



# THE BULLETIN.

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INDIANOLA, TEXAS.

THURSDAY, MAY 6, 1852.

We would refer our readers and the public, to the advertisement, in another column of the proprietor of the Alhambra House, where it will be seen he has made arrangements to keep at his bar, and furnish his bowlers with ice during the summer.

ADVERTISEMENT WANTED FROM THE RIO GRANDE AND CORRIENTES CHANNEL.—About the first of December last, Mr. Grace Foster, a brother of Mr. James M. Foster of Indianola, left San Parvicio with a Mexican, to the Rio Grande; and since then has not been heard of. His brother has but little doubt that he has been murdered. Any information concerning him, addressed to James M. Foster, Indianola, will be thankfully received.

PILOTS ON MATAGORDA BAR.—We publish to-day the statement of Capt. Forbes, concerning the loss of his noble steamship, the Meteor, as an act of justice to him, and as a document of general interest to the people of Western Texas. Of the facts therein set forth, of course we have no personal knowledge. We have for several years been led to believe, and such has been the general impression, that Messrs. Cummings and Nichols were experienced and faithful pilots. It is true, there were some persons entertaining different views, and some eight or nine months ago, endeavored to prevent their re-appointment, by the Governor, without success however, in view of the strong petition in their favor. They are in common with a large majority on the Bay, took an active part in their behalf.

Truth requires us to say, that recently we have heard complaints of these gentlemen—that they were not so righteous as formerly—that Capt. Cummings had removed from the neighborhood of the bar to Decro's Point, five miles further off, and that Capt. Nichols spent most of his time at the same place; and consequently they were not in a convenient position to observe the tides of the bar, or to make frequent soundings. As public journalists, we feel it a duty to notice every important step or omission, wherein the commercial interests of the public are at stake. Capt. Forbes makes these charges on his personal knowledge. Our columns are open to those gentlemen for their vindication.

We repeat that for many years Cummings and Nichols have stood high as pilots, and we believe they stand so justly. Yet the position of a pilot on an outer bar, is one of vast importance, requiring perpetual vigilance and faithfulness.

We contend, as we said in our last issue, that the pilots on our bar should sound it on every convenient occasion, fix ranges from time to time to agree with the best water; and no vessel should be brought in by signals from shore. That practice is a dangerous one and contrary to the public interests; and we insist that any captain who should hereafter trust to such signals in bringing in a vessel of any considerable size, would be highly culpable.

This is an important subject—one that comes home to us all, and as feeling of personal regard for favoritism should influence individual or public action. Certainly none such shall control us.

PANAMA CANAL.—The sloop "Wandering Willie," arrived on Monday, 15 hours from the above place, having made the trip down and back in three days.

By this arrival we received a note from a friend who says, that there were already assembled a large number of persons, and a great variety of fine stock—that everything was a promising appearance, and that the committee of managers were engaged in arranging the plan of exhibition, distribution of premiums, &c. &c.

The steamer Harris found some difficulty in passing the lower chain of islands, but arrived at Corpus Christi, it is stopped, on Monday, being the first steamboat ever introduced through the interior route from Indianola.

GRAHAM'S MAGAZINE.—The May number has been received, and fully sustains the high reputation of the work.

"Gleanings and Groupings, from a Pastor's Portfolio" by the Rev. Joshua N. Danforth. This is a new volume, published by A. S. Barnes & Co., New York, and for sale by J. B. Stahl, New Orleans, of which we give a hasty notice some weeks ago. Having since read the work with much interest, we feel it a pleasing duty to recommend it as a work of the highest interest, and most thrilling interest. It consists of essays and narratives on various subjects and incidents, all tending to the elevation of the mind, and pointing out in the concerns of life, from the highest to the lowest, the providence of God, and with such force, simplicity and terseness, that we think no one could read it without being edified and exalted. It is indeed a work of rare interest.

CRUSADE OF ENDROST.—The Western, Texas, at San Antonio, has been sold to J. H. Lyons, J. S. McDonald & Co. With these gentlemen we have not the pleasure of an acquaintance, but wish them every success. It is the pioneer paper of San Antonio.

THE PRESIDENCY.—From all the lights before me, we have arrived at the following conclusions in regard to the Presidency.

1st. That Gen. Scott will get the Whig nomination, with the bursting of some southern boilers on the occasion.

2d. That Houston, Butler, Marcy and Webster, stand no chance at all.

3d. That the contest for the Democratic nomination will be between Cass, Douglass, and Buchanan—the chances being in favor of Cass, unless the other two unite.

(For the Bulletin.  
THE SEVENTH YEAR.

The American Sunday School Union is now in the seventh year of its existence, and in the hands of the same individual. It is seldom, in this new country, and in this day of changes, that one man continues in the same office for as great a length of time. There are but few States in the West or South, in which the Sunday School interest is as prosperous as in Texas.

CORPORATION FRIENDS.

SWITZERLAND.—An edict has been issued warning all foreigners from visiting Geneva without papers, and many of our city readers have probably seen a small volume from this pen, giving a geographic account of the Swiss Republic in a series of Brussels. He is a honest and honorable man, a good citizen, and a true friend to Republican institutions.—N. O. Courier.

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The tides on Matagorda bay are now better than they have been for several months. Since last fall they have been very low indeed.

ED. BELLAMY.

The latest news from the steamer Reliance, Capt. Maffit, arrived at our landing Thursday night last, bringing a heavy freight from below, and will proceed to the upper landings on the river, so soon as the water will permit. This boat, well known to the citizens of the Brazos, has recently been purchased by Captain Maffit, expressly for the trade of the Brazos river, thereby affording some certainty of the transmission of freights, a desideratum greatly needed by the citizens of Washington and of the Brazos generally.

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From the San Antonio Ledger.  
FROM PASO DEL NORTE.

The arrival of the regular mail from Paso del Norte furnishes us with some items of Indian news:

Indian murders and depredations have become quite frequent in the neighborhood of El Paso. Between that place and Santa Fe, New Mexico on the one side, and El Paso and the city of Chihuahua on the other, there is no safety in traveling, without the utmost precaution, and then only in large parties.

In the State of Chihuahua, the savages are even worse than in New Mexico or Texas.

Messrs. Wentworth, Munro and several others, in all numbering some seventeen or eighteen persons were surrounded at a well-known Indian range, the Gallego, on the road between El Paso and Chihuahua. A Mexican boy was mounted, with instructions to return to Santa Fe, where the Mexican troops were stationed, and ask for assistance. The Indians succeeded in capturing the boy, after a short race. Another Mexican was mounted upon an American animal. The Indians were about four or five hundred yards distant. To conceal their design, the party surrounded started the second express from between two ambulances, drawn near to each other for that purpose; and the speed of the animal was sufficient to carry the rider through and beyond the Indians, the intent was clear to their surprised minds.

After a fruitless chase of about ten miles, the Indians returned, and finding that intelligence was gone that would be likely to bring assistance, manifested a disposition to enter into some arrangement. Some blankets were given them, and the captured Mexican boy was ransomed; they declining, however, to part with the horses.

Carrizo, a Mexican town, about 103 miles to the southward of El Paso, on the Chihuahua road, was entered at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, and mules, oxen and cows were all carried off. Some Mexican soldiers pursued them, and so hotly, that the Indians finding it impossible to escape with the property, lanced the animals, their usual practice under such circumstances. One Indian was killed.

A party of some twenty-six men, in charge of a Mr. Calhoun, formerly of El Paso, it is reported, were, with the exception of a Mexican boy, all killed by the Indians at some point on or near the Gila river, while en route for California.

The Native Race—Burdett, Taylor, writing from Natchez, in Upper Egypt, says:

"Friends of the African race who point to Egypt as a proof of what that race has accomplished, are wholly mistaken. The only negro features represented in Egyptian sculpture are those of slaves and captives taken in the Ethiopian wars of the Pharaohs. The temples and pyramids throughout Nubia, as far as Darfur and Abyssinia, all bear the hieroglyphics of these monarchs, and there is no evidence in all of the valley of the Nile that the negro race ever attained a higher degree of civilization than is at present exhibited in Oango and Ashante. I mention this not with any feeling hostile to that race, but simply to controvert the opinion very prevalent in some parts of the United States."

One of the arguments made use of in England in favor of continuing the explorations in search of Sir John Franklin is, that the Arctic regions produce at least eight kinds of vegetables, all of which are nutritious, and that, therefore, there is no risk of starvation to be encountered by the explorers.

The Presidential Vote.—The following is the relative vote for the Presidency at the last and the next election, under the apportionment of the census. The Southern States gain four and lose four members: the net gain of the North is seven, of which California gives four.

Vote.	Vote.
States.	1848
Maine.	8
New Hampshire.	5
Vermont.	6
Massachusetts.	13
Rhode Island.	4
Connecticut.	6
New York.	40
New Jersey.	7
Pennsylvania.	27
Maryland.	3
Virginia.	8
North Carolina.	11
South Carolina.	7
Florida.	2
Ohio.	25
Indiana.	12
Illinois.	11
Louisiana.	4
Wisconsin.	5
Michigan.	5
Kentucky.	12
Northern Missouri.	9
Ashley.	2
Louisiana.	12
Tennessee.	12
Mississippi.	7
Arkansas.	4
Texas.	4
California.	0
Whole number.	205
For a choice.	148

Notice UPON INVALIDS.—Mr. N. F. Willis writing to the "Home Journal" from Bernards March 31st, thus describes the effect upon invalids of a change from the hirsute air of the north to the warm latitudes:

The heat of these tropical seas is singularly debilitating. A sum of employable genouines is complained of by every one. For me, it has somewhat lessened my cough, but brain and body have been fatigued with intertumors. Food gives me strength, and sleep only seems to exhaust and weaken. What health is to be found in so deteriorating a climate, I shall know, perhaps, when I have wrought its changes upon me—but for the present, I feel sailing towards an equator of misery.

Hon. Robert J. Walker, who has been confined in England by a severe indisposition, is said to have nearly recovered, and expects to return home by the last of this month.

The following is the result of the late municipal election in St. Louis:

Luther M. Kennett (whig) elected Mayor, by something near 500 majority; Paine (whig) Register, by a small majority; Tracy (whig) Auditor; Hyde (dem.) elected Recorder; Felipe (whig) elected Marshal; Mauro (whig) elected City Attorney. The Councils are equally divided.

Abbé Pacha, the present Vicar of Egypt, is a very liberal and enlightened personage. He has reduced his own revenue voluntarily, nearly three millions of dollars per annum, by taking off the poll tax; he has expended \$350,000 on the carriage way across the Isthmus of Suez; he has improved the navigation of the Nile, and is now constructing a railway between Cairo and Alexandria.

A NATIONAL PAINTING.—In the Woods, Conn., is a picture which depicts the battle of Trenton, which took place on the 26th of December, 1776. It was on the night previous to the day on which this memorable battle took place, that Washington, with his fragment of an army, crossed the Delaware. The night was tempestuous, the river was made almost impassable by drifting ice, and at the same time there was a fall of snow and hail. But the undertaking proved successful, and the enemy were defeated. Mr. Monroe, afterwards President of the United States, was wounded in the action. When the conflict ceased, Washington rode over the field to see that proper attention was paid to the wounded. Among others he observed an officer, richly dressed in the hostile uniform, and upon inquiry, ascertained that it was Col. Rahle, commanding officer of the enemy. He immediately summoned Col. William Smith, one of his aids, and gave this memorable order: "Smith take charge of this gentleman, see him carefully and kindly conveyed to the house, call our best surgeon to his assistance, and let us save his life if possible." Col. Rahle died the same afternoon, but these words of Washington will not soon be forgotten. The army recrossed the Delaware, and marched to Philadelphia, where they met with a warm reception.

CARELESSNESS OF HUMAN LIFE.—We have had within the past few days, more than the ordinary illustrations of the carelessness of human life, which is so prevalent in this country. The falling of buildings in New York, and the explosion of steam boats on the Western waters, have forcibly reminded us of the neglect so common here, which in almost any other civilized country, would be visited with severe penalties. Here they pass by without punishment and almost without investigation.

A party of some twenty-six men, in charge of a Mr. Calhoun, formerly of El Paso, on the Chihuahua road, was entered at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, and mules, oxen and cows were all carried off. Some Mexican soldiers pursued them, and so hotly, that the Indians finding it impossible to escape with the property, lanced the animals, their usual practice under such circumstances. One Indian was killed.

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We notice the recent death of Capt. Sir Samuel Brown, the inventor of chain cables, chain bridges, and suspension piers.

#### PORT OF INDIANOLA.

ARRIVALS FOR THE WEEK ENDING MAY 6TH.

Steamer A. Fischer, down from New Orleans.

U. S. Steamer, Young, N. O. and Galveston.

Steamer Kate Ward, from Victoria.

Schooner J. G. McNeil, Miller, Galveston.

Schooner J. W. Jones, from Texas via Lavaca.

Steamer Amy, Taylor, for Corpus Christi.

W. Will, McPherson, for Corpus Christi.

Col. Brown, for Terrebonne.

Reform, Standard, for Terrebonne.

VESSELS NOW IN PORT.

Steamship Louisiana, for N. O. on Saturday.

Steamship Kalib Wind, from Galveston.

Schooner R. H. Blair, from Galveston.

Schooner Bell, Laramie, for Corpus Christi.

Schooner S. M. Davis, from Galveston.

W. Will, McPherson, for Corpus Christi.

