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The reported revolution in Mexico turns out to have been a trifling fight among a few smugglers.

Rev. Dr. Seymour, of the Episcopal Church has written a letter declining the bishopric of Springfield, Ill.

The case against Mr. Sleeper, of Waco, charged with perjury in the U. S. Commissioner's Court, has been continued.

The contract for mail service between New Orleans and Galveston has been awarded Mr. J. H. K. Hall, of Washington, at \$44,000.

Mr. Gould, the great directory man, of St. Louis, estimates the population of that city at 503,685, which is a large increase upon last year.

There is a strike on Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railroad at Emporia, Kansas. Attempts have been made to fire the railroad buildings at Topeka.

A NEW American industry is about to be developed in the exportation of firm to England. An English firm last year paid \$250 for Pennsylvania slate.

SHERMAN was three hours before the Banking Currency committee. He is firm in his faith in the ability of the Treasury to carry out the resumption law.

The Kelly motor, after humming scientific men and the public generally for the last five years, has at last been pronounced a third rate swindle.

MAJOR JONES has returned to Austin from El Paso, and is about to start for the Indian frontier. He has nothing to say about the El Paso Commission.

The New England Methodist Episcopal Conference, at Westfield, Mass., has sustained charges of heresy against Rev. H. P. Adams and suspended him from the ministry for one year.

MARYLAND refuses to receive District of Columbia convicts in her penitentiary any longer. Maryland is resolved that her working men shall not be ruined by foreign cheap labor.

In the House, after a prolonged debate, the office of door-keeper was declared vacant and the functions temporarily devolved upon the sergeant-at-arms. This disposes of door-keeper Polk.

The St. Louis Republican has received an orange from the neighborhood of Los Angeles, California, that is remarkable for its elephantine proportions. It measures twenty-two inches in circumference.

The St. Louis Texan says that Hon. Britton A. Hill, of that city who is now in Texas making greenback talks, is the owner of nearly half a million acres of land in the central and western portion of this State.

CONGRESSMAN SCHLEICHER in response to an inquiry said he did not expect to see the Mexican question settled during his lifetime. He thinks Diaz will soon be recognized, but that would not settle the trouble.

Some of the Denisonians are very wormy, the *News* tells of a tape worm fifty feet long taken from a gentleman of that town. A couple of tape worm doctors are doing a land office business in Denison.

The Secretary of War has ordered 50 recruits to be forwarded to San Antonio, Texas, where they will, upon arrival, be reported to the commanding general, department of Texas, for assignment to the 24th infantry.

The situation of Europe still remains a conundrum. England and Russia are both intriguing with Austria; England however has the inside track.

The Episcopal convention will assemble at Galveston, on Wednesday, May 15th. Bishop Gregg will preside. Rev. J. J. Clemens, of Houston, is the secretary of the convention.

The *St. Louis Texan* says that in view of the fact that the ice crop is very short this season, the price of this indispensable article will probably range from two to three cents a pound, and suggests the possibility of the establishment of ice factories in St. Louis.

GEN. F. W. JAMES, of the First Brigade has written a letter in which he says it will be a difficult matter to have an emancipation of all the military companies in the State. There is no possibility of obtaining State aid, not even if.

The House committee on electoral count has agreed to report in favor of a constitutional amendment fixing the tenure of the presidential office at six years, and declaring the president ineligible for re-election. They also propose to abolish the Electoral College, and to substitute for it a prorating of the popular vote, based upon the number of Senators and Representatives.

The *Galveston News* speaking of the result of the visit and canvass of President Kopper, of the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe railroad, says it is of the most cheering character and if the people along the line comply with their promises, they may count upon the road as an accomplished fact, with all its incidental benefits in a very near future.

It is estimated that the throats of the New Yorkers are so parched up that it requires 1,300,000,000 drinks annually to keep them irrigated. Allowing each of these twelve hundred million drinks to be an inch and a half deep, they would, placed one on top of the other, make a pile 28,409 miles high. The idea of a drink 28,409 miles long, would delight the heart of the oldest toper in the world.

BILL LONGLEY is an irrepressible letter writer. He has lately written a letter to Capt. Mast the officer who captured him. His mind is now taking a religious turn. He says he has done enough to ruin him in this world if not in the world to come. He thinks he could die a Christian if people would only quit tantalizing him. It seems to him that everybody glories in making him feel as miserable as possible especially the newspapers of the country. William seems to have lost sight of the fact that he is indebted entirely to the newspapers for the notoriety he now has.

THERE has been another train robbery in Northern Texas—this time on Texas Pacific railroad at Eagle Ford, a station between Dallas and Fort Worth. The details of the affair are the same as those of the Hutchins and Allen robberies: The gang are thought to have their headquarters at Denton. A man named Bass, supposed to be one of the robbers was seen in Denton in company with a deputy sheriff. There is a strong party, and it is said, they cannot be captured without the assistance of State police. The last robbery did not pan out very well, as the brigands only got \$50 of express money and a few registered letters.

On Wednesday last it snowed at Parsons and as far down as McAllister in the Cherokee Nation.

For State Treasurer.

The name of Judge Rufus Y. King, of Lee county, will be presented to the Democratic State Convention for the nomination to the office of State Treasurer.

The Democrats of Washington county, will, we believe, heartily co-operate with their brethren of Lee, in the support of Judge King, who is well known to them as a gentleman of capacity and integrity.

We have known Judge King for years, and in every capacity to which he has served his country, he has proved himself faithful, competent and upright. A gallant Captain in Terry's Texas Rangers during the late war, he was crippled in one arm at the battle of Shiloh. As county Judge of Lee county, since the adoption of the present constitution he has proven himself an impartial and incorruptible officer.

We commend Judge King to the Democrats of the State as the right man, in the right place, and one in every respect worthy and deserving of support.

The Whipping-post.

The *Tyler Democrat* is inclined to the opinion that the whipping-post would be a cheap and effective means of disposing of petty criminals. The *Denison News* is opposed to it and says "a man with any manhood in his soul, will be very apt to make the experiment cost somebody more than \$250." In reply it may be said that "a man with any manhood in his soul" will never put himself into a position requiring the whipping-post to expiate his offense. The class of offenders it is expected to reach by the whipping-post are already debased and devoid of manhood in their souls. If the whipping-post has the effect of making them honest it will accomplish more than the jails and penitentiaries have done. Where the whipping-post has been tried, it has found to work like a charm.

Shooting at Orange.

The *Houston Telegram* gives the details of a shooting affray at Orange on Friday last. It seems that a lumberman named Manual Ferguson, bearing the reputation of being a desperado, came to Orange and got drunk, having a huge dirk knife and banking on his reputation he took the town all day. In the evening Ferguson with a party of friends raised a disturbance in a saloon. Deputy sheriff Jett went into the saloon to quiet the row and in doing so struck one of the Ferguson party over the head with his revolver. The pistol was discharged nearly killing a bystander, who escaped with a scalp wound. The officer was shot in the hip, it is thought, by a pistol fired from Ferguson's pocket. The officer retired without saying anything and the Ferguson party was pushed out on the sidewalk. Ferguson fell over a log and as he attempted to rise he received three shots through his body. He then attempted to draw his pistol when he was again fired on by the crowd, two more balls were lodged in him and he died with his boots on. When it became known that deputy sheriff Jett had been shot, much indignation was manifested. The Ferguson crowd deserted him as soon as the firing commenced and at last accounts Ferguson's body was still lying where it fell.

Professor Newcomb says: "So small is the earth, compared with the celestial spaces, that if one should shut his eyes and fire at random in the air, the chance of bringing down a bird would be better than that of a comet of any kind striking the earth."

Now is the time to take our carpets into the back yard and beat what Bob Ingersoll says does not exist out of "em.—*Com. Bulletin.*

A *Whipping Post* was lately returned to an Alabama official, having enforced upon it the *Whipping Post*. It's here every day to marry an de bees is returned Bank. J. make'man, an' be retained."

Manufactories.

Texas at present is purely an agricultural and pastoral State, the few manufactories hardly turning out enough manufactories articles to amount to a tithe of the consumption. Texas produces more cotton than any other one State in the Union, and yet there is not a cotton mill of any importance in the entire State. The fact cannot be gossayed that nearly all articles produced in factories are brought from other States. The one item of agricultural implements alone amounting in the aggregate to a large sum, then comes boots and shoes, harness and saddlery. Nearly every town has its saddler, but still three-fourths of the saddles and harness is from eastern makers, the majority of whom produce an inferior article at a low price. The stock worked up by the home saddlers is the product of eastern tan yards, and so it goes through the entire list.

What is needed generally throughout the State is factories. Every place is, of course not adopted to them, but Brenham, we think, possess superior advantages in many respects. That there is money to be made with cotton seed oil mills has been demonstrated by the success met with the Ashenbeck brothers, of Hempstead; the oil mills at Navasota and the new and large mills now being erected at Dallas. Washington county produces more cotton than any other county in the State, besides large quantities are brought to this market from Burleson, Lee, Fayette and Austin counties, all of which have large quantities of surplus seed that is now seeking a market. The business of shipping cotton seed is only in its infancy, yet more than \$20,000 has been paid for that article the present season. That shipped from here this season has mostly gone to the mills at New Orleans. So profitable is the manufacture of cotton seed oil considered that mills have been put up in St. Louis and Chicago, where the seed has to be transported long distances by river and rail, the latter city only being reached by rail. If it will pay, as it undoubtedly does, to transport cotton seed long distances to manufacture it, the profit by manufacturing at home would at the lowest estimate amount to more than is paid for freights, and that is no inconsiderable item.

In Brenham town property is reasonably cheap, house rents are also moderate, and country produce of all kinds can be had in abundance the year round, for very moderate prices, thus reducing the cost of living very materially from what it is in the larger cities.

MR. HENRY BERGH, president of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, contends that there is no such disease as hydrophobia. A gentleman who does believe there is such a disease challenges Mr. Bergh. He proposes to inoculate Mr. Bergh for the rabies with fresh saliva of a hydrophobic dog. If the inoculation does not take within six months then the challenger, proposes to pay \$1000 to the society of which Bergh is president. No forfeit whatever is asked of the president of the S. for the P. of C. to A.

HON. M. KOPPEL, who returned to Galveston on Friday last says if the subscriptions tendered along the line of the Santa Fe railroad can be reduced to possession, the completion of the road to Belton in one or two years cannot be doubtful.

The announcement of the demise of the *Galveston Independent* is received with pleasure by a majority of the Texas press.

The House has elected Chas. W. Field, of Georgia, door-keeper, vice Polk, of Missouri, removed.

Major Sayers.

The *Austin Statesman* pays a very high compliment to Major Sayers and says: "To relieve the apprehensions of a few gentlemen who are well acquainted with the personal character of Major Sayers, and who seem to think that he will not propose to ride into office upon the coat-tail of another, we assert, without fear of successful contradiction, that he will go before the convention upon his own merits, be they great or small. So far he has made his way through the world by his own efforts. He has helped others more than others have helped him. He has ever been and will continue to be loyal and true to his friends, as well in adversity as in prosperity. He would scorn to accept, as he has been done by so many, official position upon any such terms. In his candidacy he serves the right, as is his privilege and duty, to entertain and express his opinion in all matters as becomes a fearless, honest American citizen, and we very much mistake his character if he would consent to walk muzzled into any position, however exalted. He has heretofore been, and now is regarded most frank, sincere and unselfish, and we would greatly regret a change in his character made in order to secure the nomination for the office of Lieutenant Governor."

We would add that the *Statesman* nor any of the friends of Major Sayers, need have any fear that the Major will do anything unbecoming his present high character, in order to secure a nomination for any office whatever.

The *Houston Telegram* in reply to the assertion of the *Austin Gazette* that "cotton is the course of the country. It don't pay the cost of production," says "that is all boss." Texas produces annually 700,000 bales of cotton, worth \$35,000,000 and this amount of money is turned loose to pay for dry goods, groceries, whiskey, tobacco and the thousands of other articles of luxury and necessity that are required. "Take away cotton—and in a year hence—the only way we could keep a dollar in Texas would be to fasten it to a log chain locked around an iron post."

THERE is a man in New Granada, South America, who is said to be one hundred and eighty years old. The oldest man of modern times of whom there is any record was an English peasant known as old Parr, who died about 1650 aged 175 years. His age was well authenticated. The South American man was never drunk in his life and eats but one meal a day. The majority of men in this country prefer to eat three times a day at the risk of not living to be a hundred years old.

THERE are now four regularly organized political parties in the wicked city of Chicago; the Democratic, Republican, National or Greenback and Commune, then they have a few independent chaps composed of the "tailings" of all the other parties. The intents and purpose of three first named parties are thoroughly understood, but just what the communists want is not so well understood. It may be that they want to pattern after their brethren in France and do away entirely with individual property rights. In that case they would be a dangerous community and need very close watching.

Denison is infested with tramps—the genuine tramp won't work—a man in that city offered to give four tramps work at \$1 25 per day. "H—I" said the head center of the gang, "you think a man such a fool as to work at that price." The *News* favors arresting all such characters and putting them to work in the chain gang. If they work feed them well and if they do not put them on rations of bread and water.

"Now knudlers," said a Gatesville negro preacher the other night, "de ordinance will come together, king de doctrine, reeb de contradiction, an' be retained."

NEWS.

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The smallpox scare at Richmond is over and everybody has been vaccinated.

One hundred thousand acres of land in Kinney county, was sold for taxes at Fort Clark.

Bremond having got through with the smallpox is now busy with the telephone.

De Witt Clinton Baker has been appointed collector of revenue for the third district of Texas.

The lax collector of McLennan county has just turned over to the county treasurer \$34,000 collected on taxes for 1877.

Richmond, Fort Bend county, has just had a quiet "city election." One hundred and twenty-one votes were polled.

The Houston Cotton Exchange and Board of Trade held its annual meeting on Saturday. The Exchange is in a flourishing condition.

The *Denison News* reports heavy rains as low down as Parsons, Kansas, but not a drop in Denison. It says the rain is unequally distributed.

The docket of the Fayette county is unusually full. The larger portion of the docket consists of delinquents who have failed to pay their dog tax.

Frank Greenwald claims to be the great North American buffalo slayer. He is now in Sherman, and says he has killed 3200 buffaloes this year.

Fishing is miserable in Jack county. There are too many fishermen and too few fish. Washington county is suffering from the same complaint.

The members of the Waco bar held a meeting and passed a set of resolutions directed opposite to those of the Galveston bar, in the matter of the new federal judicial district.

The *Clarksville Banner* gives a detailed account of the robbery of a Hall's bugular proof safe at that place. It seems that the safe was as easily opened as a fifteen cent drawer lock.

The gum of the mesquite tree, so common in Western Texas, is almost identical with gum Arabic, and answers the same purpose. Thirty thousand pounds of mesquite gum was gathered last year.

In Fort Worth the police and other fellows amuse themselves by "throwing physic to the dogs" in the yards. By this process valuable dogs are killed and worthless curs that roam at large escape.

Lieut. Armstrong, of Hills' Command, who captured John Wesley Hardin in Florida, has been called upon by one hundred citizens of De Witt county, and has consented to become a candidate for sheriff at the next election.

A young man named Charles Snowden, who lived on a farm on the Brazos ten miles below Waco, deliberately took down a shot gun and walking out into the yard shot himself through the breast. He fell dead in his tracks.

Crockett is usually a quiet town but it is now wide awake over a stunning sensation, John Howard was a banker enjoying the confidence of the community and having the custody of a large amount of their funds. Some two weeks ago he was married. He has now "eloped" and carried with him thousands of dollars of other peoples' money. He did not however take his wife with him.

Gay Hill Locals.

MARCH, 30th 1878. The latest social event was the party at Mr. James H. James' on Wednesday evening last. The young ladies all looked bewitching in their charming toilets. The music by the Burton string band was splendid. Every one in attendance seem to enjoy themselves very much. Dancing was kept up until the wee sma' hours.

The grangers have gone to work in good earnest. They now meet regularly on the first and third Saturday in each month. One day is for business, and the other a social meeting.

The sociable still flourishes. It has regular meetings at different residences in the neighborhood twice a month. The exercises are reading, music and charades.

The Baptists commenced a meeting yesterday at the church in this town. There was a sermon at eleven o'clock, with a basket dinner and preaching in the afternoon and evening.

The farmers are beginning to look "a little blue" on account of the protracted dry weather, though the young drops are not suffering for rain as yet. Some wheat has been sown as an experiment. It looks as well as any I ever saw in northern or central Texas. Irish potatoes planted for shipment are looking splendid.

We have two flourishing schools in the neighborhood, each with an attendance of about twenty-five pupils.

The next trouble is road working on Thursday and Friday. As I am over age I won't be "troubled." HARDTIMES.

Sunday School.

The Baptist Sunday school convention at Gay Hill, which lasted three days, has adjourned. The result was the organization of a Sunday school. The meeting was conducted by Rev. Drs. Crane, Dodson and Rountree. The ladies gave a most excellent dinner, to which ample justice was done by both saint and sinner. Many of our Independence friends were present and seemed fully alive to the interest of the church.

Anniversary of the Battle of San Jacinto.

On Saturday 20th of April, (Sunday being the 21st, the day on which the battle was fought) there will be a celebration at Rocky Creek, near the Brenham and Independence road, four miles South of Independence. The Texas Declaration of Independence will be read by Lewis R. Bryan. An oration will be delivered by Albert G. Haynes. Music will be interspersed and other exercises.

Independence Grange, Independence Council of Temperance, the Baptist Sunday School of the same place, faculty and students of Baylor Female College, faculty and students of Baylor University, and Brenham Grays are expected to be present. There will be a general picnic, and it is hoped all citizens will attend and report their memories of the incidents of the early struggles of Texas for liberty and Independence. The only three survivors of the battle, now in Washington county, are especially invited to honor the occasion with their presence.

SAM HOUSTON DIXON, L. T. McLEOD, C. H. WELLS, Chairman on behalf of Baylor University.

Choose Well.

Never marry a man who has only his love for you to recommend him. That is very fascinating, but it does not make the man. If he is not otherwise what he should be, you will never be happy. The most perfect man, who did not love you, should never be your husband; but though marriage without love is terrible, love only will not do. If this man is dishonest with other men, mean, or given to vice, the time will come when you will either loathe him or sink to his level. It is hard to remember, amidst kisses and praises, that there is anything else in the world to be done or thought of but love-making, but the days of life are many; and the husband must be a guide to be trusted—a companion, a friend as well as a lover. Many a girl has married a man whom she knew to be anything but good, because he loved her so. And the flame has died out on the hearthstone of home before long, and beside it has been sitting one that she could never hope would lead her heavenward—no one, if she followed him as a wife should, would guide her steps to perdition. Marriage is a solemn thing; a choice for life; then be careful in choosing.

The initial number of the *Texas Sentinel*, a weekly paper, published in this city by Mr. E. R. Carrick, Maj. S. G. Spann, editor and proprietor made its appearance yesterday. The *Sentinel* is a very neat six column paper and its typographical appearance shows experienced workmanship. It enters the journalistic arena with the best wishes of the *Banner* for its success.

Ex-Gov. Moses, of South Carolina, has been arrested in New York and locked up on a charge of forgery committed in South Carolina. He will be taken to Charleston.

How to be Handsome.

Most people would like to be handsome. Nobody denies the great power which any person may have who has a handsome face and attracts you by good looks, even before a word has been spoken. And we see all sorts of devices in men and women to improve their looks.

Now, all cannot have good features—they are as God made them—but almost any one can look well, especially with good health. It is hard to give rules in a very short space, but in brief these will do:

Keep clean—wash freely. All the skin wants is to act freely, and it takes care of itself. Its thousands of air holes must not be closed.

Eat regularly, and sleep enough—not too much. The stomach can no more work the time, night and day, than a horse. It must have regular work and rest.

Good teeth are a help to good looks. Brush them with a soft brush, especially at night. Go to bed with cleansed teeth. Of course, to have white teeth it is needful to let tobacco alone. All women know that. Washes for the teeth should be very simple. Acids may whiten the teeth, but they take off the enamel and injure them.

Sleep in a cool room, in pure air. No one can have a cleanly skin who breaths bad air. But more than all, in order to look well, wake up mind and soul.

When the mind is awake, the dull sleepy look passes away from the eyes. I do not know that the brain expands, but it seems so. Think, and read, not trashy novels, but books and papers that have something in them. Talk with people who know something; hear lectures and learn them.

Men say they cannot afford books, and sometimes do not pay for a newspaper. In that case it does them little good; they feel so mean while reading them. But men can afford what they really choose. If all the money spent in self-indulgence, in hurtful indulgence, was spent in books or papers for self-improvement, we should see a change. Men would grow handsome, women too. The soul would shine out through the eyes. We were not meant to be animals. Let us have books and read them.—*American Farm Journal.*

The Caldwell *Eagle* of the 5th inst., contains a lengthy report of the railroad meeting held at that place. The people of Burleson county are thoroughly aroused and mean business. The county court has already granted the road exemption from county taxes for five years. The following resolutions, which explains themselves, were passed without a dissenting voice:

Resolved, That the people of Burleson county, in mass meeting assembled, hereby pledge the right of way through the county to the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railroad, and pledge the company two hundred thousand dollars in the way of local aid, provided the Road be constructed and a depot be established at Caldwell under the existing charter of the company, and the Road to be finished through the county within twelve months after the bonds of the company are disposed of.

The *Austin Gazette* ask an expression of opinion from the Democratic press of this district as well as from the people, of their choice of a candidate for Congressman. The mind of the BANNER is already made up, but it is a little too early to express an opinion. In due time we will make our preference known.

The House agreed by a vote of 288 to 6 to a bill authorizing the president to appoint James Field, of Missouri, a brigadier general upon the retired list of the army. Gen. Shields is a Mexican war veteran and a wheel-horse in the Democratic party of Missouri.

If a lassie meets a lassie walking up the street; if the lassie wears a "millar"—shows an auld nest; if the wind is ruddy blowing, lifts her skirts too high, and a lassie sees her auldie, need a lassie cry? Every lassie wears a "millar" and a "hardapen," and a millar "palliator" on her snowy breast. If when married to the lassie those false charms be spyt; if he says "I'm sold, by jingo!" need a lassie cry?

Five hundred acres are planted in tobacco in Knox county, Tennessee.