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Tuesday, July 11, 1876.

STATE PRESS.

The Lampasas *Dispatch* thus briefly disposes of the question of subsidizing political organs:

The printing question has been an exciting one to the Legislature. We think there is too much partisan feeling manifested, and favorites are sought to be promoted instead of an economical arrangement being made. Let the man who will give the proper security and do the work at the lowest figure have the contract, no matter who he may be.

The Athens *Courier* does not fancy wearing a gag:

If you wish to be styled an enemy to God and heavenly things, why just mention Governor-Senator Coke's name in any way other than meek and worshiping, and you will hear a howl by his organs of "Radicalism," "sold out," "anything to injure the credit of the State," etc. No freedom of speech in this matter. Little cross-road county officials and farmers who object to the reduction of their fees and perquisites as recommended by Governor-Senator Coke, should be jailed for about six months and fed on bread and water. It would learn them to say "glory" when the Governor-Senator speaks.

The Houston *Age* is wrestling with the conundrum, "Have we a State Government?" The *Age* assumes that a government is an institution which, whether representative or not, is designed for no other purpose than that of shielding the weak from the strong, and the protection, first of life, and secondly of property. To secure these benefits taxes are paid, jury duty performed, and other services rendered by the citizen for the general good. But the *Age* thinks the people perform their part of the contract better than the authorities perform theirs. After referring to the long catalogue of crime which has disgraced the State for the past two years, and the impunity with which so many criminals have escaped, the *Age* says:

Life is not protected, and the Legislature, the Governor, the courts of Texas constitute not a bona-fide, effective government, but a wretched fraud and a humbug which allows the enactment of the most bloody horrors in the very shadow of the State Capitol, without even a whisper of condemnation.

This fact is now recognized by the people of Texas, who are determined the reign of murder and bloody horrors shall close, if necessary, by the succession of a reign of terror equal to that of California, when the cut-throats and villains of that State were swept away by popular vengeance and vigilance committees.

Let us hope that the people will rather turn their attention to strengthening the hands of the local civil authorities and holding up public officers to the strict discharge of their duties.

The Texarkana *Democrat* says of the failure to hold a ratification meeting at that place:

The truth is, Texas and Arkansas are so overwhelmingly Democratic that it is like making a noise just that we may hear ourselves make it, to ratify. A few strangers to our South sufferings, with the duped negroes under their charge and government, make the sum total of Radical strength. The heart—the mass of the people of Texas and Arkansas are for peace and recuperation, and will make good at the polls that policy and that platform.

The Waco *Examiner* wants the Legislature to finish its work, even if the pay of members is only two dollars a day after the 17th, saying, after some playful remarks:

Now, in all seriousness and earnestness, we do not see how our devoted Solons can adjourn and go home until they finish the work for which they engaged; at least they ought to put the new constitution on its legs before daring; to dream of domestic joys and the smiles and hearty welcomes of those who sent them up to Austin to complete, as well as commence, the necessary labor, without which, practically, we would be without a State government until the Sixteenth Legislature meets.

The Dallas *Herald* says:

Texas will roll up a larger vote for Tilden and Hendricks than she did for Coke.

Texas Veterans at Cincinnati.

One of the banners at the Centennial celebration at Cincinnati, which was borne at the head of the veteran soldiers, bore the following inscription:

The Patriots of 1836,
Lone Star, Texas,
Our Gift to the Nation,
A Republic.

Colonel R. M. Moore and staff headed this part of Major-General Jacob's Third Division, and immediately after came heroes of the Texas revolution.

The procession was headed by an elegant open carriage, in which sat two gentlemen, Hon. ex-Senator Burton and Major Wm. G. Neilson, both well known citizens of Cincinnati, who were among the gallant band who went to Texas in 1836, and by their daring deeds and heroic bravery helped achieve the independence of the Lone Star Republic. The *Enquirer* says:

These grim and gray old soldiers were dressed exactly the same as when forty years ago they whacked it to the dirty greasers who marched under Santa Anna. On the seat of the carriage were the faithful old flint-lock horse-pistols and the never failing Bowie knives, instruments which the Mexicans were mortally afraid of—and well they might be; and reclining against the side of the carriage were the old flint-lock muskets, the sharp reports of which had so often told that another Mexican had turned up his toes and his body made food for carrion.

Very few of our citizens have any real conception of the importance of the Texan struggle for independence, the success of which finally terminated in giving to the nation an empire within itself. So far as known, only four of the old Texan soldiers now live in this city: S. H. Burton, Wm. G. Neilson, —— McMillen and David Cox.

THE New York *Tribune* says Grant is doing everything in his power to insure the election of the Democratic candidate for President, and that Governor Tilden must feel under great obligation for the assistance afforded from the White House. Gov. Tilden, the *Tribune* urges, owes his prominence as a practical political reformer to the contrast his administration presents to that of Grant. "But for the selfish, personal, narrow and petty policy of Grant, Gov. Tilden's position as a reformer would not have been so isolated and unique, nor himself so marked a figure." So says an independent Republican paper that supports a presidential ticket rank with the flavor of Grantism.

STATE NEWS.

BRAZOS COUNTY.

On the 12th of July the survivors of Hood's Brigade meet at Bryan. An interesting reunion is anticipated.

BROWN COUNTY.

Monday Mr. Nathan Ledbetter, in company with several other young gentlemen from Brownwood, were bathing in the bayou about two miles below town, when Mr. Ledbetter swam to the opposite shore, and, in attempting to return, seemed to be giving away when he had reached the middle of the stream, and he turned as if he intended going ashore on the same side, when he became entangled in a drift, and the current being very strong, he was immediately drowned.

COLEMAN COUNTY.

The county site of Coleman county has been located, and the new town is to be called Coleman.

COLLIN COUNTY.

Governor Throckmorton arrived on the third, and spent the Fourth at home. He will return immediately, however, to Washington....The new courthouse at McKinney is one of the most magnificent structures in the State, and in place of the old frame business houses recently swept away by fire, stand handsome two-story bricks.

CLAY COUNTY.

Geo. B. Loving, of Denison, passed through Cambridge this week en route for Jacksboro. In crossing the stream at Buffalo Springs, his fine span of grays were both drowned. The *North-West* gives the following account of the flood: "It commenced raining early Sunday morning the 26th inst., and rained almost incessantly for four days and nights. A portion of this time the rain fell so fast that the whole surface of the ground, even on sloping hill-side, was covered with a moving sheet of water sufficient to drift large blocks and billets of wood. The streams are all swollen beyond their banks, and their broad bottoms present the appearance of an inland sea. The bridges are all gone, or lie floating upon the ocean of water. The prairie is so thoroughly soaked that it is impassable for teams or wagons, except by following beaten tracks." The waters had subsided on the first, and the fields of cane were growing splendidly and greatly benefitted, as was vegetatation generally.

DALLAS COUNTY.

The negro Wesley Jones, convicted the commission of rape upon the person of a white lady of this county, has been sentenced by Judge Burford to be hung on Friday, the 11th day of August next. Long may he wave....Dallas county has about 576,000 acres of land. Of this it is estimated 192,000 are in cultivation.

DE WITT COUNTY.

The Gonzales *Inquirer* learns that, a short time since, two men, masked, rode up to the house of a man named Butler, living near Yorktown, DeWitt county, and inquired of the lady of the house for the gentleman who resided there. She informed them that he was absent, but would soon return. About that time a Mexican, the sheep-herder, came walking up, and the party asked if that was Mr. Butler. The lady replied in the negative, and told them he was the shepherd. Butler himself then made his appearance, when the party remarked to him that he had several hundred dollars in his possession, and that they were going to have the money. They at once commenced shooting at him, one shot taking effect in the shoulder. He was knocked down senseless, and whilst in that condition the robbers made a thorough search of the house, but only found about fourteen dollars. They immediately fled, but as to their whereabouts or identity nothing is known.

ERATH COUNTY.

The Medical Board of Erath county will meet in Stephenville on the 21st of July.

ELLIS COUNTY.

It is expected that the venerable Bishop Pierce will be present at the District Conference, which convenes at Ennis on Wednesday before the first Sunday in August....The Ennis *News* says: "J. W. McLeod, sheriff of Fayette county, Miss., passed through town last week with Lavika McIntosh, son of Gen. McIntosh of Miss., charged with murdering a Mr. Luke in that county in 1869. His brother was connected with him in the affair, but on trial was acquitted. He fled the country, came to Texas, and located at Prairie Valley, Hill county, where he followed the mercantile trade until arrested on requisition of the Governor of Mississippi last week.... On Wednesday of last week Mr. James Smart, who resided one mile from Chatfield met with a most painfully horrible accident which resulted in death. He was just finishing the harvest, the last of his wheat was being threshed. He for some purpose climbed up on the machine, and his foot slipping, fell, his arm being caught in the thresher. It broke his arm off above his elbow, tearing it asunder from his body, jerking the leader and sinews from his shoulder. All night he suffered death over and over and until Thursday morning when in spite of medical aid and attention death came to his relief. Mr. Smart was a poor but honest man and, leaves a wife and four children, with many friends and relatives to mourn his loss.

FAYETTE COUNTY.

Frank Tschiedel, living in Beagle's settlement, met with a sad accident on Tuesday. He had a pound of powder in his trunk, and whilst searching for some article, he thoughtlessly jerked a slate from under the powder. Beneath the slate were parlor matches. The matches ignited, the powder exploded, and he was terribly blackened and burnt and nearly lost his eyes.

FORT BEND COUNTY.

The Richmond *Four Counties* says: "Some excitement occurred just above the ferry on the other side of the river. A colored benedict had the misfortune to get into a kind of family muss, which attracted the attention of his 'big step-son,' who went to the assistance of his mother, and the result was a little club ax exercise. Although they cut and flourished the axes in a very lively manner, the only damage, one negro floored and a bruised ax."

GRAYSON COUNTY.

The Denison *News* notes the march of refinement in that rising city thus: "It is a matter of congratulation to our people, that there is a noticeable improvement in the tone and character of amusements indulged in on Independence Day in this city. Two years ago the chief attractions were a "gander pulling, a greased pig and a greased pole." One year ago the gander pulling was left out of the programme. This year the greased pig went with the gander. Let us hope that next year, the greased pole may slip the memory of the committee on arrangements." The *News* says nothing against the polo and base ball games which were among the sports of the day. The Denison *News* says: A man came up from the south on the 4th inst., and proceeded to Red River. He was anxious to obtain crossing that evening, but could not do so. The next morning he was heard to say that he had rather go down with the flood than to stay on this side, and soon after he was seen to jump deliberately into the turbid stream and pass into eternity. He was in great trouble concerning the loss of his crops by the flood, and appeared to be demented....Prof. M. E. Phillips met the boy Lyttle who was carried away on Colbert's bridge. When the bridge had passed down the river about two miles, the boy stripped himself of all his clothing preparatory to swimming. About the time he got his clothes off the bridge broke in two, carrying the boy with one half and his clothes with the other. The span on which Lyttle rode had drifted to the north shore and lodged. The pursuers, after landing for a rest on the Texas side, crossed over to the Nation, where they found a large number of Indians. The Indians congratulated them on their capturing the boy thief "who carried off Colbert's bridge."

HOOD COUNTY.

The floods a week ago were almost unprecedented in this county. During Wednesday night the Brazos river rose out of its banks, and the smaller tributaries were backed up by the immense volume of water, causing the adjacent lands to overflow. The farms of Jas. Hickey and Mr. Peters, in the forks of the river and Robinson creek, were submerged, with great damage to growing crops; also above there in the Hightower valley hundreds of acres of small grain, corn and cotton are under water, and immense damage will result therefrom. In other places the rain will be of immense benefit to late crops, especially those that were not well tilled.

KENDALL COUNTY.

Kendalia was a blaze of centennial enthusiasm on the Fourth. A forty-two-pounder spoke deep-mouthed welcome to the dawn; there was a procession, oration, target-shooting, music, dancing, fireworks, lager, pretty girls, and a happy time generally. In the procession was a handsomely decorated car containing thirteen pretty girls standing in a circle around a beautiful young lady representing the Goddess of Liberty. The car bearing this weight of loveliness was drawn by twelve steers, all splendid looking fellows, gaily decorated. In the procession was Captain O'Grady's famous bull, "Brigham Young," on a car trimmed and ornamented with the Stars and Stripes. Brigham's horns were gilded, and festooned with red, white and bonny blue ribbons. After dark, a grand ball, the Bonton Quadrille Band, and all the youth and beauty of Kendalia.

LEE COUNTY.

The citizens of Giddings met on Wednesday to decide whether they should have a corporation or not, and if so, what steps would be best to take toward reviving the same. A committee reported that the town of Giddings does not contain the required number of one thousand inhabitants, and is not entitled to incorporation under the general law, and that the charter granted by the special law of 1873 is the now existing charter of town of Giddings, and calling for an election of officers under the same. An order for a new election was next submitted by Mr. Rector, which was read and adopted. ....The Turn Vereiners of Giddings had a grand time of it on Tuesday. Quite a large number of visitors from Brenham, La Grange and many other places were present.

M'LENNAN COUNTY.

The history of McLennan county, written by George B. Erath for the Centennial, states the following facts: The lands where the city of Waco now stands were owned by Colonel John S. Sydnor, of Galveston, and by him conveyed, at the close of the year 1818, to N. A. Ware and Jonas Butler, of Galveston, and Jacob De Cordova, of Houston, and arrangements were made to lay off the town of Waco. The town of Waco was laid off about the first of March, 1849. A public sale of lots took place on the tenth day of June, 1850, at which many persons from a distance were present, but no lot brought at the time, either to the proprietors or to the county, over fifteen dollars. McLennan county is nearly in the center of the State of Texas, on both sides of the Brazos river, between latitude 31.15 and 31.45 minutes. Its area is 950 square miles. Its population is at present about 20,000. The county is well watered and drained by the Brazos and Bosque rivers and its numerous creeks and branches extending beyond the limits of the county. The lands are mostly undulating, and well adapted to agricultural purposes. All the products of Texas are raised here with profit. The supply of timber is considered sufficient for all ordinary purposes. The pasturage supports large quantities of horses, cattle and sheep with little expense, attention or trouble the entire year. Waco is the county site, situated on both sides of the Brazos river, two miles below the mouth of the Bosque river. It is accessible by railroad.

Dr. Williams, of Towash, says the river was higher by two feet at that point this rise than ever before known. Considerable damage in that vicinity, in washing away fences and the like, though he thinks there was only one farm, the Scott place, sufficiently submerged to destroy the crop.

MILAM COUNTY.

At a regular meeting of the District Co-operative Council of Patrons of Husbandry, the following Granges were represented, as follows: Milam Grange, T. J. Debose, B. M. Hutchinson; Liberty Grange, J. S. Benson, H. F. Durham; Prospect Grange, W. C. Lawrence, J. F. Webb, J. M. Shelton; Amity Grange, A. S. Rogers; Sandy Point Grange, E. Mercer, A. J. Knight; Economy Grange, A. C. Bogle, W. R. Kennard, G. N. Morrison; Pecan Grange, Jeff Scott; Walnut Grove Grange, C. K. Robinson, P. M. Kolb; San Gabriel Grange, J. G. Gordon, J. A. Clark; Rising Sun Grange, W. A. Scruggs, A. F. Hamilton; Cat Tail Springs Grange, A. J. Murry, W. M. Ferguson, J. Hargrove. A motion was made to receive Cat Tail Grange into the Joint Stock Co-operative Council, which was carried unanimously. A motion to dispense with the constitution of the Joint Stock Co-operative Company, and to adopt in its stead the recommendation of the National Grange for such organization was adopted. It was resolved to publish a call for the meeting of the stockholders of the Joint Stock Association on Friday, the 14th day of July.....On the Fourth fully seven hundred people assembled on the place of Mr. Joe House, some ten miles north of this city, for the purpose of enjoying a picnic given by the "Salem Debating Society." The day was spent most pleasantly, and closed with a ball.....The young men of Sandy Creek have organized a Democratic club.

NACOGDOCHES COUNTY.

William McConnell, of Crockett, while on a visit to friends in Nacogdoches county, a few days since, was thrown from a horse and seriously injured.

NUECES COUNTY.

The Corpus Christians do not put water enough in their liquor to render it non-explosive. Mr. J. V. Clark had gone to the spirit-room to draw some liquor, and was holding a light while the bottle was being filled. The running liquor took fire, ignited that in the bottle, which spurted upon the arms and hands of Mr. Clark, while that upon the floor set his pants on fire. Fortunately for him bystanders were near, who first extinguished the blaze upon him and then that in the spirit-room.

PARKER COUNTY.

From the Weatherford *Times*: Mr. Bridgman informs us that the heavy rains washed away three acres of promising cotton on his bottom land. Mr. B. has resided here for twenty-one years, and tells us this is the heaviest rain during that time. The Brazos is higher now than was ever known in the memory of "the oldest inhabitant." A farm of Mr. Ben Irby, containing 100 acres, is inundated, corn and cotton being seven feet under water....The body of Mr. John Cochran was found on Saturday last about eighteen miles from here on the Jacksboro road. He was wagoning, and at Fort Griffith he was attacked with two congestive chills. It appears that he had started to town ahead of the wagons for the purpose of procuring medicine, and another congestive chill coming on, he lay down by the roadside, where he expired.

STARR COUNTY.

Roma, a village of a regular population of five hundred, is full of ex-revolutionists, and among them some notorious men of Mexico. A train of four large freight wagons arrived a few days ago, loaded with arms for the revolutionists, which are being crossed over to the other side at night at different crossings on the river. All is done in such a quiet manner that a stranger here would not suspect anything of the kind....Farmers and stock raisers are suffering here for want of water, crops being all lost, as it has not rained for six months....Rio Grand City is in a state of excitement, owing to the frontier fair at that place, which is to last fifteen days. The attractions to it consist of bull fights, horse races, gambling, etc.

TARRANT COUNTY.

Fort Worth *Democrat*, 4th: "Last Sunday morning Mr. George Shields, of Dallas, left this city in his buggy, having with him his little son, about six or seven years of age. In crossing Village creek, which was much swollen by the recent rains, the team was forced to swim, and was floated off down the creek. Mr. Shields endeavored to get out of the buggy with his son, but became entangled in some way, and in his struggles lost his grasp on his boy and saw him sink to rise no more."

WISE COUNTY.

On Sunday Mr. J. L. Simms went to the house of Mr. J. D. Abbott, about two miles west of Cottondale, on Salt Creek, in this county, and, after abusing Mr. Abbott, began an attack upon him with a rock, afterward an ax; run Abbott into his house. Whereupon the latter seized his gun and shot Simms in the breast, causing instant death....A man named Thomas Bailey was arrested in Wise county, last Friday. Bailey is charged with the theft of a horse and gun.

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Crops continue all that could be desired....The *Banner* contains the following facts in relation to Washington county. "This county is situated on the west side of the Brazos river, in latitude 30 deg. north and longitude 96 deg. west. The county is well timbered and watered. The soil is exceptionably good. Cotton and corn are about the principal products, about 40,000 bales of cotton being shipped annually. Wheat, oats, barley, potatoes (sweet and Irish) sugar cane, sorghum, etc., are largely produced. All kinds of fruits are successfully grown. There are in the county three large nurseries of established reputation, supplying a large portion of the State with orchard stocks. The native grasses are excellent, rendering the western portion of the county especially adapted for dairying. Cattle are kept in a fine condition upon the pastures during the winter months, without other food or shelter. Sheep are extensively raised, and require but little care. Farming lands of good quality can be bought at from $1 to $50 per acre, the price being dependent upon locality and improvements, and can be rented at from $2 50 to $5 00 per acre, or one-fourth of the cotton and one-third of all other products. The population of this county is drawn from every State of the Union and every country in Europe. The immigrant will find friends in every neighborhood and be most heartily welcomed. The county embraces about 300 square miles, with 30,000 inhabitants, and is well supplied with churches and schools, and within convenient distances of each neighborhood. Two male and three female schools of high grade and reputation are located in this county.

RAILROAD NEWS.

The Fort Worth *Standard* says:

Notwithstanding the heavy rains which have fallen, work on the railroad is moving ahead freely. The construction train is now running within fifteen miles of Fort Worth. Track is now being laid in the Cross Timbers, and is progressing at the rate of a mile and a half per day.

The Houston *Telegraph* says the ship channel has for some time been completed to Clinton, at the conjunction of Simms Bayou and Buffalo Bayou, seven miles below Houston. From Clinton, to connect with the railroad of the Texas Transportation Company, Commodore Morgan is building a short railroad. The grading on this road is finished and ready for the rails, and track-laying has commenced. The grading of the Texas Transportation Company's railroad is completed nearly to the Cage tract of land on both sides. The steamship Morgan brought all the balance of the construction material for the road, and the contractors are pushing forward the work so as to have it completed by the 1st of August.

The Missouri, Kansas and Texas road in the Indian Nation has been repaired, and trains now run to the north bank of Red River, where passengers and the mail are transferred.

The Clarksville (Red River county) *Standard* of July 7th, says: "The cars will be running to this point in less than two weeks, is now the common report."

As the agent for the railroad company and Mr. Dysart could not agree on the amount of damages caused by the road running through his field, which the company should pay the latter, a commission of arbitrators, consisting of Messrs. J. R. Johnson, John Terry and Joe Garland, were agreed on to settle the matter. After the introduction of a good deal of evidence relevant to both immediate and consequential damages, the commission decided that the company should pay Mr. Dysart the sum of $1550. Mr. Dysart's place is two miles northwest of town.

The Palestine *Advocate* of July 8th says: "Several trains freighted with railroad iron have passed through the city during the week, some for the completion of the International to Taylor, and a portion for the first five miles of the Dallas and Wichita Railroad.

SABINE COUNTY.

Crops—Railroads—The County Seat, Etc.

MILAM, July 3, 1876.

Eds. News—A subscriber to your weekly would say that old Sabine county is still in the State of Texas, and, though in the woods, will allow her crop this year to be compared with that of any county in the State. Corn may possibly be worth fifty cents per bushel this fall, but I think the farmers will be glad to get that.

Doubtless you have heard of the town of Milam before. Well, she is still in the same place, and though one of the oldest places in the State, can *brag* of the fewest inhabitants, but the most Smiths. We have ninety-five inhabitants, and this includes eighteen Smiths, and out of this large number there is but one John Smith. Very fortunate for the family, the most of them are girls, and hope some day to belong to some other family besides Smith.

All we need up here is a railroad, and if we had it we would ask no man to be our mother. Col. Beaumont, of Houston, has promised to send us a "narrow gauge" road within a year. We don't care anything about the gauge, just so it is a railroad. If Galveston thought anything of herself, she would send us a road from Bolivar Point. Can't you advise her to do so?

We have a good country, and plenty of wood and water, and good health.

LIBERTY COUNTY.

Celebrating the Fourth—District Court—Crops.

BEAUMONT, July 5, 1876.

Eds. News—In commemoration of the glorious Fourth, the citizens of Beaumont and the surrounding country assembled at the depot of the Texas and New Orleans Railroad yesterday morning, mounted the flat cars that had been kindly arranged for their accommodation by the railroad contractors, went out twenty-four miles from town, and celebrated the day by having a basket picnic. We had no orations or reading of the Declaration of Independence, nor anything unusual to distinguish it from picnics generally; but the pleasant and smiling faces of every one upon the grounds bore unmistakable evidence of their complete enjoyment. Small groups were seen scattered about in every direction; after dinner engaged in games and many other diversions to while away the moments until the arrival of the train to carry them back to Beaumont. We also discovered several small groups, consisting of two, sitting under shade trees, speaking as if they were in the most confidential relations, and about subjects that they seemed most intensely interested. We did not learn the nature of the subject about which they seemed to manifest so much interest, nor did we make very diligent inquiry, but we were so much attracted by the beauty and refinement of the Beaumont fair ones that we would have liked very much ourselves to have indulged in some of those "sub rosa," or rather "sub busha," conversations.

The ride on the railroad was very pleasant indeed. The track is very level; the strong breeze created by the motion of the train, connected with the sweet strains of music from the brass band of Beaumont, under the leadership of Mr. J. E. Jirou, rendered the trip to and from the ground not one of the insignificant pleasures of the day.

The District Court is in session here now, and the business is being rapidly disposed of by Judge Petigo. Among the visiting attorneys we notice Mr. Stork and T. A. Faldey, of Orange, and F. C. Usher and S. R. Perryman, of Liberty.

Beaumont shows many indications of improvements. Noticeable among them is the excellent hotel of Mr. E. R. Wilson, the Telegraph House. The crops of the county, from all representations, are fine, and the strongest hopes can be entertained of a plenty in the edible line for another year.

Card from Gov. Lubbock.

Eds. News—In your issue of Sunday appears an editorial doing me, as I conceive, great injustice. In having occasion to mention the NEWS in my remarks on Saturday evening, I was fully aware of my liability to criticism by your journal. I, however, anticipated fair treatment at your hands. What were the facts and the circumstances under which I alluded to the NEWS?

I was requested to sign a call for the organization of a club in the interest of Tilden and Hendricks, the Democratic nominees for President and Vice President, and my presence solicited at the meeting on Saturday evening. On Saturday morning I read in the NEWS the following words:

It may not be out of place to ask the gentlemen of pronounced views, who have made themselves prominent in local political campaigns, and whose oratorical powers are well known and properly appreciated, on this occasion to content themselves with a back seat, and allow the business to be conducted by persons who are anxious to be identified with the reform movement, but are distrustful of organizations perfected under management of those they have regarded as political enemies when questions of State or city significance are to be disposed of. There will be no occasion for display of oratory. The purpose is business, and may be disposed of in a very few minutes. The election of officers, passage of brief, concise, positive resolutions, and the whole purpose is accomplished.

I, as solicited, attended the meeting. After the chairman was named and he had concluded his address I was called for by the united voices of those present to take the stand. I did so, and was proceeding to say that upon this occasion I had not expected to express any views; that I had been informed that no speaking was anticipated; that "parties of pronounced views," known politicians, and those who had been prominent heretofore in local political campaigns, should content themselves with back seats, and allow the business to be conducted by persons anxious to be identified with the reform movement, etc.; while thus proceeding the honorable chairman very peremptorily called me to order, stating that I was making charges that were not sustained by facts, and quite excitedly demanded whether or not I intended to say he (the chairman), knew or advised any such exclusion, or if anything of the kind was embodied in the call. I promptly replied that nothing I had said was intended as a reflection upon him or the signers of the call; that the suggestion or advice had come from the Galveston NEWS, and that I had been inclined to follow it. I then, in support of what I had said, read the words of the NEWS. This is the height of my offending, calling forth the unkind and ironical flings in your Sunday's edition.

In your editorial you set out by saying: "Gov. Lubbock seems to have been under the impression that the NEWS desired to exclude all men of pronounced political views from participating in a movement directed to the election of Tilden in the sole interest of political reform. This is an egregious mistake."

Your readers will determine in how far I made an "egregious mistake." Your intimation that I had been often rewarded with office as a partisan is entirely an "egregious mistake." That I am, and ever have been, pronounced in my views, and a partisan Democrat, I do not deny; to those charges I plead guilty, and throw myself upon the mercy of the people. But that I have ever taken advantage of either to advance my personal interest, I do most positively plead not guilty. I most certainly was not elected Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the Republic of Texas, Comptroller, (my first term,) or District Clerk, as a partisan. I believe I was elected Lieutenant Governor, among other reasons, because I had very "pronounced views" against the heresy of Know Nothingism. I was undoubtedly elected Governor in consequence of my very "pronounced views," and not because I was a partisan. I claim to have seen some military service in the country, commencing as a private, passing along from corporal to Colonel, owing my promotion, I believe, measurably to my "pronounced views" and, I trust, good conduct.

From the expiration of my term of office as Governor in 1863 to February, 1875, I was not an aspirant or applicant for any office, having been engaged most assiduously in business of some kind that would enable me to live honorably and pay my debts at par. As you well know, I did not, in February, 1875, thrust myself upon the people as a candidate for Mayor. I was solicited by a large number of citizens to become a candidate, and if you, gentlemen, think it was "descending" or condescending on my part to make that canvass, I can only most respectfully differ with you. I was defeated; I bore it manfully, and have no regrets or bitterness against those who preferred another.

In your fling at me that I am on the "descending" line, I presume you allude more particularly to the honorable and responsible position I now hold in the city government—a place given me without any solicitation on my part, and for which I feel grateful to those who conferred it upon me. I do not agree with you that I have "descended" in accepting the place, the duties of which I have endeavored to discharge with fidelity. It may have been that, had I, in the various positions I have filled, occupied the time paid for by the people in advancing my personal interest, the necessity of "descending" to make a living would have been spared me in this Centennial year.

The unkindest cut of all, however, gentlemen, is when you, even in a Pickwickian sense, intimate a doubt as to my aiding in the election of the Democratic ticket, because, forsooth, "old politicians and men of pronounced views may be overlooked and be required to take back seats." The ink is scarce dry on your issue in which you informed your readers that Hayes would make an admirable President; would suit the South, and they might well be satisfied with such a President. Then you were also doing all that your widely read and influential journal could do to defeat the nomination of Tilden before the Democratic Convention, writing long and able articles to prove that some other personage would be more available; also laboring to show that a combination of the two popular names submitted by the convention never could be agreed upon. At the moment you were working in that direction, I, as a private citizen, as a Democrat in favor of reform, was using my best exertions with our Texas delegates and others to see that this very combination should be the standard-bearers of the Democracy, and all of them were ready to assist in a reformation of our political affairs.

I trust I will be pardoned for this intrusion. In conclusion, I will say that I am pleased to see that so many independent papers, among others, the Galveston NEWS, see the necessity of rallying to the support of the Democratic ticket; it augurs well, and I am one of those sanguine and "pronounced men" that believe the ticket will sweep the country, that the people are ready and demand reform, and that they intend having it by the election of Tilden and Hendricks. Respectfully,

F. R. LUBBOCK,
A long life pronounced Democrat.

THE VIRGINIA SPRINGS.

Centennial Gossip—Texans at Yellow Sulphur Springs.

YELLOW SULPHUR SPRINGS, July 4, 1876.

Eds. News—No booming of cannon ushered in this birth morn of the nation—no sensations of excitement have been felt by us in this quiet retreat. Every heart here has doubtless recalled ever and anon the great event, and the still greater celebration of it at Philadelphia this day. But we have made no outward sign of our recognition, pursuing the even tenor of our lives undisturbed. Here, under the shadow of these "everlasting hills," we feel so utterly removed from that great world with all its wild throbbings of joy and pride—it may be that our exalted position (some twenty-five hundred feet above the sea level) causes us to feel that we are "not of the earth, earthy," or it may be due to our being apart from the scene of action—for much of the emotional part of our nature is made up of sympathy; and rejoicings, like other emotions of the heart, are infectious.

Doubtless, if we were all suddenly transported to the Quaker City, we would be as noisy and demonstrative as the most patriotic could desire. As it is, we were as a body rather slow about getting to breakfast, the deliciously cool morning wooing us to court the sleepy god. And, upon reaching the dining saloon, partook of quite a goodly share of the niceties prepared by ever attentive servants to our wants, and as I write I see the usual squad (mostly feminine) wending their way to the ten-pin alley and various walks over the mountains.

Well, we are a great people and have a right to be proud of our position among the nations of the world, notwithstanding the sneers of some who seem to take a sort of diabolical delight in the well known corruptions existing at the great center of the government. But the recent nominations, both at Cincinnati and St. Louis, show a healthier tone of public sentiment and a determination of the people to put down fraud and corruption—*vide* the downfall of Blaine, Conkling, he of the "bloody shirt," and others of like stamp. The nomination of Mr. Hayes by the Republican party is a direct condemnation of the administration and its supporters, and shows a tendency in that party toward reformation, which is reassuring to our people, particularly if this should be the dominant party for the next four years. Yet, if Gov. Tilden's strength is as good all over the Union as at these Virginia Springs, he will step into the White House with a triumphant majority the fourth day of next March. So mote it be! Texans this season have colonized the "Yellow," and are happy in the selection made for their temporary residence; yet, like all new colonists, we turn longing eyes and loving hearts to the dear ones at home, that most respectable body, "the can't get aways." We have now Judge Rives and family, Mr. Richards and family, Mrs. Vidor and children, Mrs. John E. Owens and child, Mr. The. Ayers (who is a host in himself; I say this because he treated yesterday,) and family, Mrs. John J. Hand and children—Master Clarence being quite a beau among the young ladies—Mrs. N. O. Lauve and child, Mrs. Mims and children; Major Fitzwilliam and family, including his sister-in-law, Miss Ross; Capt. English and lady. I believe these are all the Galvestonians. Mrs. Edwards and children from Austin; Mrs. Moody and children left here yesterday for New York to meet Col. Moody, who has been attending the St. Louis convention, and telegraphed his family to meet him in New York. Mr. G. H. Mensing and wife, and Mr. G. A. Hill and wife, left here last Wednesday en route for the Centennial. We have here at present about one hundred and sixty or seventy guests, and Texas furnishes fifty-nine of that number. We find everything so comfortable here that the most of us will remain here till September, awaiting cool weather in Philadelphia before visiting the great exposition.

Nature assumes here her most enchanting appearance, inducing us to linger in the midst of these grand surroundings, while the proprietors, being of a practical turn, give us those substantial comforts that go to make up the necessaries and luxuries of life.

As I can think of nothing further with which to bore your many readers, no more *a present* from "NELLIE."

PERSONAL.

Prof. Seelye, whose judgment is not as good as his intentions, thinks the Cincinnati ticket would have been better the other end first.

A public school boy bet he could write a better Centennial ode than Bayard Taylor's, and he won the bet; but his father whaled him for not half trying.

The King of Spain has conferred the Order of Charles III on Mr. Schaus, the New York picture dealer, as a mark of his conduct in the affair of the stolen Murillo painting.

The Rutland (Vt.) *Globe* objects to having Deacon Jacob Estey, of Brattleboro, for the Republican candidate for Governor because he writes "God's blessings" with a small "g" and a capital "B."

Science has taken a new direction. Gen. Pleasanton holds that the reason why a man and his wife fall out and chide and fight is because their electricities have become the same. When the man gets drunk he becomes a woman, and grows quarrelsome over little things.

Dr. Samuel Graves, of Michigan, felt called upon recently to preach a sermon on the wickedness of the present national administration. His text was: "For they commit falsehood, and the thief cometh in, and the troop of robbers spoileth without." His first sentence was: "These words describe but too truly the condition of things in our country to-day."

Here is a passage from the last letter traced by the hands of George Sand, which is singularly like to a saying of Goethe on his death-bed: "I am not one of those who shrink from submission to a great law and rebel against the end of universal life." Is it not told of the great German that he broke a long silence by this wise and consolatory utterance: "After all, this death is so general a thing it can not be an evil thing."

The *Epoca*, of Madrid, states that the ex-Queen Isabella will probably return to Spain, which she is now perfectly free to do, about the 20th inst. She will go first to Santander for the sea bathing and stay there about six weeks. Then, when the heats of the summer are over, she will go to Saillie and establish herself in the Alcazar, where she will be joined in the autumn by the Duke and Duchess of Montpensier, who are now in England.

Among the other anecdotes related of the late Sultan is the following: "Abraham Beg used to be his scandalmonger. One day, just before an audience, Abraham was asked by one of the Ministers to tell the Sultan that Turkish bonds were at 30, alleging as his reason that the Sultan had been so informed by his Grand Vizier. Abraham promised acquiescence. Having heard his gossip, the Sultan asked the Jewish banker what figure bonds stood at. 'Thirty,' answered the complaisant rogue, boldly. 'Do they?' he replied; 'then sell these for me,' and he handed him a big bundle of bonds to sell at once. Abraham was bound to take them, and to pay, even according to his word, but the bonds fetched him only 12."

MARRIED:

COURTS—CRAWFORD—In Nashville, Tenn., July 5, 1876, at the residence of Mr. H. F. Cummins, by Rev. D. C. Kelly, Mr. Geo. Mc N. Courts, of Galveston, Texas, to Miss Anna Crawford, of Paris, Tenn. No cards.

Paris (Tenn.) Intelligencer please copy.

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Special Notices.

Galveston Garten Verein.—Monthly Meeting of ALL Members TO-NIGHT, at 7 o'clock (instead of 6 o'clock), at the garden. Balloting for new members.

AUG. BUTTLAR, President.
jy11 1t

Attention, Lone Star Rifles—Assemble at the Armory at 1.45 o'clock P. M. TO-DAY, 11th inst., in full dress uniform, to proceed to Bryan, as escort to the veterans of Hood's Brigade. All baggage must be sent to the Armory before the hour above specified. The company will join the veterans at the depot at 2.15 P. M.

jy11 1t N. WEEKES, Captain.

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