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OUR PREMIUM GRAM.

BELTON, Tex., May 12, 1886.—Democrat Publishing Company, Fort Worth.—Gentlemen: I have received the Estey organ that you advertised to give to the person sending in the greatest number of subscriptions to the Sunday and Weekly GAZETTE, before the first of May.

THE GAZETTE has the Largest bona-fide Circulation of any Daily Newspaper published in Texas.

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WEDNESDAY MORNING, MAY 19.

FORT WORTH congratulates El Paso on having a congressman who can secure public favors.

CAMP RICE, on the Rio Grande, has its name changed to Camp Hancock, in honor of Gen. Hancock.

As an argument for the eight-hour day the Norristown Herald says the little busy boy works only three hours a day.

THE GAZETTE'S usually bright headline neglected yesterday to "top off" Mr. Farmer's testimony with "Brass and Brains."

"Texas is partial to kids," said Mr. Gibbs to a Washington newspaper, and then he added that the old Billy of East Texas would be the next senator.

REALLY, Mr. Roberts ought to be satisfied. He has a good place. Let well enough alone, dear Old Alcaide. No deadline advocate need apply this year.

THE Colorado Graphic says Mr. Browning can depend on a solid vote in Mitchell county. Jim Browning deserves to have a solid vote in each county in West Texas.

THE GAZETTE deserves a vote of public thanks for putting on record yesterday the views of that distinguished statesman, our own prairie philosopher, W. E. Farmer.

IS THE United States senate turned Mugwump? The appointment of Mrs. Thompson as postmistress at Louisville was confirmed with only six dissenting votes, and she was branded as a female Mugwump.

MR. LANHAM has pushed through the house an appropriation of \$150,000 for a federal court building at El Paso. It is just too notorious how the appropriation

for a federal building at Fort Worth does lag behind.

The less the Farmers' alliance has to do with other organizations the better for the alliance. The farmers should not and will not permit their noble order to be run to its ruin by professional agitators and political outcasts.

The effort to unite the Farmers' alliance and Knights of Labor into a political party is the dream of a visionary. The alliance will shoot out the demagogues and agitators in due time and go on with the good work for which it was formed.

PARKS, DAVIS & Co. of Detroit have prepared an excellent lithograph portrait of M. Louis Pasteur, the eminent Frenchman whose experiments with hydrophobia have apparently been crowned by the discovery of a cure for that dreaded malady.

DARK-LANTERNISM in politics marks the political burlgar. The man whose profession is honorable is not afraid to follow it in public. So with political parties. If there is nothing wrong about their aims and methods they do not have to act behind a screen.

The Louisiana legislature has adopted a resolution to signify publicly the admiration of the people of that state for the man who was their military sovereign during the reconstruction period—Gen. Hancock. Now for further remarks on the new Jeff Davis rebellion in the South.

Is it mother or daughter? The papers are printing this bit of gossip: "A gentleman who is on very intimate relations with the president, and who ought to know the facts if any one does, says that it is true that the president is to be married, but not to Miss Folsom; that the bride-elect is Mrs. Folsom, the mother of Miss Folsom, a widow of 41; and that the president is very much amused at the current reports, and especially at the gullibility of the Folsom family in the country."

THE Pan-Electric investigation, entered upon a few months ago with a great burrah among the Republicans to show corrupt collusion on the part of Attorney-General Garland and Secretary Lamar, has proved a miserable fizzle. Now the Pan-Electric people, who have all along been on the defensive, are becoming pugnacious and propose to force the fighting. They believe they can show the hand of the Bell company in the whole matter, and from being hunted they propose to become hunters. It would be interesting to find some of the loudest champions of holiness in suspicious relations with a company expecting to be largely benefited by the investigation.

If there is any law to suppress the anarchist newspapers in Chicago, as was done during the excitement there, the same authority ought to be stretched to suppress the entirely too free discussion of Miss Folsom that some of the public prints indulge in. Because a woman is said by the gossips to be the fiancée of the president, she is not a fair subject for general discussion through the newspapers. It is an outrageous intrusion upon maidenly modesty that Miss Folsom should be treated as a public character, talked about, criticised, held up to the gaze of the multitude, because somebody has started the report that she is to wed the president of the nation. If there is no law for stopping all this gossip there ought to be.

It must be worrying to a congressional candidate for re-election to be pent up in Washington City while active aspirants for his seat are traveling over the district making themselves sold with the boys. It begins to look now as if the session of congress will be protracted far into July, and may run into August. By that time most of the nominating conventions will have been held and the candidates selected. One can't help but sympathize with the agony of an ambitious statesman, who knows that the ground is being cut away under him by rivals at home, and that if he leaves Washington to meet them the cry of deserting his post of duty will do more harm to him than if he staid there and allowed them to get in their work without opposition. It is a trying situation, and is only one of the penalties which all great men pay for their greatness.

A PUBLIC PARK.

A public park is one of the needs of Fort Worth. It is a necessity to every large city, and at the rate Fort Worth is now growing and promises to grow, within five years a place of public resort in the open air cannot be had at any reasonable price. Values in lands are rapidly advancing. Districts that two or three years ago were considered in the country and might have been bought as farm lands are now cut up in lots and sold at high prices. As time goes on land becomes more and more valuable, and if the city is ever to have a park wisdom dictates that it be purchased at once. Every day of delay adds to the price to be paid when the land is bought.

The poorer people are those who most need a park, and they should demand that the city council do something toward acquiring ground for one. Wealthy citizens and their families can go to the lake and seaside and mountain resorts of the North to spend the heated season, and to them a public park is a matter of small importance. But those who can't afford the expense of summering away from home, who cannot even spare the time, not to speak of the expense, of a trip

abroad, will find relaxation and enjoyment of Sundays and in the cool evenings at a public park that they can obtain in no other way.

There are several spots of ground near the city that may be had for a reasonable price now, that will by the growth of population soon be surrounded by houses and be included in the city proper. A few years hence no land within convenient distance can be had at any price that the city can afford to pay, and a wise policy should lead to the immediate acquisition of grounds for a park before it is too late.

BOYCOTT JURISPRUDENCE.

The legal status of the boycott is not defined by our courts, and the lack of judicial decisions of authority leaves cases involving such acts to the judge's discretion. The general view is that boycotting is punishable as a conspiracy by the common law. In the absence of statute law defining the offense and affixing a penalty, conspiracy is the only charge that appears competent to deal with men who agree among themselves to boycott others.

A case has just been decided in Connecticut that bears very hard upon the boycotting fraternity. The Typographical union of New Haven boycotted the Journal of that city, and its proprietors caused the arrest of the leaders, charging them with intimidation. The special act upon which this charge was based was the ordering merchants to discontinue their advertisements in the Journal, and threatening them with a loss of patronage if they disregarded the command. The judge before whom the case was brought said that "the threat to boycott, as qualified in the complaint, is, in the opinion of the court, a threat to do an illegal act, well calculated to intimidate, and further, that all confederacies whatever to the prejudice of a third party are highly criminal under the common law."

In another city, a brewer, who had been boycotted by the Knights of Labor, has begun suit for damages in the sum of \$60,000 against the leaders and other persons concerned in the plot.

The final decisions in these cases will be interesting, as they deal with a novelty in our jurisprudence. The boycott is of so recent importation that no statutes have been enacted directly against it, and it is to be seen if the common law is comprehensive enough to deal with the evil. If it is finally held in one case that boycotting is a criminal offense, to be punished by fine or imprisonment, and in another that the boycotted individual may hold the aggressors responsible for damages to his business, that institution is doomed to an eternity of "innocent desuetude."

CAUSES OF BAD LAWS, AND THE REMEDY.

In a representative government no one has a right to complain of vicious laws enacted for the benefit of a few and the oppression of many. The people choose the men who make their laws, and the people are responsible if those laws are bad. If they want good government they have only to send good men to the legislatures and to congress. If such men are not sent, it is due to a failure of the people to attend to their public duties.

Inefficient laws may sometimes be made by well-disposed and honest men, but a legislature composed of a majority of such men will never enact partial laws with the deliberate design of oppressing the many for the benefit of the few. If they fail to protect the people, the failure is due to incompetency and not to wickedness or corruption. If bad laws are complained of, the remedy is in selecting better and more intelligent law-makers.

Do the men among the Knights of Labor and Farmers' alliance who are rushing into politics mean to say that their orders embrace all of the intelligence and patriotism of the state? Will legislators and congressmen selected by them be better and more capable of making better laws than men selected from the people at large, not on account of their connection with any secret organizations, but for their wisdom, experience and integrity? The action of those orders in several counties seems to indicate that they do think so. They complain of grievances, and to correct their wrongs they propose to send men to Austin and to Washington from among themselves, as if these men are the only ones competent to protect them from the cormorant of capital.

This notion must be got rid of, if the farmers and laboring men want real reform in government. It is no reform to displace the representatives of one class by those of another. Real reform consists in sending to the law-making bodies men of large views and strict honesty, who will make laws for the whole people, irrespective of class, occupation, section, color or creed.

The Sant Bar Did It. Dallas Times.

The government thermometer, located on a sand bar in the southern part of the city, did the work for Dallas in the convention matter.

A Category of Felons.

Fort Worth is fond of cats. She has the Gulf, Colorado & Santa Felipe, the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Felipe, and would doubtless make a hard scratch for any other Felina that would stick its head across the state line.

You Make Us Tired.

THE GAZETTE wants to make Fort Worth a political center. Spell it with an "s," and you have it, Mr. GAZETTE. Your politics already begin to smell to heaven. A Greenbacker nom-

inated for congress by Democrats! 'Phah' give us an ounce of civit, good apothecary, to sweeten our imagination!"

The Riot Gun.

It is gratifying to know that the national armory at Springfield, Mass., is keeping pace with the development of the country. The ebullitions witnessed from time to time in various parts of the republic have called for a riot gun, and the armory has produced one. It has an ingenious device for the storing and expulsion of buckshot, and in the hands of a policeman truly brave it is warranted at each dynamite bomb that the reds ever invented. Cincinnati, a town which has suffered severely from riots of various kinds, has received the first consignment of these weapons yet shipped from the manufactory, and it is presumed that other cities will be supplied in due time. The one drawback about a rattling gun is the fact that policemen cannot carry it around with them with much comfort. The riot gun is carried as easily as a walking stick, and is always at hand when wanted.

AN APPEAL.

To the Generous People of Texas from a Faithful State Officer's Widow. I am a widow with four children—three little girls and a baby—all too small to assist me in making a living. My husband was deputy sheriff of Comanche county. In the town of De Leon, June 20, 1885, my husband was called upon to arrest one Dr. R. W. Leach, a desperate character, drunk and overriding in his desperate role the people in our quiet little village in their peaceful pursuits. In the attempt to arrest said character my husband, J. N. Martin, was brutally murdered by said Leach shooting him mortally through the body. In making this appeal to your generosity, I will say my husband was poor, but high minded; honorable, sober and industrious, and so considered by all who knew him. I am willing to work, but depression of times, and being situated in an unfavorable field for female labor, I find myself in straightened circumstances, and my greatest desire being to educate and rear my children to be cultured, moral and useful to society, I appeal to your generosity to contribute what you feel able to lend to the Lord by giving to the widow and orphans. My husband, in offering his life on the altar of law and order, had implicit confidence that his widow and orphans would not want while their lot was cast among the noble people of Texas, and, having faith in his judgment, I cannot believe that the wolf will come to my door when the good people of Texas know I am needy. If you should feel able to contribute, please send your contribution, your name and postoffice address.

Mrs. M. E. MARTIN, De Leon, Comanche County, Texas.

We, the undersigned officials of Comanche county, certify that we are acquainted with the pecuniary condition of Mrs. M. Martin, and that she is in indigent circumstances, and is in every way worthy the assistance of our good people. That her husband, J. N. Martin, while serving as deputy sheriff of Comanche county, was killed at De Leon, in said county, on the 20th of June, 1885.

L. H. BREWER, Co. Judge. J. D. BONNER, C. C. C. E. W. WILLIAMS, Co. Atty. M. W. CARROLL, D. C. J. W. CUNNINGHAM, Sheriff.

[THE GAZETTE will receive subscriptions for Mrs. Martin and her children and acknowledge receipt of the same through its columns, keeping the list standing until the amount is finally receipted for by her, which receipt will also be printed. A small contribution from each person able to give will amount to a sum that would prove very grateful to the widow and orphans of the deceased officer, and State officers in the various counties in Texas would do themselves credit by making an effort to raise a subscription for these helpless ones. The name, postoffice address and amount subscribed will be printed and kept standing in THE GAZETTE. Contributions in any amount will be received and gratefully appreciated.—Ed. GAZETTE.]

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TEXARKANA.

The Pantomime Club—Charges Against Edwards—Personal Notes. Correspondence of the Gazette. TEXARKANA, TEX., May 15.—Yesterday evening the young ladies of the Pantomime club, consisting of Misses Tomie and Lulu Tigg, Della Whitamere, Jennie Wied, Katie Offenhausser, Julia Schuster, Katie Williams, and Mrs. Charles Reeves as chaperone, accompanied by Messrs. Hammond, Munday, Lynch, Buchanan, Hall, Williams, Offenhausser and Pierson, met at Col. Trigg's at 5 o'clock p. m., and marched to "Park Bolder," where one of the most enjoyable moon-light picnics was enjoyed until a late hour. The pleasures consisted of dancing, singing, promading, etc. The young ladies paid many compliments to Messrs. F. W. and Henry Offenhausser for their sweet music upon the guitar and banjo. Among the invited guests were the amiable Mrs. Whitamere and Mrs. Dennis, who acted as hostesses in a most pleasant manner and added much to the pleasure of the occasion. The Pantomime club is comparatively young here but has given several entertainments creditable to stars of a greater magnitude. The evening will long be remembered as one full of mirth and enjoyment. Too much cannot be said in praise of Mrs. Reeves for the dignity in which she presided. It was only necessary to know that she was present to insure the happiness of all. At 9 o'clock the entire crowd was invited to partake of a supper gotten up entirely by the Pantomime club. The table was well filled with all that was substantial and all kinds of fruits, strawberry ice-cream, and the Pantomime club on this occasion did its chores. Misses Lue and Sue G. Wadley, two charming young ladies of Nashville, who have been the guests of the Misses Trigg, will leave Thursday for their home, much to the regret of many friends here, and leaving leave many sad hearts.

Capt. R. T. Menard returned this week from Macon, Ga.

Mr. M. A. Bridges of Bonham passed through the city last night from a visit to Georgia, whether he had been to attend the funeral of his brother, who was hurt during the great flood at West Point.

Complaints have been filed against Marshal George Edwards for the assault upon Rev. Mr. Wolf, which was telegraphed, and able counsel have been employed by the Presbyterian church to prosecute him to the full extent of the law.

Mr. J. D. Smith of Bonham is in the city, the guest of Col. Willis Whitaker. Mrs. C. A. Bleek, who lost a dwelling in the recent fire here, renewed her insurance policy on the 28th ult., but as the policy had not been delivered to her, the agent claims she is not entitled to recover damages. All other adjustments were satisfactorily settled.

STEPHENVILLE.

Rain Badly Needed—An Untimely Death. Correspondence of the Gazette.

STEPHENVILLE, TEX., May 15.—Our district court adjourned here last Saturday after a laborious session of five weeks, in which considerable business was transacted, especially criminal business. We had a sad death in town to-day. About 4 o'clock this morning William C. Mancham, one of our leading merchants, died after a peculiar illness of about eighteen days. On the morning of the 27th of April last Mr. Mancham was apparently as well as ever, but about 8 o'clock he was suddenly stricken down senseless and speechless. The doctors were called in and pronounced it heart disease. Soon after the shock he seemed to rally, and for two or three days seemed to be gradually recovered, but then he began to gradually sink, and for some days before his death he could speak only in a whisper, and then by an effort. The doctors say his heart and brain were both involved. He leaves a wife and one child about three years old, and a host of friends to mourn his untimely death. It is extremely dry in this part of the country now, and wheat and oats, especially ours, are suffering a great deal for want of rain, and unless it rains very soon the oats will be a failure. A timely rain would be of incalculable good to this county.

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