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EDITORIAL PARAGRAPHS

It is rumored that ex-President Harrison is a candidate, not for the presidency, but for matrimony.

The democrats would make a serious mistake should they attempt the repeal of the civil service law. Anything which decimates the spoils system is a good thing, and deserves to be pushed along.

It is announced from Washington that the sound money democrats of Illinois will trot out Hon. William R. Morrison as a candidate for the presidency. We think Bill will find the track scraped between his boom and the nomination.

"Hoss and Hoss."

"The Moderators and Regulators of Grimes county have gone so far in their zeal to moderate and regulate each other that the Exterminators have had to stop and settle matters."—Richmond Coaster.

"The jay birds and wood peckers of Fort Bend set them a bad example, although matters are not settled in either Grimes or Fort Bend, if we understand matters correctly."—Navasota Review.

The H. and T. C. railroad will sell round trip tickets to Houston Dec. 17; fare \$1.25. Leave Bryan 3:28 p. m., Tuesday, Dec. 17. Good to return only on special train leaving Houston at 3:35 p. m., Dec. 19.

The man who tries to kill liquor finds that it has more lives than a cat.

THE OLD ROMAN.

In the death of Allen G. Thurman, the noble "Old Roman," America has lost one of her greatest, best and purest public men. He was 82 years of age, and had served in congress, on the supreme bench, in the United States senate, and was in 1888 the nominee of the democratic party for vice-president.

McKinley, the republican governor of Ohio, issued a beautiful tribute to the memory of the dead statesman, in the form of a proclamation, upon learning of his death. When a man's political opponents hold him in such high esteem, his friends are mute with grief. Gov. McKinley said:

"Ohio has lost one of its noblest citizens. He was a statesman whose sturdy integrity and exalted abilities were recognized, not only in this state, but every part of the United States. As a judge of the supreme court of the state, he was a learned and incorruptible interpreter of the law. As United States senator, he faithfully and with exceptional honor represented this state in the United States senate. He was also a distinguished party leader, and stood in the first rank with the great men who were his contemporaries. After being the recipient of many honors at the hands of his party and his countrymen, he retired to private life, with the universal respect and esteem of the citizens of the republic and the love of all who had the honor of knowing him. His illustrious career is a conspicuous example of the possibilities of American citizenship, and is worthy the study of the youth of our state. The people of Ohio, regardless of party, will be mourners at his bier. Out of respect to his memory, it is hereby ordered that the flag be placed at half mast over the state capital until after the obsequies."

It is learned at Galveston from an authoritative source that since the compromise agreement between the International and Great Northern and the Katy, the latter road has changed a contract made some time ago for the shipment of 1,000,000 bushels of corn to eastern ports so that the corn will be sent through the port of Galveston. The corn comes from Kansas and Missouri.

At Pittsburg, Camp county, W. T. Partridge has made an assignment for the benefit of creditors, naming Austin Frederick as assignee. The following are the preferred creditors in the order named: Class A—E. A. King, \$150; J. T. Partridge, \$150; Austin Frederick, \$175. Class B—S. C. Closs, \$100; N. Y. Black, \$100; Fore Brothers, \$75. Assets and liabilities not known.

Near Lovelady, Houston county, the other evening Jim and John Jones, two young colored men, were on the road home, when Jim got out his pistol to see how good he could shoot. His horse scared and the second shot put a bullet through the heart of John. Jim was arrested. The jury of inquest decided it was an accident and he was released. They were brothers.

J. T. Wells and eight other parties have entered suit against the San Antonio and Arkansas Cattle Railway company for \$80,000 rental of certain land in Houston occupied for depot and switching purposes. Release of the land from the possession of the company is also sought.

Nealy Hall and Albert Abbott, the two youths charged with whipping Rev. Lambie last month in Collingworth county have been tried. Nealy Hall was given nine months in jail and fined \$200. Albert Abbott five months in jail and a fine of \$100.

A scaffold fell the other morning at Houston, and V. R. Collins, Morris Flynn and E. Blake were precipitated to the ground, a distance of forty feet. Collins was killed by the fall and the others injured. They were all plasterers working on a new hotel.

Mr. A. J. Closser, of Jacksonville, Cherokee county, while out bird hunting recently, killed a red and white spotted quail, in size and shape just like any other quail, and with a drove of quail, something that had never been seen by any one here.

The grocery store of L. E. Cauthorn at Elmo, Kaufman county, was entered by burglars the other night. The safe was open and \$150 in money taken, besides a lot of groceries, etc. No clue as to who did the robbery.

The attorney general has approved and the comptroller registered a \$5000 issue of Mills county bridge bonds.

FREAKS AMONG FISHES.

Fish That Have Horns, Glass Trees and Hop on Dry Land.

Of all the creatures of the animal kingdom fishes present the most curious forms. In land animals we find no such striking diversities. In a general way the variation in color and disposition of plumage mark the birds and, as a rule, the beak vary one from the other in length of limb, tail and nose, but in the fishes nature seems to have run riot in fashioning misshapen forms. They possess a general type of structure in common with the other creatures of the three great classes of the animal kingdom. They have eyes and ears, a mouth, a backbone and limbs, a heart, breathing apparatus, teeth and brains—in fact, all the organs necessary to sustain life, create in kind, and to forage for food, yet their external anatomy is often of a most grotesque character.

In contrast with their great beauty of coloration the New York Sun has examined some of the repulsive forms and strange developments of organic fish life.

The goby, a family of fishes distinguished by a disk formed by the ventral fins which enables them to attach their bodies firmly to the rocks or other substances, is represented by an odd specimen, a sort of half-breed, which has some of the habits of the batracians or amphibians. Its scientific name is *Periophthalmus koolstrucki*, the extent of which seems to have exhausted nomenclature in this particular case, as no other name can be found for it even in its native waters. Its most striking peculiarity is the habit it has of leaving the water at the ebb of the tide and feeding on the small crustaceans and other substances exposed by the receding tide. Owing to its strong pectoral and ventral fins and tail, it can hop freely and rapidly over the ground. So quick are its movements that it is almost as difficult to catch it with the hand as it is the ordinary pond frog. The peculiar construction of its eyes which are very movable, and capable of being thrust far out of their sockets, enables it to see in the air as well as in the water.

From this amphibious frog-fish the transition is natural to one that can climb trees. It is called *Arabas scandens* in the books, and "climbing perch" by the natives of the Indian region.

In 1797 Daldorf, in a paper before the Linnean Society of London, states that in 1791 he took a climbing perch in the act of ascending a tree which grew near a pond. The fish had reached a height of five feet above the water and was still going higher. In doing this it held on to the bark of the tree by the sharp spines of the front and lower gill covers, bent its tail and stuck in the spines of its anal, the back fin on the belly; it then released its head, and raising it took a new hold higher up with the spines of the gill covers, urging its way up by distending or contracting its body. This perch leaves pools when they are in danger of being dried up, and travels in search of water, and when doing so they have been met with in the glare of noon toiling along a dusty road. It is said that the boatmen of the Ganges keep these perches in a vessel without water for days, killing and cooking them as wanted from day to day, the fish being always as lively as when first caught. It is said that they are enabled to maintain life out of their native element so long a time because of the retention of a supply of water in the interstices of the bones adjacent to the gills.

A curious elongation of the snout occurs in the boar fish or bastard doxy, one of the marine perches native to Australian waters, much esteemed as a fish food. Its flesh improves in flavor after being out of the water twenty-four hours, hence it is much sought for by island people. The use of the snout in fishes appears to be merely mechanical, for rooting purposes, and its prolongation would appear to be simply a freak of nature, other fishes of the same family and habits having only the usual length of snout.

A striking exception to the rule laid down as to the use of the snout in the boar-fish occurs in the use of the archer-fish (*Toxotes jaculator*), one of the chaimos, a native of the East Indies. This fish is about six or seven inches in length and has a slightly prolonged snout, from which it projects drops of water, with sure aim, at insects, causing them to fall into the water, where they are instantly seized as prey. This habit it continues in captivity, and it is said to be highly prized as a household pet by the Malays, who keep it in captivity in a bowl of water and amuse themselves at the exhibition of the peculiar habit of the fish, which they call "ikan samput."

Depression in Wall Street.
A cigar dealer on Wall street, whose customers are mainly stock brokers and other money men, says he does not sell half as many high-priced cigars this year as he has sold in former years. Until recent times he had never kept five-cent cigars in his place, but now they are smoked by hundreds of people, who often ask if they can get six for a quarter. Several other cigar dealers in that part of the city tell stories of the same kind.

The Proper Place.
"Where are you going?" asked the lightning bug of the mosquito.

"Up to the mosquito bar for reinforcements," was the reply.

Follow the Crowd.

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THE CITY COUNCIL

Wakes Up, and Makes a Thousand Dollar Appropriation for Street Improvement.

The council met in regular session at the city hall Friday night, all officers present except Aldermen Haswell and Harris.

The most important business transacted by the body relates to street improvements, and was done in response to two petitions, from the white and colored tax-payers of Bryan. The former complained of the condition of the streets in the southern part of town, and the latter called attention to the eastern and northeastern part. Both petitions were referred to the street committee, and the fiscal agent was ordered by the council to transfer \$1000 from the special building fund to the street improvement fund, at 6 per cent per annum. This money is subject to the order of the city marshal, and will be expended for such improvements in all parts of the city, which will be begun at once, we understand. The tax-payers will hail this announcement with genuine satisfaction, and the Eagle hopes to see it pushed to an extent that will inspire property owners to beautify and improve the sidewalks about their homes. There is nothing which can add more to the general prosperity of the town than well kept streets. The city marshal was allowed a salary of \$1000 per month to service

street improvements in connection with his other official duties.

The water works bills were ordered paid, as well as the usual batch of sundry claims.

The report of fiscal agent, city secretary and marshal were approved.

An ordinance was passed, levying a tax of \$3.50 per annum on insurance agents.

Another ordinance, prohibiting football playing on the public streets and plazas, was adopted.

Adjourned.

The Hunters Return.

Messrs. T. P. Boyett, H. G. Rhodes and T. C. Nunn of Bryan, Ab Taylor and A. F. Wilson of Hearne, and John Nabors of the bottom, returned this morning from a week's hunt in the "big thicket" between Course and Montgomery, in Montgomery county. Mr. Boyett said: "It was the best camp hunt I have been on in fifteen years. We saw more game than you could shake a stick at. We got 150 shots at deer, and killed ten of them, besides two turkeys and any quantity of squirrels. We were accompanied by Col. Tom Gay and Lieut. Bill Froelich of Montgomery, two of the nicest fellows I ever saw, and the people of that county treated us like lords. If you ever hunt any young feller, you want to go down to that country. It reminds me of old times in Texas." And the reporter left Mr. Boyett ruminating about the good old times, when a man could find