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DEEP-WATER TRAVESTY.

A Resume of the Sad Story of Galveston's Pittiable Fortunes—Mr. Moody in the Sinks.

History of the Harbor Bill—An Examination to Ascertain the Stability of the Sand-Kibbed Leat.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—The newspapers have knocked the Galveston Wharf company's scheme awry. It was sailing under cover of Eads' fame as a civil engineer, and thus it was hidden beneath the necessity impelling the South to ask for the construction of two proper harbors on the gulf coast; the one east, the other west of the Mississippi. The wharf company having the perpetual right to tax imports ad libitum, became furiously patriotic and asked for seven and a half million dollars to enable it to draw thirty feet to find safe anchorage at Galveston. Eads was to build the harbor in the drifting sand in front of an island of drifting sand for \$7,500,000.

Through four weeks this scheme was the chief theme of discussion in and around the capitol. It has assumed protean shape and at last arrived down to an appropriation of \$500,000 for Galveston harbor, the sum to be expended after the sandy, drifting shore and island have been thoroughly examined by a board of government engineers. It is doubted, it seems, whether some cyclone may not drown out Galveston entirely, restoring the sand heap on which the town stands to the bottom of the gulf. The government engineers are to inquire into these facts before expending the \$500,000.

WHAT IS SAID OF IT.

A Texas correspondent of the Washington City paper, the National View, states that the expenditure of any considerable sum at Galveston would be most unwise, and simply because Galveston itself, at any moment, may cease to exist. The government does not waste public wealth at such a place, when there are infinitely better and safer havens of refuge for the largest ships that will cross the continent, when proposed canals and ship railroads are built, at divers points on the coast of Texas. Each government engineer states that either the mouth of the Brazos or Sabine or Aransas Pass is to be preferred to Galveston.

A HEAD OF DEAD HAND. Galveston is a sand heap, washed up out of the sea by the forces of cyclones. The wharf company, a speculative concern, took possession of it after it was abandoned as unsafe by the pirate Leffle, and continued the old business of levying exactions upon the commerce of the gulf. The congress of the republic of Texas, then very weak, after the conflict with Mexico, in order to have peace, gave the perpetual right to plunder the trade of the republic to this wharf company, which now seeks to extend its operations and levy tribute upon the whole wealth of the whole country west of the Mississippi. This is the cheerful Mr. Moody's scheme knocked higher than a kite.

THE CYCLONE. A tree planted on Galveston island will grow to the top of its trunk some four feet, when, striking the sea water, it shrivels and decays. In 1846 when the tempest forced the waves over the low, flat island, it was submerged from four to eight feet, and if the soft sand waves had not been diverted by a sudden change in the direction and course of the winds, there would have been little trace of Galveston or of the island itself. Twice, of late years, has the low flat city been submerged. The same winds and sea currents that lifted up, some day will remove the island, even as Giletsau "removed" Garfield.

Let a scientific commission examine the island and report upon its solidity and fitness. It is greatly feared by very many people, so corrupt have governments become, that the wharf company itself will survive the island on which it robs and riots in money power stolen, under forms of law, from the people of Texas. Before any further sum is expended in this unsubstantial sand bank, let us know that the money is not sunk in the sea when wasted on the wharf company. Meanwhile, let Sabine and Aransas passes and the Brazos river be made harbors of refuge for the greatest ships that plow the sea, and for the least sum in each instance ever expended successfully in the consummation of purposes so beneficent.

IN THE DEGRADATE—DEATH. After the river and harbor bill, horse down by the weight of Mr. Ochs' trade's reasonable and sensible proposition to expend \$400,000 at Galveston, was rejected in the house last Tuesday, it was suggested that the wharf company's plans were finally and forever thwarted, and that the word "Galveston" would pass forever from the memories of men. But yesterday Senator Morgan gave the unhappy town its only grace. He absolutely reproduced in the senate the river and harbor bill of the house WITH GALVESTON LEFT OUT.

Oh, it was pitiful, and Senator Morgan looked sad but resolute. He could not tolerate the wharf company, and Galveston went down forever, crushed beneath the weight of the vice of the deadliest vampire that ever fattened on the life-blood of a republic. Every city and village in Texas should celebrate with bonfires and illuminations the final extinction of the New's' bantling, the wharf company.

Large Carpet Mills Resuming. LOWELL, Mass., Feb. 16.—The backbone of the strike of the carpet companies' operatives is broken, as 240 out of 260 in the lagrain looms have returned, and a large proportion of the spoolers, winders and twistlers have also gone back. The brasses weavers voted in exorbitant session Saturday, not to go back, but nine or ten went at work this morning. The mills have started up in all departments to give the strikers a chance to return. The plan of "shutting down" is likely to be given up.

The "Little Joker" is the best smoking tobacco.

TEXAS IMPROVEMENTS.

A new church is being built at Sherman by the colored people.

A large steam cotton gin is to be erected at Moody in time to handle the next crop.

A colored teacher in the public schools at Sherman has been fined for assaulting a pupil.

A stock company with a capital of \$100,000 will build a bridge over the Red river near Gainesville.

A stock company with \$50,000 capital will at once open a general commercial business at Decatur.

Sulphur Springs has raised nearly all of the \$1500 necessary to secure a telephonic exchange for itself.

E. A. Leonard, a Sunset operator at San Antonio, is perfecting an invention that will materially lessen an operator's work.

There is a good prospect for the establishment of smelting works at El Paso to handle the ores from Chihuahua and Durango.

McGregor, situated as it is, in a good wheat-producing section, is wisely taking steps to secure the erection of a first-class flouring mill at that point.

The organization of the new fire department at Paris has been completed and an appropriation made for the purchase of horses and harness for the new hose cart.

A joint stock company, composed mainly of cotton buyers, has been formed at Tyler for the purpose of erecting and operating a cotton compress at that point.

Two enterprising citizens of Texarkana, Joe Marx and Will Whitaker, have agreed to build a railway from that city to a point on the Red river near White Oak shoals. It is thought that this will cause the "Friend" people to build a road from Fort Smith to that point through the coal fields of the territory.

Work at the Carbon mines has ceased and the miners will go to work if they can secure land.

El Paso claims to be the home of the champion child skater of Texas. His name is Bennie Moore.

Mount Pleasant is endeavoring to secure the location of a federal court building at that place.

Dexter, Cooke county, will, on Feb. 25, hold an election to decide for or against incorporation.

The skating rink at Albany has proved more attractive than the saloons, according to the News.

Farmers about Terrell say that their land is in better condition for the spring crop than for years past.

The grand commandery of Knights Templars will hold its annual convocation at Paris, commencing April 15.

The loss of unsheltered live stock has been comparatively small in Red River county, contrary to expectation.

Galveston will have a grand torchlight procession the evening of March 4, and invites its neighbors to participate.

The wife of a colored porter on the Mexican Central skipped out from El Paso recently with \$140, being all of her husband's savings.

Bronchitis has a negro who procures marriage licenses under assumed names. He has already reached the trigonist stage of Mormonism.

Franklin county has an old lady named Cressy Andrews who was born Feb. 16, 1775, in Kentucky. She has never married nor used spectacles.

Twenty-five criminal and nearly as many civil cases were disposed of at the last term of the Wise county court. This beats any previous record there.

Sherman has thus far raised \$4529 for the entertainment of the stockmen. This is less than asked for by the committee, but the Courier thinks the amount will be increased.

Two boys were expelled from school at Decatur for scattering a vile powder over the floor that caused sickness among the girls. The illness was so severe that medical aid was necessary in several cases.

Tyler would like to know if a city can be found in Texas that has contributed and is now contributing more to the development of the resources of the state than she has done, and denies the imputation that she is located "in the piney wood."

The Sun is authority for the statement that "a Kaufman girl with a bad cold, headache and fever" recently sang one song with such effect as to cause a Terrell young man to knock an Englishman through a brick wall with a pair of roller skates.

The Middleton News complains that nearly one thousand citizens of Ellis county have been taken from their occupation since the present term of the district court and compelled to remain at Waxahatchie until summoned before the grand jury.

A Mexican fell in love with the daughter of Julian Ray at Carbon, and being unable to obtain the consent of either daughter or parent to the marriage, collected fourteen fellow Mexicans and attempted to kidnap the young lady, but failed to accomplish his purpose.

Russia Plans along the Conquest of Central Asia.

LONDON, Feb. 16.—Some excitement was created here to-day, especially in commercial and financial circles, by the receipt of dispatches from Berlin announcing that the Russian government had ordered 200 Krupp guns for the purpose of strengthening its position in Central Asia. The guns are to be of the largest pattern. They are evidently intended for service in fortresses of superior build. Simultaneously with the above report came dispatches from St. Petersburg saying that Sebastopol would be made a free port.

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