

RESPONSE.

May 24.

of course, engages attention of every one. The exhibition, I was told last night, by a gentleman who ought to know, and who does know, surpass any thing ever shown at any of its seven predecessors, this being the eighth Fair. The attendance yesterday was small. It is believed it will be large to-day, but I am writing too early in the morning to be able to say how it may turn out.

Washington county was well represented in the fruit department. Rosedale is ahead on every thing in this line. The sight of strawberries, raspberries and peaches made many mouths water. Orders will come heavy on Mr. Watson for trees from every part of the State.

The exhibition of live stock is very fine. Mr. J. Naas, of Waller county, will get all the premiums on hogs. He sold eleven pair of pigs yesterday at twenty-five dollars a pair. He exhibits one monster hog, not quite four years old, that weighs ten hundred and fifty-five pounds. That is enough on the hog question.

I heard a man say yesterday, that the various stables of running horses equaled any he had ever seen, and he has witnessed racing on many courses. For the first race yesterday afternoon, a dash of a mile and a half, there were three entries, Rebel, Hawly and Tempin—won by the first named in 2:39. Little Rebel was the favorite, but I hope this will not be accepted as evidence of dissipation on the part of the visitors.

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STATE NEWS.

Cotton seed scarce in Collin.

Terrill is to have a city hall.

Cordeanna is to have a musical and dramatic society.

PUBLISHERS are working up San Antonio at a lively rate.

New wheat is being received at the Dallas Mills.

The Texas Irish potato crop is very heavy this year.

BRYAN and Belton are each to have a military company.

GRASS thirty feet in length grows in the San Marcos river.

J. L. Stephenson becomes the sole editor of the Gaudalupde Times.

San Antonio is now agitating the question of water-works in that city.

RANGERS continue to arrive at Austin with prisoners from Kimble county.

The wheat crop of Navarro county was seriously damaged by the hoppers.

AN abundance of stone coal has been discovered near Savoy, in Fannin county.

CORPUS Christi expects to handle four or five million pounds of wool this season.

SPANISH ponies are selling at from five to fifteen dollars per head at Corpus Christi.

The tide of immigration to Texas over the Texas and Pacific Railroad is daily increasing.

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OSKMA, MISSISSIPPI, May 11, '77.

Editors BANNER:

The next morning after the pleasant interview with your E., in the flourishing city of Brenham, we, that is, my wife and self, took the South bound train, and in forty hours were safe and sound among loved and loving friends, in our own home in this far away land. We were detained some four hours on the way making connections at different points; so that our actual travelling time did not exceed thirty-six hours. The distance travelled is 535 miles, but as the crow flies, it is only 350 miles from this place to Brenham.

Shakespeare says: There is a Divinity that shapes our

Rough, less them how we mar; and my experience demonstrates its truth, for after living so many years in your beautiful and productive country, I find myself tied down as it were, here in a very poor and barren region where hard work is required to force from reluctant soil a bare subsistence. When the war came on I was established in business in New Orleans, there, in my opinion, is the most desirable place to live in on this continent. When the Yankees made it unwholesome for me to remain there, I took refuge in the piney woods of Mississippi, the land of my birth and raising, where fate and an extensive professional practice, which could not be easily closed, confine me still.

I must confess, that as long as I had lived in your State, I had not formed a due appreciation of it until my late visit, when the great contrast it presented to the section in which I have spent the last dozen years forced it upon me. Here the vision is bounded by immense pine forests on every hand; the trees, to use a Miltonian phrase, being fit for the mast of some high admiral. One fresh from the prairies almost breaks off his neck with constantly looking up at their immense height. The country is well watered and healthy. We have good society and all the commercial advantages that could be desired, being on the New Orleans, Jackson and Great Northern Railroad, eighty miles from the former city. The soil, originally thin, has by long and slovenly tillage been pretty well exhausted, and paying crops can only be raised by the extensive use of fertilizers. Hence a great many persons wish to leave here in order to better their condition. I have had time to do but little else since my return home but reply to applications for information about Texas. Scores of honest hard working families, the bone and sinew of a country, could be induced to emigrate by imparting to them correct information of the advantages Texas affords, desirable localities, and the mode of getting there. I feel in conscience bound to do all I can for them in this respect; and if I could wind up my business here I should not be long in putting myself again under the jurisdiction of the Lone Star State. I have made arrangements to visit Texas again in next July, when I hope to find the editor of the BANNER in health and prosperity. I. APPLEWHITE.

The Accumulation of Gold.

[Washington special to N. Y. Tribune.]

About \$40,000,000 worth of gold has been coined in the mints of the United States since the first of July. Adding to this the amount of silver coined during the same period, the aggregate will be greater than the amount of coinage ever done in the United States mints in the same length of time since their organization. The only years during which the amount of work was nearly as great as were two or three immediately succeeding the discovery of gold in California and Australia; and even in those years the number of pieces actually made was much smaller than during the present, as the greater portion of the gold then coined was made into double eagles, while during the present year an immense quantity of silver coins has been turned out. The accumulation of gold in the United States during the current year will probably be greater than during any previous year of its history. This country is not only retaining all the gold produced, between \$40,000,000 and \$50,000,000, but in the first eight months of the present fiscal year our importations of gold and silver exceeded the exportations by about \$4,000,000. From present indications it would not be surprising if the amount of gold and silver accumulated in this country during the present year from production and import should amount to fully \$60,000,000, or more than the amount sent out of the country during the year 1862, as a result of the suspension of specie payments.

WHEN will business revive?—Houston Telegram.

About the first of next September.

LARGE white head cabbage are becoming plentiful, and are remarkably cheap.

THE U. S. Supreme Court has decided the case of the State of Virginia vs. the Chesapeake & Ohio R. R., against the latter. The Company claimed that it was exempt from taxation and will now have to pay \$174,000 tax to the State.

EX-Gov. Ben. G. Humphreys will become a candidate for the next Governorship of Mississippi. Nine years ago he was elected Chief Executive of the State by a majority of eight thousand, and lifted out of the place by the irresistible Federal bayonet before he became fairly settled.

During the past month the sales of school lands in Bee county amounted to some 16,000 acres, netting the county something like \$27,000, the interest on which, paid semi-annually into the school fund, amounts to the sum of \$1,165. About 4,000 acres of those lands sold for \$2.50 per acre.

The Lexington (Va.) Gazette remarks: "It is a fact that never in the history of the Government have the offices been made such matters of bargain and sale as they are made under Hayes, and never before has the principle been boldly and unblushingly announced that they are the stock in trade of an administration."

A stylishly dressed young lady stood complacently on Broadway, near Fourteenth street, yesterday, having a "shiner" at the hands of a professional bootblack.—N. Y. Tribune.

Well, what of it. Whitelaw Reed is mad only because he was not the happy "shiner."

TAX NOTICE.

Collector's Sale.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,)

WASHINGTON COUNTY,)

VS.)

Article CLII, sections 15, 17, and 18 of the acts of the fifthth legislature of the State of Texas, and by virtue of the Tax Rolls of Washington county, for the year 1876, I have received and levied upon certain tracts of land hereinafter described, assessed on the assessment so far as said county against the parties hereinafter named, respectively, and will proceed to sell at the Court house door, in the city of Brenham, Washington county, Texas, on the 15th day of June, 1877, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, to the highest bidder, for cash in hand paid, so much of the following Real Estate, situated in Washington county and State of Texas, as will be sufficient to satisfy the unpaid taxes and costs for the year 1876, commencing on the 1st day of January, 1877, being the 15th day in said month, and stating what said taxes are all paid or what so much of said said land is sold as will be sufficient to satisfy said unpaid taxes and costs.

1876—Precinct No. 1.

Burke, Geo. P.—229 acres, J Harbour League; 1050 acres J Newman League.

Brown, T. R.—122 acres J Harbour League; 1000 acres J Miller League.

Behavon, Fleming—355 acres in William Gates League.

Byth, P. M.—60 acres J P Cole League; 1000 acres A Miller League.

Evans, T. J.—257 acres Andrew Robinson League.

Ewing, Geo.—1120 acres M A Early League.

Everett, Beck—155 acres Joseph Harbour League.

Evans, John C.—724 acres Samuel Gates League; 289 acres Andrew Miller League.

Evans, J. P.—Estate—1107 acres M A Early League; 1000 acres J Lynch League; 161 acres Andrew Robinson League; 110 acres James Kegan League; 1 lot in town of Washington.

Franklin, J. R.—Estate—307 acres William DeLoach League.

Farrar, Ben.—100 acres S A Miller League.

Goke, B.—250 acres E Clapp League.

Gary, John E.—400 acres M B Gary and E D Jackson League.

Go, Alfred D.—51 acres A Robinson League; 38 acres J P Cole League.

Harbour, James—245 acres Joseph Harbour League.

Hovell, B. A.—119 acres Isaac Jackson League.

Jackson, E. D. Jr.—102 acres Jas Harbour League.

Kelsey, Chas.—1000 acres J P Cole League; 1000 acres J Harbour League.

McNeil, A. C.—124 acres J Harbour League; 1000 acres J Miller League.

McKinney, John L.—124 acres James Westall League.

Watson, D. W.—190 acres M Bird League.

McAdoo, Mrs J. D.—425 acres Wm Dever League.

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Poole, W. E.—39 interest in 203 acres Peter Kerr League.

Randle, Jules A.—1182 acres M A Early League.

Randle, M. E.—159 acres Isaac Jackson League.

Schultz, Fritz, 61 acres J Harbour League; 1000 acres J Newman League; 1000 acres M A Early League.

Whitfield, J. H.—50 acres A Dillard League; 1000 acres J Harbour League; 1000 acres J Newman League; 1000 acres M A Early League.

Young, C. W.—101 acres J Jackson League; 1000 acres J Harbour League; 1000 acres J Newman League; 1000 acres M A Early League.

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Bigby, Willis, 1 lot in Brenham.

Bishop, W. S., 300 acres S Smith League.

Bush, N. W., 1 lot in Brenham.

Barber, Dan, 94 acres Austin & Allcorn League.

Bowyer, J. B., 101 acres J W Cole League; 23 acres J Jackson League.

Baker, James, 1 lot in Brenham.

Compton, G. F.,