

MILLIONS INVOLVED.

OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, WATER FRONT CASES.

The Supreme Court To Decide Upon the Case Involving the Title of About 4000 Acres of Land—The City of Oakland Against the Southern Pacific.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—There are reasons for believing that the supreme court will soon render its opinion in the Oakland, Cal., water front cases. The title of this suit is the state of California vs. the Southern Pacific railroad, and the title indicates the two principal parties to the contest...

Terms of Peace.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—As a result of the negotiations between Dun in Japan and Denby in China, the terms of peace about to be concluded between China and Japan are now known with little short of exactness. As understood in high official circles, the terms are as follows...

The Spanish Affairs.

WASHINGTON, March 19.—The state department has received a dispatch from Minister Taylor at Madrid. The Spanish government has given assurance to the United States that there will be no more Spanish offenses as firing upon the mail steamer Alliance. The reply of the Spanish government is couched in courteous and temperate phrases...

Silver or Gold.

New York, March 15.—A new menace to the financial system of the United States has suddenly come into being. The price of silver advanced 1 3/8 cents an ounce, following a similar advance in London, due to the beginning of hoarding here and abroad in anticipation of immense financial transactions which China begins to expect...

Work on the Jetties.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—Congressman Sayers has gone home, but before he left he called on Chief Engineer Casey to make some inquiries in regard to the work on the jetties at Galveston. He found the chief engineer in the humor as to the prospects there and he expressed his entire satisfaction as to the work. He said that the work of dredging would commence on the first of April, that he expected eighteen feet of water on the bar by May 1. The engineer is confident that as soon as the currents are straightened, which is the object of the dredging, the increase of depth of the water will be most rapid and satisfactory.

Her Throat Cut.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., March 18.—Charles Rice, a variety actor, was found on the street early yesterday morning near his lodging house blowing a police whistle. He said that his wife was dead upstairs. Investigation revealed a horrible sight. The woman's throat had been cut from ear to ear, the head being all but severed from her body, and the blood oozing hidden under a pillow under the bed. Rice said that he left the room for a short time and on returning found his wife dead. The neighbors heard the pair quarreling upon their return from the theater last night, they are employed, but as rows between them were of common occurrence no one thought of interfering.

Spain Must Apologize.

WASHINGTON, March 16.—The following cable has been sent to Madrid: "Your minister, Madrid: This department has been informed that on the 8th instant the United States mail steamship Alliance, on her homeward voyage from Colon to New York when six miles from the coast of Cuba...

TO CUT EVERYWHERE

MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE ARE DETERMINED.

Members Who Protested Against Page Cutting and Live Small Economy Are Now to the Saddle Claiming For Big Salary Reductions.

AUSTIN, Tex., March 18.—The discussion of the house appropriation bill is getting warm, even this early in the engagement and has already resulted in a showdown between the alleged reformers and reformers and those of the blown in the bottle persuasion. The former, while nourishing a wild desire to prune page's salaries and the per diem of committee clerks early in the season now appear to be against cutting extravagant salaries of state officials, or rather of the chief clerks in their employ. Now the chickens are coming home to roost. The members who protested against the page cutting and like small economy are in the saddle clamoring for a reduction of the big salaries. Their argument is hard to turn down. They are giving up the ghost and their heads down to a disposition economy a few weeks ago some of their own medicine, and it is somewhat gagging. The discussion yesterday morning on the salary of the governor's private secretary, which the appropriation committee fixed at \$2000, was very warm. Mr. Bumpass wanted to reduce this salary to \$1500 per annum and do away with the position of private secretary entirely. Many of the members sided with him, while others took another view of the case. Messrs. Blair and Bailey were especially strong in their arguments in favor of the proposed resolution. While the efficiency of the public service must not be impaired or crippled, a majority of the members of the house are grudgingly determined to reduce every salary that will stand it, no matter whose ox is gored thereby. They feel that they are compelled to do this for two reasons: First because the party is pledged to such a policy; second, because that was the program laid down at the opening of the session and they must adhere to it or be guilty of both inconsistency and unjust discrimination.

In the Senate.

AUSTIN, Tex., March 19.—The Texas senate was called to order by President Jester at 10 o'clock yesterday morning when a quorum of members answered to the call of their names, including the few who went on the excursion to Galveston and Senator Darwin who left for home on Thursday. Chaplain Smoot blessed the members and upon their work. On motion of Senator Goss the reading of the Journal of Thursday was dispensed with. Mr. Jester reported that McKiney was excused for his absence on motion of Senator Woods and Senator Boren on motion of Senator Dickson. Senator Rogers sent up a petition from John J. Phelps and twenty-seven other freeholders of Cherokee county praying that the stock law be so amended as to apply to cattle, mules and horses and against any change in the law. It was referred to the committee on stock and stock raising. Senator Gage introduced a bill to provide for the deduction from the compensation of the members of the legislature in certain cases of a per cent penalty for a violation of this act. After a lengthy discussion and several amendments the bill and amendment were tabled by a vote of 16 to 9.

Tax Bill Struck.

AUSTIN, Tex., March 18.—The action of the house yesterday in striking the Colquitt tax bill was eminently conservative and timely. Purporting to have the object of forcing the collection of delinquent taxes, it would have occasioned enormous expense and wholesale litigation, with little or no prospect of making collections within the next three or four years. The fees and costs of officers whose services were required would have been doubled up at the very time the legislature is trying to cut them down within reasonable limits and lawyers would have a picnic all over the state. It would have resulted in a loss of a thousand law suits in each county, brought indiscriminately, whether recovery could be obtained or not.

Three Persons Burned.

CINCINNATI, O., March 14.—A special from Hendricks, Va., says: The hotel of J. D. Jenkins at Maceyville, fourteen miles from here, was burned night before last. Three lives were lost and four people injured. The hotel was a big, two story frame, and the fire was sweeping through it when it was first discovered by Mrs. Jenkins, who aroused the family and guests as soon as possible. There were over forty people in the hotel, four of whom were in one room and cut off from the means of exit. They had to jump out of the second story window through the flames and were so badly burned that only one of the four will recover.

Gravestone Found.

AUSTIN, Tex., March 19.—News was brought here last night that an Austin and Northwestern granite train, consisting of twenty-two loaded cars went through a bridge twenty-three miles west of here yesterday morning. Engineer Chas. Endel and Fireman Tom Lunsford were buried beneath the wreck and seriously injured. They were brought here last night for medical attention.

Shot His Wife.

AUSTIN, Tex., March 19.—An Italian named Antonio Aicardi, living on West Fifth street, shot his wife three times at noon yesterday and immediately surrendered to the police. On her person was found a circular purporting to be a damaging statement from his wife. The woman is seriously wounded and denies the authenticity of the alleged damaging statement.

Legislators Visit Galveston.

GALVESTON, Tex., March 18.—The legislators have gone. Galveston began righting herself at exactly 7:30 last evening and by this morning the good ship will have her decks level again. That they left highly pleased with their trip is evident by the following resolutions adopted by a committee appointed for that purpose: Resolved, by the senators and representatives, who participated in the excursion from Austin to the island city and who have partaken of the hospitalities of the citizens of Galveston that we take this opportunity of tendering our most sincere thanks for the many courtesies extended us while in the city; that we will cherish pleasant memories of the feastings and will carry with us the souvenir to remind us of our great battle at Woolan's lake.

ALL OVER THE STATE.

Interesting Collaps on Various Subjects Taken from the Daily Press.

At Potosi, Grayson county, the other night, D. E. McCann, night operator, was held up and robbed by a negro of \$6.70 and a pistol. The negro got off a freight train and came in the depot to work. The negro commenced to talk about train robbers and finally told Mr. McCann that he had got off the train to rob him. If he had any guns on him to hand them over and march in and open the money drawer, which McCann did. After the robbery the negro backed out the depot and left, telling the operator he would leave his pistol at the north wharf, but he failed to do so.

Some Time since at Paris Rev. R. J. Killingsworth filed suit for divorce from his wife, alleging cruel treatment, cursing and abuse, and stating that he was frequently forced to sleep in the barn or in his wagon bed. A few days ago she filed counter allegations, stating that he was abusive and cruel to an unbearable degree; that he frequently cuffed and struck her, although they were married in this county forty years ago, they have never lived peacefully together. Her home is in the city of Paris, Mo., and she would like to see him there.

Notice has been given that the directors of the Corpus Christi waterworks company will apply to the present legislature for the purpose of preventing a special legislative enactment authorizing the erection and construction of a dam in Nueces and San Patricio counties across the Nueces river for the purpose of preventing the inflow of tide water from Nueces bay. The legislation will be asked for to increase the supply of fresh water in the Nueces river for the purpose of irrigation.

Near Muskogee, the other morning, an unknown negro, apparently 40 years old, was run over and instantly killed by Texas and Pacific freight train No. 11. The body was found near Muskogee, Okla., on the yard lying across the rail cut in two. The evidence showed that he was dragged by the brake beam about forty yards before he was caught by the wheels of the general passenger car that he was stealing a ride on the brake beam and fell.

In view of the fact that some confusion seems to exist among the tax collectors as to what constitutes a quarry, a question of the state occupation taxes from traveling shows, the comptroller's department has construed the statutes to mean that a quarry is a place where stone is quarried, and not a place where a show is given.

The other evening at Haynes, E. J. Foster killed Earl Harbough, by shooting him in the back with a double-barrel shotgun. Harbough lived about twenty minutes. Foster surrendered to Deputy Sheriff McCaskey and was placed in jail. He is a 29 year old citizen of Haynes, Okla., who was about 20 years old, had wronged his (Foster's) daughter.

R. S. Williams was awarded \$2000 in a suit against the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway company at Hillsboro recently. In January, 1891, Williams was a section hand on the road, and while riding on a handcar in company with other employees of the company, he was struck by a train. Williams was thrown out and received painful and permanent injuries.

On the farm of D. L. Brossard, four miles south from Double Bayou postoffice in Chambers county, a large well has just been finished. Soft water of good quality was found at a depth of 550 feet and is flowing at the rate of 600 gallons per hour. The property has been purchased by the Brossard family for irrigation purposes and wholesome for stock.

The Enterprise returned to Wharton recently from her trip to Bay City. This was her first trip and a great many difficulties had to be overcome on account of obstructions in the river, but Capt. Page says the boat can run now without any trouble. The Enterprise has a contract for the removal of lumber from Prairie Bluff to Bay City.

At Collinsville, Grayson county, the other day the wife of Jule King was found dead in bed by her husband. Mrs. King was just recovering from the measles, and her whole family believed she had died. She was supposed to be dead, and it is supposed this was the cause of her death.

At Orange, recently, in a difficulty between William Johnson and his wife Virginia Saunders, a bystander, was shot in the head and killed at the stables of the old race track, two miles north of Fort Worth. The other party was arrested. Johnson was arrested. All the parties are colored.

At Floresville, recently, John Myers, colored, was released from jail because he had been incarcerated on the charge of seduction. He married the girl he was charged with seducing, and the two went away from the jail together.

Joe Henson, a resident of Mexia, Limestone county, was found dead in his room one morning recently. He had been drinking heavily for some time past, it is said, and it is supposed this was the cause of his death.

A man who went by the name of Bessie was shot and killed at the stables of the old race track, two miles north of Fort Worth. The other man named Fisher.

The house bill providing for the levy and collection of an annual ad valorem tax of 20 cents on the value for the maintenance of the public free schools has passed the house by a vote of 88 to 7.

T. G. McGraw, wanted at Galveston, Tex., on a charge of assault to murder, was arrested at Ardmore, Okla., recently by Deputy United States Marshal Paulian and returned to Galveston.

A tobacco warehouse has been built at Hillsboro, Montgomery county, preparatory to shipping the coming tobacco crop in that vicinity.

Senator Boren presented a petition the other morning from colored citizens of Panois county, asking the passage of more stringent laws against the crime of adultery.

The heaviest waterspout in years flooded the country around Quilina, Hunt county, during the storm recently. The midland track was under a foot of water for two miles.

Henry Morgan of Copleville, Collin county, reports that while sailing in Pilot creek recently he caught one carp weighing 15 pounds and one white perch weighing 8 pounds.

An unknown man attempted to rob the Wells Fargo Express company at Brenham the other night, but was foiled, and fled. There was \$1000 in the office at the time.

The cattlemen held a well-attended convention at Fort Worth a few days ago. Some of the boys, it is said, got too much Panther City 'tes,' resulting in a headache.

The report of the lunatic asylum at Austin shows 78 white males, 9 colored males, 37 white females and 2 colored females, total 126, confined in that institution.

Senator Bower has introduced two bills to amend the criminal laws, so as to provide that peace officers may make arrests without warrants in certain cases.

There is much talk about "blind-tigers" at Hillsboro, and some prominent citizens have been called upon to tell what they know.

Mr. J. H. Jenkins of Bastrop, has been appointed Chinese inspector for that district by the department at Washington.

The senate has passed the bill authorizing the construction, owning and operating of deep water channels and docks.

Nolan county has just redeemed a \$1000 courthouse bond, and Bexar county \$6000 of railroad subsidy bonds.

The business portion of the town of Devine, in Bexar county, was destroyed by fire a few days since.

One hundred and twenty-five cotton mill hands arrived at Galveston from North Carolina the other night.

A large acreage of new land is being "put in" this spring, in the vicinity of Bridgeport, Wise county.

John R. Daily has been appointed assistant United States attorney for the Eastern district of Texas.

An artesian well is being sunk at San Marcos. It is being bored by the United States government.

A Camp of the Woodmen of the World has been organized at Glenn Rose, Somerville county.

Raise logs and keep at home the \$20,000,000 sent annually out of the state for hog products.

A severe hail storm passed over Burnett county recently, doing considerable damage.

The serpentine marble quarry at Llano is to be developed. A large force is at work.

Naughty burglars recently found Alvord, Wise county, and a few citizens are looser.

Four car loads of beef cattle were recently shipped from Terrell to Kansas City, Mo.

All the cities and towns in the state seem to have a full quota of anxious candidates.

The sports have been chasing a panther near Bagwell, Red River county.

It is currently reported that the international will be extended to Llano.

A very heavy rain fell at Liberty Hill, Williamson county, a few days since.

The public school of Flatonia, Fayette county, will soon close for the term.

Chillicothe, Hardeman county, has adopted local option by 33 majority.

There are seven cases of smallpox near Jonah, Williamson county.

Hillsboro has a special policeman to keep the streets out of that town.

Whisperers are reported as organized at Meagult, Dallas county.

Prohibition was defeated in Denton county, by a majority of 101.

The mercury went down to zero at Texaline a few days since.

There are 147 inmates of the Confederate home at Austin.

Greenvilleites are again agitating for a telephone exchange.

A hard hail storm visited a portion of Llano county recently.

In 1894 there were 422,197 tons of coal mined in Texas.

A woman was burned to death a few days ago Kerrville.

Major Moses Austin Bryan is dead. He was 78 years old.

San Antonio comes to the front with a Two-Bit club.

Greenville now boasts of a wholesale grocery house.

Joseph Jahle suicided at Galveston the other day.

The recent rains seem to have been very general.

Richmond has organized a Commercial club.

The Masons are building a temple at Victoria.

Galveston now has a Good Government club.

Heavy hail storm at Crockett the other day.

Houston is improving her fire department.

Denton has six artesian wells, all flowing.

Quarantine against Taylor has been relaxed.

Rockdale now has a fire department.

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One case of small-pox at Gliddings.

Plenty of oysters in Galveston bay. Alvarado has a Progressive club.

Snow at Childress the other day.

Splendid rain Polk in county.

Orange has a board of trade.

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A Simple Experiment by Which Anyone May Discover the Defect.

"Yes," said the doctor to a writer for testing the receptive strength of your eyes that is as simple as it is trustworthy. All you need is a stereoscope and a photograph. The arrangement is such that the picture holder slides up and down on a flat frame, trombone fashion, is the best sort of stereoscope for the purpose, although any will do, and the photograph that will give the best results is a cabinet-size view of some locality with people in it. The modern apparatus is simply itself. Put the photograph in a holder and look as just enough so that you can see the faces clearly. Then close the left eye and look at the picture intently with your right eye while you count thirty slowly. Now close the right eye and look at the picture intently with your left eye for the same length of time. Then open both eyes and look at the picture without changing the focus. Something queer will happen. The figures on one side of the picture will seem to jump out of the view and group themselves with those on the other side, and this is the point of the experiment—the figures will always move away from the weak eye, but they will not move with a very precise relation of speed to the weakness of the vision. If the left eye, for example, is quite weak, the figures will move away from it across the plane of sight to the right side, while if there is but a slight defect the movement will be gradual, and so on. A queer thing about this experiment is that, simple as it seems, it will bring out defects of vision that have never been suspected, and another queer thing is that it will demonstrate the case in which both eyes are affected, and in which the defect is exceptional. I have tried it in a score of mixed gatherings, and never yet without having the experimenter observe some movement of the figures. There was one old lady, I remember, at Port Jefferson last summer, who persisted in saying that she saw precisely with both eyes as she did with one eye, and well might she say so when I examined her eyes more closely. I found she was stone blind on the left side and didn't know it."

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