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SUSIE'S SECRET.

BY MARIAN FORD.

"Do you like custards baked or boiled?"

This momentous question checked Maynard's steps as he was on his way to the convention the morning after his arrival in Boston. He had reached the city the night before, and been assigned to the family who had requested his presence as a guest. This family, which consisted only of a father and daughter, had received him most cordially.

Thus accosted he paused. In the doorway of the kitchen appeared Miss Susie Stanton, attired in a neat cambric dress just short enough to show the daintiest of pretty feet. Her thick fair hair was knotted in luxuriant braids at the back of her head, and a fringe of coquettish little curls shaded her forehead. "Baked custards or boiled, Mr. Maynard?" she repeated.

Maynard started. "I really can't venture to decide so important a question at once. Permit me to enter your sanctuary and discuss the matter."

"If a real desire for knowledge, no mere frivolous curiosity, influences you, and you don't mind a chance sprinkling of flour, pray come in."

As he entered the neat room, with its rows of shining utensils, a melancholy recollection stole over him of the kitchen at home where as a boy he had once burned his hand severely while helping his mother fry an omelet. But pretty Susie gave him little time to indulge in reveries.

"If you're undecided, I'll bake them. Meantime you might help me shell these peas."

"Peas?" said Maynard, drawing a stool near Susie and setting busily to work. "Peas? Do you know how the Frenchman, who was fond of them, but couldn't recollect the name, described them to the waiter?"

"Well?"

"When they're squeezed, they say 'crac,' and out walk five or six people."

"Delightful! Necessity is the mother of invention. But can't you make your peas say 'crac' a little faster, Mr. Maynard, and eat the big yellow ones instead of the little green kernels?"

"With the greatest of pleasure, if you wish it, though the little ones are sweeter."

Just at that moment the kitchen clock struck ten.

"Dear me, so late!" exclaimed Maynard. "I must go."

"Come back in time or the batter pudding will fall."

Maynard set out for the convention.

The debates were nearly over when he entered. His eyes wandered curiously over the assembly. There were plenty of ladies present certainly. But was his fair incognita among them?

The meeting now broke up, and an eager buzz of conversation ensued. Old ac-

quaintances were renewed, and new ones formed. Maynard was just looking around to see in which direction he could most easily beat a retreat, when an elderly young lady, strikingly tall and thin, with a profusion of cork-screw curls, passed through the crowd.

Maynard started, for she paused directly before him, and unheeding his surprise, began in the most honeyed accents:

"I believe I have the pleasure of seeing Mr. Maynard, the editor of the 'Home Circle.' I am very happy to make your acquaintance."

"Good heavens!" thought Maynard, as he made her a silent bow, "can this tall, elderly female be the pretty Bostonian I hoped to meet—horrible!"

"I avail myself of this opportunity," the young lady continued, "to express my gratitude for your kindness in publishing my contribution in your admirable paper."

"Pray, miss, pray— (*Aside: This is a horrible disappointment. So I've wasted my courtesy on this May-pole. I might have known it! Charming young girls don't write such letters!*)"

"Being extremely interested in the proceedings of the convention," the lady added, in the same honeyed tones, "I undertook the journey here, though without the chaperon so necessary for a young girl"—here she modestly cast down her eyes—"so I will venture to ask, if not inconvenient to you, that you will take me under your protection for the next few days."

"Now I *must* beat a retreat, *sauve qui peut!*" thought Maynard. "Excuse me a moment, miss; I see an old college friend yonder I'll be back immediately."

He vanished leaving the young lady to consider how long under some circumstances, a moment can be.

—*Demorest's Monthly.*

(*To be continued.*)

Some women are evidently "born to blush unseen," at least they are never seen to blush.—*Woman's Journal.*

PLATFORM

Adopted by the Convention.

The Democratic party of the state of Texas, in convention assembled declare

1st. We heartily approve the declarations of principles made by the national Democratic convention at Cincinnati, and cordially endorse its nominees, pledge for them the united and enthusiastic support of the democracy of Texas.

2d. We favor the free coinage and full monetization of silver.

3d. We favor such actions by congress within its constitutional power, as prevent unjust discriminations and extortionate rates of charges for the transportation of inter-state commerce.

4th. We regard the maintenance of a practical system of public free schools of the utmost importance, and to this end favor the largest appropriation within constitutional limits justified by the financial condition of the state. And we favor adoption by the next legislature of appropriate measures looking to the fulfillment of the constitutional requirement for the organization and maintenance of "The University of Texas."

5th. We repudiate as false the charge that the Democratic party of Texas have been opposed to immigration, and we declare that the constitution prohibits the use of public money for the support of a bureau of immigration we urge the next legislature to make ample provision for the collection and dissemination of statistics pertaining to our agricultural and other resources, with the end that all seeking new homes, knowing our great advantages, may settle in our midst, extending to them a most cordial welcome.

6th. The suffering and losses of our people on the frontier enlist our deepest sympathy, and we pledge our most energetic efforts to afford them adequate protection in person and in property, and demand of the general government that protection for our people thus exposed, to which they are entitled under the constitution of

United States, and which they have never yet received.

7th. We enjoin upon the next legislature the duty of proposing such constitutional amendments as will secure a more efficient judiciary system.

8th. We favor the most vigorous enforcement of the law for the suppression of all lawlessness and crime, and pledge the Democratic party of Texas to hold all officers to the fullest measure of duty and responsibility in that behalf.

9th. We demand the most rigid economy, consistent with efficiency, in all the departments of the government, and favor the reduction of taxation as soon as the same can be safely done.

PLATFORM

Submitted by the Minority.

Resolved, 1. That the Democratic party of the state of Texas, in convention assembled, indorses in all respects the action of the national Democratic convention of the present year, and pledges to the nominees thereof its sincere and earnest support.

2. That the Democratic party of Texas recognizes its responsibility to the people and pledges itself that so long as it shall be entrusted with the administration of the government, it will deem it a duty not to be disregarded to enact such laws and make such regulations as will ensure an efficient government in all its varied branches, and to execute the laws fearlessly, promptly and impartially; and while exercising all due economy in the administration of public affairs, will first provide good government; and second, raise a revenue sufficient to maintain the same without annual deficiencies and further increase of taxation.

3. That regarding the maintainance and perfection of an efficient system of public free schools as an essential to good government, the Democratic party, true to its traditions and policy since 1836 to the present time, does solemnly declare that

the free education of the children of this state, without regard to class or condition, in the ordinary branches of an elementary education, is a subject of paramount importance in state legislation, and to that end will earnestly favor an appropriation of the maximum amount of such revenues as is permitted by the constitution.

4. It was the Democratic party which first inaugurated the wise and generous policy, which has made the United States the asylum of all nations from oppressive government and less favorable means of livelihood and independence. All the Democratic party of Texas true to its early teachings and practices of the party, advocates the most liberal and active policy to encourage and increase immigration, to develop the resources of our fertile state, as well as to perpetuate the government through the intelligence and moral worth of her citizens, and to that end the Democratic party pledges itself to earnestly favor the adoption of such measures by the seven-teenth legislature as will practicably and reasonably encourage immigration to this state.

5. The Democracy of Texas declared it to be their firm conviction that legal interferences with merely the social habits of any class of citizens, natives or of foreign birth, is contrary to sound policy, to genuine Democracy, and to the enlightened spirit of the age.

6. That the statute commonly known as the bell-punch law shall be repealed.

7. That the sale of our public and common free school lands shall be confined to actual settlers, and in such quantities and upon such terms as shall put them in reach of persons of limited means, and to that end such methods as shall lead to the speedy sale of such lands in the manner above indicated should be immediately adopted.

8. Believing that it is of the highest importance that unorganized counties should become organized so soon as they have the population required by law, and that the

inner line of our frontier should run with the boundaries of the state, and recognizing that the ordinary constabulary of the country will not be sufficient for a number of years to repress lawlessness and crime, the Democratic party favors the maintenance of a body of mounted troops, subordinate to and under the direction of the civil authorities sufficient to afford the most sufficient and ample protection to life and property in our frontier and sparsely settled counties.

9. The Democratic party is opposed to the further increase of our bonded debt and of taxation, and to the hoarding of money in the treasury; and views with disfavor any system of taxation which is calculated to embarrass the right to labor or place unnecessary or discriminating burdens thereon, and also does so consider all occupation taxes levied on any business or profession not pernicious in its tendencies for requiring police supervision, and from such occupations will favor the collection of a license tax.

10. It is contrary to the traditions of the Democratic party, and contrary to public policy to invest the executive with the power of appointing and removing officers to high and important public trust at pleasure; and the Democratic party pledges itself against the enactment of laws of such character.

11. That whilst Democracy means perfect equality for every American citizen in the benefits and privileges of the government, state and federal, yet in choosing public servants the people should carefully choose officers who are in sympathy with them, and who are opposed to centralization in all its forms emanating from associated capital or political combination that may endanger the rights of the several people thereof.

12. That the utmost good faith must be observed in the payment of obligations of the state.

Four hundred million dollars is stated to be the value of "provisions and breadstuffs" exported from the United States the past year.

FATAL RAILROAD ACCIDENT

The T. & P. Construction Train
Wrecked—Two Men Killed and
Four Injured.

Yesterday afternoon a serious accident occurred on the Texas & Pacific railroad about ninety-five miles west of Dallas. A Herald reporter last night learned the following particulars from Division Superintendent C. C. Harris, who was found at the Grand-Windsor hotel: The supply and construction train of the road was at work near Barton creek, thirteen miles west of the Brazos river and one and a half east of the new station of Gordon, the present terminus of the road. The train was being backed up and ran over a trestle as steep, throwing it from the track and ditching nine cars and the caboose. Two men were instantly killed, one named T. J. Nel and the other Drum.

Four were wounded, viz. A. D. Nelson, conductor, Frank Hendley, brakeman, a man named Adair and a news boy, the name not learned. Hendley's injuries are serious and may prove fatal. The others are not dangerous. All the cars were gotten on the train, but the caboose was literally torn to pieces. Superintendent Harris immediately patched a train with doctors to the scene. The accident occurred about seven o'clock last evening.—*Dallas Herald August 26*

The Real Platform Not Yet Written Waco Telephone.

It is rumored that Governor Robt. following the example of nominees for presidency, will shortly publish a letter of acceptance, in which his views on questions of state policy will be presented clearly and explicitly. The proceedings will have the flavor of novelty, but the people will be glad to see such a document. It is no use, "for the party's sake," or for other consideration, trying to conceal the fact that the renomination of the governor fails to give satisfaction to the Democrats as a whole. Nor is it worth while

nore the equally pertinent fact that the distrust and dissatisfaction is wholly owing to the governor's erratic course in the past. It is true that a platform was adopted by the Dallas convention, but it is equally true that said platform is but an insignificant factor in the coming contest. It was framed to suit the candidate, and its reception throughout the state has been almost contemptuous. The people and the politicians do not look to the platform as an indication of what future state policy is going to be. They look to Governor Roberts. He is the party, the government, the state. One-man government was never more nearly illustrated in this country than in the person and administration of Governor Roberts.

Kelly for Garfield.

Special to the Globe-Democrat.

Montpelier, Vt., Aug. 17.—The Republicans of Vermont have received a spasm of encouragement to-day from an assuring communication from New York, that John Kelly is preparing to come out with all his force and influence for Garfield and Arthur. The statement is a strange one, in view of past rumors of peace and harmony which followed the Cincinnati convention, but the managers of the Republican campaign, while they will not now divulge the source of their information, claim that the assertion is true beyond the shadow of a doubt. It is suspected that Hooker, of Brattleboro, who is one of the managers of Republican headquarters in New York, is authority for the statement. The colonel is not given to exaggeration, and if the statement is from him it is undoubtedly correct.

Greenback Politics at Plano.

Plano, Aug. 19.—The Greenbackers had a big barbecue and political pow wow here to-day, attended by fully 2,000 people. Jerome Kearby, candidate for congress; J. W. Payne, Dr. Carl Murray and A. S.

Clark, of Dallas, beside other speakers addressed the assembled multitude. The dinner was of the old fashioned kind. The Duck Creek band was in attendance and furnished ample and excellent music.

New Cotton at Marshall.

Marshall, Aug. 19.—Harrison county's first bale of cotton was raised by a colored farmer named Riley Cole, and was brought in yesterday and purchased by T. G. Lyman, a merchant of this city for 14 cents per pound and forwarded to-day to St. Louis.

Marshal Bullard Shot at Ennis.

Ennis, Aug. 19.—To-day City Marshal Joe Bullard was shot and it is believed fatally wounded by S. B. Alexander. Last night Alexander was drunk and boisterous, and Bullard arrested him and locked him up. Alexander swore he would shoot Bullard on sight, and this morning, after being released, carried out his terrible threat, shooting the marshal in the abdomen. His physicians say he cannot recover. Alexander was arrested and lodged in jail.

Rain Wanted Badly.

Pecria, Ill. Aug. 19.—The dry weather continues and corn is looking badly. Some farmers of the nervous stripe claim the crops will not turn out one tenth at the present time. This is probably not the case, although the want of rain is most pressing. Should sufficient showers fall within a week it is estimated the crops will be good average. The dust in the country as well as in the city is intolerable, and at times it is impossible to distinguish objects at a distance of a hundred feet.

North Carolina's First Bale.

Norfolk, Va., Aug. 19.—The first bale of new cotton from North Carolina, was received to-day. It graded low middling, and sold for 13 1-2 cents per pound. This is ten days earlier than the first received last year.

RAVAGES OF THE BOLL WORM.
Frightful Destruction of the Cotton
Crop—Reports From Dallas and
Other Counties.

In a drive yesterday through many plantations north of the city the writer had an ocular demonstration of what the boll worm is doing with the cotton crop. Every mile or two he left the buggy and went far into the fields, examining critically hundreds of stalks, counted the remaining bolls upon a great many and tried to make up an average. When he started it was with the expectation of being able to contradict to some extent at least, the bad reports which have been coming to the city for ten or fifteen days. He is sorry to say that these reports have fallen below rather than gone above the real truth. In all the stalks he examined not one was found containing over fifteen bolls. The majority had less than ten, while acre after acre was walked over with an average below five. It takes thirty full grown bolls to the stalk to produce one bale to the acre. The most that can be said for the fields actually examined is that they will not make one-third of a bale to the acre, with the boll worm still at work and destroying all the young bolls they are in. Several full grown bolls were taken from the stalk, cut open and a greenish colored worm found inside which had eaten it as hollow as a gourd. Many cotton planters were met and conversed with and they agreed to the above except one man, who thought he would pick half a bale. Going with him to the field and making a more minute examination than he had before done, he came to a different conclusion; that he, too, would not gather more than a one-third. There may or may not be a top crop. If the weather is warm and dry what little is left of the squares will mature. If the rains continue the worms will, and next to none at all will be picked. A farmer from twenty-five miles north of the city was met, who reported the worms as bad where he lived and all along the road as here. Two or three more from Tarrant said the same

thing. Another farmer from Faunin, who was returning home from Lampasas, some of us, reported that after he crossed the Brazos he found the worms as bad as the well could be, and met no planter who thought he would get over one-third that promised a month ago, and no one whose fields the worm was at work who believed he would gather a bale to three acres of land. Four weeks ago every one thought this county would average one bale to the acre, and that the surrounding counties would do equally as well. But since then the situation has radically changed, and the crop even now has been destroyed over 50 per cent., and with the worms still in full vigor, full grown and bidding fair to continue their destructive ravages. The weed is fresh and green and is tall as a tall man's head, but there is a short crop upon all we saw or heard from

We have just returned from Weatherford—half the talk we heard was about the ravages of the *boll worm*.

Let every friend send us all the subscribers possible in the next two weeks.

The Citizen will be enlarged about the 17th of September.

The Workers Institute, of the Jackson Baptist Association meets at the Hotel to-morrow and next day preaching at 10 o'clock A. M. each day.

BROWNSVILLE

Nearly Destroyed by a Storm.

St. Louis, Aug. 20.—Col. Baker, superintendent of the Western Union telegraph company, has dispatches from Corpus Christi, Texas, which say it is reported there that Brownsville, Texas, near the mouth of the Rio Grande, was nearly destroyed by a fearful storm which prevailed along the Texas coast on the 11th and 13th insts., and that many lives were lost. The telegraph wires along the coast from Indianola south were prostrated and are still down south of Corpus Christi. The telegraph line from Brownsville up the Rio Grande is badly torn down, therefore communication can be had with the nearest city.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

[Candidates names announced as below for \$2.50.]

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We are authorized to make the following announcements of CANDIDATES.—

Election, November, 2nd 1880.

FOR REPRESENTATIVE

in the 17th Legislature of Texas from the 54th district.

I. N. ROACH.

FOR COUNTY JUDGE,

T. M. JONES.

L. P. Adamson.

FOR DISTRICT AND COUNTY CLERK.

D. B. Mizell,

Ed. Wolffarth.

FOR SHERIFF OF JACK COUNTY,

Henry Stradley.

William Harrell.

William King.

FOR ASSESSOR OF JACK COUNTY,

Mason Oldham.

J. S. Wellington.

A. F. Anderson.

FOR COUNTY COM.

H. H. McConnell Prect. No. 2

J. W. GRAY for Prect. No. 3

Full notice, full price.

ISRAEL STODDARD

is a candidate

for the Office of County Judge; He pledges himself, if elected to serve the entire term, for "better or worse."

We say to our subscribers, the order and money is gone for new type, paper &c. to enlarge the Citizen, it will be about two weeks before the change is made.

Opposes Independentism.

Galveston Journal.

The movement that seems to be attracting the attention of a few hot-headed and thoughtless men, looking to the repudiation of the Democratic ticket nominated at Dallas is all wrong, and should be nipped in the bud. If these gentlemen are true Democrats let them remember that the highest principle of the party is that the majority shall rule. The Journal takes no particular delight in making the statement, but it is a fact beyond the possibility of denial that Governor Roberts is, in the judgment, of a large majority of the people, the fittest man to succeed himself. Up to the decision of the Dallas convention this paper opposed him—opposed him conscientiously. our opinions of him or his proclivities are not altered. Yet we yield and believe it to be the duty of every true Democrat to yield to the decision of an overwhelming majority of the party—as expressed in the proceedings of the Dallas convention. We can but regard any effort to place that anomaly known as an "independent ticket" in the field as the work of the grossest demagogism and per consequence, as disloyal to the Democrat party.

To Be Deplored.

McKinney Advocate

And the lamentable news, so much to be deplored by all true Texans, has gone to the world, that the Democracy of this state are opposed to free schools and immigration. Indeed it is a sad blow to our fair state, and years must elapse ere we recover from this one sad mistake. The editor of the Advocate is in attendance upon the convention, and will doubtless support the nominees, but the writer, speaking from an honest heart does most sincerely deplore the great calamity to the Democratic party which Roberts' nomination will bring. Our state is young and is looked to by many people seeking new homes, but when they know that old fogysm and mossbackism rules the destinies of Texas, they will look for more inviting fields.

The Independent Movement.

Sherman Chronicle.

The independent movement which was no bigger last week than the cloud which Elijah's servant saw from Mount Carmel, is beginning to bank up all around the horizon, and there are over a quarter of a million men in Texas who would clap their hands if General Robertson will say "I will run as an independent candidate for governor of this commonwealth." There is no purer gentleman in the state than General Robertson, of Waco, and he would go in at a Maud S. gait.

LOCALS.

The statements in regard to the ravages of the Boll-worm are so contradictory, that it is hard to form an estimate of the damages done, or to be done, but let us hope it is exaggerated.

The Jacksboro school community has organized for the current scholastic year; W. S. McKeehan, H. H. McConnell and J. C. McKeehan trustees. The services of Prof. Bowie (late of Graham) have been secured for the term and school will begin on the first monday in September.

Ed. Eastburn is at "Congress Hall" Saratoga; Thos. F. West at Travillians Louisa Co. Va. The rest of the Jacksboroites have to be contented with home fare during the heated term.

Camp meeting has broke up for the present, the next one will be on boon's creek.

Call on McConnell for your school books he is fully supplied.

Sheriff Harrell and "Sam" have gone to Gainesville on business, and Major Horton left on Tuesday's stage for the railroad.

No one attended the late camp meeting more regularly than the candidates, of course they went solely to hear the preaching, no one would think of accusing them of any other motive in going.

J. W. Wingate an elderly man living in Little Lost valley, died very suddenly on last Thursday. He was in his usual health at breakfast, was taken with congestion and died about noon.

Rev. John Brown has gone on a missionary tour in the direction of Ft. Griffin, Albany etc.

"The boy stood in the melon patch
When all but him had fled,
And visions of a royal feast
Went dancing through his head.
But the farmer and the bull-dog came
And the boy, oh! where was he?
Go ask the doctor-man who patched
His torn an - at - o - mee."

Now is the proper time to sow your turnips. McConnell has Landreth's crop of 1880.

Jas. R. Robinson and W. B. Stramer claim to raise as fine peaches as the editor of the Citizen. This proves that this county is an extra good peach county. Peaches that weigh half pound don't grow everywhere. Now if you are not satisfied and wish to go to law, just employ Robinson and ask him about his fine peaches. If a dinner is wanted go to Stramer; he will give you a dinner for 25 cents and tell his peach story.

MATTERS BY LETTER.

KEECHI.

Correspondence of the Citizen.

Keechi Aug.

Crops are laid by, stock are mended, gathered and we are enjoying as it were a season of inactivity eating peaches and water-melons.—There is considerable complaint in regard to the boll-worm injury to cotton, though I think the real injury is exaggerated.—The farmers in the vicinity of Parmer prairie secured the new Judge Stoddards thresher last week after setting it at Mr. Moss's place, they yielded 9 crops of wheat, ranging from 4 to 10 bu. per crop, several of them expressed themselves as dissatisfied with wheat growing in these parts.—Now is the time for candidates to come forward unless they aim to help us pick out the best.—Rev. John Brown preached at Keechi last Sunday.—Mr. A. Henson has procured a new pan or evaporator, and is manufacturing a superior article of molasses.—The cock and English men are both numerous and sanguine in these parts; with an occasional sprinkle of Republicans and German backers. Let us vote soberly, intelligently and honestly; not for men but for measures, at the coming election there shall be curing the greatest amount of good to the greatest number both in state and nation and officers.

A Conscientious Postmaster.

Washington, Aug. 19.—Postmaster-General Key has given a devout postmaster in North Carolina thirty days in which to reconcile his conscience with his official duties. A railroad passes through the town in which this person is postmaster. The business of the town requires that the mails shall be made up on Sunday and put upon a train which passes through on that day. The official declined to make up the mails on the Sabbath. The department ordered him to do it or vacate the office. Thereupon the official wrote a letter to Mr. Key, saying that he had been postmaster for ten years, and that he was a member of the church, and had moral scruples against doing any work on the Sabbath. He asked that a month be given him to consider the subject, at the end of which he would either make up the mail or resign. Mr. Key granted the request. Before thirty days have elapsed Horace Maynard will take Key's place in Mr. Hayes' cabinet. Maynard is a deacon in the church of the denomination of which the postmaster is a member. He is therefore qualified to settle the question.

Startling Freak of Nature—A Lady Grows a Skull With a Full Set of Teeth and Covered With Hair on Her Thigh.

One of the most singular physical freaks that has ever puzzled the doctors of Chicago, was discovered a few days ago in the case of a lady, the daughter of a well known and highly respected gentleman, a Mr. Hitchcock, whose place of business is on the South Side. The lady is about 30 years of age, and married. From childhood she has had a slight protuberance over and in front of the right thigh. It never gave her any pain, and as it was not unsightly paid no particular attention to it until lately, when after a somewhat serious illness it began to grow larger, and soon developed into a tumor of unusual proportions and unsightly shape. This tumor was removed.

Its globular form and seeming solidity induced the surgeons to open it.

Their surprise, and the astonishment of the family may be imagined when it is stated that within the tumor was found an almost perfect skull about as large as the skull of an ordinary child six or eight months old. The jaws are especially perfect. They contained some sixty teeth, rudimentary and matured. Some of these teeth were badly decayed, like those of a middle-aged person who has been dentally careless. When taken out the skull was covered on top with fatty matter to thickness of about an inch. When this was removed it was found to contain a growth of hair over an inch long. Unfortunately, in cleaning the bones, they were boiled in very strong ley, which corroded and partially destroyed some of them, so that the skull cannot now be perfectly articulated. The question is something like King George's question as to the apple in the dumpling, "How got it in?" That the facts are as here stated is unquestionably true.—*Selected.*

A special to the Dallas Herald, from San Antonio, Aug. 19., says: An express special from Laredo says a gentleman just returned from Santa Rosa, Mexico, reports that a band of Indians is committing terrible depredations in that vicinity. During the last six weeks about eighty people were killed by them. The people only venture out of town in large armed parties. Since the great jail delivery here at Laredo on the 11th instant, when seven prisoners lost their lives, and the insolent conduct on that day from the Mexican side upon officers and citizens on American soil endeavoring to recapture the prisoners, followed by a display of the Mexican garrison on the river in order of battle, everything has been quiet here. Telegraphic communication has just been restored, but San Antonio mails are far behind. Plenty of rain.

Fifteen bales of new cotton arrived at Corsicana 22nd and sold at high figures.

CITATION.

The State of Texas,
To the Sheriff or any Constable
of Jack County Greeting:

You are hereby commanded that by making publication in the Rural Citizen a Newspaper published in said County for four weeks previous to the return day hereof you summon, M. E. Ratcliff, C. A. Ratcliff, E. N. Ratcliff, Harrell Ratcliff, James T. Ratcliff, O. W. Ratcliff, W. G. Ratcliff, Mary E. Daniel, Fleta O. Grooves and W. H. Grooves, (the last two names of whom reside in the State of New York,) heirs of the late James T. Ratcliff, dec'd, to be and appear before the Hon. Dist. Court of Jack county, to be holden at the Court House, in the Town of Jacksboro, in said county on the 1st Monday in December A. D. 1880, then and there to answer the petition of Simpson C. Dyer Jun. filed in said Court on the 16th day of August A. D. 1880 and alleging in substance as follows to wit: that he is the owner in and for simple of an undivided two-thirds interest in a tract of land situated in Jack county Texas, consisting of one-third of a league and that Defendants are the owners of the remaining one third Interest. That on the 22d day of October 1845, Adam H. Sevier obtained out of the District Court of Robertson county Texas a Head-right certificate known as certificate No. 3733-3834 abstract No. 518 class first for one league and labor of land. That two-thirds league and labor of said Certificate was located in Johnson county, Patented to Geo. Bamard on the 1st day of September 1853 Pat. No. 581 Vol. 8, and that the remaining one-third league certificate was located in Jack county Texas and Patented to Hiram Keich on the 8th day of September 1871, Pat. No. 658 Vol 8. That said one-third league certificate was by the said Adam H. Sevier on the 3d day of January A. D. 1846 for a valuable consideration sold and transfered to the said Hiram Keich, and by the said Hiram Keich on the 19th day of Nov. 1858 sold and transfered to Nancy McMullen as administratrix *De Bonis Non* of the Estate of Hugh McMullen Dec'd and by Simpson C. Dyer as administrator *De Bonis Non* of the Estate of Hugh McMullen Dec'd sold and transfered on the 3d day of July 1869 to James T. Ratcliff, and by the said James T. Ratcliff on the 30th day of July 1874

sold and transfered to Plaintiff. Plaintiff prays judgement determining the share of each of the owners and all questions of Law and Equity affecting the title to such real property, and for a decree directing partition of same.

Herein fail not, but of this writ make due return as the law directs.

Witness T. F. Horton clerk of the District Court of Jack county aforesaid with the seal of the Court hereon impressed this the 16th day of August, A. D. 1880.



Attest, T. F. Horton,
Clerk Dist. C't Jack Co. Texas

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

London, Aug. 19.—Mr. R. Tenbroeck's Entra Nous won the race for Denham handicap plate at Egham yesterday.

Great preparations are making for a series of land meetings throughout Ireland on the 22d inst, Sunday.

A Constantinople dispatch to the Daily Telegraph says the reply of the porte to the collective note, promising to cede Dardanelles, was sent to the ambassadors yesterday. The porte has received information of the arrival off Selesteria of a Russian steamer with a large quantity of arms and ammunition.

Vienna, Aug. 19.—The correspondent of the New Free Press at Silesteria says a Russian iron clad has landed a battery of mounted guns and a large quantity of muskets at that place.

Berlin, Aug. 21.—The papers are again full of disheartening reports of the harvest in Silesia, Posen, and east and west Prussia. Crops in certain districts of the provinces may be said to be wholly destroyed. Lives have been lost by railways and river embankments swept away, bridges broken down villages flooded, farms inundated and vast tracts of grain-growing land converted into lakes and swamps by torrents of rain. Great famine is feared in all the above named provinces.

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Ed. Wolffarth
Clerk.

Taken up by T. J. Padgett and estrayed before Thos. W. Williams J. P. Prec. No. 1 Jack Co. Tex. One bay horse 4 years old branded ∞ about 14 hands high, right hind foot white also, one dark bay mare

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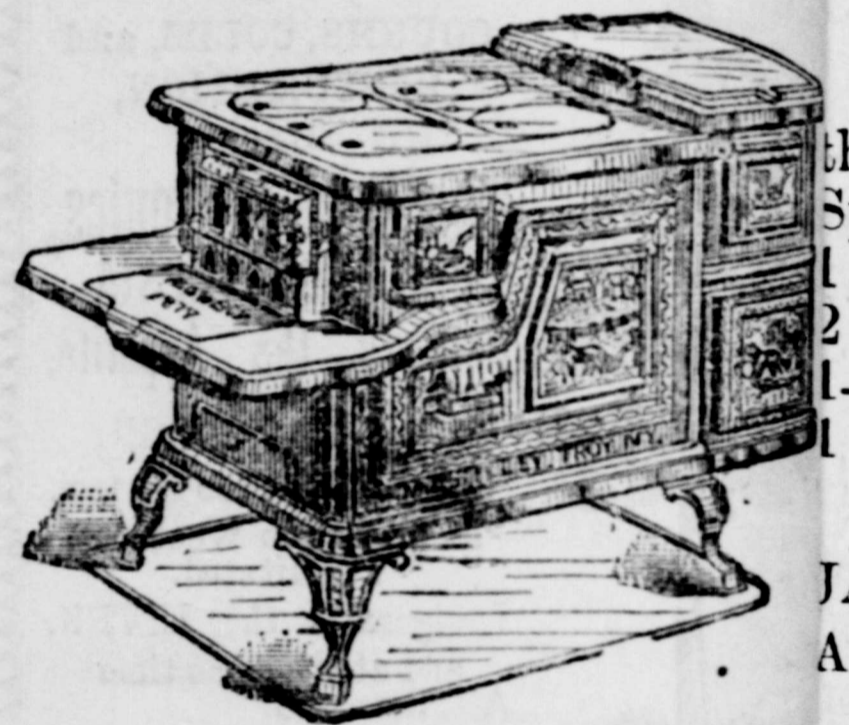
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