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FRIDAY, AUG 28 1891. West Texas is yelling for a repeal of the scalp-law.

The United States government is raising thunder out in Midland County.

If a Scotch laird or an English nobleman wants to own real estate in Texas, he can do so by taking out naturalization papers and becoming one of us.

PRESIDENT EVAN JONES of the State Alliance in his speech to that organization declared in favor of electing railroad commissioners and also in favor of uniform text-books.

EDITOR Imboden never fails to show his devotion and admiration for those whom he esteems highly. He has a son with the alliterative prefix of H. H. H.—Horace Hogg Hutchison Imboden.

If THE Henderson Times (Speaker Milner's organ) doesn't jerk the curls out of the Gazette editor for the charges he is making, we shall be greatly disappointed in the Henderson Times and Speaker Milner.

If hints that come from far of Buzzard's Bay are not without foundation, Cleveland will figure in a new role in a few more weeks.—Dallas News.

THAT will settle the presidential question and settle it in favor of France.

It looks now as if the entries next year for the senatorship would be A. W. Terrel, John Ireland, Dave Culbertson, C. W. McCune, Barney Gribba, Horace Chilton and R. Q. Mills. The race will be lively and interesting.

When THE Fort Worth Gazette can't create a sentiment and induce a following, it will boldly abandon the attempt and follow the sentiment that others have created. The Gazette is bound to be in the swim if it has to be associated with apples.

STATE Senator Johnson and Jno M. Duncan, both of Tyler, had a fight on the streets of that town a few days since. It grew out of a misunderstanding about some things Duncan had published in the Galveston News with reference to the receivership investigation.

THE Alien Land Law will stand. There may be some modification of it and the caption may be amended, but the law is on the statute books to stay. Those laboring for a repeal of it would do better working at something else.

No one will deny to Horace Chilton ability, patriotism, eloquence and all that. At the same time it has never been shown that the mental anguish of one Gus Taylor was sufficient ground for placing eight hundred miles of railroad in the hands of a receiver.

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If Horace Chilton has ever come out in favor of electing United Senators by a direct vote of the people, he has never done so in any speech of his that we ever read. We read his first and he certainly made no reference to it. There is a lurking suspicion in the minds of a great many that neither Senator Chilton nor Governor Hogg is particularly stuck on allowing even the legislature to elect a senator, much less the people.

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Weep the following from the daily press. The Adams referred to is a brother of Earle Adams of Crockett:

LAFAYETTE, LA., AUGUST 7.—Last night those opposed to the Alliance anti-ligatory league compromise sent a telegram to President Polk, of the National Alliance at Washington, asking, "Has State Franchise Union of Louisiana power to bind its members against their will to support of Democratic platform?" It is quite certain Adams will not be a candidate for Governor, unless he is nominated by a regular Democratic convention.

SURVEY the field a study—the surroundings of those editors and people who are abusing the Alien Land Law, the legislature which enacted it and every one who is in favor of it, and in nine cases out of ten you will find them professional town "boomers" who are trying to build up a city on wind. English and Scotch land-lords can own one half the realty in the state, if only they can succeed in their program of raising a "boom" for their cities.

THE Fort Worth Gazette with its supplement has been defending Governor Hogg's administration in every respect hoping thereby at the proper time to induce the governor to call an extra session. It now changes tactics and is trying to move the governor by threats. It warns him that unless an extra session is called those sections of the state which demand an extra session will in all probability try to defeat his re-nomination next year.

Not a journal in the state, excepting not even the News, was more outspoken in its opposition to the Alien Land Law and its denunciation of the legislature which passed it than was the Fort Worth Gazette. Its criticisms were severe. A remarkable change has come over the spirit of the Gazette editor. He has heard something. He has discovered that probably nine-tenths of the voters of Texas are in favor of the law. The Gazette now says it doesn't want the law repealed, but will be satisfied with only one little amendment. A great paper that Gazette!

NOTICE the hide of those fellows who are fighting Mills and yelling for Chilton with gushing fealty and in nearly every instance you will find a man who has either not forgotten the licking which Mills was largely instrumental in giving him in 1887, or he carries in his pocket a commission signed by Horace Chilton as attorney for the receivers of the I. & G. N. R. R. This applies alike to editors of influential daily papers and to editors of the three-for-a-nickel type. It applies with equal force and pertinency to the lawyer and advocate of ability and influence in cities who draws his thousands a year for representing the receivers in the highest courts of the state, as well as to the half-dog-power attorneys who have been commissioned by Horace Chilton to represent the I. & G. N. R. R. receivers in the justices courts of the country at the lucrative fee of one dollar for every dozen cases.

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Rain Commissioner.

If the experiments of the government at producing rain succeed the matter will probably be remanded to the states for control. It will be necessary then to have rain commissioners in every county. Such an official will of course be liberally paid, and heavy penalties imposed for any floods or drought for which he is responsible.

Those sections of the country which are on a dead level will be all right because all will be ready at the same time. But the parts with an undulating surface, with hills and valleys will never be satisfied. The man on the hill will be pleading for rain and the man in the valley will be begging for sunshine. Thus another disturbing issue will be injected into the politics of the country which will try the marrow of the scheming, self-seeking politician more sorely than the sub-treasury question. Every man, woman and child is interested in the supply of water. That is a question that appeals to all. Of course the election of rain commissioner would cause fun of a rather furious type. There would be the "wet" candidate, and the "dry" candidate, the dead level candidate, the hill-side candidate, the creek bottom candidate, to say nothing of the "root sucker," "gully washer," "trashmover," candidates. There could be no straddling on this as on the sub-treasury question. Every fellow seeking popular support would have to declare himself. The contest would be narrowed to a scramble between the "wets" and the "drys". If a wet commissioner was elected, the hillsides would soon be as bleak and tenantless as the face of the moon and vice versa. Within two years after the establishment of such a department of government there would be great agitation for its repeal and within five years, if not repealed, there would be revolution. Such is human nature which is satisfied only in its dissatisfaction. And thus it will be to the end of time.

COLTHARP. Will you please tell a looker on why men of large means and public enterprise are so short sighted as to the public interest and welfare of the country at large? The railroad builders of the country seem to have lost sight of one of the most important points, connecting with deep water and penetrating the fertile fields of the west and north-west. Now there is a link of about one hundred and twenty miles to connect the Gulf Short Line with the East Texas at Orton. This link passes through iron beds south of the Neches river equal to the iron one of Cherokee County and passing over the coal beds of Houston and Trinity counties and through the finest timbered portion of East Texas. There are all kinds of timber, and yet it seems to hold out no inducement to the railroad magnates who have expended vast sums to run the Great Northern and Central roads. This short line would accomplish the same result in reaching deep water and opening the lumber market to the whole western country and would cost less per mile than any road, there being but few bridges on the line and these over small streams. There is still another circumstance in favor of this enterprise at this time. The country through which this road would run is thickly settled. The extremely low price of cotton will not pay the producer to gather his crop, and the result would be labor would be cheap and the road could be completed in a short time. We hope some of these railroad builders will look at this in its proper light.

A LOOKER ON. The most pleasant part of conducting a newspaper is reading out exchanges. The dailies are most readily perused on receipt of them, but the weeklies are the ones that the editor lays away until he has sufficient time to read carefully and note every particular and the opinions of different men on subjects calling the attention of the people, and try to get generally kept the following papers for careful Sunday reading, and no country in the United States can produce better weeklies than the Greenville Banner, Terrell Times-Star, McKinney Examiner, Weatherford Republic, Breckinridge Texian, Henderson Times, Martin Ball, Bowie Cross Timbers, Albany News, Baird Star, Crockett Courier, Graham Leader, Quanah Tribune, Stephenville Empire, Fort Worth Mail, Wichita Times, Channing Register, Clarendon Traveler, Decatur News, Wichita County Democrat. Those papers will make any man feel happier and wiser after a day well spent in reading them. They represent the intelligence of the country where they are published.—Vernon Call.

Many a poor woman suffers untold torture from Back-Ache. If she only knew how easily she could get relief by using Ballard's Snow Liniment, she would bless the day she read these few lines. It is a grand remedy for Headaches and Neuralgic Pains. No pain can withstand its magic influence. It removes the fire from a Burn or Scald in one minute. It will cure Inflammatory Rheumatism and Sciatica; applied to the Throat and Chest in Croup it will give immediate relief and make breathing much easier. No family can be without it if once they know its value. Try it! Price 50 cents. Sold by J. G. Haring.

GRAPELAND.

The picnic has come and gone. A mighty concourse of people gathered together to witness the ceremonies of the laying of the corner stone and to lend encouragement to the glorious work of erecting a new school building in our town.

At 10 30 a. m. Grapeland Lodge, No 473, A. F. & A. M. representing the Grand Lodge of the State of Texas, under charge of Dist. D. G. M. W. J. Marchison, representing the Grand Master of the state, marched in procession from their hall to the new school building.

After a feeling and touching prayer by the chaplain, J. L. Whitescarver, they proceeded to lay the corner stone of said building in due masonic form, with the beautiful and impressive ceremonies of the order; after which the audience repaired to the grand stand under a well built, cool and comfortable arbor near by, where they were entertained by a short address of welcome by Geo. M. Hollingsworth and the masonic oration of the day, by Hon. J. C. Wootters, of Crockett, Texas.

Splendid music was furnished for the occasion by Mr. Tuce Lively and Mr. Gaston. After the oration was finished, dinner was announced and such a dinner you should have been present to have fully appreciated. Every body enjoyed themselves finely and the festivities of the occasion would have been complete but for a sad accident that happened just as the audience were beginning to enjoy the welcome speech. A little boy of Mr. Green Carter's, Adolphus by name, 6 or 7 years old, who was witnessing the performance of a bear near the depot, was run over by a frightened horse, and kicked on the hendercrushing in the skull just above the right eye, producing a very serious and dangerous wound. Surgeons happened to be present who took charge of the little fellow, performed the operation known as trephining and raised the depressed bone from the brain thereby relieving him for the present, and he bids fair to recover. "NOTES PICK UP."

Mrs. Capt. Jno. H. Wootters was up attending the picnic. Mrs. W. E. Mayes was on the grounds greeting her many friends. Misses Minnie Caverhill, Birdie Murchison, Lillie Webb, Dora Hollingsworth, Laura Dunnam, Susie and Minnie Craddock of Crockett graced the occasion with their presence.

Dr. Paxton Daly was present, looking and feeling as pleasant as ever.

Dr. Jno. W. Douglas of Palestine was on hand bowing and meeting his legion of friends.

Messrs. Goodwin Woodson, E. L. Simpson, John Spence, J. C. Zimmerman, F. F. Fifer, W. A. Champion and A. A. Aldrich were on hand giving the school house a lift.

Mr. Bill Clark's fine mare got her foot badly cut on a barbed wire. He had to call in medical aid to check the hemorrhage.

Mrs. J. J. Brooks was taken quite sick while on the grounds but is doing well.

The boys had a platform on the grounds where they tripped the light fantastic to their hearts' content. After supper dancing was continued at the residence of Mr. J. M. Selkirk.

The lemonade and icecream stand, run in the interest of the school building, cleared fifty dollars cash. Give "Uncle Bill" a boom.

We have a well of fine water near the school building.

The following articles were deposited in the stone, a Bible, a copy of Taylor's Monitor, a copy of the Proceedings, Constitution and By-laws of the Grand Lodge of Texas for 1890, a roll of the members of Grapeland Lodge, a copy of the meeting organizing the Confederate Veteran Association, a copy of the World's Fair meeting held at Crockett, a roll of the citizens and business men of Grapeland, a history of the school building up to the present time, a copy of the program of the day's proceeding, a ten dollar gold ring by E. L. Simpson, copies of the COURIER, Economist, Galveston News and Houston Post, and coins of various denominations by various parties.

Mr. Jno. F. Taylor of Palestine was present giving us a word of good cheer.

Mrs. Doctor Cunningham of Augusta also greeted her many friends. Col. Earl Adams and Hon. W. B. Page who were booked for speeches in the evening, were not present, owing the former to sickness and the latter to unavoidable business engagements.

Why, now I cannot get enough to eat," says one lady who formerly had no appetite, but took Hood's Sarsaparilla.

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PRECIOUS STONES.

Those That Are Mentioned in Various Places in the Bible.

The following article is from the pen of one of the brightest boys of Atlanta, Samul Kendrick Abbott, son of Mr. B. F. Abbott:

The precious stones of the Bible are mentioned collectively in three different places. They are as follows: The adamant, agate, beryl, carbuncle, chalcodony, chrysolite, diamond, the emerald, jacinth, jasper, ligure, onyx, sapphire, sardius and topaz. We find this list of stones first in the description of the high priest's (Moses) breast-plate in Ex. xxviii, 13; and lastly the figurative foundation-stone of the new Jerusalem, Rev. xix, 17.

Some of these stones are mentioned separately in the Bible.

The adamant which is commonly called corundum, is a hard stone which we grind to make emery powder. In the Bible it was once translated as diamond, and was supposed to be the stone with which the Ten Commandments were engraved.

The agate is usually a white stone with delicate veins of red or green color traversing it like seaweed.

It derived its name from the River Achates, in Sicily, upon whose borders it was found in great abundance. The Bible tells us that it was used mostly for window ornaments. (Isaiah, lxxv, 12.)

The amethyst, called in Hebrew "schlaman," was a bluish transparent quartz, exceedingly bright and beautiful. It is so called by the Hebrews because it was supposed to produce pleasant dreams, while to the Greek it possessed a charm against drunkenness.

Little is known about the beryl except that it was the hardest stone known to the ancients for cutting, and is also known as the onyx and aqua-marine.

The carbuncle was mistranslated from emerald in Ex. xxviii; for the emerald was the only green stone known to the ancients. It was found in great abundance in Egypt and Ethiopia. John likened it, in Rev. iii, 4 to a rainbow. The meaning of the Hebrew word for emerald is "flashing light." It is probable that it is the same stone as the emerald of to-day.

Chalcodony is identical with the emerald, and is the name applied to stone found in the copper mines at Chalcodon, near Constantinople.

Chrysolite was usually called tarnish, and was a Spanish stone brought from Tartessus, in Spain. The chrysolite mentioned in Rev. xxi, 22, is doubtless the Oriental topaz.

The Hebrew name for diamond is yashulom. This stone could not have been used in Moses' breast-plate, as the ancients knew no method of cutting so hard a stone. It is conjectured that in Ex. xxviii, 18, it is a mistranslation for onyx, alabaster or jasper.

The ancient emerald is doubtless the same as that of today—the jacinth or thryouth. This must have been a stone of prismatic qualities, as it is said to have given forth white, gray, red, reddish-brown, yellow or pale green and blue lights.

The jasper is the last stone mentioned in the setting of the high priest's breastplate, and is described in the Scripture as "most precious" and "like crystal." From this account it would seem to correspond more closely with the diamond of to-day than any other stone. Other writers assert that the Greek name for this stone, yasayeh, indicates a dark green color, "though including many kinds of crystalline quartz."

The onyx is a stone, a species of striped carnelian. In cutting across the layers one finds it to be a white and black and brown and black stone. It is often confounded with the beryl.

The Hebrew sapphire (sappir) denotes that on which something was written, and according to tradition the Ten Commandments were written on a tablet of sapphire. The account of this stone given in Ex. xxiv, 10, has given rise to this idea.

The sardius or sardine was a red carnelian, highly valued by the ancients and much used for cutting signets and intaglio. They

were found in Arabia, Egypt and Sardis, but the finest came from Baylon. From ancient translation we learn that it was a superior kind of bright red agate. The tonaz of to-day is the ancient eryolite. In Job xxi, 10 we read of the topaz. It was found in Egypt and in abundance on an island in the Red Sea, from which it took its name. Pliny speaks of it as a highly valued stone for its great yellow tints.—Atlanta Constitution. S. K. A.

Wonderful Erosion.

A curious effect of the wear and tear to which the earth's crust is ever being subjected is exhibited in the singularly capped pinnacles existing on South River, in the Wahsatch Mountains. There are hundreds of these slender pillars, ranging in height from 40 to 400 feet, most of them crowned by large cap of stones. They are not works of human art, as might be imagined, but are the memorial monument of the hill from which have been cut by the act of air and water. Those pinnacles alone remain of many square miles of solid rocks, which have been washed away to a depth of 400 feet. The greater hardness of the surface has caused it to resist corrosion more than the underlying rock thus leaving huge caps of stones perched high in air on the point of their columns. One double column, capped by a single stone, form a natural bridge both unique and picturesque.

Judge Waxen's Political Proverbs.

Better turn a man loose when he gets too big for his party.

Newspapers is the makin' er brakin' of the average statesman.

Thar wouldn't be no politicians of thar wasn't no gait recsets.

A Congressman that makes money outen his job needs watchin'.

A man ain't good for much else after bein' President of the United States.

Holdin' offis never seems to git tiresome to the holder.

The aigs the Amerikin eagle lays ain't fer sale at enny price.

Whin a farmer gits in det the next string he wants is to git in politics.

In votes is power.

This grate and glorious Republic of ours is worth every cent she has cost us.

The mothers of this nation is willin' to let the fathers wair the pants.

The ole polittike wheel hoses you read about is almighty darn stubbern sort of critters when you undertake to drive them tother way.

Detroit Free Press.

The woman mayor of Argonia, Kan., has attended faithfully to the duties of her office, done all her sewing, cooking and giving birth to a chubby-faced baby girl during the past year. Not a single man mayor on record has ever accomplished these creditable results.

There's a good deal of guarantee business in the store keeping of to-day. It's too excessive. Or too reluctant. Half the time it means nothing. Words—only words.

This offer to refund the money, or to pay a reward, is made under the hope that you won't want your money back, and that you won't claim the reward. Of course.

So, whoever is honest in making it, and works—not on his own reputation alone, but through the local dealer whom you know, must have something he has faith in back of the guarantee. The business wouldn't stand a year without it.

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Why the Negro is Black.

A professor of Johns Hopkins University has an original theory to account for race color. He attributes the color of the negro to the deficiency of oxygen in the warm air he has breathed. This causes a weaker respiration, and a deposit of carbon is made under the skin, just as a chimney with a defective draft is choked with soot.

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Houston County Took the Gold Medal

at the Fort Worth Spring Palace in 1890 for its magnificent display of timbers. The North-eastern, Northern and North-western sections of the County are rich in iron ores of the Laminated and Brown Hematite varieties.

Soils of every variety to be found in the state are to be found in Houston County, from the black waxy to the light sandy.

The ailroad Facilities of the County

are splendid. The International & Great Northern runs through it directly North and South. The Trinity & Sabine belts it on the South, the Houston, East & West Texas on the East and the Kansas & Gulf Short Line on the North, thus affording to every section of the County easy and rapid means of transportation to an from market. Besides these two other lines are surveyed and projected through the County, running in a North-westerly and South-easterly direction.

Rivers, Creeks and streams of living water abound, furnishing through the drier summers an abundance of pure, fresh water. The Trinity River is the County's boundary on the West and the Neches on the East.

The County School fund is perhaps

The Largest in the State,

reaching the splendid sum total of \$70,000, from which is, annually derived for available use in maintaining the schools of the County from four to five thousand dollars. The added to the amount raised by local taxation and that bestowed by the State furnishes the princely sum of thirty thousand dollars spent annually on the free schools of the County. The population of the County is

20,000 AND LARGELY WHITE.

All denominations of Christians have organizations in the County.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

of every kind are produced here and the County yields to none in the State in adaptability of soils to the growth for market of peaches, pears, figs, plums, apricots, grapes and a varieties of berries.

The Climate

and soil combine to make the growing of early fruits and vegetables for market easy and profitable. The proximity of large cities joined as they are to us by rapid transportation conveniences encourages the belief that in the near future the soils of Houston County along and adjacent to the I. & G. N. R. R., will be in great demand for early vegetable and fruit raising.

The Schols of Houston County

are unsurpassed by any in the State, in respect of efficiency and competency of teachers, standard of scholarship and duration of free term. Its own unsurpassed permanent School Fund supplemented from other sources enables us to come nearer fulfilling the constitutional requirements of a six-months term than any other county. The debt and tax-rate of the County are almost nominal.

Its climate is mild and healthful, the temperature never reaching extremes in either Summer or Winter. Its water supply for both domestic use and manufacturing purposes is unexcelled. Springs and streams of never failing water are to be found in every section of the County. Running through the County in every direction are ever-flowing streams of water of the finest kind, and of such volume and power as to be very valuable for manufacturing purposes. No County in Texas can boast of as many such streams. The medical qualities of some of these springs are highly prized by the invalid and health-seeker.

The area of the County embraces nearly seven hundred thousand acres of land, of which not more than one hundred and twenty-five thousand are in cultivation. We have as stated above every kind of soil to be found in the State. The black waxy, the chocolate, the red the loamy, the sandy and quite a number of others.

The Products Of the County

are cotton, corn, oats and other small grain, sorghum, ribbon-cane, fruits and vegetables of every vriety, hay, and in some places, rice &c. &c. &c. The County produces on an average every year fifteen to twenty thousand bales of cotton, 2 amillion bushels of corn, a hundred thousand gallons of ribbon-cane syrup.

Crockett the County Seat

of Houston County, is situated on the I. & G. N. R. R. It has a population of 2000. The people of the town have recently voted to take charge of its schools and support them by taxation, nine months in the year. The City Council have assumed control and established graded schools for both white and black. Handsome and commodious brick school buildings with all the modern appointments will soon be under construction. The town is destined to become the educational center of East Texas. The society of the town is excellent. The town has two weekly newspapers and churches of nearly every denomination.

LOVELADY TO THE SOUTH.

on the I. & G. N. R. R., is an enterprising town of 500 people, good society, several churches and a splendid High School maintained all the year in on of the finest high school buildings in Eastern Texas. The country surrounding this town is fine and thickly settled.

GRAPELAND TO THE NORTH

is another enterprising town of several hundred people, fully alive to the demands of the hour and supported by a superior section of country. They have in course of erection a very fine high school building in which the public spirited citizens of that place propose to sustain during the entire year a high school second to none in the County. The country to the East of Grapeland is noted for its

Extensive Beds Of Green Sand Marl.

Porter Springs, Creek, Weldon, Holly, Coltharp, Ratliff, Tadmor, Weches, Augusta and Daly are other villages in the County with stores, post-offices, schools and churches and surrounded by a splendid farming country.

The Lands of The County

are cheap and can be bought on easy terms.

Houston county needs and invites immigration and offers as inducements rich soi cheap lands, good society a low tax-rate, rapid transportation facilities for all products, good schools free forx months in the year and a generous hospitable welcome to all who will come.

Houston county needs and invites capital to develop its great resources in the way of ores, clays and timber sufficient to supply the demands of the entire state for furniture, vehicles and agricultural implements.

COME AND EXAMINE.

Go to the big leather house of Nichols & Son for your leather goods. They are selling them at Wholesale Prices.