

San Antonio Express.

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SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1868.

NO. 2.

The Convention.

EIGHTY-THIRD DAY.

CAPITOL, AUSTIN, TEXAS,
December 14, 1868.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment; roll called; prayer by the chaplain; journal of Saturday read, and adopted.

The President caused letters to be read from Messrs. Grigby, Boyd, Mackleby and Talbot, resigning their seats in this Convention.

The President announced the committee under the resolution of Mr. Burnett, respecting the pay of absent members to be Messrs. Burnett, Long and Phillips of San Augustine.

Hamilton of Bastrop offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Provisional Governor of Texas be and is hereby respectfully requested to communicate to this Convention what steps or action if any, he has taken to give effect and force to the ordinance passed by this body at its last session, touching the rights, privileges and interests of the Southern and Central Texas Railroad Company, and also the rights which the people of this country claim to have in the school fund which is invested in the fair and bonds of this and other companies and to furnish a copy of any guarantee or receipts which he may have given to the agents or officers of said Central Road.

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

Resolved, That the Provisional Governor of Texas be and he is hereby requested to give information, &c.

Mr. Patten moved to lay the amendment upon the table, upon which the yeas and nays were demanded, and resulted thus:

Yeas—17. Nays—43.

So the amendment refused to lay the amendment upon the table.

The question recurred upon the adoption of the amendment.

Resolved, That this Convention has heard with respect of the removal of Pvt. Maj. Gen. F. J. Reynolds from the command of the 5th Military District, by the order of the President, and that the thanks of this Convention are hereby tendered to General Reynolds for the faithful and impartial manner in which he has executed the laws of Congress, and especially for his efforts in suppressing insurrection and violence in the State.

Resolved, That an official copy of these Resolutions be forwarded to him.

Yeas—38. Nays—24.

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

Resolved, That the resolution be and is hereby suspended for Friday next at 10 o'clock.

The President announced that the business in order was upon the resolution of Mr. Newcomb to repeal the resolution of Mr. Thomas, passed at the 81st session of the Convention respecting the division of the State.

The previous question being seconded, Mr. Thomas raised the point of order, that under Rule 11th the resolution of Mr. Newcomb was not before the convention.

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Yeas—22. Nays—40.

So the convention refused to adjourn.

Yeas—23. Nays—39.

So the convention refused to adjourn.

Yeas—27. Nays—35.

So the convention refused to adjourn.

Yeas—34. Nays—28.

So the convention refused to adjourn.

Yeas—31. Nays—31.

So the convention refused to adjourn.

Yeas—30. Nays—32.

So the convention refused to adjourn.

Yeas—29. Nays—33.

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Yeas—28. Nays—34.

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Yeas—27. Nays—35.

So the convention refused to adjourn.

Yeas—26. Nays—36.

So the convention refused to adjourn.

Yeas—25. Nays—37.

So the convention refused to adjourn.

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JULIUS HAYDEN.

General Southern Agent.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Bexar.

In County Court for the Settlement of Estates, &c., November term, A. D. 1868.

THE STATE OF TEXAS.

To all persons interested in the Estate of Jose Maria Salinas, deceased.

Whereas, Agustin Barrera and Antonio Salinas de Berrera, administrators of the estate of Jose Maria Salinas deceased, have filed their exhibit and final account as administrators, in the Honorable County Court for the settlement of estates, &c., in and for said county, and applied for said account and allowance and for leave to resign;

Therefore, you are hereby commanded and notified to be and appear at the next December Term of said court, to be held on Monday the 28th day of said month, at the Court-house of said county, in the city of San Antonio, to show cause, if any you can, why said account and exhibit should not be audited and allowed; and said administrators have leave to resign as prayed for, and to do and suffer such things as the Court may then and there order and decree in the premises.

Witness, Peyton Smythe, County Clerk of County Court and Seal of said County at office in San Antonio, this 7th day of December, A. D. 1868.

PEYTON SMYTHE, C. C. & Co. By H. MacConrack, Dep't. Issued same day.

Administrator's Notice.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, County of Uvalde.

The undersigned having been appointed to administer upon the Estate of B. W. Black, deceased, hereby notifies all persons having claims against said estate, to present the same within the time prescribed by law; also persons indebted to the same, are notified to settle within the prescribed time.

P. S. BLACK, N. L. STRATTON, Executors, &c.

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Oct. 31 1868

The Daily Express.

Official Journal of the United States... Official Journal of Bexar County and City of San Antonio.

A. Siemering & Co., Publishers.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1868.

Executive Committee of the Republican Party of Texas: MORGAN C. HAMILTON, of Travis, E. DEGENER, of Bexar, P. W. HALL, of Robertson, C. W. BRYANT, of Harris, A. BLEDSOE, Dallas, G. W. WHITMORE, of Smith, J. W. TALBOT, of Williamson, B. F. WILLIAMS, of Colorado, N. PATTON, of McLennan, G. T. RUBY, of Galveston, M. H. GODDIN, Polk county, DON CAMPBELL, Marion county.

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The Convention.—A short telegram from Austin, Saturday, announced that division is still pending in the convention. The Constitution for the west was completed that day and will probably be sent to Washington immediately.

Who Are To Be Held Responsible?

The Austin Republican has continued to traduce Messrs. Morgan Hamilton and William Alexander, Esq., and the grossness of these attacks induces us to investigate who are to be held responsible for the gratuitous course of that paper since it has come out on the platform of universal suffrage and universal decency.

The exposure of the real condition of the editorship and ownership of the Austin Republican was involuntarily made by that concern itself in order that it might get money out of the Treasury.

According to our information, which has not been and will not be denied, for it is susceptible of official proof, during a casual temporary absence of Major Longley an attempt was made to draw money from the Treasury in behalf of Longley & Co. The Comptroller very properly declined to sign a warrant for the money unless shown by the contract of partnership who the "Co." was.

This forced the production of that paper, of which an abstract at least had to be taken and kept as a voucher in the files of the Comptroller's office. The contract stipulated that Major Longley was to be held out to the world as the editor, and that Haynes, the Assessor of Internal Revenue of the United States for this District, was to have the real editorial control; and that the latter fact was to be kept secret.

The citizens of Austin were aware before, for the number of the stockholders or subscribers represented by Colonel Haynes was too great for it to remain concealed—that Governor Pease, Judge Caldwell, and indeed most of the Provisional officers and clerks, excepting Mr. M. C. Hamilton, Mr. John T. Allen, Professor Streame, and a very few others, had a direct pecuniary interest in the Austin Republican, which were, and is, the acknowledged organ of the Provisional Government.

The control of the paper being in the hands of the Assessor of Internal Revenue and the officers of the Provisional Government, they, and not the ostensible editor, Major Longley, are responsible to the people of Texas for what it puts forth.

These parties ought to know that no portion of the population of Texas is degraded enough to tolerate obscenity in print. They ought to know that smut and vulgarity, whether expressed or implied, is regarded as unpardonable by all ladies, and is sure to exclude any newspapers that indulges in it from families.

It is true that the publication of what the Republican concern exposed by this paper has initiated its ostensible editor; but as its real editor and the proprietors have not controlled him as by the contract they might have done, they are responsible at the bar of public decency for the grossness of the later issues of that sheet.

The tendency of those who feel humiliated by an exposure of some matter they contracted to be kept secret, is to boast either directly or by implication of some excellence they possess which will not be controverted. Still, a sense of shame, if the sense of propriety is too feeble to control, should restrain the editors and owners of the Republican from continuing to boast by implication that they excel in qualities, in which, according to John Randolph, "every jackass is their equal and every billy-goat their superior,"—even, though, as will be cheerfully conceded in order to avoid controversy on the subject, they may excel in nothing else.

The Austin Ring has, according to its own showing as to increase of lawlessness and crime, demonstrated the Provisional Government to be a failure. That is bad enough. That when detected by means of exposure of facts by some of its component parts in a method of making money at the cost of the Treasury by printing, in addition to single and double pay, is very bad, but the excitement caused by detection does not excuse the king for putting itself outside the pale of decency.

Governor Hamilton vs. "The Express."

"For my own part, I would rather move to raise the number of the 'San Antonio Express' than consent to abridge the number of copies taken of the 'Republican.' I would not, simply because the 'Express' is unfavorable to me, have it discontinued, so long as it continued to furnish a faithful record of our proceedings here.—[Hamilton of Travis to the Convention.]

The Express is unfriendly to Governor Hamilton so far as that gentleman lends his abilities to measures that weaken the Government in its control of the State of Texas, and to schemes that are anti-Republican, such as releasing the Texas Central Railroad from its obligations to the School Fund, adopting the laws of the Confederacy as the basis of reconstruction, and enfranchising rebels. These measures, and not the individual, we are uncompromisingly opposed to.

We hope when the Governor finds that they are only sustained by a few of his personal admirers, and repudiated by the masses of the people, he too will drop them.

They Did Vote, After All.

Notwithstanding the holding of a Presidential election in Texas was not ordered by our Provisional authorities and was expressly prohibited by the Military, we learn that the inner circle of the Democracy claims that the vote of this State, small though it was, yet being the only vote given, was cast for Seymour and Blair.

It appears from our exchanges that an election was openly held in a few counties. We learn from private sources that in various other counties an election was secretly held under the instructions of the Democratic State Executive Committee in back rooms, a chosen few alone having a chance to vote. The secret elections held were not intended to be made public except in case it turned out that Seymour and Blair were successful, in which event their electors in this State were to claim and cast the vote of Texas, contending with truth that on the day of the election no other candidates were voted for save themselves.

So it seems after all that Texas has gone for Seymour and Blair.

Attract His Attention.—Our old enemy of the Austin Gazette asserts that we are trying to attract his attention. He is mistaken. There is no person we have less use for than our ancient fisherman of the Capital. How could we fasten his scalp to our saddle? Get out; we never tan leather without the hair on.

The Question Properly Stated.

The question as to suffrage is not fairly and properly stated by our rebel contemporaries, nor by that stupid sheet the Austin Republican.

It should be stated thus: How many of those who disfranchised themselves by making war on the United States, can we enfranchise with safety to ourselves and to the Nation?

In noticing this bubbling about enfranchisement, we have confined ourselves to warning Union men against its premature introduction by Republicans who hoped to draw attention from their special legislation in the Convention.

There is no question of disfranchisement before the Convention or the people.

How to Draw Most from the Treasury.

1. To draw a salary as an officer of the Provisional Government. 2. To draw mileage and \$5 per day in addition as a delegate to the Convention.

3. To draw as one of the shareholders in the Austin Republican all the money that jobs obtained through official influence and by means of votes in the Convention can earn.

It is very profitable to have three taps at a time running from the Treasury.

The foregoing receipt is followed with success at Austin.

Another Blunder of the Organ.

A paper which is capable of presenting itself in only two phases—scurrility or sycophancy—must as a matter of course commit blunders.

That seriously owned and more seriously edited paper, the Austin Republican, has affronted two of the Judges of our hazy Supreme Court by a too fulsome laudation of the opinion of Judge Hamilton. It has had to apologize. The implications of the organ not only offend some of its shareholders, but give an insight into its habitual thoughts.

Debates in the Convention.

AUSTIN, Dec. 11th, 1868.

DIVISION OF THE STATE.

MR. NEWCOMB OF BEXAR SAID: Mr. President—I do not desire to take up the time of this Convention in any extended discussion of the question of the division of the State or any of its collateral issues. These questions were debated—I might say exhausted—in the discussion which they elicited in this hall last summer. I merely wish to represent to the Convention the present aspect and condition of this question.

This convention delegated two of its body last summer, the Hon. M. C. Hamilton and the Hon. C. Caldwell, to visit Washington in order to ascertain, among other things, the views of Congress in reference to this subject of dividing Texas into two or more States. Soon after this matter was disposed of by a resolution ruling out this question from the further action of this house. It was understood, however, that many members who voted this resolution were in favor of division provided Congress would give its sanction to it. Soon after that a telegraphic memorial was sent to Washington signed by a majority of the members asking Congress itself to pass a bill for the division of the State. No lines, I believe, were laid down or specified defining the boundaries of the new States to be created. So far as I recollect, no member of this House thought that the proceedings taken here in relation to that question should shut out for all after time all further consideration of this important measure.

The question has ever been before the people of the State, not as a possible contingency, but as a project only awaiting time and opportunity for its consummation. Now, sir, the gentleman from Collins, yesterday introduced a resolution pledging this Convention to take no action in reference to this matter until after the Constitution shall be completed. Well, sir, we have a constitution nearly finished, and the whole thing could be fixed in twenty-four hours were the urgency of the case such as to demand it. But there are other questions vitally affecting the interests of this State, besides those involved in making a Constitution. And it is only simple justice to the people that this question be opened up for action. A great deal has been said about taxes and the rights of those that pay them. Now, if the Comptroller were to make a return showing what counties had paid their Convention tax, and which were defaulters, it would be found that the people of my part of the State has been prompt in meeting the demand. And being as it is, a settled conviction with the people of the West that the State must be divided, surely their wishes on this matter ought to be heeded and respected. I will take up the time of the Convention no further than to say, that I hope the rule formerly adopted by this house interdicting any further action in relation to this matter, will be rescinded.

MR. TOMAS SAID: I hope gentlemen will not act precipitately in this matter. I shall do all the Convention but a few

moments in giving expression to my views. Our duties as a Constitutional Convention are defined in the reconstruction acts. The language of those acts is too clear to admit of the least doubt as to its meaning. They declare in express terms, that the Convention, when assembled and organized, shall proceed to frame a constitution and civil government—not two or three constitutions for as many States, but one constitution for the State of Texas. Every registered voter in this State has made solemn oath to obey the laws of the United States, of which the reconstruction laws are a part. We are the representatives of the registered voters, and the reconstruction laws are the laws by which this body has been called into existence; they are the source of its authority, and surely it will not be claimed that they confer on this convention the right to divide Texas. Congress has made no new grant of power. Whence then is the authority derived?

The power to give the consent of the people of the State to a division is vested by the constitution of the United States, which is the supreme law of the land, in the legislature. But there is no legislature in being; consequently no consent can be given. For this body to attempt the exercise of a power which belongs to the legislature alone, would be an usurpation which Congress, in my judgment, would not, and should not sanction. Neither the people of the State of Texas, nor this convention, sovereign as some may deem it, can elect a United States Senator, and why? Because to choose a United States Senator is the prerogative of the legislature, made so by the supreme law of the land. To assume, in either case, to exercise a power vested exclusively in the legislature would be to pursue a course alike repugnant to common sense and to constitutional law. The articles of annexation do not, as has been claimed, give the consent of the State to division. They simply guaranty that "new States, of convenient size, not exceeding four in number, in addition to said State of Texas, and having sufficient population, may hereafter, by the consent of said State, be formed out of the territory thereof," &c., &c.

The terms of annexation were assented to by the Republic of Texas—not the State of Texas—and the consent of the State to division, if given at all, must be given in the constitutional way. How, I ask, can Texas consent to this measure, when Texas has no legal constitutional organization and no legislature? The consent of Congress alone is not sufficient for the construction of the United States, declares, article 4, section 3: "New States may be admitted by Congress into this union; but no new State shall be formed or erected within the jurisdiction of any other State; nor any State be formed by the jurisdiction of two or more States, or parts or States, without the consent of the legislatures of the States concerned, as well as of the Congress."

But Congress has not consented to the division of Texas, nor said this convention may either divide it, or give the consent of the people to its division. And Congress dare not give its consent, in violation of the organic law of the land. Gentlemen have wasted much of their time and the people's money in urging this impracticable measure. I protest against it, and shall continue to protest against it, so long as it has an advocate upon this floor.

A MISKOMER IN EACH INSTANCE.—The Marshal Republican and the Austin Republican.

New Advertisements.

Proposals for Lumber, HEADQUARTERS FIFTH MILITARY DISTRICT, STATE OF TEXAS, Office of Chief Quartermaster, Austin, Texas, December 12th, 1868. SEALED PROPOSALS.

In duplicate will be received at this office until Thursday, December 31st, 1868, at 12 M. for furnishing the Quartermaster's Department at San Antonio, Texas, with such quantity and such sizes of clear, white pine lumber, as may be required for the six months ending June 30th, 1869.

All bids for the above must be for Lumber of the best quality, to be delivered in such quantities and at such times as may be required, and subject to the inspection of the receiving officer.

Bids to be plainly endorsed "Proposals for Lumber at San Antonio," and addressed to the undersigned, By command of Bvt. Maj. General J. J. REYNOLDS, J. A. POTTER, Bvt. Brig. Gen. & Chief Qr. Mr. 5th Mil. Dist. dec.1968

SARDINES.

Fresh Peas, Preserved Peas, Peaches, Apples, Mackerel in tin boxes, Asparagus, Shell Saw Sm.) E. PENTENRIEDER.

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Consignment.

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Attention! Attention!!

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LOVENSTERN & Co., offer our entire stock of

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FALL AND WINTER DRY GOODS, CLOTHING, BOOTS AND SHOES OPENED AT GREAT BARGAINS!!

MESSRS. BLOMBERG & FRANK, are now offering their Stock of Dry Goods, Clothing, Boots and Shoes, at REDUCED PRICES, with a view of making room for their Spring Stock, and would respectfully advise all who have not supplied their wants to call and see them before purchasing elsewhere.

They have just received a large Stock of Blankets, Clothing, Boots, Shoes, Hats, &c.

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Proposals for Corn.

HEADQUARTERS, FIFTH MILITARY DISTRICT, STATE OF TEXAS, OFFICE OF CHIEF QUARTERMASTER, Austin, Texas, Dec. 10, 1868. SEALED PROPOSALS.

In duplicate, will be received at this office until Saturday, January 16th, 1869, at 12 M., for furnishing the Quartermaster's Department at Fort Clark, Texas, with five thousand (5,000) bushels Corn, in sacks.

All bids to furnish the above must be for merchantable, sound, shelled, corn, subject to the inspection of the receiving officer.

Delivery to commence on acceptance of contract and continued in such quantities and at such times as the receiving officer may require for the use of the Post.

Satisfactory evidence of the solvency of each bidder and person offered as security, will be required.

Bids to be plainly endorsed "Proposals for Corn at Fort Clark, Texas," and addressed to the undersigned.

By command of Bvt. Major Gen. J. J. REYNOLDS, J. A. POTTER, Bvt. Brigadier General & C. Q. M. 5th Military District. ec13d6t

Proposals for Corn.

HEADQUARTERS FIFTH MILITARY DISTRICT, STATE OF TEXAS, OFFICE OF CHIEF QUARTERMASTER, Austin, Texas, December 9th, 1868. SEALED PROPOSALS.

In duplicate will be received at this office, until Saturday, January 16th, 1869, at 12 M., for furnishing the Quartermaster's Department at Fort Richardson, Texas, with ten thousand (10,000) bushels Corn, in sacks.

All bids to furnish the above must be for merchantable, sound, shelled, corn, subject to the inspection of the receiving officer.

Delivery to commence on acceptance of contract, and continued in such quantities and at such times as the receiving officer may require for the use of the Post.

Satisfactory evidence of the solvency of each bidder and person offered as security, will be required.

Bids to be sealed and endorsed "Proposals for Corn at Fort Richardson, Texas," and addressed to the undersigned.

By command of Bvt. Brig. Gen. J. J. REYNOLDS, J. A. POTTER, Bvt. Brig. Gen. & Chf. Qr. Mr. 5th Mil. Dist. dec.19d6t

"St. Charles Belle."

The subscribers call the attention of former purchasers and others, to this celebrated brand of Flour, that they have received another consignment and offer as low as the same grade of flour can be afforded. SAMPSON & TORREY. dec.8d1f.

Local Intelligence.

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE OF MAILS.

Table with columns for destination (ALLEYTON, VICTORIA, WACO, EL PASO, BAGUE PASS, CORPUS CHRISTI, LAREDO) and arrival/departure times.

LOST. County Warrant No. 156, No. of claim 56, dated October 19th, 1868, amount \$97.70, drawn in favor of the undersigned. dec 20 1868. AUGUST NETTE.

PERSONAL.—Dr. Redford Sharpe, Post Surgeon of Camp Verde, is in the city on a short leave.

REAL ESTATE.—Fourteen conveyances are on file for the week, four releases, one deed of trust, and three judgments from other counties sent here for record.

GOOD APPLES.—Our city is well supplied with excellent apples from Arkansas; also, Lemons and Oranges from Mexico, and two and a half pound onions from El Paso.

BIG TRAIN.—An immense train of regular Mexican carts, numbering forty-eight, and as large as good sized log houses, passed down Commerce street Saturday. They are to load for Captain King, of the firm of King, Kennedy & Co. It took nearly three hundred mules to draw the train.

CHANGE.—We notice that our worthy Assessor and Collector, Mr. C. Nunez has become the editor of El Mercurio de Texas, Mr. Epstein retiring. This sterling Spanish paper has reached its twenty-fifth number, and is in a prosperous condition.

REAL CONCERT.—Our enterprising townsman, Mr. Pentenrieder, still keeps his beautiful store illuminated each evening, open to inspection by all visitors. Mr. Pentenrieder has engaged the services of the Brass Band and they will take position on the roof of the store and discourse sweet music previous to Christmas.

COUNTY CLERKS OFFICE.—The number of marriage licenses in the week just ended, exhibit a decided increase over any previous week of the season, eight licenses have been issued, and sixteen persons have changed their condition in life. Let us hope that their journey may be smooth and pleasant to them.

SALE OF HOGS.—Ninety head of hogs were sold yesterday in our city at auction. They were a drove brought to the city for the new Packing establishment of Scheiner & McManus, who refused to receive them. The owners, who are from Atascos county, have commenced action against the packers for damages, who they claim had purchased the hogs.

ANNIE POINDEXTER is one of about a half dozen negro women who inhabit this city and disgrace their sex, race, and generation. They are drunken street-walkers, who are too hideous to be allowed to run at large; yet the community is compelled to tolerate them. This particular case was arraigned yesterday for fighting.

COUNTERFEITERS.—The two men who passed a counterfeit dollar on the west side, asked for change; the person who gave the change had only counted out six bits, when they broke and ran with it. The man gave the alarm, but neither of the counterfeiters was caught.

CHRISTIANITY.—The religious swindler who with a tear in his eye obtained money from various persons in town, is still languishing in the County Jail under the trifling bond of one hundred and fifty dollars. His prospects are good for several months, both here and in Huntsville Penitentiary.

Wm. S. STOUT, a youth less than eighteen years of age, was arraigned before the Mayor's Court upon a charge of drunkenness and disorderly conduct. He was fined five dollars and costs, in default of which he was committed to the city jail for five days.

William seems to be a vagrant, without friends or character. Unless he is taken in charge by some good farmer and put to work, he may continue down hill until he finds himself a confirmed drunkard or a State prisoner for some high crime.

Division. Elsewhere we give the speech of our delegate, flor. J. P. Newcomb, delivered upon the occasion of his introducing a resolution re-opening the question of a division of Texas. The speech is characteristic of the man; concise and emphatic, without prostration; it embodies every point necessary to explain the object of the resolution. Mr. Newcomb's candor upon every question debated, has won him the confidence of such older and more experienced men in the State Convention. His indomitable energy gives him a prominence that his constituents may well be proud of, while his work is done so unostentatiously that his fellow-members can take no exception, but rather appreciate the result of his labor.

The division question is particularly a Western hobby, although equally as much interest is felt for its success in every part of the State, save the immediate vicinity of Austin, consequently all said by our delegates is interesting to our readers.

Old Sinners. There are in Texas a score of old, worn-out politicians and operators, who affect great piety, purity and simplicity, but who are more mischievous and dangerous than any other class of men in the State. They belong to no party, but instead to all parties. They are always scheming an planning mischief, they are ever undermining the citadel of our liberties, and serpent-like, are ever slaying the prey they expect to swallow. This stock of antiquated political brokers are incapable of an honest thought. Their words are all honey, and their hearts all gall. They are all disappointed men, and having no passion but avarice to gratify, they worship morning, noon and night, at the shrine of Mammon. They are an incubus and a curse upon the State; and, old as they are, some of them will get exposed if they don't mind their P's and Q's. Houston Times.

The Editor must have been to Austin.

A Common Sabbath.

A writer in the Israelite, published at Cincinnati, makes an appeal to his Hebrew brethren, to unite with the Christians in the observance of the same day as the Sabbath. He writes that there is no special command that the Jews shall keep their Sabbath on a Saturday, and therefore, that there is no reason why the whole body of Christians and Jews may not keep the Sabbath on the same day—the Sunday.

The present rule he argues, is especially hard upon the Jews. They have to close up their business and suspend their labor on Saturday, when all the rest of the world are fully employed; and they have to close their business virtually on the succeeding day, when the other portion of mankind have their Sabbath. If one day was agreed upon, the whole civilized world would keep their Sabbath on the same day.

The writer does not say in what mode this Sabbath should be observed—rigidly, or as a day of rest from labor and recreation for body and mind. This movement for a transfer of the Jewish Sabbath to Sunday marks the progress of the world in matters of religion.

Two friends were dining together one of them remarked: "I am going abroad; I have made my will, and I have bequeathed to you my entire stock of impudence." The other replied: "You are generous as well as kind; you have bequeathed to me by far the largest portion of your estate."

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HERTZBERG & SIMON. nov. 25 1868.

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Water obtained in a few hours. The undersigned having purchased the patent right for this county, to put down the "tube-well" are prepared to receive orders. These wells are cheaper and better than the old style in every way. Water guaranteed or no charge.

Parties wanting wells can apply to Capt. A. W. Kempton through the Post-office, or leave address with the Book Keeper at the San Antonio Express Office.

A sample of these wells can be seen on the Military Square of this city.

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All persons are warned against infringing on this patent.

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Notice to Tax-Payers.

ASSESSOR AND COLLECTOR'S OFFICE, San Antonio, Texas, December 1st, 1868.

The Tax-payers of Bexar county are hereby notified that those who fail or refuse to pay their State and County taxes for the current year, within ten days from date hereof, an addition of ten per cent will be added to the tax, according to section 22nd of the tax law.

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 instructions received at this office.

C. NUNEZ, A. & C. B. Co.

By E. Mondragon, Deputy, dec 4 1868.

COFFEE! COFFEE!!

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