

# San Antonio Express.

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SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, SATURDAY, DEC. 31, 1867.

NO. 5.

### Doctors.

**DR. F. HERFF,**  
Respectfully announces to his friends, that he has resumed practice in the city.  
Office, at Nettie's Drug store, on Commerce street. (d&wf)

**DR. NOEL,**  
**CITY PHYSICIAN,**  
Residence: opposite Green's east side of the river.  
Office hours before eight o'clock A. M., and from 2 to 4 P. M. (dec. 5 dw tf)

**MORTIMER SLOOM, M. D.,**  
Tenders his services to those citizens of San Antonio who wish to have medicine administered according to the Homoeopathic Law of cure.  
Office on Main street, two doors west of Post-Office. dly

### NOTICE.

HAVING been educated as Midwife in Germany, and having done business as such with good success for long years, I solicit the patronage of the public of San Antonio and its neighborhood, and promise to justify the confidence which the public may place in me.  
My residence is Alamo street, near Feldmann's Bakery. MARY KLAEBE, no49-1f

**MRS ECKEL,**  
Graduate of "Marburg Institute, Europe," offers her services to the people of San Antonio as Midwife. Her long and varied experience in this service renders her one of the best professions.  
Residence, Main Avenue, opposite house of Mr. William Elliot. 6-ly.

### Lawyers.

**W. B. LEIGH,** A. DITTMAR  
**LEIGH & DITTMAR,**  
**LAWYERS,**  
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.  
OFFICE FRENCH'S BUILDING, ROOM NO. 15. 1478dwtf

**I. G. NEWTON,** C. V. PICQUE  
**NEWTON & PICQUE,**  
**ATTORNEYS AT LAW,**  
414-2nd st. SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.

**THEO. HERTZBERG & J. HOYER,**  
**Notaries Public,**  
COMMERCIAL STREET,  
Two doors east of Nettie's Drug Store, sep15y

**N. S. BOWERS,** A. S. WALKER  
**BOWERS & WALKER,**  
**ATTORNEYS AT LAW,**  
Office—Congress Avenue.  
(no. 11-1) Austin, Texas.

**JESSE STANCEL,**  
**Attorney & Counsellor at-Law,**  
**GALVESTON, TEXAS.**  
Prompt Attention to Business. no34ly

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**Klopper Hotel.**  
FIRST CLASS ENTERTAINMENT!  
"Mrs. KLOPPER calls the attention of her friends to the extra facilities for travelers with teams. Attached to her house is a spacious yard fronting on the river, where any quantity of stock can be secured. 611f

**WASHINGTON HOTEL,**  
Galveston, Texas.  
**M. F. THOMPSON,**  
Proprietor. 1461y

**INGRAM HOUSE,**  
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**WILLIAM J. NEELY,** Proprietor.  
This House is refurnished and opened for the public. Good Stabling on the premises. 1y32dw3m

**THE TARDE HOUSE,**  
CASTROVILLE, TEXAS.  
The above named well-known Hotel is open for the accommodation of the traveling or pleasure-seeking Public. The arrangements are complete throughout, and no pains are spared to make guests comfortable. To those who seek a quiet and elegant home in the country, this Hotel will suit them to a charm, and for comfort and cheapness it has no rival in the State. V. TARDE. 1211f

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**COTTON FACTORS,**  
AND  
General Commission Merchants,  
OSTERMAN'S BUILDING, GALVESTON.  
Exchange on New Orleans New York, London, and Hamburg. jan8ly

**J. E. COWEN,**  
**IMPORTER AND JOBBER**  
OF FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC  
**DRY GOODS,**  
**BOOTS, SHOES AND HATS,**  
4&6 HUTCHIN'S BUILDING, FRANKLIN ST  
**HOUSTON, TEXAS.**  
Particular attention to filling orders, accompanied by cash or product. 1251f

### Cards of City Merchants.

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**HERTZBERG & SIMON,**  
Glassware, Mouldings,  
Fancy Goods, Pictures, Pipes,  
Stationery, Brushes, Music,  
**NEWSPAPER AGENTS,**  
Commerce Street,  
at S. S. Sampson's old stand,  
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**DRESEL & BRIAN,**  
**WHOLESALE & RETAIL DEALERS**  
IN  
**Dry-Goods and Groceries,**  
**HATS,**  
**SHOES,**  
**CROCKERY,**  
**NOTIONS.**  
San Antonio, April 26, 1867. 1131f

**PHILIP CONRAD,**  
Dealer in all kinds of FURNITURE  
and House Furnishing Goods, Mattress  
Maker and Upholsterer,  
**MAIN STREET,**  
Opposite Zork & Griesenbeck,  
Keeps constantly on hand a full assortment  
of Mattresses; and offers his services  
for repairing furniture, paper hanging, cur-  
tain hanging, and carpeting.  
San Antonio, May 6th. dly

**STOVES!!**  
**Cooking, Parlor and Box**  
**STOVES,**  
Just received, and for sale at  
**NORTON & DEUTZ'S.**  
sep24dtf

**WULF & SHETELIG,**  
**Importers**  
—AND—  
General Commercial Agents,  
CHICAGO, SAN ANTONIO,  
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**Hardware,**  
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—AND—  
**Woodenware Dealers,**  
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AGENT FOR THE MANUFACTORY OF  
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Orders for any kind of their work solicited.  
San Antonio, Texas, July 8, 1867.

**COLT'S PATENT FIRE ARMS,**  
For Sale at  
563m **NORTON & DEUTZ**

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**W. A. BENNETT,**  
**Banker,**  
Dealer in Exchange and Government  
Securities,  
San Antonio.  
Will pay particular attention to the collection  
of Claims at all accessible points in Tex-  
as. dawtf

**J. S. Lockwood,**  
**BANKING AND EXCHANGE OFFICE,**  
on Commerce street,  
opposite Bell & Bros. Jewelry store,  
San Antonio.  
Currency and Exchange bought and  
sold. Collections made on all accessible  
points. 80 tf.

**E. A. FLORIAN,**  
**INSURANCE AGENT,**  
No. 3, French's Building,  
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.  
Capital Represented,  
**\$9,000,000** 23m  
December 19, 1866.

**L. J. Dresch,**  
**COMMISSION & FORWARDING**  
**MERCHANT,**  
**Eagle Pass, Tex.,**  
—AND—  
**PIEDRAS NEGRAS, MEXICO.**  
nov51f

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Importers of  
**French, English & German**  
**FANCY GOODS,**  
4 & 6 Warren Street, near Broadway  
NEW YORK.  
August 2? [no48ly.]

**BOGERT & OAKLEY,**  
IMPORTERS AND WHOLESALE DEALERS IN  
**American, English, German, & French**  
**Hardware,**  
**Cutlery,**  
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89 Pearl street, and 56 Stone street,  
NEW YORK.  
Orders promptly executed at lowest  
prices. No Travelers or Drummers em-  
ployed. All goods bearing our stamp war-  
ranted extra quality. sep6-6m

**CONKLIN & DAVIS,**  
SUCCESSORS TO  
**J. CONKLIN & CO.,**  
**GROCERS,**  
AND  
**COMMISSION MERCHANTS!**  
No. 94 Front street,  
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**E. S. JAFFRAY & CO.,**  
**DRY GOODS,**  
**350 Broadway,**  
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Flannels, Hosiery,  
Gloves, Dress Shirts,  
Collars and Ties,  
Ribbons, Laces,  
Shirt Braces,  
Lace Articles,  
Dress Goods, Silks,  
White Goods,  
Linen Goods,  
Embroideries,  
English Crapes,  
Shawls,  
Cloaks,  
Yankee Notions, etc., etc. etc 17septf

**G. SCHMIDT,** ROBERT VOIGT.  
**SCHMIT & VOIGT,**  
GENERAL  
**Commission Merchants,**  
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GALVESTON, NEW YORK.  
August 23. [no48-ly.]

**Gustav Theisen & Co.,**  
**COMMISSION MERCHANTS.**  
62 Cedar Street, New York.

**BURTIS & FRENCH,**  
Importers and Jobbers of  
**CROCKERY,**  
**CHINA AND GLASS WARE,**  
No. 12 Barclay street,  
(Four doors below Astor House.)  
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**N. L. McUREADY & COMPANY,**  
**SHIPPING**  
**Commission Merchants,**  
36 FOURTH STREET,  
NEW YORK.

—AGENTS—  
For the old line of direct packets to Havana  
and Louisiana, Texas. Receive and forward  
goods to both ports free of commissions and  
assurance offered if desired. sep21y.

**W. WESTHOFF,** L. FREUS.  
**W. WESTHOFF & CO.,**  
**INDIANOLA, TEXAS,**  
**Wholesale Grocers,**  
**Forwarding and Commission Merchants**  
And Dealers in Hardware.  
Liberal advances made on consign-  
ments of Country Produce. 1y7

**G. W. WARE & CO.,**  
**Commission Merchants,**  
AND DEALERS IN  
**Hides, Wool, &c.,**  
LAVACA, TEXAS.

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Canal Bank, New Orleans,  
W. H. H. Withersall, Esq., New Orleans,  
William Chrysler, San Antonio,  
National Bank of Texas, Galveston,  
Heyck & Hofferich, Lavaca,  
Charles Taylor, Esq., Indianola:  
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**A. C. McNEELY,** CHARLES MAIGNE,  
late of Walker's. \* of the Terry Ran.

**McNEENEY & MAIGNE,**  
Receiving, Forwarding  
AND  
**General Commission Merchants**  
**ALLEYTON, TEXAS.**  
We cheerfully recommend this firm as being  
prompt, reliable, and worthy of patronage.  
A. H. EDEY, Galveston, Texas. 10

### WESTON AND DAN RICE.

Dan Rice, showman and Presidential  
candidate, is out in a letter in the Cleve-  
land Herald, defending Weston and pro-  
posing to "back" him for another trial  
of speed and endurance. Concerning  
Weston's wonderful walk of ninety-two  
miles, between Silver Creek and Con-  
necticut, Rice says:

"The night he started from Silver  
Creek, and after he had commenced his  
long tramp, I drove with my family  
from Erie to my home, through a storm  
almost as violent as any I have ever, in  
my long experience encountered upon  
the road. The wind—which it should be  
borne in mind, was almost directly in  
the pedestrian's face—blew so tremen-  
dously that the ladies were greatly  
alarmed, and apprehensive that the car-  
riage would be overturned. Clouds of  
dust and gravel were flying in our faces,  
compelling the driver to stop a number  
of times, as both he and the horses were  
completely blinded. Nor was it a tempo-  
rary commotion of the elements, for al-  
most a hurricane kept full possession of  
the night, and even until the next even-  
ing the wind was so high as to very re-  
solutely retard fast walking, and spiteful  
snow squalls contributed their cold and  
wet quota of elementary opposition.  
Both nights, too, were very dark, and  
the lanterns carried by Weston's atten-  
dant walker scarcely dispelled the gloom  
sufficiently to insure safe footing.  
Every one the least experienced in  
such matters concluded that Mr. Weston  
would abandon his third trial on Friday  
night, but they erred—both his pick-  
et and his wonderful powers of endur-  
ance.  
While out in the storm my mind re-  
verted to him with considerable appre-  
hension, and I did not deem it possible  
for him to proceed. Judge that, of my  
astonishment when I learned the next  
morning that he had successfully battled  
through that long, tempestuous night  
and was untiringly striding on to ap-  
parent victory.  
Every four miles he accomplished was  
equivalent to five miles under ordinary  
circumstances, and it cost him a much  
greater effort to make the ninety miles  
he did then it would have done to have  
walked one hundred in pleasant weather  
over the same roads."  
Daniel concludes with the following  
stunner, which will at once silence all  
cavilling and establish beyond doubt the  
walking reputation of Weston:

"As an evidence that I deem him both  
honest and able to do even better than  
the condition of his match required, I  
will wager \$50,000, \$10,000 to go to  
Weston if he wins, and the balance to  
be donated by the winner to any public  
charity, that he can walk one hundred  
miles in twenty-three consecutive hours.

**HARD ON THE LADIES.**—Some old fog-  
gy (an old dilapidated bachelor, of  
course) gets off the following at the ex-  
pense of the ladies: "Taken as a class,  
women can contrive more outlandish  
and ugly fashions than one would think  
possible without the gift of inspiration.  
Take, for instance, the waterfall. First  
it represented a ladder of Scotch snuff;  
next it hung down a woman's back like  
a canvas covered ham; afterward it con-  
tracted and counterfeited a turban on  
the back of the head; now it sticks  
straight out behind, and looks like a wire  
muzzle on a grayhound. Nestling in  
the midst of this long stretch of hair re-  
poses a little battered ke of a bonnet, like  
a jockey saddle on a long-backed race-  
horse."

A Canadian of French extraction  
went over to visit the Exposition at Paris,  
and was hospitably, as a relative, re-  
ceived into a French family for a month.  
One night he entered a lock with consummate  
address, and extracted securities pay-  
able to the bearer, worth \$5,900 francs,  
with their coupons attached. After the  
act he retired to rest, and in the morning  
took leave, left Paris by the railway,  
and reached Liverpool, whence he ad-  
dressed a note to this effect to his vic-  
tims: "It is I who have taken your secu-  
rities, your diamonds, jewels and plate.  
But it is no robbery; it is a forced loan.  
With its produce I shall do a great busi-  
ness in Canada. If I succeed, I will re-  
pay you with interest; if I fail, it will be  
a dead loss to you and me."

The Maine Farmer tells of a young  
man and woman who got married in  
Bethel last winter, and the next day the  
happy couple started on their honey-  
moon tour into the woods, where he had  
contracted to cut a large quantity of  
wood. He built a camp, where she  
spends her time in promoting the com-  
fort of her husband, and on every Satur-  
day night they make their appearance  
in the village, to secure fresh supplies  
for their next week's work, and return  
on Monday morning to their camp home  
as happy as king and queen.

The election in Chattanooga on the  
30th ultimo, says the Republican, showed  
a falling off since August of 520 votes,  
or nearly two thirds. The Republican  
vote at that time was 877, whilst the  
vote for Judge Adams, who ran without  
opposition, was only 374. Trewitt, op-  
posed for Chancellor by J. H. Gant, ran  
greatly behind his ticket, received but  
\$10 votes, whilst sixteen votes were cast  
for Eldridge Lewis, a colored man, who  
had not been known as a candidate,  
Gant, Conservative candidate, had but  
twenty votes.

**MIXED PIES.**—Take a pound of beef  
free from skin and strings, and chop it  
very fine, then two pounds of suet,  
which likewise pick and chop; then add  
three pounds of currants, nicely clean-  
ed and perfectly dry, one pound and a  
half of apples, the peel and juice of a  
lemon, half a pint of sweet wine, half a  
nutmeg, and a few cloves and mace  
with a pimento in fine powder; have cit-  
ron, orange and lemon peel ready, and  
put some in each of the pies when made.

Announcing the election of fifty-eight  
Republicans to the constitutional conven-  
tion, the Standard says: The Republican  
party in the State is a success. The fu-  
ture bright and promising. We see  
railroads in the distance about crossing  
our borders, school houses gladdening  
the hearts of our thrifty husbandry, im-  
migrants turning their eyes hitherward  
and capitalists investing their surplus  
funds in developing our vast resources.

Two handsome monuments are now  
in course of erection at Harrisburg, Pa.,  
one in honor of the Pennsylvania soldiers  
who fell in Mexico, and the other to com-  
memorate the valor of those citizens of  
Dauphin county who were slain in the  
recent civil conflict. The former is built  
at the expense of the state, the latter by  
subscription in the county.

An English farmer has written to the  
Richmond Examiner, to know if he can  
buy a farm large enough to "provide  
him with a reasonable living," in Vir-  
ginia; for five hundred pounds. The  
Examiner says he can, and so can any  
number of his countrymen who may  
feel the desire to settle in the "Old  
Dominion."

Mr. Walter Preston, of Abington,  
Virginia, is dead. He was an able law-  
yer; and formerly one of the most elo-  
quent orators in Virginia. He repre-  
sented his district in the Confederate  
Congress.

In a lawsuit at Troy, New York, where  
the value of six ducks in controversy  
was to depend on their age, the point  
was decided by bringing the ducks into  
the court of Justice Neary, and made to  
squawk. The noise they made decided  
them to be over one year old, and con-  
sequently of the value of mature fowls.  
Justice Neary so decided the case. It  
is the first suit on record where ducks  
were called to testify.

General T. F. Meagher left his widow  
\$400,000. It generally happens that the  
more money a widow has the sooner  
she quits buying mourning.

In a Democratic speech delivered last  
week in Connecticut there is about as  
good an example of non sequitur and  
mixed metaphor as one often sees. The  
speaker said that "Connecticut is a star  
in the East, because when the storm  
blew the hardest her mariners cling fast  
to the rudder." It was, besides, a very  
wet place for the mariners.

The Soldiers' Relief committee of Bos-  
ton disbursed over \$7,000 during No-  
vember to about 1,200 applicants.

In Little Compton, R. I. is the grave  
of "Elizabeth, wife of William Peabodie,  
who died May 31, 1717, aged 94." The  
inscription adds that she was the "first  
white female born in this country."

Hartford has nearly completed a \$150,-  
000 schoolhouse, capable of accommo-  
dating three thousand pupils. It is a  
model building of its kind.

Bennett recognizes the effect of the  
misdirections of the Herald, and to assist  
his new evening paper, pitches into it  
in his big morning edition.

A church for the colored Catholics of  
Detroit is to be erected in that city.

At the Sunday School Union concert  
in Chicago, last week, over seven hun-  
dred young voices joined in the singing,  
and kept excellent time and tone.

The New Bedford Mercury thinks the  
present style of bonnets are better cal-  
culated for a kiss than a blow.

The National banks of Indiana pay  
over \$200,000 State and county taxes  
this year.

A Homoeopathic dispensary for the  
poor is to be established in Cincinnati.

ARKANSAS.—The majority in favor of  
a Convention in Arkansas is over 14,-  
000.

The Daily Express.

Official Journal of the United States.

Official Journal of Bexar County and City of San Antonio.

W. E. MOORE, A. SIEMERING, J. F. NEWCOMB. A. Siemering & Co., Publishers.

SATURDAY, DEC. 22, 1867.

WHAT RECONSTRUCTION HAS DONE FOR TENNESSEE.

As an instance of the fearful results of radical rule in Tennessee, it is stated that the railroads in that State, under the careful supervision of Governor Brownlow, will pay into the State Treasury on the 1st of January next \$600,000, thus strengthening Tennessee to grapple with her financial difficulties.

What reconstruction will do for Texas remains to be seen, but it requires no prophetic eye to tell of the certain and wonderful change that will overtake this State, once that a loyal State Government is established and the political controversies are settled which now agitate the country.

THE COMING CONVENTION.

We wish we could say something to impress upon our readers of the immense importance of the State Convention just ordered to be held for the purpose of framing a State Constitution for Texas.

Having just passed through a great revolution, it is well for us to look upon and weigh the facts as they exist at present, old landmarks have been obliterated and society stirred from its very foundation.

What are we to think of those men who either from fear or selfishness are unwilling to give the colored man an equal chance with themselves? their opposition is not based upon any argument or logic but simply upon the low ground of prejudice.

We believe that it is an admitted fact among all nations that every citizen who engaged in rebellion against the Government forfeits all his rights of citizenship, and can again enjoy only such as the clemency of the Government permits.

As most of the whites in the slave States have been rebels, the vote would mostly be by colored people. Suppose these colored voters to have been actuated by the same feeling of exclusiveness (which every one knows they would not have been) as the Conservatives are, and had framed a Constitution and passed laws forever disfranchising all those, the color of whose skin did not mark a certain standard?

Now that every man, white and black, is allowed to vote, (except a few perjured traitors), why should not every citizen try and elect the best men to frame our Constitution so that we may not only

acquire our Representatives in Congress—retrieve our lost prosperity—but develop and redeem our blighted and slavery-cursed State?

By Telegraph.

[SPECIAL DISPATCHES TO THE EXPRESS.]

Markets.

New York, December 19.—Cotton steady; sales 2500 at 15 1/2 to 18. Flour dull state 8 50 to 10 75. Wheat dull. Corn steady. Pork firm at 20 85. Jobbing heavy Groceries quiet dull; freights steady.

London, December 19.—Bullion bank of England increased 77,000. Consols 92 1/2. Bonds 72. Liverpool, December 7.—Noon—Cotton quiet; Uplands 7 1/2; Sales 10,000 bales.

Congressional.

WASHINGTON December 19.—Senate—Bill passed yesterday by House supplementary to reconstruct acts read twice and referred to Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Boyer offered a joint resolution thanking Gen. Hancock for his support of the civil law; the clerk was not permitted to conclude reading it a string of objections arose from the Republican side and the regular order of business being insisted upon.

The bill for the relief of deserters called up, an amendment depriving deserters to the enemy of his adopted country of relief.

Discussion developed the fact that a quarter of a million of deserters were on the rolls. Call for previous question failed and bill recommitted.

Stokes presented resolution guaranteeing loyalists claim for losses incurred during the war referred to committee of claims.

A resolution was adopted directing for the delay in selling government interest in the additional swamp canal.

House went into committee of whole on deficiency reconstruction acts. Boyer asked if it was now in order to move thanks to Hancock for doing all in his power to abolish military government; thus reducing expenses, chair raised it out of order.

Another Terrible Railroad Accident.

BUFFALO December 19.—Express train on lake shore road near Angola ran off track and rear car went over sixty feet down embankment and burned 48 passengers to death. No South-owners were aboard; only partial list of the killed has been obtained.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 18.—Democratic caucus has failed to nominate a Senator.

Parties in Arkansas are organizing for a fresh struggle. The Republican State Central committee convenes at Little Rock on the 7th instant. The Democratic journals are urging their party to strenuous efforts. The Fort Smith Standard is doing yeoman service for Radicalism; and talks to the Democracy in a style of which this is a specimen:

Arkansas is getting anxious for railroads, schools, local improvements, a steady immigration, and will therefore vote for a speedy settlement with the United States. The day of settlement is fast approaching. Conservatism will not save you. The people will not allow you to keep this whole country in turmoil and contention any longer. Hostility to the Congressional policy will only result in evil. The people see it, and understanding, will act accordingly.

A correspondent of a New York evening paper suggests that a reformation be established "for the correction of architectural monstrosities." He thinks the institution could be made as effective as the society for the prevention of cruelty to animals, and remarks that an ill-planned house is cruelty to the highest of animals—man.

There must be a great many miserable people in San Antonio, if "architectural monstrosities" have anything to do with it.

The old United States Mint, at Charlotte, N. C., is to be reopened, it is said, as a government assay office.

OUR GALVESTON LETTER.

The Coming Convention—Its Composition and Action—Funeral Ceremonies of Collector Kent—Your Correspondent and Flake's Bulletin—Items.

GALVESTON, TEXAS, Dec. 15, 1867.

Editor San Antonio Express:

There is much conjecture both in and out of the State as to the presumed composition and action of our Convention—which is to be. Many, whose ideas of Texas have been gained by a superficial knowledge thereof, take it for granted that our coming Convention, while composed mainly of indubitable Unionists, will from this very fact be largely made up of men whose knowledge of law and legislative matters is of a limited nature.

So far will this be found to be untrue, that we predict—and we have the same on a full knowledge of the canvass in the principal counties of the State—that two-thirds of the members of the proposed Convention will represent a high degree of the education, legal ability talent and common sense of Texas. Of the few members who will be in anywise weak, vacillating and inefficient, the majority will be of those who represent the Conservative or pro-rebel element; for the reason that however able and learned Conservative leaders are, yet they as a class are disfranchised, and their ideas will per force have to be enunciated by very model-like proxies—men with just brains enough to be mischievous when possible.

The obsequies of Collector Kent, who died last August, while at his post, of the prevailing epidemic, took place to-day. The procession was quite large and imposing, the Masons turning out strongly.

Flake's Bulletin is in high dudgeon with your correspondent because facts are represented by him as they exist, in a plain, straightforward, truthful manner. Your correspondent may be deficient in good taste and good manners; yet he believes he was never in a condition of unbecoming a gentleman in his life; was never in the lock-up for any offense whatever; and never frequented low grogeries where vile whisky is sold and vile men do congregate.

Further, your correspondent, in his family, has exercised the duties of a citizen, that of voting, especially, for over a century in this country; and the charge of being a "new-made citizen," therefore, comes with exceeding bad grace from a man who neither in himself or family has known but ten or a dozen years of citizenship on the American continent.

A very able leader appears in the Bulletin this morning on "The Fourth Estate," in which the following language occurs: "The position of the editor of a high-toned American journal is one of great responsibility, for his power to do good or evil is incalculable. He should himself be elevated, else all his writings will not elevate those who read after him; for as he is elevated or debased, so will his teachings rise or fall in the estimation of all true men."

Query—Wouldn't some of our editors not a thousand miles from Galveston, do well to con and observe the truths contained in the above quotation from the Bulletin article on "The Fourth Estate"?

Judge Watrous has refused office room in his United States Court building to Col. Jesse Stancil, the Register in Bankruptcy, though the law plainly defines the right of the Register to a room in the Court building. Perhaps Colonel Stancil is remembered as having been Supervisor of the Board of Registrars who refused to register Judge Watrous.

Smooth Eph. of the Bulletin is defunct. Mr. Lebbitt, the local editor of the Bulletin, ceased his labors for that journal yesterday. We understand that Mr. L. designs entering the legal profession here. From his own statement Mr. L. was an indefatigable journalist, doing the work of two men and receiving the credit for but one. Success doubtless awaits him in his new field.

General Reynolds is expected to return on next Tuesday.

LOYAL LEAGUE.—A Loyal League has been organized in Atascosa county.

City Advertisements.

Sabbath School Examination. The Examination of the scholars connected with the Sunday School of the Methodist Episcopal Church of this city and of which the Rev. N. W. Dean is pastor, will take place on Sunday morning next, the 22nd inst at 10 o'clock, a. m.

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NOTICE. The Mayor will be in attendance at the Mayor's office every day from 8 o'clock A. M. till 12 o'clock M. and from 2 o'clock P. M. till sun down. On Sundays from 8 o'clock till 10 o'clock, A. M.

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OFFICE BUREAU REFUGEES, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands, GALVESTON, TEXAS, Dec. 10th, 1867. PROPOSALS will be received until the 26th inst., for the purchase or lease, for a term of years, satisfactory to the Bureau, of the buildings, tenements and lands appertaining to the same, of the property in Waco, now held by the United States, and commonly known as the "Waco Factory."

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Local Intelligence.

THE RACE.—The race for the purse by Messrs Pray & Spangler came off as advertised, on Friday evening, at 3 o'clock. Karver's horse won the race easily. The first heat Inman's colt came out second best; Palmer's mare third; Chrysler's horse fourth; the other animals bringing up the rear. The second heat Palmer outdove his horse; Inman's colt came out second best again, but was far behind Karver's horse. The riders who rode Karver's animal, and the rider of the hindmost animal, rode well. The rider of Inman's colt and Chrysler's horse, rode awkwardly. The track has been put in fine condition, but it is proposed to get up a Jockey Club and make it better. The crowd at the race numbered two or three hundred persons, and the weather was very fine for the occasion.

MARRIED.—In Darmstadt, Germany, by Rev. Parson Ewald, on the 16th of November 1867, Mr. A. Dittmar to Miss Emma de Rehfuus.

We have the above intelligence by a letter from our friend Dittmar dated the day of his wedding, and stating that he would start on the 23d of the same month for San Antonio. He remarks that it was inconvenient to a wedding cake. Mr. Dittmar's happy change in life will be rejoiced over by all his friends. He is known to be an excellent lawyer and his success in this case will add to his fine reputation. Many happy years to Mr. and Mrs. Dittmar, is our most earnest wish.

MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL.—A called meeting of the City Council was held yesterday at 4 o'clock to take some action in regard to the sale of the Government tannery. It was decided to send a protest to Gen. Howe and if necessary to take legal steps to secure this valuable property for the city.

PERSONAL.—We have had a call from Judge Palmer, formerly one of the proprietors and the brains of the San Antonio Herald. The Judge comes on business connected with his suit against the Herald office. Perhaps no man was ever worse treated by those he had fostered and built up than was Judge Palmer by his partners in the Herald.

PERSONAL.—Captain Fletcher, who has recently been ordered from Fort Clark to Fort Mason, has just received his order to appear before the Retiring Board, and will start for New York city on Monday. The Captain served faithfully through the war and lost his health on the field of contention. A few years of quiet may restore him to the service of his country.

PERSONAL.—Judge Scott passed through our city on his way home, at Austin. The Judge disposed of the docket in Atascosa county, there being no case of importance before the Court. The Judge will next hold Court in Nueces county.

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PUBLIC ACTS OF THE THIRTY-SEVENTH CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES.

[CONTINUED.]

CHAP. CXLVIII.—An Act for the Establishment of certain National Arsenals.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there shall be, and hereby is, established a national arsenal at Columbus, in the State of Ohio, at Indianapolis, in the State of Indiana, and on Rock Island, in the State of Illinois, for the deposit and repair of arms and other munitions of war.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That for the purpose of carrying this act into effect, the sum of one hundred thousand dollars for each arsenal named in the preceding section be, and the same hereby is, appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Approved, July 11, 1862.

CHAP. CXLIX.—An Act to change the Place of holding the Circuit and District Courts of the United States for the District of West Tennessee.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That hereafter the circuit and district courts of the United States for the district of West Tennessee shall be held on the first Mondays in April and October, in the town of Huntingdon, in the county of Carroll, in said district, instead of the town of Jackson, the place heretofore fixed by law. And all process, civil and criminal, which may have been, or hereafter may be, issued, returnable to said courts at Jackson, shall be returned to said courts at Huntingdon; and all books and records of every kind, pertaining to said courts, shall be transferred from said town of Jackson to said town of Huntingdon.

Approved, July 11, 1862.

CHAP. CL.—An Act to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to appoint a Deputy Collector of the Customs at Chinoteague Island, in the State of Virginia.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized to appoint, according to law, a deputy collector of customs to reside on Chinoteague Island, in the State of Virginia, and to exercise such powers, under the revenue laws, as he, the Secretary of the Treasury, may prescribe; the compensation of the said deputy collector to be the legal fees on the business he may transact, and no more.

Approved, July 11, 1862.

CHAP. CLI.—An Act relating to Schools for the Education of Colored Children in the Cities of Washington and Georgetown, in the District of Columbia.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the duties imposed on the board of the public schools in the District of Columbia, by virtue of an act entitled "An act providing for the education of colored children in the cities of Washington and Georgetown, District of Columbia, and for other purposes," approved May twenty-first, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, be, and the same are hereby, transferred to Daniel Breed, Sayler J. Bowen, and Zenas C. Robbins, and their successors in office, who are hereby created a board of trustees of the schools for colored children in the cities aforesaid, and who shall possess all the powers and perform all the duties conferred upon and required of the trustees of public schools in the said cities of Washington and Georgetown by the aforesaid act.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That the before-named trustees shall hold their offices for the respective terms of one, two, and three years to be determined by lot, and it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Interior, on the first day of July, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, and annually on that day thereafter, to appoint from among the residents of the said cities a trustee in place of the one whose term has expired or is about to expire. And the Secretary of the Interior is also authorized to fill vacancies in said board of trustees whenever, from any cause, such vacancies may occur.

Approved, July 11, 1862.

CHAP. CLIV.—An Act to amend an Act entitled "An act to aid in the Construction of a Railroad and Telegraph Line from the Missouri River to the Pacific Ocean, and to secure to the Government the Use of the same for Postal, Military, and other Purposes," approved, July 2, 1862.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the first meeting of the commissioners named in the act entitled "An act to aid in the construction of a railroad and telegraph line from the Missouri River to the Pacific Ocean, and to secure to the government the use of the same for postal, military, and other purposes," approved July second, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, and of the five commissioners directed by said act to be appointed by the Secretary of the Interior, shall be held at Bryan Hall, in the city of Chicago, in the State of Illinois, on the first Tuesday of September next, at twelve o'clock, at noon. A notice of said meeting, to be signed by at least ten of the commissioners named in said act, shall be published at least once a week during the six successive weeks commencing on the twentieth of July, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two, in one daily newspaper in each of the cities of Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Cincinnati, Chicago, and St. Louis, and no other notice of said meeting shall be requisite.

Approved, July 12, 1862.

CHAP. CLV.—An Act Supplementary to the Act for the Release of Certain Persons held to Service or Labor in the District of Columbia, approved April sixteen, eighteen hundred and sixty-two.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the oath or affirmation required by the second section of the act entitled "An act for the release of certain persons held to service or labor in the District of Columbia," to verify the statements or petitions in writing filed before the commissioners, under the act aforesaid, of persons holding claim to service or labor against persons of African descent, freed and discharged therefrom, under the act aforesaid, are infants or minors, be made by the guardian or by any other person, whether separately or jointly, having the custody, management, or control by law of the person and property of such infants or minors; and that if all cases in which the persons holding claims as aforesaid are non-residents of the District of Columbia, or resident absentees,

the oath or affirmation required as aforesaid may be made by the attorney or agent of said non-resident or resident absentees; and in all cases in which the statements or petitions, required as aforesaid, of persons in the military or naval service of the United States, shall have been or may be hereafter made before any commander of any military post, or of any officer having a separate command of any military force in the field, or before any captain, commander, or lieutenant commanding in the navy, the same shall be received and deemed valid, to all intents and purposes, as fully as if the verification had been or were made before any officer competent by law to take and administer oaths and affirmations. Provided, That the commissioners shall be satisfied that, at the time of the verification aforesaid, the person making the same was employed in the military or naval service of the United States within the jurisdiction of a rebellious State or Territory, and unable to make the oath or affirmation required, as aforesaid, before any officer authorized by law to take or administer the same, holding allegiance to the United States.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That if any person or persons in the District of Columbia by reason of African descent, shall neglect or refuse to file with the clerk of the circuit court of the District of Columbia the statement in writing, or schedule provided for the discharge of their claim, approved April sixteen, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, to which this is supplementary, then it shall be lawful for the person or persons, whose services are claimed as aforesaid, to file such statement in writing or schedule setting forth the particular facts mentioned in said ninth section; and the said clerk shall receive and record the same as provided in said section, on receiving fifty cents each therefor.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That whenever the facts set forth in the said statement or schedule shall be found by the commissioners to be true, the said clerk and his successors in office shall prepare, sign, and deliver certificates, as prescribed in the tenth section of the act to which this is supplementary, so such person or persons as shall file their statements in pursuance of the foregoing section, in all respects the same as if such statements were filed by the person having claim to their service or labor.

Sec. 4. And be it further enacted, That all persons held to service or labor under the laws of any State, and who at any time since the sixteenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two, by the consent of the person to whom such service or labor is claimed by law, have been actually employed within the District of Columbia, or who shall be hereafter thus employed, are hereby declared free, and forever released from such servitude, anything in the laws of the United States or of any State to the contrary notwithstanding.

Sec. 6. And be it further enacted, That in all judicial proceedings in the District of Columbia there shall be no exclusion of any witness on account of color.

Approved, July 12, 1862.

CHAP. CLVI.—An Act relating to Trust Funds of several Indian Tribes created by the Government in certain State Bonds abstracted from the Custody of the Secretary of the Interior.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and hereby is, directed to cause to be entered upon the proper books of his department the following credits to the Indian tribes herein named, to-wit: To the Delaware the sum of four hundred and twenty-three thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine dollars and twenty-six cents; to the Iowa the sum of sixty-six thousand seven hundred and thirty-five dollars, and to the confederate bands of Kickapoo, Peoria, Piankashaw, and Weas, the sum of one hundred and sixty-nine thousand six hundred and eighty-six dollars and seventy-five cents; which said amount are for and in place of the same amounts heretofore invested by the government under treaty stipulations with said tribes in the bonds of the States of Missouri, Tennessee, and North Carolina, which were stolen while in the custody of Jacob Thompson, late Secretary of the Interior, in whose department they had been deposited for safe keeping.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That said entries shall be and remain evidence that the United States holds the said several sums named in trust for said tribes respectively, and the treasurer of the United States is hereby authorized and directed to pay to said tribes, respectively, on requisition by the Secretary of the Interior let out on the claims credited as aforesaid, at the rate of five per centum per annum, in semi-annual payments, on the first days of January and July in each year, the first of said payments to be on the first day of January, eighteen hundred and sixty-three.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That all interest which said tribes may have had in said bonds, as aforesaid, is hereby terminated, and the same is vested in the United States; and any recovery or redemption of the same, or any part thereof, shall be for the use and benefit of the United States.

Sec. 4. And be it further enacted, That the sum of fifty thousand six hundred and sixty-four cents is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the payment of interest to the tribes aforesaid on the sums invested in the bonds aforesaid, from the date of the first payment of interest on said bonds to the first day of July, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, to-wit: the sum of thirty-two thousand three hundred and seven dollars and ninety-one cents to said Delaware, five thousand and forty-two dollars and twenty-two cents to said Iowa, and twelve thousand seven hundred and twenty-six dollars and fifty cents to the said confederate bands of Kickapoo, Peoria, Piankashaw, and Weas.

Sec. 5. And be it further enacted, That this act shall take effect and be in force only in relation to any of the tribes aforesaid as shall file with the Secretary of the Interior their assent, in writing, to so much thereof as relates to them respectively.

Approved, July 12, 1862.

CHAP. CLVII.—An Act to provide for the quieting of certain Land Titles in the late disputed Territory in the State of Maine, and for other Purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and required to pay, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to Lewis A. Robbins, of Bangor, in the State of Maine; Catherine C. Ward, of Roxbury, in the State of Massachusetts; Rufus Mansur, of Houlton, in the State of Maine; and James A. Drew, of Chelsea, in the State of Massachusetts, the sum of thirty-three hundred and fifty-three dollars each, being in all the sum of thirteen thousand four hundred and twenty-two dollars, in full compensation for three thousand three hundred and fifty-three acres of land, including the timber previously taken therefrom, in the half township in the State of Maine, granted by the State of Massachusetts to the late General Eaton, and called the "Eaton Grant," to

which said parties lost title by the operation of the fourth article of the treaty of sixth August, eighteen hundred and forty-two, "to settle and define the boundry between the United States and the possessions of her Majesty in North America." Provided, That the said Lewis A. Robbins, Catherine C. Ward, Rufus Mansur, and James A. Drew shall except deeds of release in the parties holding "possessory" or "equitable possessory claims" to the said three thousand three hundred and fifty-three acres of land, or any portion thereof, as described in the reports made to the governor and council of Maine by Ebenezer Hutchinson and other commissioners under a resolution passed by the legislature of said State on the twelfth day of April, eighteen hundred and fifty-four, and the plan of surveys accompanying said reports, and of record in the land office of said State; and provided, also, That it shall appear to the satisfaction of the land agent of said State of Maine that such deeds of release do effectually convey a good title to said lands, except so far as said titles have been effected by the operation of the treaty aforesaid; and provided, further, That it shall appear to the said land agent that the aforesaid parties are incompetent to make such deed of release to the whole of said lands, then they shall be ordered to receive a pro rata only of the compensation provided in this act for so much thereof as they shall convey as aforesaid.

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