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The Good Great Man.
How seldom, friend, a good great man inherits Honor and wealth, with all his worth and pains!
It seems a story from the world of spirits When any man obtains that which he merits Or any merits that which he obtains.
For shame, my friend, renounce this idle strain! What wouldst thou have a good great man obtain? Wealth, title, dignity, a golden chain, Or heaps of corpses which his sword has slain? Goodness and greatness are not means, but ends. Hath he not always treasures, always friends, The good, great man? Three treasures, love and light, And calm thoughts equable as infant's breath; And three fast friends, more sure than day or night: Himself, his Maker and the angel Death. —Samuel Taylor Coleridge.

Republican Platform.
The Republican party of Bexar county, assembled in Mass-meeting, in the city of San Antonio, on Wednesday, May 6th, 1869, made the following declaration of principles:
Whereas, Unity upon political questions is indispensably necessary among those who are loyal to the Government, and in favor of the Reconstruction laws, and the National Administration; Therefore, be it resolved:
1st. That we, the Republicans of Bexar county, in Mass-meeting assembled, accept the National Chicago Platform, as modified by the 15th amendment, and will heartily support the principles therein announced.
2d. That we most emphatically disapprove of any division in the Republican party, and we earnestly urge upon all true and loyal men to drop obsolete issues, and previous differences, and unite as one man in the great work of reconstructing the State in conformity with the National will.
3d. That we recommend the holding of a State Convention at Houston, on the fourth Monday of May, and a Congressional Convention at Seguin, on the third Monday of May.
4th. That we are opposed to self chosen candidates, or to those presented by cliques, in any manner.
5th. That we pledge ourselves to support the regular nominees of our State and District Conventions.
6th. That the Secretary of this meeting is instructed to furnish a copy of the proceedings of this meeting to the loyal papers of this State.

District Convention.
At the meeting of the 29th Senatorial Representative District Convention at San Antonio, on Monday, May 10th, 1869, the following resolutions were passed:
WHEREAS, 1st. No election is yet ordered, and it is uncertain whether the President of the United States will order an election at an early day, or postpone the same till after the re-assembling of Congress; and
WHEREAS, 2d. In the latter event it would be inexpedient to nominate candidates for the Texas Legislature at so early a date, as new issues might arise requiring different nominations; and
WHEREAS, 3d. The time allowed for the convening of this Convention was unobtainably too short, to enable all parties concerned to take the requisite action; and
WHEREAS, 4th. The small number of Delegates who responded to the call, convince this assembly that they cannot claim to fully represent the Republican party of the District; Therefore,
Be it Resolved, That those persons who are willing to tender their services to the people, as members of the Texas Legislature, are requested to make known their names.
2nd. That the Counties of the 29th District, not yet represented in this Convention, be urged to call mass meetings and select delegates to the Convention, when re-assembled.
3rd. That this Convention adjourn, subject to re-assembly by a call of the majority of the present Delegates, after the day of election shall have been ordered.
4th. That the following be the permanent Chairman, and delegate for Bexar county, delegate for Bexar, San Antonio and Kendall counties.
G. W. TRICKERIDGE,
Chairman,
W. H. PERRY,
delegate for Bexar county.

AGRICULTURE.
J. W. Gregory, of No. 216 Pearl St., has of late made an extensive tour through the South-West. The chief object of his visit was to introduce to the Southern farmers the Castor bean, and the new textile plant, Ramie.

THE CASTOR BEAN plant requires a rich, strong soil, and reaches the height of a tree when not kept down by topping. It will flourish best on the black prairie lands of Texas, and the rich alluvions of Louisiana and Alabama. It is ornamental as well as useful, and will grow as a garden plant as far north as 48 deg, but cannot be cultivated as a crop with much profit north of 30 deg.
The bean is not affected by drought or worms, while its culture is well suited to the present scarcity of labor, especially as in the perennial form, it will, as in India, produce five or six crops without replanting. It should be planted in rich ground, cleared in March, deeply covered—the land evenly as for corn, eight feet between the rows, six feet between the plants in a row. Plant two beans in a hill, cover, and work between as for corn. When the plants are a foot high, thin out to one plant, and pinch off the top of that, and if the tendency is to grow rank, repeat the pinching on the end of each branch, when the plant is three feet high, and again the same when it is five high, as the blossom or spike usually grows out of the fork of the branches.
For yields six feet each way will usually give room enough. This chequing will make about 1200 plants to the acre, requiring some 24 pounds of seed. These 1200 plants, it is believed, will yield about 24 pounds each of clean seed, which, at the rate of 3 cents per pound, specie, would realize the handsome sum of \$72 per acre. This result, however, requires not only the large perennial seed (the only sort that should be planted) but good ground, well worked, and a shelter to throw the spikes under as fast as gathered. The greatest losses in Texas have been caused by want of the large perennial seed, and resorting to the small annual bean. Fine results have been attained in Texas by merely putting in a few seeds to make shade for poultry, and as an ornament, without any cultivation whatever.
Profitable experiments can be made by raising one plant in each angle of the rail fences of cotton fields. This will also help to protect the cotton against all destructive insects, including the cotton worm. It may also be found valuable to alternate the bean and cotton through large fields—planting every third, fourth, or sixth row with the bean.

RAMIE.—Mr. Gregory has taken North a package of the roots of this plant, and will soon present before the Club specimens growing in pots or boxes. At the late State Fair of Louisiana a prize was awarded to a grower who entered two bales of this material. When growing it looks, he says, like young white willow; the stalks are round and tapering. As soon in the season as these shoots begin to change their color slightly they may be cut even with the ground, when another vigorous growth follows. In a long season a third crop will grow, and may be harvested. The Ramie has a long fine fibre, in appearance half way between silk and cotton. It is the fibre of the wood, not the bark, and is separated from the wood by the dressing process. From 1 to 2 of the weight of the stalk consists of the fibre. After the woody parts are removed the fibre is dipped in an alkaline solution. In this way the soft parts are all eaten away, and little but the white threads remain. Ramie sells now in London at from 50 to 60 cents a pound. At present it is used to mix with silk as it has the requisite fineness and gloss. All silk spinners and weavers are glad to get it, and would use much more of it. The produce of an acre of good land is about 500 pounds at cutting, or 1200 pounds in the season. It produces three times as much Cotton and sells for twice as much. Three or four plants will afford root cuttings enough to plant an acre. The chief difficulty at present, Mr. Gregory thinks, is the want of a good and cheap process of cleaning the fibre. He suggests that perhaps roasting in a box with superheated steam might break down the texture of the stalk, yet not damage the staple. There is room here for another Eli Whitney to present the South an invention that will do them as much for Ramie as the gin did for the cotton plant.

AGRICULTURAL FACTS.
The whiter bread is the less nourishment it contains.
A few years ago we began to ship wheat to England, then cheese, now hay.
Selling lean stock from a farm marks the poor farmer, and keeps his farm poor.
Ment says there is no need of having wheat lodge in the rankest of soils if the sowing is well done.
The Prairie Farmer says a Kentucky woman feels more pride in having the first green peas than the first spring bonnet.
In sandy regions a horse seldom recovers entirely from the scratches unless he has damp mud or tan bark to stand on by his stable.
Always have something you can sell and seldom require things that you must buy. This rule will make any farmer rich that follows it ten years.
An acre in cotton, well tilled and tended, on good land, will yield material for 400 sheep. The same surface used for feeding sheep would produce only 50 fannel shirts.
Chemistry will prove that there is more nutriment in a quart of corn meal than in a half bushel of beets. But in practice, two quarts of meal fed with a half bushel of roots, will make more meat than four quarts of meal.
In America, England, France, and Germany less dark and hard bread is eaten than formerly. Wheat is more popular, and there is not enough more produced to meet the demand. This is why it takes a laborer a week to earn a barrel of flour.

The average strength of woman is two-thirds that of man. More than two-thirds of the labor in the nursery business and small fruit culture is just as well suited to woman as sweeping, or working butter, or making soap, or rolling pie-crust. Let no rosis lay hand.

OFFICIAL LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES, Passed at the Third Session of the Fortieth Congress.
(Continued.)
V. COMMERCIAL AGENCIES. Schedule C.

For expenses under the act of Congress to carry into effect the treaty between the United States and her Britannic Majesty for the suppression of the African slave trade, two thousand five hundred dollars: Provided, That the salaries of the judges and other officers shall be paid to them only upon the condition that they reside at the places where the courts are to be held, as provided by law, and only for so much of the time as they reside at such places: And provided further, That the President be, and he is hereby, requested to apply to the government of Great Britain to put an end to that part of the treaty of April seventh, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, which requires of each government to keep its mixed courts, and upon the consent of the government of Great Britain being obtained, then the salaries of all the officers of the United States connected with said courts shall cease.
For expenses under the neutrality act, ten thousand dollars.
For the payment of the fifth annual installment of the proportion contributed by the United States towards the capitalization of the Suez Canal, to fulfil the stipulations contained in the fourth article of the convention between the United States and Belgium of the twentieth of May, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, the sum of fifty-five thousand five hundred and eighty-four dollars in coin, and such further sum as may be necessary to carry out the stipulation of the convention providing for payment of interest on the said sum and on the portion of the principal remaining unpaid.
Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That no diplomatic or consular officer shall receive salary for the time during which he may be absent from his post (by leave or otherwise) beyond the term of sixty days in any one year: Provided, That the time equal to that usually occupied in going to and from the United States in case of the return, on leave, of such diplomatic or consular officer to the United States may be allowed in addition to said sixty days; and section three of act of March thirtieth, eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, is hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That the fee provided by law for the verification of invoices by consular officers shall, when paid, be held to be a full payment for furnishing blank forms of declaration in any one year: Provided, That the time equal to that usually occupied in going to and from the United States in case of the return, on leave, of such diplomatic or consular officer to the United States may be allowed in addition to said sixty days; and section three of act of March thirtieth, eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, is hereby repealed.
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Physician and Surgeon,
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On Commerce street,
San Antonio, Jan. 3rd, 1869. JAWIT

DR. F. HERRF,
Respectfully announces to his friends that he has resumed practice in the city.
Office, at Nettie's Drug Store, on Commerce street. (April 18 69)

Profitable Investment.
113 Shares in the San Antonio Ice Company, owned by Messrs. Dugas & Girardey, New Orleans. Will be sold at Auction, on Saturday, the 15th of May, at 10 o'clock, A. M., in lots to suit purchasers, from one share upwards.
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We are authorized to announce A. O. COOLEY, of Gillespie county, as a candidate for Commissioner of the General Land Office, at the next election. Subject to the action of a full Republican State Convention of Texas.

Republican State Convention.

A Delegate Convention of the Republican party of Texas is hereby called to assemble at HOUSTON, on the THIRTEENTH MONDAY OF MAY NEXT, for the purpose of nominating candidates for State offices. The basis of representation for delegates, is the same as the apportionment made by the late Reconstruction Convention. It is earnestly urged that a full delegation from the various counties be present.

TRACY & QUICK,
Editors Houston Union.
E. M. WHEELLOCK,
Editor San Antonio Express.
A. SIEMERING & T. HERTZBERG,
Editors Freie Presse for Texas.

A Call.

FOR A DISTRICT AND CONGRESSIONAL CONVENTION.

The loyal press unite in urging the Republicans of the 4th Congressional District, to select delegates to a CONGRESSIONAL CONVENTION to assemble in Seguin on the THIRD MONDAY IN MAY—each Senatorial district to send as many delegates as it may be entitled to have Senators and Representatives in the State Legislature.

England's Decay.

After the conquest of England in 1066, by William the Norman Duke, he ordered a survey of all English real estate, and a registry of the proprietors. This was recorded in the famous Domesday book. In round numbers there were then in England 45,000 owners of real estate, in a population of about one million, or 1 in 22.

Six hundred years afterward, the revolution that made William of Orange King of Britain, found this ratio not greatly changed; the people having increased to 5,500,000, with about 160,000 proprietors, or 1 in 34. This equality of proportion for six long centuries, shows that the popular element, the yeomanry and peasantry of England, from whose ranks were recruited the renowned "bows and bills" of Creep and Poitiers, still maintained its salutary position and influence in the British Constitution.

But the last two hundred years have destroyed the old equilibrium, England then began a career of Colonial extension, foreign conquest, manufactures and trade, which, though outwardly splendid, was ruinous to the mass of her home population. A new power, the money power, has absorbed the functions of the State, and directed the legislation of the nation in the interests of centralization, and of an ever narrowing oligarchy. Capital, piled up in formidable accumulations, has made war upon labor and crushed its rights, till the bold yeomanry and middle classes have passed away, sinking into hopeless pauperism. The census of 1861 tells an ominous tale. While the population has augmented to 20,000,000, the land owners has lessened to 30,000; or 1 in 653. Society is now fast ranking itself into two hostile classes—the few and the many, the landlord and the landless, the capitalist and the sullen despairing laborer; while between them, as in the last ghastly days of the dying Roman Empire, there opens an ever widening gulf, threatening swift dissolution to the State.

It is proposed to continue the educational work at the South, which was commenced while he was at the head of the Freedmen's Bureau. It is stated that recent reports from State superintendents, under the Bureau, show a desire for a continuance of this work at all points except in Texas, where prejudice is so strong that it is found impossible to do the proper educational work, and within a brief period not less than 60 school-houses have been closed.—National Republican.

We should like to see the data from the State Superintendents upon which the above paragraph was written.

The first school for freedmen was started in Galveston in September 1865, and as fast as teachers could be improvised or procured, other colored schools were formed, until in June 1867 more than 5000 children were under instruction and

perhaps half that number of adults. It is passing strange that now, when law and order is better enforced than ever heretofore, and when ruffians and braves in all parts of the State are met with the ball or the rope, that "prejudice should be so strong as to make the education of the freedmen impossible, and require the closing of sixty school houses within a brief period."

If this be true—if the power of the army and the military government cannot in Texas guard the educational interest of the colored race, and keep open their school-houses, then we have been swiftly retrograding since the election of Grant; and instead of discussing the coming election, we should call for more troops and martial law.

We do not believe this; we know better. Texas since the war was never so quiet, orderly and law-abiding as now. The mandates of the General Commanding were never so well heeded, nor the authority of the military so general and undisputed as at the present time.

We believe, that the above paragraph was written in Washington for sensational purposes, that it gives an untrue impression of the freedmen's affairs here, and that it should not pass without correction. Immigration is turned aside, and our material growth retarded by such assertions.

PARAGRAPHS.

IMMIGRATION.—Among the good results that we hope will follow reconstruction, will be an opportunity to do something for immigration. We are anxious, very anxious, to break down the Chinese wall that has been built around the State of Texas. We have treated foreigners as if they were invaders to be shut out and kept out lest they should do us harm. We desire to throw down this wall and let the outside world into our country. We have millions of acres of fine land as the sun ever shone upon. Every consideration demands of us the encouragement of immigration. Our vast tracts of fertile land might as well be situated in the moon, or Alaska as in Texas if we do not bring in men to till and cultivate them. As a simple speculation, the spending of a few millions in bringing immigrants to this State would be profitable. They would be customers for our wild lands, and add yearly to our actual and taxable wealth. We want the introduction of the wealth producing classes. The time for jealousy and hostility to labor is past and gone. All labor, like marriage is honorable in the light of God and should be before men.

DR. Livingstone, who has been reported lost, killed, or dead more times than one can keep track of, is said to be actually alive, and to have left Zanzibar, eastern Africa, via Cairo, Egypt, for England, in January last.

ENGLAND is moving along in the way of human progress. The Irish Church establishment may be fairly set down as having gone up, and now we notice a determined and apparently successful attack on the law of primogeniture. It only proposes to divide landed property among all the heirs, as in the case of personal property where there is no will, but it will be an entering wedge, and be followed by something more radical.

THE man who never failed is a myth. Such a one never lived, and is never likely to. All successes are a series of efforts, in which, when closely veyed, are seen more or less failures. The mountain is apt to overshadow the hill, but the hill is a reality nevertheless. If you fail now and then, do not be discouraged. Bear in mind it is only the part and experience of every successful man; and the most successful men often have the most failures.

THERE are, in the United States, 52,500 miles of railway track, including double track and sidings. The Iron and Steel Association estimate the wear and tear of trucks at seven per cent per annum—taking the average of all the roads together. From this it appears that it requires the enormous quantity of 338,750 tons of iron to make good the yearly destruction and replace the worn-out rails. The magnitude of this amount of iron will be better understood when it is stated that 338,750 tons of rails will lay 3,670 miles of track, allowing 90 tons to the mile. The length of railway from New York to San Francisco is 3,300 miles. It, therefore, requires for the mere annual renewal of rails on the railroads of the United States as much iron as is needed to lay a track from New York to San Francisco, and from Chicago to Cairo.

New Club House For Women in New York.

The handsome brown stone house No. 48 East twenty-third street, two doors from the Academy of Design, lately occupied by Dr. Ludlow, has been bought by a wealthy woman for a club-house of her sex. The cost of the building was \$40,000 and the new furniture will bring the amount to nearly \$50,000. There are seventeen rooms. The three in the basement will be used for the kitchen, for the housekeeper, and servant's room, and for a small dining-room.

On the ground floor Miss Susan B. Anthony will install the Revolutionary offices. The second floor comprises two parlors, which are to be altered into one apartment, and devoted to the reception of guests and to evening parties. On the third story the Sorosis and Working-women's Association will each occupy a room for their meetings and business, and on the fourth, a number of female artists will have a studio. The other rooms on this floor and in the fifth story, will be devoted to sleeping apartments for women visiting the city who may not desire to go alone to a hotel.

There will, as yet, be no restaurant attached to the building, but women sleeping there can obtain breakfast either in their bedrooms or the dining-room. Beside the parlors and basement, which cannot be hired, there will be twelve rooms to rent. As the owner desires simply a 7 per cent interest, or \$3,500 for her outlay, the average rent of twelve rooms will be less than \$300 a year, or \$6 a week. Taxes and insurance will create an additional charge of \$1 a week more. A higher rent than this can easily be paid for the larger rooms, leaving the smaller apartments to be rented at a less price.

An Iron Earl.

One of our English exchanges contains a description of the estates of the Earl of Dudley, who possesses magnificent country-seats in Staffordshire and Worcestershire, shooting-grounds in Scotland and the east of England, a mansion and picture gallery in London, a winter palace at Rome and a valuable mineral estate in Merionethshire, all which, however, fade into insignificance when compared with his mines and collieries and iron works in and around the midland town from which he takes his title.

This latter estate—honey-combed by industry beneath, blackened by industry on the surface—covers an area of ten square miles. It furnishes employment for nine thousand work-people, and reckoning in their families, wholly supports, at a moderate computation, something like seven and twenty thousand human beings—a population equal to that of the city of Oxford at the last census. It is intersected by two private canals and traversed by forty miles of railroad. The horses employed upon it are numerous enough to supply a cavalry regiment, the canal boats to furnish a fleet. The steam power upon it is simply incalculable—it is so dispersed. Eight locomotives ply upon its railways; there are forty boilers in one of its works, and twenty in another; every pit and every furnace over and under the whole ten miles has its accompanying steam engines. This vast estate yields seventy thousand tons of coal and nearly a thousand tons of pig-iron per week, to say nothing of the limestone used for flux, and it sends manufactured iron into all the markets of the world. Nearly a hundred heads of departments are engaged in managing it, and it takes over three hundred clerks to keep the accounts. The annual outlay of wages does not fall far short of half a million of pounds sterling.

AMONG the agricultural products of Texas are grown cotton, corn, rice, sugar, tobacco, wheat, rye, oats, barley, sweet and Irish Potatoes, and vegetables of every description. The timber comprises various kinds, such as post-oak, live-oak, white oak, cypress, hickory, pecan, ash, elm, pine, and various other kinds. Cattle, hogs, sheep and horses, are raised almost without cost or trouble in any part of the State, but are more numerous in the Western portion. Texas, it may well be said, is an empire of magnificent proportions, embracing within its borders every known product that is grown in any other portion of the world. The climate is of remarkable healthfulness, not exceeded by that of Italy and the only disagreeable feature in it is the north winds that blow during the winter months; but they are only occasional and seem to make us more duly appreciate the long Italian summers. Land can be purchased at very low figures, according to locality. Those that are not able to buy, can lease lands and farms on their own terms, and by industry and frugality will soon have homes of their own. Texas, in fact, is the best country in the world to realize fortunes from its future rapid growth and prosperity.—In dianola Bulletin.

Will The Blacks Die Out!

We agree neither with those who profess apprehension of "Negro Supremacy" in this country, nor with those who insist that "niggers must die out," because of their emancipation. Some of them will prove idle worthless, drunken vagabonds (like some Whites); and these will die out and leave no progeny, as is best. Probably the number who thus use themselves up has been increased by emancipation. As a rule, those who flock into the cities will come to no good. On the other hand, we presume that all their women who choose to be chaste are so, which was not the case by long odds in the past.

Of course, the relative strength of the Black element of our population must steadily decrease, because not re-enforced by immigration, as the Whites is. It has been a fourth; it is now less than an eighth; the next census will reduce it below a tenth; and the child is already born who will see it below a twentieth. We estimate that the United States, if no further enlarged, will have 110,000,000 of people in 1900, and that of these the Blacks and Yellows will hardly number 6,000,000.—N. Y. Tribune.

HOW TO COME DOWN STAIRS.—Here is a true story, too good to go unpublished. A young fellow, respectably connected and well known here, used to get drunk very frequently. Shortly before Brown's Hotel was closed he was one day as usual under the influence of benzine and stumbled at the head of the stairs leading from the landing to the front door. Down he came, heels over head, bumping from step to step until he was landed in a rather promiscuous looking heap. A stranger who was just entering the hotel, thinking the fellow had sustained serious, if not mortal injury, ran to pick him up, but the drunken man majestically waved him off, staggered to his feet, and in response to the proffered assistance roared out, "Now you jes' lem' me 'lone. Want no slob-rin' round me. I allus come down stairs that way." The stranger departed, ruminating.

A NEW ALBANY paper tells the following:

"A family living in the neighborhood of Millersville, Marion County, has a male and female head, and two full sets of children. The other morning the old man, leading in family prayer, requested the Lord to take especial care of his children, but failed to put in a good word for those of his wife. This led to words between them, which ended in the old lady picking up a fire shovel and hitting *pater familias* a sounding whack over the head, which laid open his scalp about four inches. Since that time there is no discrimination in favor of his own children in family prayer."

New Advertisements.

Wanted,

A girl to do general house work—good treatment and good wages. Apply at this office. (May 13/69)

Found,

A Fire Shovel. For particulars inquire at this office. (313 5 '69)

LARGE AUCTION SALE OF MISCELLANEOUS HARDWARE

On Friday 14th inst. 10 o'clock.

Consisting of Files, Match Planes, Levels, Bolts, Locks, Wagon Boxes, Bed Carriers, Sledge Hammers, Well Wheels, Pumps and Pile Points, Blister Steel, Iron, Pit Saws, Oil Stoves, and a large and general assortment of Building Materials.

Also, The balance of a large DRY-GOODS Stock. Sale positive. SAMPSON, SAWYER & TORREY, Auctioneers. (May 13/69)

LARGE FURNITURE SALE.

L. WOLFSON,

WILL SELL AT HIS AUCTION ROOMS,

Cor. Main Plaza and Acoquia sts. on

Saturday, May 15, 1869.

At half past five o'clock, a. m., a large consignment of

New Orleans, Boston and Cincinnati

FURNITURE,

entirely new. Consisting of 10 Down Assorted Bedsteads. 40 " " Chairs. 20 " " Kitchen Saece. 1 " " Bureaus. Cradles, Wardrobes, Lounges, &c.

Also,

A Second handed PIANO.

The above is the largest and best assorted stock of FURNITURE ever offered at Auction in this market, and will be sold at whatever it will bring.

TERMS—Cash, in Specie. 413-5-31.

MARKET MANIFEST.

Another Supply of those justly celebrated Hurricane Lanterns received SAMSON, SAWYER & TORREY, March 20/69.

The Celebrated Magic Comb and Combed Knives and Tweezer, for sale by SAMSON, SAWYER & TORREY, May 9/69.

Flower Pots, Anthon's lot just received by WAGNER & RUMMEL, May 8/69.

25 Bbls. Louisiana Sugar. Just received and for sale by C. H. MERRITT & BRO, Feb 24/69.

Cigars, Chewing and Smoking Tobacco, in lots to suit, just received and for sale (Feb 24/69) C. H. MERRITT & BRO.

60 Sacks Rio Coffee, Just received and for sale by C. H. MERRITT & BRO, Feb 16/69.

80 Bbls. Fine Eye and Bourbon Whisky, just received and for sale by C. H. MERRITT & BRO, May 7/69.

30 Bbls. Rectified Whiskey, just received and for sale cheap by C. H. MERRITT & BRO, May 7/69.

90 Boxes Rock and Fancy Candles, Just received and for sale by C. H. MERRITT & BRO, May 7/69.

154 Doz. Bar Tumblers, Just received and for sale by C. H. MERRITT & BRO, May 7/69.

Flour, XXX, XX, and superfine, Sugar, Lentils, &c. Just received, JULIUS PIPER, 21 4 '69.

Pickles in Vinegar, Mackerel, Herring, Sardines, Anchovy, Pigs feet, Lemons, 21 4 '69. JULIUS PIPER.

Tobacco and Cigars, properly stamped, Just received by WAGNER & RUMMEL, Feb 20/69.

HAVANA SEGARS and Segarettes, direct imported, apr 27/69 SCHEIDEMANTEL & WILD.

50 Bbls. Choice Sugar, 50 bbls. Clarified Sugar, H. GREENET, Feb 16/69.

25 Bbls. Fine Bourbon Whisky, 25 half bbls., Assorted brands, H. GREENET.

Cheap Flour, For sale by STEELE & WILLIAMS, Feb 20/69.

50 Bbls. Whisky, Olive Branch 50 Boxes Choice, Gloucester, For sale by H. GREENET, Feb 16/69.

5 Bbls. Alcohol, 96.70, 100 Boxes f. w. Candles, For sale by H. GREENET, Feb 16/69.

Latest Improvement Colt's Metallic Cartridge Pistol, For sale by H. MAURERMANN, 21 4 '69.

Toys and Fancy Goods, at half price, 20 4 '69 F. SIMON.

Stationery, Albums, etc., sold with great loss, (20 4 '69) F. SIMON.

50 Sacks Prime Rio Coffee, 5 bbls. Louisiana sugar, For sale by F. GROSS & CO, Mar 12/69.

50 Bbls. Crush Sugar, 19 bales 2 lb. gunny bags, For sale by F. GROSS & CO, Mar 12/69.

500 Mexican Panama Sacks, nearly new, For sale by F. GROSS & CO, Mar 12/69.

50 Sacks, Choice Mexican Beans, 20 Cargas do de Filoncillos, For sale by F. GROSS & CO, Mar 12/69.

AUCTION!

WILL BE SOLD BY

David Friedlander & Co.,

On Tuesday, May 18, at 9 o'clock, a. m.,

In lots to suit the Wholesale and Retail Trade

A LARGE AND EXTENSIVE CONSIGNMENT OF

General Merchandise.

Which is COMPLETE ASSORTMENT, and quality of goods,

Exceeds any offer made to the trade during the present season.

Full Line Boots and Shoes;

10 Cases Men's Boots, Calf and Grain Riding; 20 Cases Men's Sewed Congress Gaiters; Oxford Laces and P. S. Brogans; 2 Cases Base Ball Shoes and 21 Cases Ladies', Misses and Childrens' Shoes.

Large Assortment FINE ARMS.

Full Line LADIES' DRESS GOODS,

Hoop Skirts, Hosiery, Embroidered Skirting, Lace Collars, Hats, Parasols, &c., &c.

4,200 Grain Sacks.

75 Doz. LINEN DAMASK Towels, and 90 Doz. HUCK.

1,200 Yards White Linen, warranted

Full Line of

Several Thousand Dollars Worth

SUMMER CLOTHING.

Also,

144 ATTRACTIVE LOST HARDWARE,

Mens' Furnishing Goods and Fancy Notions, which will positively be closed out as Catalogued, and to which we invite

The Special Attention of the Trade.

may 12-69.

Wine! Wine!

250 Boxes French White Wine, 300 " " Claret, different brands, 75 " " Champagne, Carte Blanche, 100 " " Wine Vinegar, 15 Cases best Imported Cognac, dec 11/69. E. PENTENRIEDER.

DANIEL WÜSTE

COMMISSION MERCHANT,

EAGLE PASS

AND

Piedras Negras.

2aw9-5-17.

Local Intelligence.

FOR SALE. BLANKS for Butchers and Hide Dealers at this office. (d.w.)

CANDIDATES. We are authorized to announce the name of F. EIGENDORFF, as a candidate for the office of Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 1, Bexar county, at the ensuing election.

We are authorized to announce the name of ROBERT D. HURN, as a candidate for the office of Clerk of the District Court of Bexar county, at the ensuing election.

We are authorized to announce the name of PEYTON SMYTHIE, as a candidate for Clerk of the District Court for Bexar county, at the coming election.

We are authorized to announce the name of JAMES N. FISK, as a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Bexar county, at the ensuing election.

We are authorized to announce the name of H. McCORMAC, as a candidate for the office of Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 1, Bexar county, at the ensuing election.

We are authorized to announce the name of R. J. TEEL, as a candidate for the office of Clerk of the District Court for Bexar county, under the proposed new Constitution, at the coming election.

Agent Wanted. An active traveling Agent wanted to canvass for this paper. Apply to this office.

GOV. HAMILTON will address the people of San Antonio on Saturday next, at eight o'clock p. m.; and at Seguin on Monday, the 17th inst.

A NEWSPAPER is about to be started at Seguin, also one at Gonzales. Texas has already more journals than any other Southern State, but their quality is not equal to their quantity.

WE HAVE read from beginning to end the pamphlet, or Senatorial manifesto, of G. W. F., the distinguished pardon broker. We still survive its perusal, though in a gasping and collapsed condition.

WHERE is Judge David Sheeks of Austin, announced as the appointed successor of Judge Noonan, relieved for disqualification? If the announcement was correctly made, we hope the Judge will soon make his appearance among us.

SHEIDEMANTEL & WILD keep the best assortment of Havana Cigars, and Tobaccos of all descriptions. Those who have tried them will acknowledge it, and we advise others to give them a call and judge for themselves.

OUR WEEKLY.—The Weekly Express is out to-day. It contains eight pages of most excellent reading matter, and can be had at 10 cents per copy, at our office, and in the book stores of this city. It is a valuable paper to be mailed for the information of citizens of this and other States.

IMMIGRATION.—Between 20 and 30 Germans, who several years ago settled in Minnesota, are now on their way to San Antonio. Last year they sent for copies of the Free Press, and from information thus received, they concluded to make Western Texas their home. They come with pockets full of gold, and are ready for hard work at once. We tender them a hearty welcome.

AUCTION.—We call the attention of our readers to the advertisement of Mr. E. Wolfson, in another column, who will sell on Saturday next, at 10 o'clock a. m., a well selected stock of entire new Furniture, for whatever it will bring, by the piece or in lots. We have examined the Furniture, and can assure every body that there is a rare chance to buy articles cheap and good.

THE DISTRICT COURT at New Braunfels closed on Saturday, May 1st, Judge Walker having nearly cleared the docket. He is highly spoken of for his urbanity, patience, familiar knowledge of law, and capacity for dispatching business. The Judge is now conducting a term at Fredericksburg.

IRON BRIDGE.—The Mayor receives proposals for building the stone abutment walls for the new iron bridge at the foot of Saint Mary's street. The bridge is now between Indianola and San Antonio, on its way to the latter place. This will be the third bridge over the river; we have already two large bridges passable for all kinds of conveyances, wagons, &c., and two foot bridges.

Now look at our neighboring city, Austin, which is not satisfied with placing us in the midst of poor Coyote, but which actually wants to drive us into the deserts of Asia. This little village is still satisfied with an old rotten ferry-boat, that is swamped by each heavy rain, and the time of the Convention was consumed in passing a Charter for a bridge to be built within five years, but actually for the purpose of perpetuating that old venerable institution of the rotten ferry-boat. Such is the spirit that pervades this our rival city.

Now let us put a fair question to Austin. What would become of the Capital, if the seat of Civil Government should be removed therefrom? Just give us one of your lovely descriptions of the consequences of such a sad event to Austin, dear Major. As for San Antonio, the more you strike at it, the more it will grow in strength and energy.

PHOTOGRAPHIC GALLERY.

The undersigned respectfully inform the public that they have opened a Photographic Gallery, opposite Kamman's building in which all kinds of Photographs and Paintings will be done, to wit:

- Photographic Portraits, A. 1/2 x 3/4, 3/4 x 1, 1 x 1 1/2, 1 1/4 x 2 1/4, 2 x 2 1/2, 2 1/2 x 3 1/2, 3 1/2 x 4 1/2, 4 1/2 x 5 1/2, 5 1/2 x 6 1/2, 6 1/2 x 7 1/2, 7 1/2 x 8 1/2, 8 1/2 x 9 1/2, 9 1/2 x 10 1/2, 10 1/2 x 11 1/2, 11 1/2 x 12 1/2, 12 1/2 x 13 1/2, 13 1/2 x 14 1/2, 14 1/2 x 15 1/2, 15 1/2 x 16 1/2, 16 1/2 x 17 1/2, 17 1/2 x 18 1/2, 18 1/2 x 19 1/2, 19 1/2 x 20 1/2, 20 1/2 x 21 1/2, 21 1/2 x 22 1/2, 22 1/2 x 23 1/2, 23 1/2 x 24 1/2, 24 1/2 x 25 1/2, 25 1/2 x 26 1/2, 26 1/2 x 27 1/2, 27 1/2 x 28 1/2, 28 1/2 x 29 1/2, 29 1/2 x 30 1/2, 30 1/2 x 31 1/2, 31 1/2 x 32 1/2, 32 1/2 x 33 1/2, 33 1/2 x 34 1/2, 34 1/2 x 35 1/2, 35 1/2 x 36 1/2, 36 1/2 x 37 1/2, 37 1/2 x 38 1/2, 38 1/2 x 39 1/2, 39 1/2 x 40 1/2, 40 1/2 x 41 1/2, 41 1/2 x 42 1/2, 42 1/2 x 43 1/2, 43 1/2 x 44 1/2, 44 1/2 x 45 1/2, 45 1/2 x 46 1/2, 46 1/2 x 47 1/2, 47 1/2 x 48 1/2, 48 1/2 x 49 1/2, 49 1/2 x 50 1/2, 50 1/2 x 51 1/2, 51 1/2 x 52 1/2, 52 1/2 x 53 1/2, 53 1/2 x 54 1/2, 54 1/2 x 55 1/2, 55 1/2 x 56 1/2, 56 1/2 x 57 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