

TEXAS JOURNALISM.

of the Esteemed Contemporaries in the State. Paris News has been incorporated. Brazoria Bugle has entered upon its career. The Bugle is good enough to cover. San Antonio Express is rapidly growing to the front as a first-class daily paper. Hempstead Ledger looks prettier and flower in its new dress and is as good as a new paper. Forney Register will enlarge to a column folio in a few weeks. The Register is a tip-top paper. Marshall Messenger truly says: newspaper state, Texas is hard to get to be far ahead of most states. Middlethian News says it was the county paper that presented its with the president's message in Paso Times has just purchased material which for completeness and excellence has but few equals west. Comanche Chief has begun its fifth volume and is now, it is to be known, riding on the top wave of times. Times has begun its existence at Springs, Dimmitt county. Mr. Howard, the proprietor, evidently thinks he is there for. Courier is a new paper just started in DeWitt county. Mr. H. M. editor and proprietor and his own the master's hand. Mexia Ledger of the 11th inst. enlarged to a nine-column paper. The Ledger is a good paper, and the success it is winning. Meridian Times is a splendid paper. If the people of Bosque good thing when they see it they liberally support the Times. E. M. Beaumont announces that he has relinquished his lease of the Correspondent to Messrs. H. A. Halbert & P. Miller—the latter gentlemen charge January 1 next. before us the Troupe Vidette, by J. E. Engledow and published at Engledow. The first number dated December 11, and is a six-page folio, neatly printed and edited with care and ability. Rockdale Messenger came out last in its new dress—six-column, eight-page and it was a pleasure to look at it. Messenger is now unsurpassed by any paper in the state for its mechanical work and general make-up. Johnson news is putting on a more appearance since Mr. Overall in charge of the paper. It is a weekly, and is putting forth appeals to the people of Jefferson and build up the city again. are willing to show down Texas with any state in the West, either, for that matter, outside metropolitan cities. There has not advance in this respect the last few years.—[Waco Examiner.]

brisk and improvements on a big scale are the order of the day in Wise county. Sherman Register: Sherman needs water, and if she had a good supply of this commodity factories could be easily secured. When the Texas trunk is extended from Kemp, its present terminus, a new lumber market will be opened up for North and West Texas. A \$500,000 wagon factory has been started at Tyler. Without natural advantages, Tyler has thriven through the enterprise of its citizens. Immigration continues to build up Fannin county and the value of lands has risen in consequence. Good farms are now selling from \$20 to \$25 per acre. In twelve months more land will be worth twice that amount. If there is any one thing that certain portions of Texas needs it is an "Arbor day." She needs tree-planting both in country and city; its results, if adopted, will eventually become a source of wealth to the country, and a source of beauty to her cities.—[Dallas Mercury.] Five million pounds of freight have been received at Moheette during the past year, at an average cost of \$1.00 per 100 pounds. A railroad to that place can increase this ten-fold in a few months, not to count cattle shipments and supplies that now go direct to ranchmen. With rich coal fields in our county, and lying as we do right in the pathway to the Panhandle, with several rival railroads striving to occupy this territory, Clark county's future is bright and promises early and rich reward for all investments made here.—[Clark County Clipper.] San Antonio Express: The blast furnace at Rusk is at work, and a little of the enormous sum Texas sends away for iron each year will be saved thereby. The mineral resources of Texas are vast, but the present generation, like its predecessors, seems willing for them to be left unutilized. There are fortunes awaiting for those who will take hold of these mineral deposits and convert them into money. Coleman Voice: The silver mine just discovered in Stonewall county, if reports about its richness are not exaggerated, is another inducement for the Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe to adopt the Abilene route. Stonewall is just north of Jones county, and on the proposed route from Abilene. The fact of the matter is, the whole route from Abilene northward passes through a country rich in mineral as well as agricultural wealth.

TEXAS POLITICS.

Public Opinion as Portrayed by the Newspapers of the State. Ireland or Maxey? We say Maxey every time.—[Bryan Enterprise.] Swain for governor sounds beautiful and politically true.—[Franklin Herald.] To engage in politics is an uncertain business. But men will play with it.—[Pittsburg Gazette.] Swain is so far ahead that Ross, at least, will never catch him.—[Tyler Democrat and Reporter.] Among the candidates named up to date for governor, Swain is the most competent man.—[Temple Times.] Gov. Ireland will never travel to the United States senate over the literary route.—[Greenville Banner.] The senatorship will not leave North Texas and the lucky man will not be a new importation either.—[Alvarado Bulletin.] Don't have any fears about Ross' nomination, friend Banner. That's a foregone conclusion already, and we shall commence crowing as soon as we feel like it.—[Waco Examiner.] Hon. T. B. Wheeler is said to be a candidate for lieutenant-governor. J. R. Fleming and G. W. Smith are in the ring for congress in this congressional district.—[Graham Leader.] It begins to appear pretty certain that it will be Ross and Swain before the next state convention. Ross will be left there to recruit, while Swain will go on over to Austin.—[Paris North Texas.] The Austin Daily Dispatch of the 2d contained a true and striking picture of the next governor of the state, Maj. Brackenridge; also a biographical sketch of the old philanthropist.—[Mason News.] Swain in getting some severe shots in North Texas, and they are gradually knocking him into public favor. The time has passed when hot words win. The Times never indulges in them, and hence its being very often on the successful side.—[Dallas Times.] The Austin Statesman is booming Maj. John T. Brackenridge for governor. In the old days the Statesman's candidates were always relegated to private life and from the present outlook the fate of those advocated by the new management will be the same.—[Corsicana Courier.] The Ross "boom," which has been talked of by two or three country papers, has never been succeeded in getting a respectable echo up this way. Swain will have a smooth sea and fine sailing, and proposes to anchor safe in the "capitol" port of "governor's" island.—[Dodd City Spectator.] We don't believe John D. McCall is of the "swapping" kind. If he gets the office, it must come to him strictly "on the square." In our opinion all Texas contains no purer or nobler man than John D. McCall, and having known him from childhood, we know what we say is true.—[Bastrop Advertiser.] The Houston Post swears that Lieut-Gov. Gibbs is for Swain for governor, while the Waco Examiner affirms that Barney follows the leadership of the gallant "wah boss." The Times most positively believes that versatile young "kid" is for somebody else in whom he has always evinced considerable interest, and as ways evinced of the quondam acting governor.—[San Antonio Times.] There can be no doubt about the fitness of John D. McCall. He fills all the requirements of the office. But perhaps something else may be required. Can he command any political influence to swap with some other candidate? In this day of combinations something to swap is an important element of success before a nominating convention. No one more competent to perform the duties, which are mostly clerical and in conformity to the guidance of the statutes, can be found.—[Clarksville Standard.] Gen. Maxey has strong claims upon the people for re-election. His character for honesty, cleanliness and devotion to duty, his above and beyond all attacks. He is one of our truest, blameless public men, and all over Texas, in every section, in lands all over and almost in every household. There are those who will not see him. Maxey go down or be defeated without making a desperate struggle in his

behalf. The only thing which can affect Maxey's tenure is the wholesome doctrine of rotation.—[Waco Examiner.] Swain for governor, McCall for comptroller and Clint for attorney-general would be a splendid set of nominees. Each of these men has proven "faithful over few things," and should be promoted. Mr. Swain was a faithful representative and state senator, and is the best comptroller the state ever had; John D. McCall is the best chief clerk ever in the comptroller's office, and thoroughly understands all the duties of the office, and Mr. Charles F. Clint, by the fearless and able manner in which he has discharged his duty as county attorney in Dallas county, has made a name for himself all over Texas. The people should say to each of these true and tried public servants, "walk up higher."—[Paris News.]

LIST OF LETTERS

Remaining in the postoffice at Fort Worth, Tex., Monday, Dec. 21, 1885. To obtain any of these letters, the applicant must call for "advertisements" and give the date of publication.

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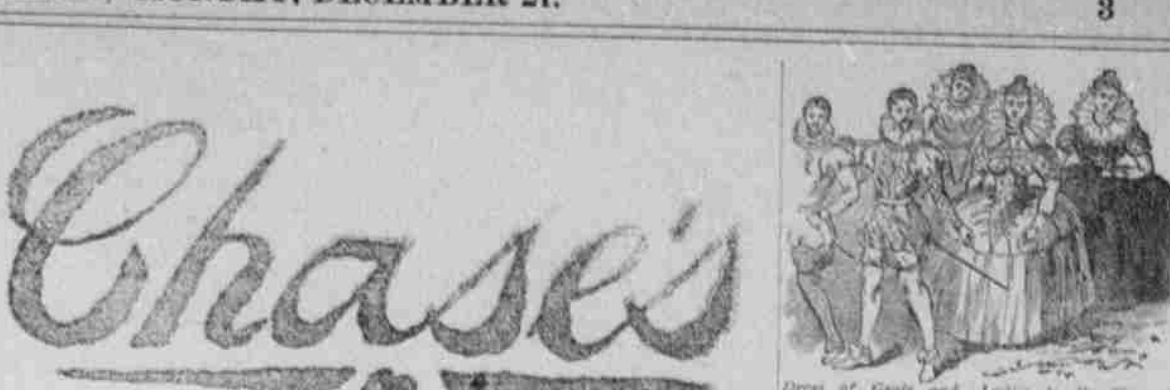
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OUR PROGRESS.

the Record of the Needs, Reeds and Development of Texas. Texas needs better streets. Texas needs a fire company. Texas needs more postoffices. Texas needs a settling up rapidly. Texas has voted a school tax of 20 cents on the \$100. Texas advocates the building of a canal at San Marcos. Texas News suggests a woolen cloth thriving town. Texas claims to be settling up faster than any county in the state. Texas has fifteen lodges of the Farmers' and Lumbermen's Society. Texas wants to raise \$45,000 for a system of water-works. Texas county boasts of the largest population in the state. Citizens of Abilene are beautifying their city by planting shade trees on a hill. Texas sides of Texarkana will have a town of its own with Willis Whitcombmaster. New York capitalists have promised to expend \$260,000 in smelting at El Paso. State at Vernon is in big demand. Mining lands in the vicinity are being bought up. Texas does a flourishing fish and oyster business. One firm ships weekly 5,000 fish and 25,000 oysters. Building of a bridge across Red River citizens of Gainesville can be done as an accomplished fact. Rubber business of Ducatur is very