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**Platform of the Republican party of Texas.**  
Resolved, Ist. That the Republican party of Texas heartily accepts the conditions of reconstruction embraced in the several reconstruction acts of Congress, and will in the future, as heretofore, fully sustain the same in word and spirit.  
2. That the amendments to the Constitution of the United States, known as the 14th and 15th amendments, are necessary to the pacification of the country and the security of the equal civil and political rights of all classes of the people. The Republican party therefore pledges itself to the prompt adoption of these amendments.  
3. That the resolutions adopted by the Chicago Convention of May 20th 1868, when not modified by the proposed 15th amendment, are accepted by the Republicans of Texas as the embodiment of correct principles of public policy. That the Republicans of Texas especially, commend the spirit of the additional resolution adopted in that Convention at the instance of Hon. Carl Schurz; and we will cheerfully accept the assistance of such of our fellow-citizens as served in the late rebellion, but who now frankly and honestly co-operate with us in restoring the peace of the country, and reconstructing our State Government on the basis of impartial justice and equal rights.  
4. That the payment of the debt incurred in preservation of the unity of the nation to the last dollar, is in our opinion the sacred duty of the American people, and the Republicans of Texas will condemn all attempts to evade in any manner, the payment of this debt according to the intent of the creators of the same.  
5. That the Republican party of Texas earnestly desires the encouragement of internal improvement and immigration, and will as a party, press the adoption of measures having these ends in view. That in Convention herewith, we condemn the demagogical use of the term "carpet-bagger," and other terms of reproach applied to strangers who may come among us, as designed to keep alive the prejudices of the ignorant and deter immigration.  
6. That while the Constitution submitted to the people is in some respects imperfect and objectionable, it is believed on the whole to propose the main object of Constitutional Government viz: The equal, civil and political rights of all persons under the law. This Convention therefore recommends the ratification of the same.  
7. That the preservation of the unity and the organization of the Republican party is essential to the safe progress of reconstruction in this State, and they believe that to effect this reconstruction, a great work has yet to be performed. They therefore urge the loyal people of Texas that opposition to the organization of the Republican party, is the result of an invidious design of the enemy, purposing the practical surrender of the State to the disloyal.  
8. That the Republicans of Texas heartily express unqualified confidence in the administrative abilities, and integrity of the honored head of our Government—President Grant, and in the patriotism and wisdom of the majority in Congress.  
P. W. Hall, of Robinson, offered the following independent resolution which was adopted:  
Resolved, That the commanding General of this military district, Maj. Gen. J. J. Reynolds, deserves the approval of the loyal people the United States, for his activity in ferreting out and bringing to justice the murderers of the patriot Gen. W. Smith; and for the measures he has adopted for the security of life and property, and the establishment of peace.  
Johnson Reed of Galveston, offered the following, and moved that it be added to the resolutions, and be known as resolution No. 9:  
Resolved, That to this end we earnestly invite the co-operation and support of all good citizens, advocates of peace, law and order, and who believe in the principles of the party of union, progress, liberty and reform, which has done so much for the pacification and well being of this country. This resolution adopted.

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Surely the day is done!  
Tis set of sun.  
Long call the shadows from the snowy hills:  
Not yet have awaked the sleepy little rills:  
But softer air  
Floats everywhere—  
Although the day is done.  
Ah yes! the day is done!  
And one by one  
The ghosts of star light flit across the sky:  
In doors, the fire-caves on the carpet lie,  
Tired of play,  
The children say,  
Because the day is done.  
We know the day is done!  
Our feet have run  
Unresting in the path that duty made,  
Treading on thorns, of dangers not afraid,  
And rest is sweet  
Though night-hours fleet,  
And day again comes on.  
The day of life is done!  
And set the sun!  
Eyes dim to faintest sights that earth can show,  
Ears heedless, tho' entrancing music flow,  
And marbled brow,  
Unwrinkled now,  
Indeed the day is done!  
But is the day yet done?  
And set the sun!  
When seas of amber light transmute the air?  
And Paradiisal flowers bloom everywhere?  
O'er purple hills  
The sunrise thrills,  
Heaven's day is just begun!

**A Novel Contest.**  
A DRINKING MATCH IN A BEER GARDEN—  
TWO WELL-FILLED TETONS.  
[From the Buffalo Express.]  
A plentiful sprinkling of brewers, beer-gardens, and saloons, exist on Main street, from Goodell to North, a fact which is known and appreciated by not a few, and many of our most respectable German citizens are wont to find comfort and solace in a social glass or two of their native beverage in that vicinity almost nightly. An impromptu incident that occurred in one of these saloons two or three evenings since has just come to our knowledge, which, if not of exact importance to the public at large, may be of interest to some of our readers, inasmuch as it goes to show the extent and capacity of the human stomach. Two friends, whom for convenience sake we will call Hans and Gottlieb, happened to meet in the saloon shortly after sundown. Both were jovial, generous-hearted fellows, and of course each insisted on the other's drinking with him. In a few moments the two were cozily seated at a table, with two foaming glasses of lager between them. Hans exclaims:  
Gottlieb, I bet I can drink more lager as you any day.  
Gottlieb—"Vel, we try 'em now."  
Hans—"Yah, de one who gets peat pays for do whole."  
Hans—"All right."  
Hans—"Hell, you waiter, make quicker and fetch us a keg lager."  
Selecting two or three of the spectators to act as judges, the excited contestants made ready for the fray by stripping off hat, coat, and neckerchief, and baring the arms to the elbow. A fresh keg of lager was rolled in, tapped, and one of the chosen judges stood ready with glasses to draw the liquid, while two others took out pencil and paper to keep tally. The word is given, "Ready," and they go at it. One, two, three, up to six "scuppers" are drained almost one after the other.  
The drinking then becomes more deliberate. Hans, confident of victory, leans back in his chair, stretches out his legs, and assumes a provokingly cool air as he sips his seventh and eighth. Gottlieb, wary of his opponent's tactics, stands erect to pour down the contents of his seventh glass, and after waiting a sufficient time for it to settle into his bowels, calmly resumes his chair and proceeds leisurely to sip his eighth.  
The ninth and tenth glasses are emptied slowly. Hans still about two minutes in advance, and as confident as at the start. Gottlieb's friends, however, were at his back with words of encouragement, and under the influence of their soothing exclamations he manages to drink down the tenth. Time, 15 minutes. Betting about even.  
A brief resting spell was allowed after the 10th glass; probably the drinkers wanted to allow the liquor time to settle. The movements of the men by this time were very deliberate. They took the 11th glass fondly in their hands, and eyed the foaming beverage as long and steadily as if endeavoring to analyze its substance. A space of five minutes was thus occupied, and then, by a spasmodic effort, the contents were gulped down at a single draught. The 12th and 13th followed in about the same manner, and occupied about the same length of time each.  
A brief conversation was indulged in by the contestants and their friends previous to the 14th round; both received cheering encouragement, and were each emboldened by the kind assurances of their friends. The 14th "scupper" was handed them simultaneously. Keeping their eyes fixed steadfastly upon each other's countenances, they slowly raise their glasses, and slowly opened their lips, and with moderately moderated slowness proceeded to drink. This scene was repeated with the 15th glass. Time, three-quarters of an hour.  
The clock struck twelve, but the two "Knights of Beer" evinced no disposition to hurry their movements. In fact they didn't seem to be able to hurry much. Hans looked at Gottlieb and Gottlieb looked at Hans, and both looked at the 16th glass which they held full in their hands. "By tam, I bet 'em" Hans was heard to mutter, and with an effort, he drained his glass. Gottlieb tried to follow suit but couldn't get it down, and had to set his half emptied glass back upon the table. Hans perceived this movement, and grasped his 17th glass with an earnestness almost fatal to both glass and contents. A

**Evening Shadows.**  
Surely the day is done!  
Tis set of sun.  
Long call the shadows from the snowy hills:  
Not yet have awaked the sleepy little rills:  
But softer air  
Floats everywhere—  
Although the day is done.  
Ah yes! the day is done!  
And one by one  
The ghosts of star light flit across the sky:  
In doors, the fire-caves on the carpet lie,  
Tired of play,  
The children say,  
Because the day is done.  
We know the day is done!  
Our feet have run  
Unresting in the path that duty made,  
Treading on thorns, of dangers not afraid,  
And rest is sweet  
Though night-hours fleet,  
And day again comes on.  
The day of life is done!  
And set the sun!  
Eyes dim to faintest sights that earth can show,  
Ears heedless, tho' entrancing music flow,  
And marbled brow,  
Unwrinkled now,  
Indeed the day is done!  
But is the day yet done?  
And set the sun!  
When seas of amber light transmute the air?  
And Paradiisal flowers bloom everywhere?  
O'er purple hills  
The sunrise thrills,  
Heaven's day is just begun!

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The sunrise thrills,  
Heaven's day is just begun!

**Evening Shadows.**  
Surely the day is done!  
Tis set of sun.  
Long call the shadows from the snowy hills:  
Not yet have awaked the sleepy little rills:  
But softer air  
Floats everywhere—  
Although the day is done.  
Ah yes! the day is done!  
And one by one  
The ghosts of star light flit across the sky:  
In doors, the fire-caves on the carpet lie,  
Tired of play,  
The children say,  
Because the day is done.  
We know the day is done!  
Our feet have run  
Unresting in the path that duty made,  
Treading on thorns, of dangers not afraid,  
And rest is sweet  
Though night-hours fleet,  
And day again comes on.  
The day of life is done!  
And set the sun!  
Eyes dim to faintest sights that earth can show,  
Ears heedless, tho' entrancing music flow,  
And marbled brow,  
Unwrinkled now,  
Indeed the day is done!  
But is the day yet done?  
And set the sun!  
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short struggle and the valiant Hans was outside of his 17th.  
"Two to one on Hans," was the cry. Gottlieb had nearly finished his 16th, but suddenly it dropped to the floor, and the feeble words "I can drink no more" issued from between his teeth, as he sunk into drunken oblivion. Hans, who had won down about two-thirds of his 18th glass, when he saw that he had won the victory, looked exultingly at his friends and said, pointing contemptuously at his fallen foe: "Och! by tam! If I was to try again I could drink der whole keg," and then fell back exhausted.

**TELEGRAPHIC**  
SPECIAL DISPATCHES TO THE EXPRESS.  
Communication open to New Braunfels.  
DEVASTATION OF THE FLOOD.  
Comal Bridge Carried Away.  
Factory Injured, &c.

SAN ANTONIO, July 9, 5 P. M.  
Editor of the San Antonio Express.  
Line was fixed to New Braunfels at 4.30 P. M. to-day. Operator reports Guadalupe river higher than ever before known, and still impassable at 5 P. M. The line is there under water, and no fixing it until the water recedes.  
Bridge over the Comal swept away.  
Cotton Factory mostly under water. Part of Machinery damaged, and the wood in yard washed away.  
Damages to fences and crops around New Braunfels is great. Country is flooded. Such rain never seen before.  
FREDERICK, Operator.

**PARAGRAPHS.**  
Good humor is a state between gaiety and unconcern; the act or emanation of a mind at leisure to regard the gratification.  
We should never remember the benefits we have conferred upon others, nor forget the favors we have received from our friends.  
Love and friendship are the two last roses of life; but too many bees and thorns lurk in them; they draw our blood and give us poison.  
Many have puzzled themselves about the origin of evil. I observe here is evil, and that there is a way to escape it, and with this I begin and end.  
A learned doctor has given his opinion that tight lacing is a public benefit, in as much as it kills all the foolish girls, and leaves the wise ones to grow into women.  
A husband can readily foot the bills of a wife who is not afraid of being seen footing the stockings of her husband.  
The race of mankind would perish did they cease to aid each other. From the time that the mother binds her child's head, till the moment some kind assistant wipes the death-damp from the brow of the dying, we cannot exist without mutual help. All, therefore that need aid, have aright to ask it of their fellow mortals; no one who holds the power of granting, can refuse it without guilt.  
The decision of Gold Contract case in Baltimore is a notable triumph for those who insist that gold deposited in banks in 1861 cannot now be repaid to depositors in legal tender. It is also noteworthy, as an instance in which Mr. Reverdy Johnson's speechmaking powers seem to have been of more avail than in most of his recent oratorical performances.  
Industry and Economy.—A shoemaker, of Portland, Me., who before 1861 was working for \$3.50 a week, was saving regularly one dollar out of that sum, is now the proprietor of a large shoe factory, turning out every year 20,000 pairs of ladies shoes. In 1861, out of his savings he had bought a shoe shop and tools for \$150, and with this humble start has built up a lucrative business.  
Father Williams, a colored preacher, was introduced to the late New School Presbyterian Assembly, and made a brief address on the condition of the freedmen of the South. He thought Presbyterian theology was just what his people wanted, and regretted that it spread so tardily. He said Presbyterians in their Southern work "made haste very slowly, while the Methodists were banding in on every side."

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Republican State Ticket.

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of Bexar County.

FOR COMPTROLLER,  
HON. J. FRANK CARTER,  
of Parker County.

FOR COMMISSIONER OF THE LAND OFFICE,  
HON. JACOB KUEHLER,  
of Bexar County.

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A. B. HALL, Treasurer, Houston.

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- 15th. H. C. Pedigo, Woodville, Tyler co.

JOHN W. McDONALD,  
Secretary.  
Houston, June 11th, 1869.

The effort to have Gen. Davis  
run with Hamilton.

No doubt there was a good deal of genuine desire for peace and harmony in the efforts, made by some Republicans, to place Gen. Davis on the ticket with Jack Hamilton, in the subordinate position of Lt. Governor. It was urged that it was practically electing Davis Governor, as Hamilton would be sent to the United States Senate; and had Gen. Davis been eager for the office, regardless of all other considerations, it would have been his interest to have encouraged such a programme; but Gen. Davis, while silent upon this point, would never have consented to such a bargain; aside from his personal relations, with Hamilton it would have been a cheat upon the people and a surrender of the Republican party, in truth. And further, Gen. Davis would have acted very foolishly to have agreed to such a programme under the workings of the new constitution, which gives such extensive appointing powers to the Governor. Upon succeeding to Hamilton's place he would have found the entire State Government in the hands of the conservatives.

We have thus spoken of the matter in the light of equal comparison between the men, but we do not desire to be understood as doing Gen. Davis such an injustice, for as a man, in every particular, he is superior to Hamilton, and as a sober, earnest, patriot he is ranked by no man in the State or out of it, and the people of Texas will do themselves great credit in electing him as their chief magistrate while they will disgrace the state by electing Hamilton.

Tools.

The best evidence in the world of the desperate condition of the Hamilton party, is the prominence given by its organs to Scipio McKee, a colored man who began his political career in this city. Scipio, showing considerable zeal in enlightening his colored brethren, was properly equipped and sent into the country to organize Union League Councils; by some mishap he reached Austin and was immediately gobbled up by the Haynes party, then just making the ab initio split. Up to the time of his reaching Austin, McKee had been noted as an honest, trustworthy colored man, but Austin influences soon began to tell upon him. He returned once or twice to San Antonio, and upon telling a most woful story of his bad treatment at the hands of the anti-ab initio party, was aided and sent out on his mission, but he could not keep away from Austin, and became the traveling companion of Jack Hamilton in some of his stumping trips, which completed his ruin; Scipio became not only an imitator

of the "big Ingan's" oratory, but also a great lover of "fire water," and as thoroughly demoralized a demagogue and drunkard as his great prototype, Jack Hamilton. Nevertheless, Scipio serves as a very good tool in lieu of the aid of honest, conscientious colored men. Longley writes up letters for Scipio, signs Scipio's name to them and it goes to the country in very good shape, to be quoted by the rebel press and furnish texts for patronizing leaders, headed "Our Colored Friends," etc. It is just possible Hamilton will receive the support of the colored men who have become demoralized under the influence of the "Ring" like poor Scipio McKee, but not another one in the State—and it is very few colored men they will find so debased by drunkenness or crime to make tools of.

Murder in Atascosa County—A  
Tale of Treachery and Blood—  
The Result of Neighborhood  
Feuds, &c.

From Judge Musgrave, County Judge of Atascosa county, who reached our city on Thursday noon, we are put in possession of the facts of another of the many bloody tragedies which have disgraced our State and sent a thrill of horror over the civilized world.

On the evening of the 30th June, Mr. Mitchell L. Peevey, living in Atascosa county, was waylaid and murdered by a gang of men known as the Goynes' crowd.

The story begins in January last. A difficulty took place between one of the Goynes and Mr. Peevey, when Goynes making a demonstration towards Peevey, who was a very delicate, small man, Peevey commenced to draw his pistol, which was caught from behind by a Mr. Tindall, nephew of the Goynes—Tindall gave the pistol a jerk which caused it to go off, the load taking effect in Tindall's abdomen, causing his death. Peevey was tried before a magistrate and the facts fully proven that Tindall's death was an accident and Peevey cleared of all guilt in the case; nevertheless, the Goynes threatened to kill Peevey and one of them, James Goynes, sent Peevey word that he should shoot him on sight. Peevey being a courageous man, determined not to be run out of the country by a set of desperadoes, as he had committed no crime, only begged to be let alone, and to be tried by the courts; but his persecutors would not listen and hunted him down. On the 17th of February, James Goynes and Peevey met in Campbell's store, in the Tom's settlement, in Atascosa county, and Peevey killed him, as every one said he could not avoid doing. After this tragedy Peevey offered to give himself up to the officers of the law at any time, but the Goynes, four in number, declared that nothing short of Peevey's death would do them—and so the matter continued, enlisting considerable neighborhood feud on either side, only that Peevey was universally sustained by the good citizens who knew he had been the victim of persecution from a gang of desperadoes, and who knew him to be a quiet peaceable but courageous young man.

Some three weeks since, lawyer Coker, of our city, being in attendance upon court in Atascosa county, was induced to intercede between the parties and succeeded in having an agreement signed that each party should lay down their arms, and Peevey should submit to civil trial. Peevey signed the compromise and gave himself up to the Sheriff.

On the 30th of June, six men came to the rancho where Peevey was living and secreting themselves in the high woods along side the road, shot him as he passed them while on his way to look for a horse he had hobbled out. The murder took place within two hundred yards of the house, and the murderers were distinctly recognized by two young ladies who happened to be within thirty yards of the spot, and by Mr. Hester who saw the shooting from the house and saw the men run out and fire upon the victim after he had fallen. The following named persons were distinctly recognized: Wm. Goynes, Gus Goynes, David Goynes, Wm. Tindall, Jasper Brister and James Brister.

After the murder being known,

some twenty-five citizens proceeded to the Goynes neighborhood to arrest them and found them fortified in a house belonging to one of the party. They refused to surrender, and the officer who had the writ, Captain Emsly, not thinking he had authority enough to force matters retired, and Judge Musgrave being applied to and the facts stated, the Judge came to this city to consult with the Military Commander, General Carleton, who will send a commissioned officer to the scene of difficulty, with authority to call out the citizens to secure the arrest of the desperadoes.

Captain Toms, an old citizen of Atascosa county, had a parly with the Goynes and they informed him that they had hoisted the black flag and did not intend to surrender. But we judge that when the military order is shown the citizens, the murderers will be taken dead or alive.

Peevey was a young man without a family, he came into Atascosa county about a year ago and taught school; he was known as a quiet, peaceable man, and never had a difficulty with any one until attacked by this crowd of desperadoes.

Canadian Annexation.

Everything now transpiring in the Provinces indicates that annexation is inevitable. The anti-American newspaper press cannot disguise the fact that the public sentiment is rapidly ripening for annexation, and their denials on the subject are so weak as to amount almost the admissions of what they seek to deny. Several newspapers have been bold enough to discuss the subject openly, and since then the people have come to talk very plainly in favor of "reconstruction." There is a steady strain of emigration to the United States, and none are immigrating from the States to the Provinces. The thousands who come hither would remain in their old homes, but cannot support themselves there. This simple fact, thrown into the teeth of angry and prejudiced newspaper writers, is found unanswerable. It tells the story. But aside from this view of the question, intelligent Provincials see that sooner or later the mother country will leave them to shift for themselves, and in that case they would either have to establish a separate nationality and aspire to compete with the United States, or seek admission into the Union. Such a nationality, alongside the United States, would simply be without either character of influence, and would exist by the favor of the more powerful government. They would be snuffed out the moment a serious controversy was engendered. These facts will soon penetrate the brains of the dullest Provincials, and annexation will come in due time. While we would not throw any obstacle in the way of their admission, neither would we be unduly anxious, allowing them to take their own time. As the principal benefits are to be reaped by them, we can afford to wait.

Useful Birds.

The usefulness of small birds, as destroyers of insects, is thoroughly recognized by the Saxon Government, as shown by a curious scene witnessed recently, on the market place at Dresden. A body of police suddenly made their appearance, and, without any previous warning, seized all cages containing singing birds exposed for sale and released their inmates. A decree has also been issued forbidding, under the penalty of a fine, the killing or trapping of these useful songsters, and containing especially severe regulations with regard to birdnesting. In France, notwithstanding all the efforts of the Government, the slaughter still continues. At a rook shooting party last week in Bois de Boulogne no less than 5000 of these useful birds were destroyed, though at the very time the trees were swarming with caterpillars.

SERRANO, otherwise the Duke de Torre, elected Regent of Spain, by the Cortes, is now nearly sixty years of age, and has been in public life since entering the army at fifteen. Before he was thirty he had been made a Brigadier General, and put in command of Barcelona. He has held many trusts, civil and military, since then; was rather too excessively liked by Queen Isabella, and by her always kept in high positions. When he went into politics, as a Liberal, the Queen's friendship was withdrawn; he was exiled, then restored to favor, and given to high office, and again exiled in 1866, by Gozales Bravo. He fell in with the revolutionary movement of last year, and assisted in the deposition of one to whom he owed his promotion. Serrano is said to be a man of great ability; he certainly has had large civil and military experience, and ought to be able to govern Spain more successfully than any of her rulers during the century.

IMMORTALITY OF A THOUGHT.

Beautiful it is to understand and know that a thought did never yet die; that as thou, the originator thereof, hast gathered it, and created it from the whole past, so thou wilt transmit it to the whole future. It is thus that the heroic heart, the seeing eye of the first times, still feels and stands ever encompassed and spiritually embraced by a cloud of witnesses and brothers; and there is a living literal communion of saints, wide as the world itself, and as the history of the world.

The fairest faces that we know  
Are not the brows of beauty;  
And the blessed paths in which we go  
Are the homely paths of duty.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS,  
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In County Court for the Settlement  
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To all persons interested in the estate  
of John Weber, deceased.

Louis Huth, Executor of the estate of John Weber, deceased, having filed his final account and statement as such Executor, in the Hon. County Court for the settlement of estates, &c., of said county, and applied for audit and allowance and for discharge.

You are hereby notified to be and appear at the July term, 1869, of said court, to be held at the Court-house of said county, in the city of San Antonio, on Monday, the 27th day of said month, to show cause, if any you have, why said account should not be audited and allowed, and said Executor discharged as prayed for, and to do and suffer for such other things as the Court may then and there order and decree in the premises.

WITNESSE, Peyton Smythe, County Clerk of said County, and Seal of said County Court, at office in San Antonio, this 5th day of July, A. D. 1869.

By H. MacCormack, Dep't.

Philosophy of Marriage.—  
A New Course of Lectures as delivered at the New York Museum of Anatomy, embracing the subjects: How to Live and What to Live for; Youth, Maturity and Old Age; Manhood Generally Reviewed; The Cause of Indigestion; Fissulence and Nervous diseases accounted for; Marriage Philosophically Considered, &c. The lectures will be forwarded on receipt of four stamps by addressing—Secretary Baltimore Museum of Anatomy, 74 West Baltimore street, Baltimore, Md. (5-6-7-8)

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HARRAS & SCHRADE,  
Clinton, Texas.

SOLD BY RHODUS & CO.,  
San Antonio.

Agents for the Western part of Texas.  
24-6-69d.

Another Supply of those justly cele-  
brated Harrison's Lanters received  
SAMPSON, SAWYER & TORREY,  
march20dtf.

Potographs

AT REDUCED PRICES.

The undersigned informs his friends and  
the public that he has reduced the price of  
his photographs as follows:

Carte de Visite, per doz. \$3.00 speci-  
ally 2.00

Directly imported from Europe will en-  
able me, by next Fall to furnish the above at  
\$2.00 specie, per dozen.  
4-7-69d.) H. A. DOERR.

Proposals for Porter's Lodge.

FOR NATIONAL CEMETERY,  
AT BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS

Headquarters 3th Military Dist.,  
STATE OF TEXAS,  
CHIEF QUARTERMASTER'S OFFICE,  
AUSTIN, TEXAS, June 25, 1869.

SEALED PROPOSALS, in duplicate,  
will be received at this office until  
Monday, August 2nd, at 12 M., for the con-  
struction of a brick Porter's Lodge for the  
National cemetery at Brownsville, Texas.

Plans and specifications can be exam-  
ined at the office of the Quartermaster at  
Brownsville, Texas, and this office.

Each bid must be accompanied by a  
guarantee of at least two persons (whose  
responsibility must be certified by the  
clerk of a court of record), that the bidder  
is competent to carry out the contract if  
awarded to him, and that he will give the  
required bonds therefor; and the residence  
and post office address of each bidder and  
guarantor must be stated. No bid will be  
entertained not conforming to these condi-  
tions.

The right is reserved to reject any or all  
bids.

Proposals to be plainly endorsed "Propo-  
sals for the construction of a Porter's  
Lodge for National Cemetery at Brown-  
sville, Texas," and addressed the under-  
signed.

By command of Bvt. Major General J. J.  
REYNOLDS, MORRIS S. MILLER,  
Deputy Quartermaster General,  
Bvt. Brig. Gen'l U. S. A.

Co-Partnership Notice.

David Friedlander & Co.

The term of Co-Partnership of David  
Friedlander of New York city, with C. P.  
Fish and Leopold Hammerstein, expires  
this day, and the firm is hereby dissolved  
by mutual consent. Messrs. Fish and  
Hammerstein will effect all final liquida-  
tion.

DAVID FRIEDLANDER,  
C. P. FISH,  
LEOPOLD HAMMERSTEIN,  
San Antonio, Texas, July 1st, 1869.

FISH & HAMMERSTEIN,

We, the undersigned, successors of  
DAVID FRIEDLANDER & Co., have this day  
formed a Co-Partnership under the firm  
name of FISH & HAMMERSTEIN, for  
the purpose of continuing in this city the  
general AUCTION BUSINESS heretofore con-  
ducted by DAVID FRIEDLANDER & Co.  
In evidence of business integrity and  
responsibility, we refer to our numerous  
consignors, and by special permission, to  
Mr. Friedlander, our recent co-partner.  
Our favorable connections in New York  
and other cities, will soon afford a new and  
attractive line of consignments which we  
believe will justify the city and county  
trade and our customers generally, in an  
extension of the courteous patronage of  
the past.

C. P. FISH, of San Antonio,  
LEOPOLD HAMMERSTEIN, of New York,  
San Antonio, July 1st, 1869. (1-7-74-18)

JOHN TROHIG, JOHN THOMAS D. JOHNSON,  
JAMES W. HARRIS,  
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John Trohig & Co.,

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS,  
BANKERS AND DEALERS IN  
Foreign and Domestic Exchange,  
COIN BULLION, &c.

Collections made on all accessible points.

Drafts on New York, New Orleans  
and Galveston.

Bills on England.

26-5-69d

I. N. EVERETT,  
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW,  
OFFICE No. 17, FRENCH'S BUILDING,  
San Antonio, Texas.

Will practice in the State and Federal  
Courts. (6-7-69d



Local Intelligence.

CANDIDATES.

We are authorized to announce THOMAS H. STRIBLING, as a candidate for Congress, from the 4th Congressional District.

We are authorized to announce ALBERT STOWE, as a candidate for the office of Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 3.

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

We are authorized to announce Col. L. B. CAMP, of Refugio county, as a candidate for Commissioner of the General Land Office, at the next election.

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 B. BURNS, 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 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. MACCORMAC, 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.

GRAND AUCTION OF DRYGOODS.—We call the attention of retail dealers to the advertisement of Messrs. Fish & Hammerstein, who propose to sell on the 13th inst. an extensive stock of French and English goods.

FLOOD ITEM.—We learn that a Mr. Townsend who attempted to cross the Salado on Thursday, lost his wagon and a team of four mules in the flood, barely escaping with his own life. The Salado is very much up, from all accounts.

THEY CLIMBED TREES.—Judge Murgrave while on his way from Atascosa to this city, was overtaken by the flood on Monday, while in camp between the Salado and the Rio Grande, and was compelled, with his companions, to climb trees to save themselves.

THE RAIN OUTSIDE.—Some persons were inclined to believe that the San Antonio Valley received the most of the heavy rain of the 4th and 5th insts., but from all reports that reach us it is certain that the whole Western country has had as heavy a fall of rain as our particular locality.

PEACHES.—We have been presented with some peaches grown by Mr. Liffing, which would take a prize at any State fair out of Texas. They seem to be of the Indian peach variety possessing a beautiful dark red color and a delicious flavor. Peaches of the same variety are sold on the streets at 25 cents a dozen, a little too dear yet.

NOTICE.—A regular meeting of the Agricultural, Stock-Raising and Industrial Association of Western Texas will be held at the Commercial Club Room, on Wednesday evening, the 14th, at early candle-light. Members are earnestly requested to attend, and all favorable are invited to be present. THOS. H. STRIBLING, President. S. SAMPSON, Secretary.

A WINE PUFF.—We tasted some of the California wine—red and white—recently imported by Messrs. Dressel & Briam, and pronounce them, regarding the price, the best wines ever brought to our State. It is a home-made wine that will do us, as we fondly hope, a signal service in diminishing the whisky drinking propensities of our people. The more so as this Sonoma happily combines cheapness with all the requisite qualities of a pleasant table and family wine. Everybody may afford now to cheer himself and friends with a social bottle when he can procure such a pleasurable at thirty cents, with the certainty of drinking something undoubtedly genuine and healthy. We also hear the ladies are particularly fond of these California wines as they find them entirely free from that sour taste which renders claret, as well as most of the cheaper grades, disagreeable to the female palate. The brandy being of a fine flavor and exceedingly strong and at the same time the cheapest unadulterated Cognac in the market, it recommends itself as well to the bar as to the family use for private use.

CHOLERA.—The cholera has broken out in Bathurst, the seat of government of Gambia, Africa; it seems to be fatal only to natives, the Europeans escaping entirely. We do not learn that it has taken up its line of march across the world, and there is no apprehension expressed in any quarter that we shall be visited by this destroyer during the present year, but we desire to call the attention of our citizens to the great importance of draining and keeping clean their premises, and also the importance of building cisterns for rain water. It has been well demonstrated that much depends upon the water used during the prevalence or likelihood of cholera. Heavy rains like we have recently been visited with, impregnate the wells with all the filth drained from the surface and from sinks of all descriptions, and besides, it is well known that our hard lime water is almost poisonous during cholera times, while on the other hand, those towns

where cistern water is used, escape entirely its ravages; for instance, our coast towns and interior places, where salt water is used. The cost of a cistern will soon be repaid in the comfort of having soft water to use for washing as well as for drinking purposes. There is no difficulty about getting them filled if once built.

THE CITY PUMP.—The water from the city pump is clear and sweet, while most of the city wells are much more brackish. The city pump is one of the best of the wells.

FOUND DEAD.—The body of a man, supposed to have been killed, was found on the bank of the Salado below the city, on Friday afternoon. Justice Briggs went down to hold an inquest.

The Question of Pavements.—The question of paving the streets of our city must command, at no distant day, the earnest attention of our citizens—our commerce, our comfort and our convenience demand well paved streets and commodious sidewalks, saying nothing of look &c. Our city has grown to its present size with very little being done to make a showing in this direction.

The present city charter is very defective in the power given to enforce the building of pavements, and very faulty as to the method suggested—in fact leaving this matter almost to the voluntary action of the people,—perhaps this is one reason so little has been done; and then again for many years our seasons have not been so wet as during the past year or two, and the great need of good streets not so keenly felt. But now, it must soon become, if it is not already, one of the most important of our local questions.

It is customary to send up complaints against the city government and to regard it as a sort of independent source from which our city is to draw public resources. The city government is simply the agent of the citizens, to keep the peace and regulate all the internal and external workings of a town corporation, the citizens footing the bills, which is regulated by taxation. Now streets must be paved, and our citizens must foot the bill,—nobody else to do it. This is perfectly plain. Now, how will you do it, that is the question. Will you submit to a tax and leave the entire matter to the city authorities, or will each property owner agree to spend his money in front of his own premises, allowing the work to be done under the direction and supervision of the city authorities. This seems the best and most satisfactory plan; and one that has been practiced by other cities with success. In fact some of the best paved cities in the United States have pursued this plan. The tendency of municipal authorities is to put all their care upon main thoroughfares, and neglect the private neighborhoods, while no locality in a town is more able than the business section to do its own paving, and yet the suburbs are taxed to keep the main streets in good condition, while they remain knee deep in mud.

Our charter is defective in this particular, but this does not prevent the residents upon every street in the city agreeing to foot the bill for putting their streets in good condition; and the money must come out of their pockets eventually. If such agreements can be made the city authorities will undertake to carry out the good work and also to devote all the surplus now accumulating in the treasury to the same purpose. Think over it all you who walk through the mud, and desire nicely graded and macadamized streets and smooth pavements. It is your business.

W. A. BENNETT, Banker, Dealer in Exchange and Government Securities. Will pay particular attention to the subscription of Claims at all accessible points in Texas.

AUCTION AND COMMISSION HOUSE BY L. WOLFSON, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS. Auction sales of Dry Goods, Clothing, Hats, Boots, Shoes, Furniture, and every description of Merchandise, promptly attended to.

For Rent. A dwelling house with four rooms, kitchen, apparel room and store room. It is situated on the south outside of the Alamo, on Centre street. For terms apply to Mr. C. VICTORY, book smith shop, on Paso street.

New Stock! New Stock!! 100 Bbls. Choice Family Flour. 100 Cases Kerosene Oil, 'Bereng.' 400 SACKS SALT, COARSE and FINE. 200 Bbls. SUGAR, PRIME CHOICE and CLARIFIED. 100 Boxes Starch, (Fox's).

Table of market prices for various goods including Flour, Sugar, Coffee, Tea, and other commodities. Includes columns for item names and prices.

BOOK & JOB PRINTING HOUSE, A. SHEWERING & CO., PUBLISHERS OF 'The Free Press for Texas,' 'San Antonio Express' AND 'El Atalava de Texas.' Livery and Sale Stables. G. WILLIE PEAY & CO., Moving purchased all the right, title and interest of the firm heretofore existing under the style of Spangler & Peay, will continue the business at the old stand.



