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OUR PREMIUM ORGAN. 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.

As the breweries in sister cities shut down, cracker factories in Fort Worth open up. The Texas town that is not a great railroad center these days is losing its opportunity.

Work on the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe is being pushed vigorously. On to Gatesville in ninety days. Mr. SWAIN'S Alexander speech was most favorably received, and it may be put down that his boom for governor was sent several lengths ahead thereby.

The Kentucky legislature has adjourned after a session of 140 days. The best thing the Kentucky papers say of it is that there never was a worse one. The question of a public park is one deserving the attention of our people. The day is soon coming when land for a park will not be so easily and cheaply obtained as now.

The Galveston Tribune gives advice: "Dallas and Fort Worth should unite in that big fair project. See how Houston and Galveston dwell together in unity!" Fort Worth offers to take the affair off Dallas' hands, since she has gone at it in such a bungling manner.

We call the attention of our Dallas readers to the vote of the editors upon the question of selecting the place of holding their next convention. There were forty-five who wanted Fort Worth, and thirteen preferred Dallas.

The libel law of Texas ought to be so framed as to prohibit a newspaper from printing an item of news until the owners of the paper could personally investigate its truth. This would make the news rather stale, but then newspaper managers would have legal excuse for printing nothing that involved trust in others.

THE GAZETTE has been sued for libel for a telegram sent to it by a regular correspondent. The petition alleges malice. There is not a sensible man in Texas who believes a newspaper prints telegraphic news with malicious intent.

DIVERGENT INTERESTS. Many of the Farmers' alliances, even those that approve the proposition to make common cause with the Knights of Labor, protest against the railroad pooling system, and one or two have gone so far as to condemn the state administration for not applying the legal machinery of the state against its practice.

A PLAIN MATTER OF DUTY. A people deserve to be represented by just such officers as they elect. Some pretty poor men are often sent to congress, poor in possession of brains and of honor. It cannot be that such men are elected by the great body of the people, who are honest and capable of discerning intelligence and competency in others.

A SPECIMEN MISREPRESENTATION. The St. Louis Globe-Democrat is justly regarded as one of the foremost papers of America, and there is indeed much in this great journal that is worthy of admiration. But the constant overcropping of spite and prejudice so apparent in every editorial touching the South or Southern institutions, past or present, is a fault for which there is not the slightest justification.

It was the popular belief when duels were more common in Virginia than they have been in the past ten years, that no one was ever killed in any of them, except a negro in contest with another negro, and in that instance neither principals or seconds had the remotest idea that the weapons were loaded with anything except powder.

Excitement, as a tumor was current that a bomb similar to those used at Chicago had been thrown on the street. There were wild doings in and about the town. A terrible panic was caused by the report of the landing of the

men for public office is before the primaries. THE GAZETTE would like to see every Democrat in Tarrant county represented in the convention of July 17. To gain representation there they must take part in the primary meetings of July 10, and elect delegates who will express their views in the convention.

DEMOCRATIC PROSPECTS. The congressional conventions are becoming more frequent, and remind us that we are entering upon another campaign for the control of the house of representatives. The coming election will be fuller of interest than any that has taken place in an off year since the war; for, being the first national election since the change of administration, it will be regarded as showing how the country takes to Democratic methods.

In the house there are now 183 Democrats and 140 Republicans, with two elected as Independents who cannot be classed with either party. The Democratic majority of 43 is not too large for safe control of the house, and the Democrats must show as large a majority in the Fifth congress or acknowledge defeat.

Important changes are counted on in the North and West, where losses and gains are looked for on both sides. Congressman Henley of California, who enjoys the distinction of being the only Democratic representative in the present congress from the Pacific coast, says his party will gain four seats in California. The Knights of Labor are acting with the Democrats in Connecticut, and with their aid a gain of one is looked for. Iowa has been gerrymandered by the Republicans, and the Democrats will lose one, probably two. Senator Voorhees says no change will be made in Indiana, but Congressman Ward expects a Republican gain of one. Ward is a spoils Democrat, and the gain, if made, will probably be at his expense.

These gains and losses are made, the Fifth congress will be divided between the Democrats and Republicans about as the Forty-ninth. In that event the contest will be accepted as favorable to the administration, and the Democrats will persevere in the course marked out and followed so far.

THE PEOPLE'S FORUM. Farmers' Alliance, Knights of Labor and Democracy. FORT WORTH, TEX., May 20, 1886. Editor GAZETTE: I see in your issue of this morning that you in substance take the position that the farmers of this country can and ought to exercise a controlling influence in our county convention, and that you urge them, and all other Democrats, without regard to their connection with secret societies, to attend the primary meetings and to send men to the county convention upon whom they can depend to represent their interests and reflect their sentiments.

Much that has been said with reference to the farmers can also be said of the Knights of Labor. While there are some imprudent and hot-headed among them, and while they have made mistakes, yet, as a body, their object and purpose is to elevate and dignify labor. In times of excitement like these we should not be deceived or misled. Because injustice has been done on one hand and excesses have been committed on the other is no reason why men—who should be fair and impartial—should lose their senses and take extreme and untenable positions either one way or the other.

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edge of the customs of a section it has ever misrepresented with all the malice of ignorance and hate. Heaven knows the people of the new South are glad that the duello is dead. Like slavery, it is a closed book. There is nothing to look back on with pride in the contemplation of the bloody code. It was simply an abnormal outgrowth of a popular misconception of civility.

In assigning a cause the Globe-Democrat gives the very opposite of the truth. Ruin and remorse do not beget ridicule. The custom is dead not because of ridicule, but because the moral sentiment of an advanced civilization opposed. The exploits of Col. Cash in South Carolina in recent years awoke a feeling of abhorrence not only in the Palmetto state but throughout the South. There was no room for ridicule, but of abhorrence, for the barbarity of the bloody business. A man who would have taken the field in the South twenty years ago to participate as principal in a contest where grim death was not a likely result to one or both, or where there was the slightest suspicion of burlesque, would have been branded as unworthy the society of gentlemen. Happily that epoch is past. In truth the duello is dead—but not from ridicule. The people condemned it for its savagery, and it had to go.

THE EDITORS. The Esteemed Contemporaries En Route to the North. The editorial excursion passed northward last evening, on their way to St. Louis and Chicago. Several citizens were at the depot to meet the gentlemen and thank them for their complimentary resolve to meet in this city next year. The editors were in high cheer over their recreation, fairly earned by arduous toil and unremitting energy in building up the various sections of this great state.

Richard Flood, Winesboro Sentinel. Chas. Calmore, Houston News. I. D. Eldard, Fairfield Recorder. E. H. Gaines, Greenville Appeal. R. E. Gault, Willis Point Chronicle. J. M. Davis, Greenville Herald. F. H. Latimer, Cisco Round-Up. John Looney, Weatherford Sun. C. W. Dodson, Henderson News. C. M. Russell, Cameron Democrat. T. P. Maddox, Navasota Tablet. E. K. Nance, Farmersville Times. M. D. Beck, Woodville Eureka. T. M. V. Rose, Woodville Eureka. C. E. Gilbert, Abilene Reporter. J. F. Mitchell, Greenville Herald. J. S. Wadsworth, Springtown Pilot. J. B. Ellis, Paris News. D. C. Williams, Mineola Monitor. F. B. Robinson, Huntsville Item. Dr. J. B. Cranfill, Gatesville Sun. R. B. Morris, Henderson Times. Chas. A. Kessler, Linden Sun. J. M. Connor, Daingerfield Herald. A. C. Scourlock, Cleburne Chronicle. Mrs. A. C. Scourlock. L. D. Reese, Fort Worth GAZETTE. Percy Darwin, Whitesboro News. C. Satterfield, Austin Statesman. J. W. Gibson, Mineral Wells Herald. E. T. Yeager, Waxahatche Enterprise. W. E. Foster, Canton Telephone. M. H. Clayton, Dallas Herald. H. W. Speer, Bianco News.

The party were in charge of W. H. Winfield of the Wabash road and H. D. Mr. Eric of the Missouri Pacific. Mr. Eric was also looking after the boys. THE GAZETTE had but a few moments to interview the excursionists, but the gentlemen seem to be in splendid hands, and the railroad companies will certainly commend themselves to the boys if generous treatment goes for anything. The railroad officers in charge seemed to have been selected with especial reference to their peculiar qualifications for making the excursionists comfortable and happy. One editor whispered to THE GAZETTE as the train pulled out, "put the big majority of us down for Swain, old boy."

Tom Stone, A. T., May 21.—The number of persons murdered by the Apaches within a gun-shot of Nogels, A. T., during the past four weeks now reaches forty-two. The size of the raiding band and their boldness leave no doubt that they have been reinforced from the discharged Sioux. There are well-founded reports of further depredations from San Carlos reservation, and old settlers believe that if this outbreak is not quelled within thirty days Arizona will witness this summer some of the bloodiest depredations by the Apaches ever known. There is a strong feeling here that the government should let the frontiersmen show what they can do by organizing a body of volunteers.

Car-Load Rock Salt. The Fort Worth Grocer Co. have just received another car of rock salt. The best and cheapest on earth for stock use.

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the night, with closed doors and posted guards. Public business should be publicly transacted. If there is anything that the American people want and will have it is an open field and fair play. They will always look with distrust upon secret political movements. I do not know of my own knowledge that there is any such secret political movement among the Farmers' Alliance and Knights of Labor. As a matter of fact, rumor and hearsay I have heard that there is. If this be true I desire to say to them in all kindness, yet plainly, that in my judgment they have made a mistake. By so doing they have cut themselves off from numbers of their friends who are in sympathy with them and would like to aid them, but who are not willing to leave the Democratic party. By so doing they have placed themselves at a disadvantage before the bar of public opinion, and have given their enemies the advantage of them. The object of the monopolies is to keep up discord and divisions among the people. They know that they cannot stand if the people are thoroughly aroused and united. Their object is to "divide and conquer." I believe that the people are becoming aroused. Let us also be united. If there has been a secret political movement inaugurated among the farmers and laborers, I am satisfied that it was done for good purposes and with pure motives, but still think that the method is bad. It has been said by some that on this account members of the Farmers' Alliance and of the Knights of Labor cannot take part in our primaries and conventions. This is all wrong. Such talk will do more harm than good, and ought not to be indulged in. The test of a Democrat is, will he support the action of the convention and vote for the nominees of his party? If he will, then he is as much entitled to take part in our deliberations as is anyone else. Any man who will so pledge himself is a good Democrat. I care not who asserts the contrary. What we should all labor for is peace and harmony, fairness and justice. If mistakes have been made let us try to remedy them, and not persist in them. It is no disgrace for a man to fall down, but it is a disgrace for him not to get up. The sun has spots on it. We are all liable to make mistakes. Mistakes of judgment are not criminal; and now if some of us should think that some of our brethren have made a mistake of judgment, that is no reason why we should attempt to sit in judgment upon and excommunicate them. We don't want divisions and strife. Let us then invite all Democrats, who will pledge themselves to abide by the action of our convention, to participate with us in our primary meetings. If this is done in good faith the voice of that convention will settle all differences. HENRY M. FURMAN.

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