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THE hot weather continues unabated at St. Louis.

YELLOW fever is reported in the navy yard at New York.

THE Pomological exhibition at Houston closed on Friday.

THE Potter investigation is still in progress in New Orleans.

Work on the Santa Fe railroad bridge across the Brazos began on Monday.

THE Nationals or Greenbackers at Memphis, Tenn., have gone over to the Reds.

THE congressional convention for the Fourth District meets at Bryan, August 15.

Maj. J. D. Sayers delivered an eloquent and forcible address at the opening of the convention.

THE Galveston News wrestles with the problem: "Is universal suffrage a failure?" It thinks it is not.

THE Houston Age pays a high and well deserved compliment to the Democracy of the Northern States.

Paper flour barrels are now made and sold at one-third of the cost of wooden barrels. They are also much better.

THE Houston Telegram thinks the advent of a new and vigorous party in Texas would be a Godsend to the Democracy.

One of the strong points made against Ireland was the fact that he was once a Know Nothing. This killed him with the Germans.

The heated term still continues at St. Louis. On Thursday there was forty-two sunstruck patients at the dispensary at noon.

A WILD Irishman created a sensation in a Tennessee town by running stark naked into a church. He is a religious monomaniac.

A rumor is in circulation in Austin that the Central will build railways from Brenham and Waco to Belton and thus forestall the Santa Fe.

An impression prevails in San Antonio that a hostile move across the Rio Grande will be made on the occasion of the next raid from Mexico.

THE committee on platform declare that it is the duty of the legislature of the state to regulate the rate of freight tariff on all railroads in this state.

WM. E. GRAY, known in Texas as Dr. Geo. Colletto, is now in the New York jail on a charge of forgery. He raised only \$310,000 on forged papers.

The first bale of new cotton was received at Galveston on Wednesday and sold on Thursday at 16 cents. It was raised by L. E. Newhaus, of Lavaca county.

THE outcome of the San Antonio congressional fiasco will be the political death of Hon. John Ireland. His political friends had as well prepare his obituary.

It is claimed, and with a reasonable show of truth, that the express companies realize three-fourths of the value of the fruit crop of Texas. Tariffs are enormously high.

THE Navasota Tablet says papers in the "old States" will confer a favor on young lawyers by advising them that Texas is raising her own supply, and will have a large surplus.

THE woman's rights women are holding a meeting at Rochester, N. Y. Lucretia Mott, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Phoebe Cousins and other distinguished "young" ladies are present.

A SPECIAL to the News from Seguin says the people are very much pleased with the action of the minority in the San Antonio convention and will go solid for Ireland. Just so.

In the convention, on Friday, Lang's name was withdrawn after the third ballot. The tenth and last ballot of the day was: Throckmorton 714; Hubbard 754; necessary to choice 996.

THE Denison Herald comes squarely in favor of the whipping post. We will never be satisfied that the whipping post is a failure until thoroughly tried in Texas and found wanting.

THE Sherman Register says that Hon. Sam Ewart, of Tarrant, is the Greenback candidate for congress in that district. He proposes to run independent a la Wash Jones. He will be left.

Gov. Hampton invites all citizens of South Carolina now away from the State on account of their kluksu doings to return home. The only condition is that they behave themselves.

THE present State convention is too numerous and cumbersome. The resolutions submitted propose a reduction of delegates to one for every 300 votes or fraction over 150 votes cast at the next election.

The jury on the trial of the train robbers at Austin, on the 18th, returned a verdict of guilty as to Pipes and Herndon, principals, and acquitted those accessories who are held as being accessory to Bass and others.

E. A. Oakley, in 1870, stole \$300,000 from a New York bank. He succeeded in eluding arrest until a few days ago. At the time of the theft he was cashier of the bank. Since the crime he has at times been so destitute as to be forced to beg bread.

GEN. ORD gives it as his opinion that a failure to re-elect Schleicher would be regarded at Washington as evidence that the people of western Texas were opposed to vigorous measures to repress raiding, as Schleicher had been the foremost champion of an aggressive policy.

THE Dallas Herald says: "Though supporting Mr. Throckmorton as a candidate for governor, it has cast no stain upon the honor or integrity of Gov. Hubbard or Mr. Lang." A contrary policy has been pursued by no small number of Texas papers.

The Galveston News has a fearful time with its "N. A. T." letters. N. A. T. hardly ever writes a letter that does not call forth a reply correcting some wild assertions. The last correction comes from Fayette county, and is a defense of its fruit growing industry.

Work on the Washington monument has been resumed. The foundations will be strengthened and the unfinished shaft completed. It has been decided to place on each of the four sides of the monument panels of bronze thirty by fifteen feet, representing bas-relief scenes in the life of Washington.

Hon. Gustav Schleicher was given a banquet by his friends at the Menger hotel. He announced his purpose of making an aggressive race. "Casting the sheath of his sword behind him, he would hereafter deal his blows with the naked blade. He would enter the race unhindered. It would not be so with his opponent." Ireland's friends assert that he will fight it out to the bitter end.

THE CONVENTION.

The following summary of the proceedings on the second day of the State Democratic convention is compiled from the dispatches to the Galveston News: Both delegations from Brazos county were admitted. Permanent organization was effected by the election of M. D. K. Taylor, of Marion, president; John Bookout, of Dallas, secretary; G. B. Zimpleman, Sergeant-at-Arms. Committee on permanent organization reported that there being no data furnished by which to determine the representation of counties organized since 1876, they be excluded. A minority report was offered, claiming the right of lately organized counties to representation. Amid much confusion the unorganized counties were ruled out. A committee on platform was then appointed.

The convention was called to order at 8:30 in the evening. The chairman said unless the convention decided otherwise the two-thirds rule will prevail. Joel Bryan, of Brazoria, nominated Throckmorton. Gen. Young put in nomination R. B. Hubbard.

Bassett, of Washington seconding the nomination of Hubbard, asked: Who have been your governors? Have they not worthily performed their duties? Why was Russell made governor in 1857? Because he had performed the duties of lieutenant governor. Why was it, at a subsequent time, Frank Lubbock was made governor? Because he had been placed in the line of promotion, discharging the duties of lieutenant governor. He was nominated and elected lieutenant governor in 1863; and subsequently that decree was ratified in 1865 at Galveston and elected by an unparalleled majority by the Democracy making Texas the banner state. Now will you undo what your predecessors have done in the past to displace Hubbard? For so the canvass has been shaped. Are you prepared to register such an edict?

Campbell, of Fannin, nominated W. W. Lang. Mr. E. A. Jones of McLennan said: Mr. Lang is charged with being a class candidate, I would not support him as such. He rises superior to cliques and classes." The first ballot resulted as follows: Lang 210; Throckmorton 560 13-20; Hubbard 679 146-165. Dark Horse 43-15.

THE Santa Fe Road. The Galveston News of the 19th says Col Flournoy returned yesterday from New York and reports that his mission was entirely successful. The contract for the sale of the Santa Fe bonds has been satisfactorily arranged. He and Mr. Kopperl are highly satisfied with all they have achieved. All that remains now to be done is the acceptance of the contract by the stockholders of the company.

That the stockholders will accept the terms agreed upon by Messrs. Flournoy and Kopperl we have no doubt. This being done, the work will be commenced vigorously, and it is within the range of possibilities that the cars on this road will reach Brenham before Christmas. The merchants and business men of Galveston are thoroughly in earnest about this enterprise. We shall regard the completion of this road to Brenham as the dawn of a new era in her onward progress.

THE pomological at Houston is attracting a good many visitors. The displays of fruits, flowers and vegetables are very creditable. The Telegram expresses surprise that no entries have been made from Washington county to compete for the \$100 prize. So far, Fort Bend county has been the most successful competitor.

It is has been suggested that at the congressional convention the candidates be made to pledge themselves to support the nominee of the convention. Delegates will do well to press this matter.

THE Brenham correspondent of the Galveston News, upon the adjournment of the county convention at this place, telegraphed to the News that a majority of the delegates elected to the State convention were Throckmorton men. Again, a day or two ago, he telegraphed that three-quarters of the people of this county were for Throckmorton. Now let us examine the first ballot in the State convention and see how near the News' correspondent came to guessing the vote of this county: Lang 6 1-2; Hubbard 13; Throckmorton 2 1-2. "A majority of the delegates are for Throckmorton," says the reliable correspondent. Comment is unnecessary. The delegates are fresh from the people and are among the best men in the county.

JACKSON is a populous county in Missouri, and composes a Congressional district. There were three candidates, all Democrats, for the position of congressman. It was decided to hold a primary election and each Democrat was permitted to vote for the man of his choice, or rather, to make his selection of a candidate by a direct vote. The plan seems to possess the merit of simplicity and does away with the possibility of packing county and manipulating district conventions. It arrives directly at the choice of the people.

THE Galveston Journal of Commerce says live cattle are being shipped from New York to London, and asks why the same cannot be shipped from Galveston. In central and southern Texas corn is abundant and very cheap. Beef cattle can be fed cheaper in this section of country than any where else because of the mildness of the climate and pasturage the whole year round. If the enterprise be inaugurated it would be a source of large revenue. Cattle sell as readily for cash as cotton.

THE platform adopted by the State Democratic convention now in session is sufficiently greenback to suit the views of the most advanced Greenbackers and should do away with the necessity of a separate organization. The difference between the Greenbackers and the Democrats are so small that they should be harmonized. The idea of having "absolute money" is ignored in the platform; the scheme is so visionary as to be unworthy of consideration.

THE Galveston News publishes a letter from a correspondent who has very recently travelled through the counties of Milam, Williamson, Burleson, Washington, Burnet, Lee and Colorado, all of which have instructed for Shepard and the people generally are enthusiastic over the result.

This does not agree with the manufactured reports that Colorado and Burnet counties are dissatisfied with the result. This writer says that the Democracy of the district are sound and that there has been no abuse of the convention system. He says further that the nominee of the Brenham convention will be elected.

An account of Bass' appearance at Round Rock and the killing of one of his men as well as that of a deputy sheriff has already been published. A squad of Lieut. Reynold's men captured Bass about seven miles north of Round Rock. Bass is now at that place fatally wounded. The Galveston News gives a sketch of his life: He was born in Southern Indiana in 1851; came to Texas eight years ago, locating in Denton county and engaging as a herder. His first celebrated exploit was the Union Pacific robbery in September 1877. His subsequent exploits are well known.

THE Belmont Journal considers the railroad prospects as flattering. More cotton will be raised than can be picked out.

Public Opinion.

N. A. T., who furnishes the political opinions of the Galveston News, has discovered that, in spite of the fact that the delegates to the District Nominating Convention from the counties of Colorado and Burnet are instructed for Shepard, the people of those counties, to the extent of three-fourths, are for John Hancock for congress. This is one of the political paradoxes for which the News is so famous; and, while it may elicit some remark as a mere curiosity, it will excite no special interest, for the reason that nobody believes that such a state of things as the News describes exists.—Houston Telegram

N. A. T. has succeeded in acquiring an unenviable reputation for reliability. He always finds out things that are unknown, save in his imagination. During his peripatetic in this congressional district he was unable to find any but Hancock men. Everybody with whom he came in contact was enthusiastic for Hancock,—he found no Shepard men anywhere,—yet, notwithstanding this unanimity for his man Hancock, but one county (Fayette) instructed for Hancock, and in that county Shepard has many friends and supporters. From the tenor of N. A. T. letters it would seem as though his chief business had been to manufacture public opinion in favor of his man. How far he has succeeded remains to be seen. In our opinion, he has done Hancock no good, but on the contrary has made friends for Shepard. This was not his intention; however, we can stand it if he can. The people are abundantly able to manage their own affairs, and always instruct delegations who will represent their sentiments; hence the instructions for Shepard instead of Hancock, who is the choice of a few newspapers and not of the people.

THE committee on platform and resolutions in the State convention made their report on Saturday. The advance copy of the report is quite voluminous. The financial planks are sufficiently greenback to satisfy any reasonable man.

The 7th resolution is as follows: "We favor one currency for the government and the people, the laborer and the officeholder, the pensioner and the soldier, the producer and the bondholder." It is also demanded that the bonds of the United States be paid in legal tender notes, except where specific contracts have been made otherwise.

NEARLY all the swindlers, cappers, intrigues and fraud and forgery manipulators in the Florida and Louisiana electoral frauds have been rewarded with positions by which they can live on the public crib. Notably among them is Noyes, of Ohio, who has been made minister to France. He is described as "a red-faced, beefy, shambling specimen of a Cheap John politician." Truly a nice specimen to represent the United States at Paris.

WACO has two ice factories; the consequence is that the citizens buy ice at one cent a pound. Here in Brenham we have no ice factories; and, if a man is good looking and behaves himself politely he can get a few pounds of ice as a matter of accommodation at six cents a pound. Brenham needs an ice factory.

THE Denison Herald, a quasi Greenback paper says the Greenbackers of Missouri are in a quandary. The Democrats have stolen all their thunder and now they don't know whether to return to the Democratic ranks or fight it out on the independent line.

THE Democracy of Grimes county are wide-awake and have gone actively to work. A number of Democratic clubs have been organized in different parts of the county and the white man's party feels sanguine of success.

STATE NEWS.

Williamson county has no deputy sheriffs.

The Williamson county bonds will shortly be sold.

A year old almond tree bearing in Navarro county.

Houston is still shipping melons and vegetables to the North.

Bell county is making active preparations for a fair in the fall.

The Comanche Greenback Appeal is no more. It was very short lived.

A firm at Navasota propose handling cotton this season at 25 cents a bale.

Iola Greenback club, of Grimes county, will vote for the White Man's party.

A Greenback barbecue was given in the vicinity of Coon Bend in Austin county.

A sausage maker is wanted in Comanche; the unlicensed dogs are to be killed.

The citizens of San Saba county are now having law and order—the rangers are there.

Four prisoners in the Jefferson jail overpowered the jailor and escaped, on the 19th.

Dallas is being surveyed by a corps of engineers preliminary to system of sewerage.

Houston is recovering from its hydrophobia scare. The Telegram thinks sunstrokes will be next in order.

The Beacon and Argus are at war. It would be more serene if they dwelt together in peace and harmony.

The Greenback club at Houston had fifteen converts on Friday night. The Age says they were "taken in."

S. S. Gabert's livery stable at Navasota was burned on Thursday. Incendiary. Loss \$15,000; no insurance.

The Bellville Beacon has a good word to say for D. G. Bowers our candidate for tax collector in this county.

Mr. Joe Turner, while out collecting bills in Houston, was sunstruck. By the application of ice and ice-water he was restored.

The town of Oakwood is being moved a mile from its old location to a new town of the same name on the I. and G. N. railroad.

Another shooting scrape has taken place in Bell county. One Taft was shot by his brother-in-law, Llewellyn. Cause, tarantula juice.

The opinion is gaining ground in Dallas that the Mexican, Devarra, did not commit suicide, but was poisoned and then hung.

The Navasota Tablet man weeps and says prize watermelons come in very slow. The producers of melons can't be bulldozed.

At Navasota a villain attempted to chloroform a young girl 12 or 15 years of age. She gave the alarm and the scoundrel escaped.

The Chief is magnumous. It says as the Greenbackers have no organ in Comanche county to defend their nominees it will remain neutral on that point.

The Bellville Beacon says its all a mistake to suppose that a lie well told and stuck to is as good as the truth. The truth is mighty and will prevail.

The Comanch Chief brandishes its tomahawk in the air and shouts that as long as it has one Democratic subscriber on its list it will battle against Radicalism.

A passenger on the freight train was set upon by seven other passengers while the train was at Hockley and relieved of \$35. Four men were captured and taken to Houston.

The police of Dallas have been ordered to attend strictly to duty; they are not to go into saloons unless called to make an arrest; are not to strike any one unless in self defense.

A mysterious man with manacles on his wrists has been camping in the vicinity of Trinity cemetery, at Dallas. The man eludes arrest and is the cause of much speculation.

The Beacon learns that the directory of the Santa Fe railway have instructed the contractor to proceed with grading the road to Bovine Bend in the lower portion of Austin county.

The Georgetown railroad is becoming a reality, the grading is nearly finished, and a large number of ties have been distributed along the line. The contractor has gone to New York to buy iron.

Denison Herald: Texas newspapers have all come to the conclusion that they don't know anything about candidates who do not advertise.

The Huntsville Item reports that a ruffian from "out west" thought to take the town. A Huntsvillian stepped up and told the westerner to keep quiet or he'd knock him down. The gentleman from out west subsided.

The old Magnolia House, near the Union depot at Houston, was burned on the 18th inst. It is supposed to have been accidentally set on fire by tramps. The building was unoccupied. Loss, \$1000; no insurance.

Last week a negro man named Wm. Thomas killed a negro woman named Celia Delany, on her return from a party, near Columbus. He shot the woman as she was riding behind another fellow. Cause jealousy.

Colorado county will hold a primary election on the 3d prox. to ascertain the choice of the Democracy for county officers and also congressmen and representative. It will be definitely determined whether Shepard or Hancock is the choice of the people.

According to the Statesman there is scarcely an end to the wants of that place, she wants a woolen mill, a cotton factory, a tannery and many other things, chief among which is a want of enterprise.

That's what is the matter with Austin.

J. M. Gibbs, a prominent citizen of Grimes county, and a leading Republican, publishes a card in the Tablet in which, in response to the earnest solicitation of a number of the best citizens, he withdraws from the present canvass. He says: "And I now surrender these prospective honors and emoluments in difference; first, to the social welfare of my wife and children," etc., etc.

On Friday evening when the south bound train was about two miles below Hempstead a white man and negro were observed some distance ahead standing near the track. As the train approached them the white man suddenly sprang upon the track in front of the engine. He was killed in an instant. The man was a railroad laborer, but was unknown to any of the section hands. He was about 50 years of age. It was a deliberate case of suicide.

THE NATIONAL Democratic Committee met last evening; 34 members were present. The political situation was again discussed, and the following resolution adopted:

Resolved, That the action of the House of Representatives in appointing a committee fully empowered to investigate and report upon the frauds alleged to have been committed in the late presidential election, to the end that the truth may be known to the people and the repetition of such frauds be prevented in the future, meets the approval of this committee.

No action was taken on the subject of issuing an address to the people, though Mr. Prince, secretary, had one already prepared, which he was willing to have altered. The following committee was appointed to cooperate with the congressional committee in managing the congressional elections this fall: Senator Barnum, chairman; Senator Ransom, of North Carolina; Representative Ross, of New Jersey; John G. Thompson, of Ohio; and Mr. Scott, of Pennsylvania. The national committee then adjourned sine die.—Washington Star.

A FAVORITE REMEDY.—Simmons' Liver Regulator is one of the most meritorious and popular preparations offered to the public. It is entirely free from injurious mineral substances, and as a vegetable preparation made of southern roots and herbs it is a sovereign remedy for all liver and bowel complaints. The merits of this remedy commended it to the public as a standard to be kept constantly in the family. It has the most unqualified endorsement of thousands of our most prominent citizens in all parts of the country, who have used it and testify to its excellent medical and curative qualities. Purchasers should be careful to see that they get the "genuine," manufactured by J. H. Zeller & Co., Philadelphia.

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