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#### The Convention.

SIST DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

CAPIFOL AUSTIN. Texas. December 11, 1868.

Convention met persuant to adjournment; roll called; quorum present; pracer by the Chaplain; journal of vesterday read, and adopted,

The President caused a letter to be read from Hon. D. C. Constant, explaining his absence.

Mr. Ruby moved that Mr. Constant be granted leave of absence for twenty Carried.

Mr. Armstrong of Lamar ssked leave of absence for Mr. Gray.

Leave granted. Mr. Patten asked leave of absence for

Mr. A. J. Evans of MeLennan. Mr. Harris asked, that Mr. Yarborough be excused from attendance on the convention. Carried

Mr. Burnett asked leave of absence for Mr. Glenn until Monday morning. ·Leave granted.

The President announced the com-

Mr. Smith of Galveston presented a petition from Mrs. Julia E. Connet, and asked its reference to the committee on judiciary.

It was so referred. Mr. Patten introduced the following declaration, and asked its reference to the committee on internal improvements:

An ordinance to authorize the levy and collection of a special tax in Falls and McLennan counties to sid in constructing the Waco Tap Ruitroad, and for

other purposes. Sec. 1. Be it declared by this convention, T'at the County Judges, respecthe county of Falls, shall cause polls to be opened and an election to be bolden at the town of Waro, in McLennan county, and the town of Narlin, in Falls county, within forty days from the final passage bereof by the convention, or as soon thereafter as practicable, and shall give public notice of said election for at least twenty days, by publication in newspapers, posters or bills.

Sec. 2. At said election so holden the

qualified voters of each county shall determine by bellot whether a special tax shall be assessed and collected upon all the property in their said respective counties, taxable under the laws of the State, to aid in the construction of the Waco Tap Railroad; and at said election the voters in favor of said special tax shall write or print upon their ball lots the words, " For the Tax," and those opposed to the special tax shall write or print upon their bailots the words, Against the Tax."

the courthouse in their counties, and with the assistance of two clerks, to be appointed by them, respectively, shall give to each qualified voter in their reo'clock A. M. and shall be closed at 4 o'clock P. M., for two successive days. The said County Judges, assisted by their elerks, shall count out the ballots and shall file in the County Clerk's office of the respective counties a full state-

nert of said votes. Sec. 4. Should a majority of the unter tax, then the County Court of either or be assessed and entreeted, and shall coter an order that the assessor and collector of the county do proceed to assess

and collect the same. Sec. 5. It shall be the duty of the assessor and collector of the county, in obedience to said order, to make imme distely an assessment of three per cent. rem of all the property in the county taxable under the laws of the State in force, and to collect the same in manner as follows, to wit : "One per cent, thereof on or before the first day of July, 1869, and one per cent. theteof on or before the first day of December, 1869, and the remainder on or before the first day of June, 1870;" and making out certificates, only to allow in assessing and collecting this tax the the several laws in force at the time, so

not inconsistent herewith. Sec. 6. The deeds of the assessor and collector to property sold for taxes assessed by virtue of this ordinance shall be good and effectual to convey the title, and shall be conclusive evidence that all the requisites of the law have been com-

far as the same may be applicable, and

sale to redeem the same by paying to county. amount of taxes that may have been paid by suid purchaser on said property

Sec. 7. The assessor before entering apon his duties under this ordinance, shall give bonds with two or more good and sufficient securities in the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars, conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties under this ordinance, and payable to the President and Directors of the "Waco Tap Railroad Company," and to be approved by them, and said bond to be filed in the office of said company, and suit thereon shall be for breach for any upon its passage. of its conditions to the full amount thereof in fayor of said company, The assessor and collector shall receive for compensation for duties under this ordinance. one-half the amount allowed by general laws for similar duties, and he shall pay over to the Treasury of the " Waco Tap Railroad Company" the money collected mittee under Mr. Hamilton's substitute under this ordinance as furl as the same passed yesterslay, to be Messrs. M. O. may be collected, and shall take dupli-Hamilton, Thomas Scott, Wright and cate receipts of the Transucer for the cate receipts of the Treasurer for the same, one of which shall be filed in the office of the County Clerk of his of the United States, and will entertain county.

shall give to each tax payer, under this chosen, ordinance, his official receipt for the same paid or collected, which receipts Committee on Immigration. may be consolidated, and shall, when presented to the President and Direc. tors of said Waco Tap Railroad in the sum of fifty dollars, entitle the holder thereof to receive a certificate of paid up stock in said road for one share, and o additional shar, for each additional shall entitle the holder to all the rights and priviledges of stockholders in said Railroad Company.

Sec. 9. In case of vacancy in the office of County Judge, or his absence, inability or refusal to act, any one of the County Commissioners may discharge his duties under this ordinance. By qualified voters mentioned in this orwho shall vote only in the County in which they are registered.

Sec. 10. If a new Constitution for the State of Texas shall go into force and effect before the provision of this ordinance shall have been executed, and by the provisions of the same, or the laws passed in pursuance thereof, the tribunals or any of the officers charged with the execution of this ordinance, shall coase to exist, as provided for by existing laws, then the tribunal or tribunals and officer or officers succeeding under the new Constitution and laws to the jursdiction and duties now held, exercised and discharged by the tribunal and of San Augustine, Rogers, Ruby, Scott, Seers named in the preceding section of Sumner, Phomas, Wa'rous Williams, the day or days, respectively designated provisions of this ordinance, and if adby them for the election, open the polls ditional legislation shall be deemed as the net, shall be required to execute the | 33; cessary to carry out and effectuate the so'ution: provisions of this ordinance, the same

> Mr. Newcomb offered the following esolution and asked its reference to the Committee on Public Lands:

Be it ordained, That no rights held tus of a valid land certificate, shall be east in either or both counties be for the failure to have been located or surveyed session of the Convention, prohibiting since the 2d day of March, 1861, under the Convention to act upon the subje both counties thus noting, shall enter an any laws beretofore passed, limiting the of the division of the State, except by order on the minutes of said court, de-claring that the special rax provided for time for the location and survey of all Mr. Flanagan movi by this ordinance is imposed and shall such o rificates, shall be extended until three months after the adjournment of the next legislature.

It was so referred. Mr. Scott offered the following resolu-

In order that a just compensation may be awarded to the members of this boly, therefore-

Be it Declared. That no member of this body whose seat is now vacant, and has been since the reassembling of the Convention, shall receive any per diem. until said vacancy shall be filled.

Be it further Deela red, That it shall be made the duty of the Secretary in pay from the time such vacancy is filled, niess in case of sickness, or some Prove idential hindrance.

Be it further Declared, That in case of a call of the bouse, no one will be required to be present but such as have returned and answered to their names. Laid over under the rules.

Mr. Gaston offered the following re-

plied with, and shall be subject to be General Brevet Major General J. J. impeached only for fraud: Provided, Reynolds be requested to order an elec-That the owners of property thus sold thou to all the vacancy created by the (if it is real estate) shall be entitled at death of Hon, W. H. Mullins of Cheroany time within twelve mouths after kee and Hon. G. W. Smith, of Marion

the purchaser five times the amount paid .. Mr. Monroe moved a suspension of by him for the land, and five times the the rules to take up the resolution. Rules su-pended.

Mr Buffington offered the fellowing

amendment; And for all such districts whose representatives have resigned their seats." The question recurring upon the adopion of the amendment-

It was adopted. The question recurring upon the adoption of the resolution as amends

It was adopted. Mr. Monroe moved a further suspen-

sion of the rules to put the resolution The convention refused to suspend the rules, two thirds not voting in the affir-

mative. Mr. Thomas introduced the following resolution:

Whereas, The Reconstruction acts creating the Convention, declare that when assembled and organized it shall proceed to frame a Constitution and civil government for the State of Texas.

Resolved, That we will obey the laws no business incompatible therewith, or Sec. 8. The Assessor and Collector with the duties for which we have been

Mr. Degener moved its reference the

It was so ordered. Mr. Schutze offered the following re-

olutions Resolved, That this convention recommend to the Commanding General the removal from office of any civil of-ficers who, in his official especity, may fifty dollars of receipts, which certificates disregard the validity of the ordinance on the repeal of the so called "Sunday

Laws," passed by this "body."

Mr. Schutze moved a suspension of the rules to take up the resolution.

Rules suspended. The question recurred upon the adoption of the resolution, upon which the yeas and nays were demanded and resulted thus:

Yeas- Mesers. Adams Armstrong of Lamar, Brown, Buffington, Degener, Downing, Evans of Titus, Flanagan, Flanagan, W. Fleming, Goddin, John-son of Harrison, Keachler, Mackey, Monroe, Patten, Schutze, Slaughter, Smith, Stockbridge, Wilson of Brazoria, Wilson of Milam-22.

Nays -- Messrs. President, Armstrong of Jasper, Bellinger, Board, Bryant of Grayson, Bryant of Harris, Burnett, Cole, Curtis, Fayle, Gaston, Hamilton of Bistrop, Hamilton of Travis, Harris, Jordon, Kesly, Keigwin, Kendall, Kirk, Lipperd, McCormick, McWashington, Morse, Mandine, Newcomb, Phillips, of

Sethe templation was lost. Mr. Schutze offered the following re-

Resolved. That the commanding genshall be enacted by the first legislature eral be respectfully rquested to declare give to each qualified voter in their respective counties, a fair and full opportunity to cost his ballot freely as he may and after its passage by this Convenchoose. The poll shall be opened at 10
tion. Mr. Schutze moved a suspension of

the rules to take up the resolution.

The President announced that the business in order was the consideration by any individual or corporation, by vir- of the resolution, introduced by Mr. Newcomb, of Bexar, on yesterday, considered forfeited by reason of its pealing a resolution passed at the first

Mr. Flanagan moved the previous question upon the passage of the resolu-

Previous question seconded.

Mr. Hamilton of Travis moved a call of the House.

Call sustained. Absentees Merers, Bell, Boyd, Car-

ter, Coleman, Foster, Grigsby, Harse, Johnson of Calhoun, Mills, Muckle oy, Phillips of Wharton, Posey, Sorel, Tal bot, Vaughao, Whitmore.

Mr. Newcomb moved that the Convention adjourn "sine die."

Upon which the yeas and nays were demanded, and resulted thus: Yeas-Mesers. Armstrong of Jasper,

Bledsoe, Cole, Degener, Gaston, Goldin, Hamilton of Bastrop, Keigwin, Keuchter, Lippard, Newcomb, Patten, Scott-

Navs-Messre. President, Adams, Armstrongof Lamer, Bellinger, Board, Brown, Bryant of Grayson, Bryant of Harris, Buffington, Butler, Burnett, Galdwell, Curtis, Downing, Evans of Titus, Fayle, Flanigan, Flanigan, W. Fleming, Hamilton of Travis, Harris, Resolved, That the Commanding Johnson of Harrison, Jordan, Kealy,

Kendall, Kirk, Lindsay, Long, Mackey, Muttins, Monroe, Pedige, Phillips of San Augustine, Rogers, Ruby, Schutze, Slaughter, Smith, Stockbridge, Sumner, Thomas, Varnell, Watrous, Williams, Wilson of Brazoria, Wilson of Milam, Wright-50, Mr. Thomas moved to adjourn until

10 o'clock to-morrow. Yeas-12. Nays-50.

So the convention refused to adjourn. Mr. Me. Corwick moved to adjourn ill 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Yeas -21. Nays-40. So the convention refused to adjourn. Mr. Patten moved the convention to entire stock of Stationery, Toya.

take a recess until the 4th day of January next. Yeas-2. Navs-60. So the convention refused to take a

Mr. Butler moved that the call of the house be suspended.

Carried. Hamilton of Travis moved a cell of the house.

Call sastained. Absent members - Bell, Boyd, Car. Md CHI. E SHOP ter, Coleman, Foster, Grigsby, Horne, Johnson of Calboun, Mills, Muckleroy, Phillips of Wharton, Preey, Sorel, Talbot, Vanghau and Whitmore.

the House be suspended. Call suspended.

Mr. Degener moved that the members who have not occupied seats this session be excused:

Mr. Hamilton of Travis moved a call of the House. Mr. Flanigan rose to a point of order;

that the motion of Mr. Hamilton was not in order. The President decided the point e

rder in the negative. Mr. Flanigan appealed from the de-

sion of the Chair. Upon the question, "Sha'l the decision of the Chair stand as the decision

of the House? Yess-42 Nays-19. Thomas moved the convention; admura till to-morrow morning 10

clock. Yess- 29 Nuys-35. So the convention refused to adjourn. Mr. Hamilton of Travis renewed the

notion to adjourn. Yeas-29. Nave-35. Mr. Evans of Titus moved that Mr.

Grigaby be excused from attendance of Thomas renewed notice to adjourn

Yess 32. Nays 31. So the convention adjourned till 10 to-morrow morning.

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#### The Republican vs. Mr. Wm. Alexander and M. C. Hamilton

The Austin Republican of the 11th inst. is literally filled up with attacks upon Mr. Wm. Alexander and Mr. Morgan C. Hamilton. The editors are evidently very thin-skinned. We do not pretend to know what the gentlemen to us for all time and if you can out-ruo attacked have been doing to the editors us in the race of life, all is well. of the Republican, but the latter have certainly fallen into the same fit of infirmity with which they charge Mr. H.

We simply enquire whether this is the kind of matter in connection with universal suffrage and the spoilation of the School Fund, which the editors and Stockholders of the Republican desire to circulate through the convention and at the expense of the State?

violence thrown out against Mr. Hamilton, we understand he was heard to revers. What twelve millions of people in nice official nests of the stockholders of mark, in allusion to it, that neither one the South failed to do, is threatened by that paper, perpetrates the following terof the editors of the Republican are the Austin Republican, i. e. ann hilate rible picture of its most fearful foes : charged by any one with having drawn the lee ablience party. from the enemy any more than their Stand from under. share of blood during their connection ... Captain Bunsby. with the 1st. Texas R giment-and speaking of "forbearance" of Judge that we hear our commendation of Justice th

### Accuser.

Express, that, demanding that the fogics, others faces. who have Jun in the groove worn by their forefathers from time immemorial, should retire upon their laurels and permit these who are in sympathy with the new order of things, to lead Texas on apace, with the thrifty regions always blessed with universal freedom, has cut and galled the professional office holders at the State capital the most. They feel the justice of our demand, hence their winces.

· The men who expect to make political capitol by coallecing with the foes of the government, mistake the vigor of the Nation and the spirit of its leaders.

The San Antonio Express is striving again to attract our notice. We dislike to meddle with the thing as we have to wash our hands overy time we touch it. -Austin Cazette.

We advise a ten foot , .le.

#### AUSTIN CORRESPONDENCE.

Austin, Dec. 12th, 1868. The Convention has launched out or the wide sea of legislati n, as will be seen by the proceedings; and it is ceroccur, the Convention will degenerate

again into a factions legislative bedy. The resolution offered by Mr. New comb, re-opening the question of division of the State, has been fought over two days. The votes upon preliminary motion show a decided majority in its favor. By the rule of a "call of the House," Gen, A. J. Hamilton, leading a filibustering party, has managed to keep the convention from voting. The rule is that fifteen members can demand a full house. Seven or eight members are away without excuse. Two of them left for parts unknown, and if the convention does not excuse these absentees, then all business stops. Time, and some say money, is all that is needed to kill division in the convention. We believe, however, it will not be defeated.

Yesterday, Mr. Newcomb made a mo tion to adjourn, stating that he would rather adjourn than remain, in session for months, subject to a rule that must put an end to all business. The motion failed, very properly, although it served

It is said that the anti-division party hope to gain strength by incoming members, and will make a dash on Monday. If all the members were present, there would be a decided majority for division.

The fight over the rules to-day, beame very interesting and bested, and on a vote to overrule the President, there were 30 to 32. Division is an accomplished fact

The Republican is raving over Mr. organ Hapfilton, it fights the great t initio in real Don Quixote style Weather cold. BEXAR

#### Good advice, but we decline to take it.

The Houston Telegraph of the 11th instant says to us, as free men of color, not to ask the privilege of suffrage yet, and if our friends in the convention give this right to us, we must reject it; ask why! The Telegraph says because "your good friends, the demoersts, will take it from you as-soon as the Constitution is adopted."

Now, sit, I ask one thing, why is it that the white people are crying daily, let us vote," if a free man can live so well in a free government, without a voice in its government; why not try t voorselves a while

No, sir, give us the ballot, and give it BRYANT OF HARRIS

Austin, December, 1868.

them, it is war they shall have. And when it commences, those who do not wish to get hurt had better stand from under."

The above is addressed by the Austin Republican to those Union men who are universal suffrage stripe, or the other

The winds whistle portentous whisp-

"CORRECTION:-It is with some surprise

We are glad to know that both opin . Proposals for Lumber. ions meet your approbation. Hotentter Heaver arene Firm Military District. when you jump up to kiss your masters Of all the suggestions made by the band, be careful not to wag your tail in

> THE PROBLEMS OF AMERICA.—Under this heading the Houston Times goes 12 M. for furnishing the Quartermatter's Department at San Antonio, Texas, with Indians. The most difficult problem upon the subject of races, seems to us to be, what is to become of the dam phoets who composed the leaders of the ate Contederacy?

MISTAKEN AS USUAL .- The Austin Republi on charges Mr. Win. Alexander, of that city, with stating that the terrible broil (!) in the editorial staff of that paper, as shown in an editorial and CROCKERY & GLASSWARE!! . St. communication upon the suffrage question, were produced by the same person. Mr. Atexander did not furnish the statement in any shape, either by word

#### The Action of Captain Curtis.

The Austin Republican corrects its false report that the censure of Captain Curtis, for permitting the murder of the Hon. G. W. Smith at Jefferson, was lost in the convention. | Captain Curtierefore, stands charged by the Convention with cowardice.

We desire to know if the Command. ng Officer of the 5th Military District proposes to reward his subordinates with positions of trust when they have sigally failed to protect loyal men-nay. more, when they come from the scene of an strocious massacre of loyal men, Doty's Washing Machine & Wringthe have sought such officers' protection, we ask if these officers, bearing the jand-'69tf approval of the assassins, are to be rewarded for their inefficiency?

It is time for brave men to buckle on their armer against such protectors, unless they are willing to meet the fate of

#### Austin Files.

Our Austin files are complete to the at Fort Richardson, Texas, with ten thousand (10,000) bushels Corn, in sacks.

All bids to furnish the above must be for divisionists has been even more anti-Republican than our meagre reports, reto believe. Upon ascertaining that a and at such times as the receiving officer may majority favored division, the Austin require for the use of the Post. Ring proceeded to kill them off by that each bidder an to reflect severely upon those retarding detestable species of filibustering that Bide to be sealed and endorsed "Propothe business of the convention. has characterized the Copperherd fuesals for Corn at Fort. Richardson, Texas, tion in the United State Congress dusing the past eight years.

And addressed to the undersigned.

By command of Byt. Maj. General J. J. HEYNOLDS, fing the past eight years.

The delegates from west of the Coloido have not withdrawn from the Convention as we had supposed. They merely held a called meeting, adopted a Constitution, and revolved to forward it with a memorial to Congress asking for authority to frame a separate State govcroment, embracing that portion of Texas lying west of the Colorado.

#### Hon. M. C. Hamilton Upon the Assassination of Hon. G. W. Smith.

During the consideration of the mendment offered by Mr. Morgan Hamiton to the resolutions upon the death of Hon, G. W. Smith, a sharp debate sprung up between Mr. Caldwell and Mr. Hamilton. As reported in the Re-Mr. Hamilton. As reported in the Republican, Mr. Hamilton, in refusing to for Corn at Fort Clark, Pexas," and address withdraw his consure of Captain Curtis, sed to the undersigned. withdraw his censure of Captain Curtis,

"M. C. Hamilton-I cannot accommo date the gentleman. How can such things happen, such outrages be perpetrated; in presence of armed soldiers, without involving treachery or cowardice? A masked mob break into the prison, murder a effiseu, and the next day a gentleman to tell the citizens you are not ruffians, you are not murderers! I desire to put on record my protest, with great emphasis, on the my protest, with great emphasis, on the total in efficiency of the civil and military atthorities of the country that permitted and connived at such an atrocity. I believe, moreover, that the gentleman who was in command of the forces when this was in command of the forces when this happened, is now on the staff of the General commanding this Military. District. Well, sit, if so, that is most disgraceful to the United States army, and most insulting to the citizens of this State. Nay, more; it is an outrage on humanity and common decency. And as long, sir, as I am able to stand up in my place, I will denounce such a proceeding with all the vehencince of which my nature is capable, both in this hall and in the face of the world."

### Their Objection.

The Austin-Republican in its attacks In regard to the threats of personal fraction of the Austin Republican stripe, upon some of its opponents, who are continually throwing thorns into the

"Let the people of Texas, the men who have wives and children, and human sym-pathics, and hearts to feel another's wees, imagine a government conducted by this wifeless, childless, bopeless trio of poliwifeless, childless, bopeless trio of politicians of the new sort, without one human

Now, if there is a bathelor among the A

# SEALED PROPOSALS.

into a long bother about the Africans, and the pine Lumber, as may be required for the si-

bir of the first quality, to be delivered in required, and subject to the inspection of the Bids to be plainly endorsed" Proposals for

umber at San Antonio," and addressed t By command of Bvt. Maj. General J. J. REYNOLDS. J A. POTTER, Bet. Brig. Gen. & Chief Qr. Mr. 5th Mil. Dist.

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the programme. Articles shown and deemed worthy, will be awarded a diploma. The awards to be made by the following W H. Jackson, Olmos, Gen, R.W. Bechem. John P Torrey, New Braunfels; W DParrish, Boerne; D A Word, Prairie Lea; Dr. F Kalteyer, San Autonio; Erastus Reed, Bosine; Charles Lege, San Antonio; William &

Kalteyer, San Antonio; Erastus Reed, Bosine; Charles Lege, San Antonio; William & Jones, Boerne; Joseph Dwyer, San Antonio; Major Perryman, New Braonfels; John Vauce, Castroville; Dr. Kaester, New Branefels; H W Chipman, Cold Spring; Mr. Lindheimer, New Braunfels; Captain Peter. Timlinson Atascoso; W. A. Lockhart, Bosine; (Signed) THOS. H. STRIBLING. S. SAMPSON, See'y. President. There will be a competent committee on the grounds to receive articles for excition on the 13th and 20th.

Der Papers in Western Texas favorable to the objects above set forth, will please copy.

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Goods Arrived .- The past few clear days as raised the blockade and our streets are enlivened with freight trains unload-

Fogs. The weather continues to be pleasant, although the past morning or two have been accompanied with heavy fogs. A phenomenon very rarely seen in this latitude. The prospects are that the weather will "dry up.

Bass Ball .- The Frontier Club will have 2 o'clock P. M. Members will be punctual. Spectators are welcome. The grounds are in excellent condition, and the walking is becoming good.

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#### Hotel Arrivals.

MENGER HOTEL, December 16 and 18th .-Dr. Warrent and lady, Fort Concho, Geo. Nolting, New York, Charles Brewer, Galveston, Chas. Walter, New Orleans, J. C. Douglass, C. L. Arbuckle, B. J. V. Erskine,

FATAL AFFRAY. - Jeremiah Hayward. who was mustefed out of company F. 3rd Mehigan Volunteers, in this city in 1865. was recently shot through the heart and instantly killed, with a ball from a pistol in the hands of a man named Dowlin, at a shingle camp on the headwaters of the Medina.

The cause of the difficulty is not stated, Engravers and Manufacturors although our informant says the men are both "Yankees."

COUNTERPEIT MONEY. Thursday evening word was carried to the Mayer's office that a man was over on the west side try ing to pass counterfeit Mexican silver dollars : officers were sent in persuit, who got in sight of the villian, but he dodged out of sight and escaped.

This paper called the attention of the public some days since, to the fact that counterfeiters were in Houstons and cautioned them to be on their guard.

RA LEGAD EXCETEMENT. - Yesterday, (Friday) the Corps of Engineers surveying the route for a railroad between Columbus and San Autonio, arrived in our

A large number of citizens on the Alamo Plaza went out to where the surveyors have pitched their camp, on the hill near Mrs. Dignowity's house and witnessed the proceedings of running the chains from thence to the Alamo Plaza.

PERSONS wishing to see Central Park of New York, will do well to visit the Racecourse on Tuesday afternoon at the closing of the Fair, as we are reliably informed there will be a grand turn-out of fancy tennis as well as saddle-herses, open to all who wish to show their stock; and we think we can equal any city in fine stock and fancy turn-outs (including our fair ladies). In short, we hope all who can will be there to see. " Our Local will be there to take items, as well as hold the "ribbons" of a 2:40.

THRIFTY FRUIT .- One of our grape growers had an old vine die down to the root, and thinking to save time, he determined to graft a young sprout, upon the still existing root. Consulting one of our scientific grape growers, he was informed that while his grafted sprout would many just received and for safe by

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shall we graft them upon the stem of second or will we plant our yine in the virgin soil?

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RELIGIOUS CONFIDE OCE MAN. - An elderly man, aged about 60, large, well formed. "well calculated to deceive," has been The analyzigned having purchased the PUMPS, visiting the members of various religious patent-right for this county to put down the joung 1994st denominations, and under the pretence of "tube-well" are prepared to receive orders. denominations, and inder the pretence of their denomination. These wells are cheaper and better than being a member of their denomination, the ald style in every way. Water guaranborrowed money in sums of from five to teed or no charge, tendollars, to go home on. Mr. Young of Parties wanting wells can apply to Capt.

the Episcopal church was a victim to the A. W. Kempton through, the Post-office, of leave address with the Book Keeper at the the Episcopal Chartes Mr. Martin, Paster of San Asitônio Express Office. the Presbyterian church, suffered to some extent; how many others have been victi- Military Square of this city mized, it is impossible to tell.

On complaint of Mr. Young, the man who gives his name as Charles Walter, and upon this patent. says he is an Englishman, was arrested, and on failure to give bond for his appear-ance at the next term of the District Court, was sent to the County jaik

#### Agricultural a n d Industrial - Williams

MAYOR'S OFFICE, SAN ANTONIO, ? December 18, 1868.

In accordance, with a publication of the Agricultural and Industrial Association of Western Texas, a Fair will be held on the grounds of the San Antonio Jockey Club, on Monday next, the 21st instant.

Appreciating with great pleasure the importance of the steps taken by this Association for promoting the general welfare of our stock-raisers, farmers, and all occupied by Messes. F. Gross & Co., opposite branches of industry in Western of Steepenbeck, also, Texas, I respectfully call the particular attention of the citizens of this city to so Mr. O. Mubstick, For particular great a benefit to all, hoping that it will st J. H. 30, minute. (dec. 14tf result in the permanent establishment of

WILLIAM C. A. THIELEPAPE. Mayor of the Eity of San Antonio?

SERGEANT DAYER, The trial of this soldier is progressing before the Military Commission of wifeen Cloneral John M. Mason is President, with full prospects of its continuing for a weeks.

northerist ... There are a manber of the citizens of

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Gonzales here as witnesses who are loafing out the city at the expense of Uncle

The questioning of the chivalric citizens of Gonzales reveals an order of mind rarely to be found except among a class of patriots who swore fealty to the Government and then took service under the Confed-

The peculiarity referred to is a remarkble absence of usud when ques asked them that would elicit anything favorable to the prisoner. In fact, they do not recollect whether they ever saw a firearm in the hands of a citizen. On the other hand, their recollection of every minutia respecting the actions of the soldiers on the fatal day, is charmingly acute,

It will be remembered that one of the soldiers was wounded through the Thigh before the death of Dr. Cunningham, who was shot in attempting to escape.

We cannot imagine how this Commission can entertain the evidence of the com mon soldiers that any, way conflicts with what the "perfect gentlemen" of Gonzales, may twear to.

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All tax payers that within the above mentioned time fail to pay the Convention tax, will be considered as refusing to pay the same, and will be dealt with according to instructious received at this office.

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(Continued.) [Public-No. 107.]

An Act supplementary to an act entitled "An act to allow the United States to prosecute appeals and writs of error, with out giving security," and for other pur-

Be it enacted by We Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the provisions of the air entitled "An act to allow the United States to prosecute allow the United States to prosecute appe proved February twenty-one, eighteen hun-dred and sixty-three, be, and the same here by are, extended to write of error, appeals, or other process in law, admiralty or equity issuing from or brought up so a circuit court

of the United States.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted. That any corporation or any member thereof, orther [other] than a banking corporation, organized under a law of the United States, and against which a suit at law or in equity has been presented in an court has been or may be commenced in any court other than a circuit or district court of the United States, for any liability or alleged liability of such corporation, or any member thereof as such member, may have suit re-moved from the court in which it may be pending to the proper circuit or district court of the United States upon filing a petition therefor, verified by oath, either before or after issue joined, stating they may have a defence arising under or by virtue of the constitution of the United States, or any treaty or law of the United States, and of fering good and sufficient surety for entering in such court on the first day of its session. in such court on the first day of its session, copies of all process, pleadings, dispositions, testimeny, and other proceedings in said suit and doing such other appropriate acts as are required to be by the acts entitled ... An act for the removal of causes in certain cases from State courts," approved July twenty seventh, eighteen hundred and sixty-six; and it shall be thereupon the duty of the further in the suit, and the said copies being entered as aforaged in such court of the United States the suit shall then proceed in the same manner as if it had brought there by original process, and all the provisions of restraing process, and respecting any bond of indemnity or other obligation given upon the issuing or granting of any attachment injunction, or other restraining process, shall apply with like force and effect in all respects to similar matters, process or things in the suits for the removal of which this act

Approved, July 27, 1868.

[Public-No. 108.] As Act to protect the rights of actual set-

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled. That in no case shall more than three sections of public lands of the United States be entered State under the outlier series is need to any State under the act approved July second, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, for the es tebushment of an agricultural college there-

Approved, July 27, 1868.

[PUBLIC-No. 109.]

Act changing the Ports of entry from Plymouth to Edenton, in North Carolina, and Port Royal to Besufort, in South Ogi-

Be it enacted by the Senate and Bouse of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled. That the port of entry in the Albemarle collection district he removed from Plymouth to Eden ton, North Carolina, and also that Beaufort, in South Carolina, be created a port of entry in lieu of Pert Royal, which is hereby abol Approved, July 27, 1868

[Pour.ic-No. 110.]

act to establish a uniform av tem of bankruptcy throughous the United States,"
approved March second eighteen hundred Be it enacted by the Senate

Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the provisions of second clause of the thirty-third section of said act shall not apply to the cases of proceedings in bankruptcy com-monced prior to the first day of January, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, and the time during which the provisions of said clause is postponed shall be extended until said first day of Jannary, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine. And said clause is hereby se amended as to read as follows: In all prolings in bankrudtay commenced after the coolings in bankrudtay commenced after the grat day of January, eighteen hundred and slaty use, no discharge shall be granted to debtor whose assets shall not be equal to fif-ty per contorn of the claims proved against his estate upon which he shall be liable as the principal debtor, unless the assent in writing of a majority in numbers and in va-

perase " presented or defended " in the four dest debtors " in line five section twenty-ine, of the act as printed in the Statutes at Large, shall read "non resident creditors," that the word "or" in the next to the last that the word "or" in the next to the last bus of the thirty ninth section of the act shall read "and;" that the phrase, "section thirteen" is the forty-second section of said set shall read "section eleven;" and the phrase "or spends any part thereof in gam-ing" in the forty-fourth section of said act, shall read for shall spend any; part thereof in gaming;" and that the words "with the sector register, or, and ith: phrase "to be

contar register, or, and the phrase to be delivered to the register in the forty-ser-seth section of said set be stricken out. C. S. And be it further enacted, The the registers in bankruptcy shall have power to administer oaths is all cases and in re-lation to all matters in which caths may be a laministered by commissioners of the cir-cust courts of the United States, and such commissioners may take proof of debts in bentruptcy in all cases, subject to the re-custon of such proofs by the register and by the court according to the previous of said

Approved. July 27, 1868.

PUBLIC-No. 111.] n Act to transfer to the Department of the Interior certain powers and duties now exercised by the Secretary of the Treesury in connection with Indian affairs.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United State of America in Congress assembled, That the flowers and duties devolving upon the Secretary of the Treasury, under and by virtue of the fourth section of the act entitled "An act making appropriations for the curan act making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian department and for fulfilling treaty stipulation with the various Indian tribes for the year ending June, eighteen hundred and forty; nine, and for other purposes," approved July twenty-ninth, eighteen hundred and forty; indian and the impact and recommendations. tyreight, and the powers and drives devolv-ing upon brm under and by virtue of the laws relating to the investment of the mo-neys in behalf of the Cherokee Indians, from sales of land under the treaties concluded at Pontotoc, October, twentieth, eighteen hundred and thirty-two, and at Washington city, May twenty fourth, eighteen bundred and thirry-four, as also all other supervisory and depellate powers and duties, in regard to Indian affairs, which may now by law be vested in the said Secretary of the Treasury shall from and after the passage of this act be exercised and performed by the Secretaof the Department of the Interior.

Sec. 2. And be it further enveted, That the Secretary of the Interior shall cause a new roll or census to be made of the North Carolina or Eastern Cherokees, which shall the roll upon which payments due said

Indiang shall be made.

Sec. 3, And be it further enacted, That hereafter the Secretary of the Interior shall cause the Commissioner of Indian affairs to take the same supervisory charge of the Eastern or North Curolina Cherokees as of other tribes of other tribes of Indians. Approved, July 27, 1868

[Public-No. 112.]

An Act to provide for an American line of mail and emigrant passenger steamships between New York and one or more Eu-

Re it enected by the Senate and House of epresentatives of the United States America in Congress assembled. That hereby authorized to contract with the Com-mercial Navigation Company of the State of New York, a corporation existing under the law of the State of New York, under a special charter passed by the legislature of said State under the date of April twenty-three, weekly or semi weekly conveyance of all European and fereign mails of the United States between New York and Bremen, touching at Southampton, England, or Livol ouching at Queenstown, in first-class sea-going steamships, to be constructed in the United States and owned by said company, for a term not exceeding fifteen years in the manner and on the conditions herein-

after stated. SEC. 2. And be it further enacted. That the said navigation company shall, with a purpose of performing the above service. build, contract, and it out, within the from the passage of this act, at least seven first class sea-going steamships, five of which shall not be less than three thousand tons and two covernment measurement, and two build, contract, and fit out, within one year each, all of which vessels shall be constructed in the best manner, under the supervision and inspection of the American Lloyds, or, if ordered by the Postmaster General under if ordered by the sometent engineer, to the inspection of the competent engineer, to be detailed for this purpose by the Secretary of the Navy, upon a written application of the Postmaster General so that when completed each vessel shall be of the first class n every respect, and with all known mo dern improvements in model, machiners and outfit to as to secure the greatest possi-ble speed and safety, which steamships when so constructed, shall be organized into and compose the United States mail steam-ship line for the proper conveyance of mail and passengers as hereinafter provided; the time of sailing; and all other details, to be arranged and agreed upon between the said company and the Postmaster General, with power to modify such arrangements, from time to time, as may best promote the object in view: Provided, That no letters or mail matter shall be detained for the purpose of being sent by this line; And provided furthers. That the average rate of speed of the steamships of the said navigation company shall not be less than that of the steam ships of other lines upon the same or similar routes, and if for the speed of the same or similar routes, and if for the speed of the same same of the same same of the same routes, and if for the the trips successively of the steamships of said company shall be made in longer time than that en ployed by other steam en any contract made und provisions of this act shall cease and deter mine at the pleasure of the government of

the United States,
SEC. 3. And be it further enacted. That the compensation for carrying and transporting the mails by sea, as herein provided, shall be agreed upon, and shall be in conformity with the act of Congress, approved June fourteen, eighteen hundred and fifty-eight, and shall in no event or contingency exceed the sum therein provided, being all postgae on letters, newspapers, and all other matter transported by or in the mails carried to act of the sum that he will be standard to the sum of the standard transported by or in the mails carried to act of new papers. ried by said navigation company shall be-long to said company, and shall be paid to said navigation common quarter provided: Provided, That when the receipt of said pavigation company from sea post ages, under any contract to be made in purthe of his creditors to whom he shall have become liable as principal debtor, and who shall have proved their claims, be filed in the case at or before the time of the hearing and determine, and said company shall only receive the joland postages shall cease of the application for discharge.

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SEC. 4. And be if further enacted. That to insure the construction of the above men. tioned vessels within the time and in the vided, and the maintainance of said line, the issue bonds to such an amount that the el the sum of two bundred and fifty thousand dollars, such bonds to be made payable at the expiration of the before named fifteen Years, and the interest thereof to be made years, and the interest thereof to be made payable semi assually, the priscipal and in-terest of such bonds to be made payable in coin of the United States. That for the pro-tection of the holders of such bonds they shall be severally registered at the Post Office Department and certified by the third clerk of the department, without liability for the payment of the interest or principal of said bonds upon the nart of the Post Office Department. bonds upon the part of the Post Office De-partment only in manage as hereinafter pro-vided. And the Postmaster General shall receive all moneys for postag carned by the steamships of seid company, and shall apply the same as far as needed to the payment of the semi-annual interest upon the before named bonds, and shall retain the

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