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Terminal Charges.

For some time past our chief commercial cities have been rivaling each other in attempts to facilitate and cheapen the handling of commodities in transitu, but New York has reached the reactionary period, and begins to increase her tariffs, particularly as regards the handling of grain. The advance in the charges for elevating and weighing grain went into effect on the 1st of February. This advance is made by five or six of the grain jobbers who own their elevators and who claim that the recent rates of one-half cent per bushel for elevating and the same charge for weighing are not high enough to pay. The elevator men proper, and the stationary elevators at Atlantic basin, however, are satisfied that the present rate should be continued, a fact that goes far to show that a division of business, with competition, is better than its concentration in a few hands, with no practical opposition. The advance is to three-quarters of a cent each for elevating and weighing, making an additional cost of one half cent per bushel. There is strong opposition from the receivers of grain, who will insist that the elevating and weighing shall be done by the elevator men who are willing to do the work at the old rate, instead of by the jobbers themselves, while the latter will probably object to having other elevators than their own used at their stores. One of the papers of that city says New York never felt the need of cheap terminal facilities so much as she does at present, and the recent efforts to cheapen this tax upon commerce have everywhere met encouragement. The Committee on Terminal Facilities of the Cheap Transportation Association in a report presented to the last meeting, says: "Nothing would so much increase our facilities for doing a grain business with economy and dispatch as the building, at the terminus of each grain-carrying railway terminating here, large and properly arranged elevators or warehouses, built on the water line, with sufficient depth of water for the largest steam vessels, and having such arrangements that cars could come on to the piers, alongside of or into the warehouse, and unload (as they do in Galveston) in a few minutes and switch out of the way on their return trip. But the elevator charges are far from being the heaviest tax on goods passing through New York. What the long list of real and constructive charges embraces does not appear in any published form; but the fact that the following is presented by a leading firm, Messrs. F. H. Leggett & Co., as an abatement of the ordinary charges in the items named, is pretty fair evidence that the common rates are much higher, though they seem to be far from uniform:

CHARGES FOR CARTAGE ON GOODS TO ANY FREIGHT LINE.

For hogsheads of molasses, or casks of prunes, each	50
Barrels of molasses, syrups, or equally heavy articles	20
Barrels of sugar, rice, or similar goods	8
Bags of salt, rice, etc	5
Tierces of rice	25
Teas in half chests	3
Bags of coffee	4

CHARGES FOR PACKAGES USED IN REPACKING.

Barrels for molasses	$1 50
Dry barrels for rice, etc	75
Dry half-barrels	50
Bags	50

These rates are held up by the *Grocer* as great reductions on the usual charges.

THE New York *Herald* publishes what purports to be fac similes of a private system of telegraphing, arranged by Babcock and Luckey, to be used by a detective between St. Louis and Washington. After giving the key to the cipher and explaining how to use it, the *Herald* adds that the detective, whose name is for prudential reasons suppressed, was in the employ of Babcock until he became satisfied of his guilt, when he withdrew from the case, considering his duty to the government paramount to his loyalty to supposed defrauders of the revenue.

THE proceedings of the Texas Republican State Convention, published in the Galveston News of recent date, show that some member has proposed a resolution denouncing Major Purnell, United States Marshal of Texas, as a fraud, and requesting his removal by the President. Major Purnell was formerly a resident of this city, and is well remembered by some of our older citizens as a man of strict integrity and incorruptible character. If he has incurred the hostility of anybody in Texas it is either because he has done his duty too fearlessly or because he has refused to become the tool of designing men.—*Indianapolis Journal*.

The writer does not understand that in Texas the Federal offices are the only ones at the disposal of Republicans, that their State conventions are gotten up merely to notate out of office those who have lost time and opportunity to fatten upon the proceeds of their offices, and that such was the ruling object of the late Radical convention at Houston. It was thought Major Purnell had been in long enough. He was known to be prosperous. In general his administration of his duties had been satisfactory to his government and to the people of Texas.

THE education of the Cincinnati *Gazette* has been neglected, so far as the jetty system is concerned; or, at least, that paper lacks faith in works of the kind on the Eads system. It says:

The Eads jetties at the Mississippi mouth continue to promise the miracle of creating a current over the bar which shall take up the alluvial deposit and shall not deposit it again where the current recedes, at the outlet of the jetties. The question is, how is Mr. Eads to prevent the deposition beyond the outlet of his jetties. Unless he can change natural laws, it would seem that his jetties can only change the place of the earthy deposit.

STATE PRESS.

The News, in noticing a late lecture on Mahomet, by Dr. Lord, in New York, took occasion to allude to the sins that sometimes grow out of sincere religious fanaticism. An interior contemporary does not seem to comprehend the point clearly. Perhaps a stronger case may make it plain. Of all crimes assassination is most abhorred by humane and Christian people; yet the very name of assassin is derived from Ismaili, a sect of religious fanatics who existed in the eleventh and twelfth centuries.

Their founder and lawgiver was Hassan-ben-Sabah, to whom the Orientals gave the name of Sheikh-el-Jebels, but who was better known in Europe as the *Old Man of the Mountain*; he was a wily impostor, who made fanatical and implicit slaves of his devotees by imbuing them with a religion compounded of that of the Christians, the Jews, the Magi and the Mohammedans. The principal article of their belief was that the Holy Ghost was embodied in their chief, and that his orders proceeded from the Deity, and were declarations of the Divine will. They believed assassination to be meritorious when sanctioned by his command, and counted danger and death in the execution of his orders. In the time of the crusades they mustered to the number of 50,000. So great was the power of the Sheikh, that the sovereigns of every quarter of the globe secretly pensioned him; and Philip Augustus, King of France, during the third crusade, had ordered his assassination, instituted a new body-guard, distinguished for their courage and activity, called *sergens d'armes*.

Most of the interior papers are telling what they know about farming, and give good advice, though they may preach better by precept than example. Like finger-posts, they may show the right way, although they do not travel it themselves. Old Ben Franklin gave many useful lessons to farmers, if he did not farm himself; and modern printers may give good advice to Grangers, along with shocking examples, which teach wisdom as the Spartans taught temperance, by showing their sons what shocking beasts the drunken Helots were. One of the papers of the rural districts sets his words in rhyme, as follows:

"He who by farming would get rich,
Must dig the sow, and plant and hoe;
Work hard all day, sleep hard all night,
Save every cent, and not get tight."

This is genuine native American poetry, and a great deal superior to the Heathen Chinee version of the ballad, "How doth the busy bee:"

How belly small chin-chin sling lung
Im-im plows only sixty mink all a time,
Go, pickee up sting-hog juice all day.
All kin' places found bowels just got busted.

Such slang is intolerable. As the *Country Gentleman* remarks:

Everything in life depends on a good use of English; and, on the other hand, nothing will retard successful progress in life sooner than bad English, bad pronunciation, and slang words.

The Bluffton *Beptie* has received a peremptory demand for the return of a communication for which it could not find room in the first issue of the paper. The writer says he wants to be able to show his friends that he had not neglected the proper ventilation of the subject:

"Mama," observed Mr. Halcomb, as he was putting on his clothes, "there ain't no patch on them breeches yet." "I can't fix it now, no way; I'm too busy." "Well, give me the patch, then, an' I'll carry it round with me. I don't want people to think I can't afford the cloth."

STATE NEWS.

CALHOUN COUNTY.

Indianola is unusually quiet. No rows, no drunkenness, or midnight carousals to disturb the peaceful slumbers of our citizens.——The courthouse has been thoroughly repaired and placed in fine order from the effects of the September cyclone. The jail, also, is in good condition.——Over 2000 bales of cotton were shipped from this point during the month of January.——The Presbyterian Sunday School numbers over 120 scholars.——Business has been quite brisk the past few days. The arrival of produce from the interior, per rail and coast, has been fair. Some cotton is still coming down. The shipments of cattle during the week have been considerable. The steamship W. G. Hewes will take upwards of 500 beeves to Havana. The total shipments last week aggregate 1000 head.

DALLAS COUNTY.

Dallas has become the supply point for a considerable portion of Western Texas. Thus, goods are sold at this point that are carried hundreds of miles in wagons before they reach their destination and place of consumption, and in return receive wheat and cotton, the products of the interior.——The receipts at Dallas will number not less than 65,000 bales this season. The receipts of wheat during the season will aggregate nearly 2,000,000 bushels, one-third of which is the production of Dallas county alone, while probably another third, that of Collin county, which is immediately north of it.——The lumber trade is another branch of business for which Dallas is noted, by reason of the vast pineries in Eastern Texas, through which the Texas Pacific Railroad passes, carrying to Dallas the products of the forest, whence it is distributed to the country at large by means of wagons. This business alone has, since the 1st of September last, aggregated the enormous amount of 18,227,000 feet to this date.——Dallas has flouring mills, planing and machine shops, and others of less note.——Dallas has her churches and her schools, although neither of which present the same imposing appearance as her business blocks or hotels do. As to her hotels, so far as external appearances are concerned, they present an appearance that would do honor to a city of double her population.

ELLIS COUNTY.

The *Enterprise* says such an impetus has been given to the energy and prosperity of our people as will soon place our county far in advance of its former status. New buildings by the dozens are to be seen from every hill top. Prairie turf is being turned by hundreds and thousands of acres. In some parts of the county one may ride almost half a day's journey over newly turned sod, and in others the same distance may be traveled through farms. Wheat, without exception, is in the very best possible condition, and nearly double the usual breadth of land is sown. Corn and cotton land is generally ready for the seed, in fact, the mild winter has placed farmers a month in advance with their work, and that time is being utilized in repairing fences and building. We hear the opinion expressed that there are at least five hundred permanent settlers in the county who have not been here six months. There is scarcely a neighborhood in the county where hogs are allowed to run at large, and in two more years the same will be the case, in the main, with other stock, for in that time almost all the land susceptible of cultivation will be put to better uses than growing prairie grass and grazing wild stock. There are but few large stock owners now in the county, and these are preparing to ship out or move their stock west during this year.

GRAYSON COUNTY.

The American Meat Preserving Company, at Denison, is now at work putting up smoked meats for the trade. After beef, pork or any other meat goes through their process it is ready for the table, and it will keep any length of time. They are also putting up boned turkey by the same process.

HOPKINS COUNTY.

In the *News* of the 31st appears an account of the murder of Dr. Aiken recently, in this county, as taken from the Dallas *Herald*, in which the statement is made that both the alleged murderers were sons of Judge Payne, of Sulphur Springs. One of the parties charged with this murder is J. H. Mauney (Moon's), and no relation of Judge Payne.

JASPER COUNTY.

Dr. Harmon, the great temperance lecturer, has been addressing the people of Jasper, and induced many to take the pledge.——Our Granges are, generally, sending their orders to Galveston, and are well pleased with their purchases.

JACKSON COUNTY.

The old town of Texana is improving and the county is prosperous and contented—perhaps a little too quiet and slow for the notions of some very progressive people, but with many causes for thankfulness. Most of the people are stock-raisers. In town we have one store, one physician, preaching three times a month, a Sunday school, and a good private school with two teachers. This school has recently been opened, and many speak of moving here to avail themselves of this opportunity for educating their children. The citizens of this county are taking more interest in education than they have shown heretofore. I can hear of the prospect of several schools being organized in the county. A number of new settlers have arrived this winter, and more are wanted.

M'LENNAN COUNTY.

Waco had shipped 31,533 bales of cotton up to Friday last.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY.

Mr. John C. Womack, who was indicted by the last Grand Jury for killing Abner Womack, Sr., was tried and acquitted at Montgomery on Friday. The jury remained out only a few minutes.

SMITH COUNTY.

Messrs. O'Conner, Legg & Allen are grading thirty-two miles of the Tyler Tap Road. They have one hundred men and twenty teams at work, and are pushing ahead. We may look forward to a speedy completion of the Tyler Tap.

VICTORIA COUNTY.

The *Advocate* says: On Saturday last an examination was held before Justice C. G. Hall of Mr. Hugh Stapp, under charge of murder of Canuta Ferva, on the San Antonio river, in this county. The testimony developed the fact that the Mexican, Canuta Ferva, had been drinking on the day of his killing. In the evening, about dusk, Hugh Stapp, in company with Vicente de la Garza, started home from Carlos' rancho. When they had proceeded about one-half mile, Canuta Ferva came running up, and, drawing quite near the party, fired two shots from his pistol at Stapp. The latter wheeled his horse and gave chase, the Mexican running in the direction of the ferry at Carlos' Rancho. When the parties were on the hill within one or two hundred yards of the ferry two more shots were fired, and the Mexican was heard to yell. Canuta succeeded in reaching the ferry boat, and, hastily unfastening it from its mooring, had pulled himself across the river within reach of the Refugio county bank, when Stapp reached the bank on the Victoria side of the river, fired two shots from a Winchester rifle, and Canuta Ferva fell forward into the water's edge a dead man. After a thorough examination, in which C. F. Carsner, Esq., acted in behalf of the State, and James S. Ferguson, Esq., appeared for the defense, Justice Hall admitted the defendant to bail in the sum of two thousand dollars, which failing to give, Stapp was remanded to jail to await a future trial.

WOOD COUNTY.

Cotton passing through Quitman daily for the depot.——Immigrants are asked to visit this county. We have cheap and productive lands, improved and unimproved, for sale, lease or rent; have a remarkably healthy country, good schools and churches, a good population who are kind and hospitable to strangers; living is cheap; taxes very light—not more than 50 cents on the hundred dollars. No other county in the State can offer greater inducements to settlers. The lands are easily cultivated, and for fertility and durability are unsurpassed by any uplands in the world. The seasons are good and crops more certain than in Western Texas. Railroad transportation is convenient to any section of the county.

The Game of Polo—New Use for Texas Horses.

[From the New York Herald.]

Polo is an equestrian game, played on ponies. The advantages in this country in obtaining horses suitable for the game of polo over those on the other side of the Atlantic, are greatly in our favor. We have in Texas thousands of little horses, active and strong, that are the most docile, hardy and fleet creatures for their size that can be found in the world. They are descendants of the Andalusians and Arabs introduced on to this continent by the invading Spaniards hundreds of years ago, and have been running wild on the prairies for a couple of centuries. The Texan pony will make a better polo horse than those in use in Great Britain, which are generally composed of overgrown Shetlands or Scotch Galloways, who have neither activity nor speed. One great advantage to be derived from the game of polo, we are convinced, will be that it will make all who practice it good horsemen, and give an impetus to equestrianism that has long been needed in this section of country. A good seat in the saddle is a great accomplishment, and its acquirement has been sadly neglected by our young people of late years. There is more horseback riding in the South than in the North and East, which has been occasioned in a great measure by the cultivation of our fast trotters and the manufacture of our handsome light vehicles; but we think that should the game of polo be introduced its popularity will create a demand for good saddle horses equal to that of fast trotters at the present time. There is more health in a brisk gallop through the Park of a morning on a good horse than in a dozen buggy rides; and the value of our Park will be much better appreciated should our young gentlemen become good polo players than ever before. The advantage of superior horsemanship was manifest at the commencement of the rebellion by the Southern cavalry, as every man was a good rider, and they are so still, being fond of fox hunting or any other sport that requires the services of the horse and a man to ride him. A Southerner would soon become a good polo player.

The following are the Hurlingham rules for the game of polo:

RULES OF THE POLO CLUB.

1. The height of the ponies must not exceed fourteen hands, and no ponies showing vices are to be allowed in the game.

2. The goals to be not less than 250 yards apart, and each goal to be eight yards wide.

3. No spurs to be allowed with sharp rowels, except on special occasions when sanctioned by the committee.

4. Each side shall nominate an umpire, unless it be mutually agreed to play with one instead of two; but his or their decisions shall be final.

5. None but proper sticks and balls, approved by the committee, allowed. The size of the balls is decided to be three inches in diameter. Sticks may be hooked, but no player be allowed to hook an adversary's stick either across or under his adversary's pony.

6. Should a player break his stick, or have it broken, he must ride to the appointed place where the sticks are kept and take one.

7. In the event of a stick being dropped the player must dismount to pick up; but he can not strike the ball when dismounted.

8. A player may interpose his pony before his antagonist so as to prevent the latter reaching the ball whether in full career or otherwise, despite the immediate neighborhood of the ball.

9. If a player is "before his side"—*id est*, he is in front of the player of his own side who hits the ball—and has not two of the opposite side between him and the hostile goal, or has not come through the bully, he is "off side," or sneaking, and out of the game, and does not become "on his side" till the ball be hit, or hit at, by the opposite side, or until the player on his own side who makes the hit passes him. The player, until he is on his side, has no business to impede in any manner one of the opposing side.

10. When the ball is hit beyond the goal and not through, the side defending the goal is entitled to a hit off, which must be from the line.

11. When the ball is hit out of bounds it must be thrown into the playground by an impartial person.

12. Each side to take up its position behind the goal posts, and to be started by the umpire dropping a flag.

13. The dress to consist of light blue jersey, light blue forage caps, with silver band, light blue bells, breeches and butcher boots. The pattern and material all supplied by Beale & Inman, Bond street.

14. In all matches between members of the Hurlingham Club sides are to be distinguished by red and blue caps. The red caps will be provided by the club.

15. No persons allowed within the arena, players and umpires excepted, under any circumstances whatever.

FROM SAN ANTONIO TO THE CAPITAL.

New Braunfels—San Marcos—Austin.

AUSTIN, TEX., Feb. 10, 1876.

After an absence of two years from San Antonio, a traveler does not notice any marked improvement in the ancient city of the "Southwest." Its narrow streets, low cream colored stores, narrow sidewalks, Mexican ox-teams upon the "plazas" the same as of yore. Nevertheless, there is a large business done there through the months of every business year now.) But the merchants are happy in the thought of the near prospect of welcoming the "iron horse," as he shall come thundering on the plain to their portals, for a surer happy day for them, and many a severely brushed traveler, who now couches it through the mesquite from the "end of the track" at Kingsbury for forty-eight miles to the city of San Antonio. The opponents to the railroad subsidy will thus have an opportunity to extend their stage lines and varied teams still further westward, until, by the inevitable results of railroad extension, they reach the banks of the Rio Grande, and then perchance it may be that Uncle Sam's pasture will have been enlarged, so that they can run their "prairie schooners" onward to the Pacific.

THE ALAMO.

One can not visit San Antonio, with its quaint-looking buildings, and pass the portal of the historic Alamo, without feeling his blood leap boiling through his veins as he thinks of the immortal heroes of that crimson day. May their sons be worthy of such heroic sires, and Texas reap the harvest of statesmanship such seed-sowing should bring.

STAGING TO THE CAPITAL.

Stage ready, gentlemen!" yet three of them; two for Kingsbury and one for the capital at 6:30 A. M., and we, though not for an office, are bound for the capital, and after some five hours over what was recently a very muddy road, but now hard, dry, rutty and rough. We reach the quiet town of New Braunfels, almost asleep as it rests upon the plain; soon, however, by the recently voted $75,000 railroad subsidy to be waked to new life and and thrift. In its suburbs are many thrifty farmers, who illustrate, in a very interesting manner, through their emerald fields of wheat and waving corn, "what they know about farming" in Texas, and many of our farmers might copy from them, plow deep and reap richly. One scene, however, we would not recommend for general introduction, which was a man driving five yoke of oxen and his wife holding the plow.

Query: Is this the scriptural way to prove five yoke of oxen in these modern days with the wife to follow, hold the plow, and give her approval of the quality of the oxen? What an estimate such a man must have of a helpmeet! There is an illustration of "woman's rights" with a vengeance for you, gentle readers! Nevertheless, although it be leap year, I very much doubt if many of you would select such a partner to share your sorrows and double your joys, as the poet Tupper sings:

NEW BRAUNFELS AND SAN MARCOS.

We leave the stage and spend a few hours looking over New Braunfels, and then charter an ambulance to take us and our traveling companion for San Marcos, twenty miles away (fare $3 50 each), and in four hours we see the college walls looming among the emerald sheen of her forest-crowned hill. Wise men are they who build colleges at the county seats. They bring a more intelligent class of citizens, and make a thrifty town soonest a city. San Marcos sits a gem upon an elevated site, overlooking the plain around, has grown and will continue to grow, for it has the elements of prosperity all about it—rich land, good farmers, fine educational advantages—all tell for progress. But some day not far distant, when it shall have railroad facilities, this will be a spot many will seek for rest and recreation. Among its chief attractions is its silver river, rushing forth from out the mountain's side, as if some far off river had determined to take the town by surprise, and had rolled its hidden stream along beneath the prairie and under the mountain, and then suddenly, as if rejoicing at its success, it rushes on a full grown river, bubbling with additional springs, clear as crystal or the waters of the "Merced" melted from the snows of the "Yosemite," its bosom flecked with water cresses, its shores fringed with emerald grasses. Shady nooks; lovers' retreats; charming spots for the poet, student or weary wanderer. The sons of Isaak Walton, tempted by the speckled finny tribe beneath its surface, will wend their way hither. The old mill and ford will be sketched by many a fair hand, and a fine hotel will welcome its summer visitors, or the writer is no prophet.

ON TO AUSTIN.

And again our ambulance is ready, and we must make 32 miles and cross the Rio del Colorado to the capital are the setting sun shall shed its purple rays from behind those charming hills in yon western horizon. We cross many broad acres waiting the plow, ere its tickled soil shall laugh with a harvest. Here and there a country store, and we reach the asylum for the deaf and dumb, finely located, in excellent repair; with its newly painted buildings and beautiful grounds, for recreations, make a cheerful home for its inmates.

We ford the Rio del Colorado (more than axle deep) above the city, then turn to our right and come up Congress Avenue, so very like Main street in Salt Lake City, in grade, in width, in color and style of buildings, that the traveler may almost imagine himself in the city of the "Latter Day Saints," as the Mormons choose always to call themselves. We were charmed to see the evidences of progress on every hand; elegant new rock stores in rough for sides and rear, but fine hewn stone fronts. One of the new buildings near completion is so pretty that it attracts especial notice, and having extensive accommodations: none of us, however, would care "to get to stay" there, for it is—the jail! More than a score of fine new stores two and three stories high; others yet to arise. The new Presbyterian church and new court-house in the process of erection, with already completed elegant Italian villas, that of Dr. Woods, of Paris, a gem of itself, and the most attractive large fine dwellings going up.

One is led to ask, why all this? What is to sustain it? The old stores are not full of customers! The streets are not full of teams! Upon inquiry we were informed that the "Great International Railroad" is coming *for sure*, and that they have commenced work at Rockdale. That settled the question; and if railroads do for all Texas towns as the near prospect of one has for Austin, (and they will for many,) we say give us railroads straight, all the time, morning, noon and night. Railroads and telegraphs and *newspapers* indisputably are the civilizers of the country.

BRIDGING THE COLORADO.

The new bridge across the Colorado, to cost $80,000, is progressing favorably. Two ice companies manufacture artifical ice to supply the city citizens. The new waterworks are a success and joy to the people, and in a twelvemonth old visitors to Austin will almost need a pilot to show them through the city, once so familiar to them.

And this thought comes pressing home to us, why should not each city and town be proud of each other's success as part and parcel of Texas, neither seen through spectacles borrowed from "St. Louis or Chicago?" Galveston, proud of the interior, as she is, and the interior cities and towns proud of their *City of the Sea*, one from whence are yet to float the argosies laden with the products of the greatest State of the Union! Let us bury the hatchet of prejudice, State and national, as

MEN AND PATRIOTS,

worthy of our sires and our country, not as the Indian, "in the back of the head," but in the ground, where the rust of time shall consume its last vestige of blame and vestige.

The cadets from the Military Institute have a drill to-day and a "hop" to-night. A gay, time is promised.

The writer, on the inside, "seal upon the cap" of the letter, which honored "Testimony under advisement," to which the answer responded "Texas Must Improve" the amendment is accepted, and to which we say, all hail! Yours, ON THE WING.

SOUTHERN NEWS.

The Knights Templars Lodge, the possessions, warehouses and lumber at Louisburg, N. C., were destroyed by fire recently.

At Dresden, West Tennessee, a few days since, Henry H. Steiner, of Texas, while out hunting in company, placed the stock of his gun on the ground and leaned down to uncock the weapon. While he was attempting to do this the gun was accidentally discharged, the entire contents entered his head just under the chin and passed completely through, literally blowing the top of his head off and killing him instantly.

There is a bill before the Legislature for the annual appropriation of $30,000 to the University of Virginia, on condition that it shall educate in the Academic department a number of the State equal to the age of twenty years. There is strenuous opposition, because gratuitous education in the higher branches is deemed unsound in principle, unwise in policy, fraught with danger to the University and exceedingly detrimental to all the colleges of the State dependent, in whole or in part, on tuition fees for the support of their Faculties.

A shooting affray at Frenchman's Bayou, Arkansas, forty miles north of Memphis, is thus described by the *Ledger*: "Two planters, Speck and Mike Rice, had a difficulty about land, and they agreed to meet at Brinley's store and settle it up amicably. On the day appointed Speck was present and Rice and wife came up both armed with shot-guns. Rice demanded of Speck that he should sign a release of the land, which he refused to do. Rice then leveled his gun at Speck, but the muzzle was thrown up by Brinley. In a few minutes, as Speck was stepping off the porch, Rice leveled his gun again and fired both barrels, nearly knocking Speck's head off, the contents of Speck and three entered his arm. Seven buckshot entered the leg of a preacher who was present, and three passed through the dress of Brinley's little daughter. Rice surrendered himself to the authorities, but escaped from jail that night. The wounded people will recover.

Death of an Old Texan.

Capt. Charles Wilcox, of Anahuac, Chambers county, died on the 7th instant, at the advanced age of ninety-one years. He was born in the city of New York, January 18, 1785. In an early period of life he became a merchant and engaged in the West Indies trade, rising from the forecastle to the command. In May, 1830, he came to Anahuac, then a military post of the Mexican government. The commander of the post or garrison was the notorious Col. Bradburn. At Anahuac Capt. Wilcox and the late Dr. N. D. Labadie, afterwards of Galveston, engaged in mercantile business, which they continued until the Mexicans were driven from Texas in 1836. The firm then dissolved, Dr. Labadie removing to the Lake de la Roche, now known as Lake Charlotte. Capt. Wilcox remained in Anahuac, and has resided there ever since, most of the time engaged in selling goods. In 1836 he served a campaign as a private in Capt. Franklin Hardin's company, from Liberty.

A QUESTION of some interest is now before the Commissioners of Internal Revenue at Washington on the application of the Houston and Texas Central Company to be allowed to deduct from the profits the discount on the sale of bonds premiums on the difference between gold and silver. Another point to be issued is the taxation of the interest on bonds after the principal of the bonds has become due, but has not been paid by the company.

Special Notices.

Masonic—The members of TUCKER LODGE NO. 256 are notified to attend a Called Meeting at their Hall THIS (Wednesday) EVENING, at 7½ o'clock.

Members of Harmony Lodge No. 6, and sojourning Brethren, are invited.

Special business before the Lodge.

By order: S. M. PENLAND, W.: M.:
A. P. CYROSKI, Secretary.

Attention, Companies!—The Commissioned Officers of the several Galveston Military Companies are hereby requested to attend a meeting at the Lone Star Rifles' Armory, on THIS (Wednesday) EVENING (16th inst.), at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of consultation regarding the organization of a Battalion.

N. WEEKES, Capt. Lone Star Rifles.
JOHN McGOWEN, Capt. Island City Rifles.
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OFFICE OF TEXAS EXPRESS COMPANY, Galveston, Texas, Feb. 15, 1876.

Notice to Consignees.—Notice is hereby given that the Texas Express Company will proceed to sell at public auction, in Galveston, on SATURDAY, the 18th, March, 1876, all UNCLAIMED PACKAGES of freight. Consignees are requested to pay charges and remove same without further delay. Lists may be seen at the Company's office, corner of Postoffice and 22d streets.

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