard work on the farm, and think it would be much better and nicer if they could stand behind a counter in some dry goods store, or work in an office, or even drive a city team. They would then be "among folks," they think, and would be able to see for themselves "what was going on." The glare and glitter, the noise and bustle, the activity and commotion, the elegant splendor and gayety, they think would be a vast improvement on the solitude and seclusion of the farm.

Now words are directed to these words will do no good. It is in the city, and, therefore, difficult to get into the city, but some of the words in the midst of the diagnosis can be seen around the vital case.

But again, in this case, the condition of the patient is such that the doctor is obliged to be discharged in the spirit of truth and patriotism, regardless of consequences to party, but with profound anxiety for the whole country.

"If, however, as the constitution contemplates in this, as well as other cases requiring the co-operation of the two houses, they be unable to agree upon a decision, whether either candidate has been elected, it must follow that there can be no constitutional ascertainment and judgment put upon record, that any one has received a majority of the electors appointed. It is in effect a failure to elect. In such case the constitution is clear. It devolves upon each house to immediately proceed to their respective duties, the one to elect a President and the other a Vice President. Let the constitution be maintained inviolate and there need be no disorganizing collisions and no necessity of resorting to force."

## An Arctic Experience.

The sledging parties were the greatest sufferers in every respect as regards hardship and sickness. The position of one of these, and the enduring physical results to the officer in command, Lieutenant Beaumont, deserves more than casual notice. This young officer and seven men were so long in returning that a search party was sent out. In this they succeeded. Four of the party were so ill that they could not go on, and the officer in charge was in the "direst extremity." Almost the only alternative left was to leave the four men to their fate, and push back with the three still able to go on. The feeling of responsibility came upon him with crushing force. The mental agony endured changed in a few hours the color of his hair, and although a young man, he is now quite gray, and will thus carry to the grave unmistakable evidence of an anxious and conscientious desire to do his duty. He stuck to his helpless comrades, and when found by the relief party he and his three men were tugging at the ropes, bringing forward their fallen comrades two at a time at the rate of half a mile per day.—Edinburgh Courier.

## A Good Winter Wife.

A negro man has just applied to a Milton magistrate to know how to get his wife back. Milton is only separated from the Virginia line by a small creek, and it seems the woman's brother had run her off from her husband and taken her across the creek. "How can I get her, boss, my what's de law in Virginia?" asked the negro. "The cheap way," said the magistrate, "is to have no law about it; just go across the creek and overpower her and bring her home." "I'll sho do it, boss," said the negro; "a hard winter settin' in, no wood and no nuffin, but dat gal weighs two hundred, and she gibs out heat like a stove, de only time when a wife's a comfort." He waded the creek with a steer whip in one hand and a long rope in the other.—Raleigh Sentinel.

## The American People.

No people in the world are so much with Dyspepsia as Americans. Although years of experience in medicine has failed to accomplish a certain cure, many remedies for disease and its effects, such as Star Stomach, Sick Headache, Habitual Constipation, pain in the chest, heartburn, water brash, coming up of food, eructating, loss of spirits, &c., yet since the introduction of GIBBS'S ADJUSTED PLYER we believe there is no case of Dyspepsia and Liver Complaint that cannot be immediately relieved. 3,000 doses sold last year without one case of failure reported. Go to your Drug Store, R. E. Lohr & Co., and get a Sample Bottle for 10 cents and try it. Two doses will relieve you. Regular Size 50 cents.

## PERSONAL.

We had the pleasure yesterday of meeting Mr. Robert Kidd, of San Felipe, who in August last entered upon his one hundred and third year. Though past the three years allotted to man, Mr. Kidd is in good health, body and mind. He is now on his way visiting some of his children at Beaumont. Who says the climate of Texas is not healthy?—Houston Telegraph.

## PERSONAL.

There are said to be 50,000 Hebrews in the city of New York, and it is estimated that that number one hundred have estates whose valuation reaches \$1,000,000.

## Professional Cards.

J. M. Goss, Bates McFarland, Goss & McFarland, Attorneys at Law, Brenham, Texas. Office—Upstairs in Alcorn building Near Brodlove & Charles Bank. a BREEDLOVE & EWING, Attorneys at Law, Brenham, Texas. S. R. KENADA, Attorney at Law, Barton, Texas. Will practice in the District Court and Justice Court, Peperm a 5th then given to the collection of claims may 26th.

I. H. BOERS, Attorney at Law, Barton, Washington Co., Tex. sept 17. W. H. WILLIAMS, W. B. BILINGSBACH, Attorneys at Law, Office in Dallas 4 1/2 st. East side Court House Square. WILLIAMS & BILINGSBACH, Attorneys at Law, Office in Dallas 4 1/2 st. East side Court House Square. BRETT & COWLEY, REAL ESTATE AGENTS, Will practice in the District Court of Washington, Lee, and Bell counties. Office up stairs over Giddings Bank July 18. J. P. FOWLER, Attorney at Law, Real Estate & Collecting Agent, N19 Bastrop Texas. I. T. NORRIS, M.D., L. B. CREATH, M.D. Physicians and Surgeons. Office in Dallas 4 1/2 st. East side Court House Square. May 14th 1874, 2m.

D. R. G. H. & ALEX. BEAUMONT, Practising Physicians. (The latter having resumed his practice.) Brenham, Texas. office at Lukin's Drug Store. Henry Henricks, A. B. Hall, HENRY HENRICKS & CO., Wholesale Grocers, Houston, Texas. Commission Merchants, Agents for the most popular brands of FAMILY FLOUR. Feb. 15.

F. A. ENGELKE, BANKER, DEALER IN Foreign and Domestic Exchange, Fire Insurance Agent, No. 43 Brenham, Texas. B. ELLBRIDGE & CO., Wholesale and Retail Dealers in Groceries and Provisions, Brenham, Texas. A full and complete Stock always on hand, for sale at BOTTOM PRICES FOR THE CASH. Give us a trial. Oct. 8-1874.

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