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Platform of the Republican party of Texas.
Resolved, 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 13th and 15th amendments, are necessary to the perfection 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 those amendments.

3 That the resolutions adopted by the Chicago Convention of May 20th 1868, where not modified by the proposed 13th 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 at 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 cooperate 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 of " 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 Jeter immigration.

6 That while the Constitution submitted to the people is in some respects imperfect and objectionable, it is believed by 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 an 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 of the United States, for his activity in ferreting out and bringing to justice the murderers of the patriot Geo. W. Smith, and for the measures he has adopted for the security of life and property, and the establishment of peace.

Johnston 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.

A WESTERN man advertises his wife who has left his bed and board "with a gentleman named Decker."
FUNG YANG, a Chinaman, has been frightened the San Francisco politicians by making a smart speech there.

Savage Thought in Modern Civilization.
[From the Medical Times and Gazette.]
There have been few lectures of greater interest this season than that delivered at the Royal Institute on Friday evening, April 24th, by E. F. Taylor, Esq. Two years ago he delivered a lecture on the early mental condition of man, and dealing with his subject from a different point of view, he now, taking for granted a rude early condition, shows how much of savage thought exist in our most highly civilized societies. One of the most interesting portions of the lecture dealt with the subject of spiritualism, an offspring of Animism. This doctrine, which is now being revived, he shows to be universal among savage tribes. The savage, in common with the spiritist, believes that physical efforts are brought about by spiritual beings. He believes that his conjurer has special means of corresponding with these spirits, which he himself does not possess, just as a medium is looked upon by his followers as their agent with the spirits. The rope trick is an old and well known one among North American Indians and natives of Liberia. Table turning was known 150 years ago in Central Asia. The feat of rising in the air is familiar in India, and in the lives of the Saints. Even rapping, as a means of communication with the spirit world, was reduced to a system, the same as now prevails in the middle ages—spirit-writing is practiced among the Chinese as in London and New York. In short, a medium is a relic of barbarism, the introduction into our nineteenth century culture the philosophy of the savage.
Another topic of interest handled by Mr. Taylor, was the subject of modern games of chance, as a survival of the notion that the air was under the guidance of a spiritual agency; to be a direct means of ascertaining the Divine will. Fortune telling by means of cards is not dead among us, and the most religious people will not infrequently seek guidance by a chance opening of their Bible. Both belong to the same order of thought. The notion of charming away a disease is somewhat similar. The disease is looked upon as an entity—a spirit which may be enticed to leave its quarters, and to release the sufferer from his complaints. Toothache charms are not uncommon in different districts, and worthy clergymen will sometimes believe in their own power to heal diseases by the laying on of hands. Many ceremonial acts, especially in religion, take their origin in animism. Symbolical purifications by fire and water are examples. These may be thought to be hygienic, but they are probably most common among the nations which care least for personal cleanliness. The Christian rite of baptism partakes of this nature.
The last subject discussed by Mr. Taylor, was the association with the east and west, the rising and setting sun. He shows that the position of our churches is associated, though remotely, with the worship of the sun, whilst the position in which many nations bury their dead is also influenced by the rising and setting of the luminary. As Mr. Taylor remarked, illustrations of the survival of savage thought in our modern culture might be indefinitely multiplied; but the above illustrations will suffice to show that this survival or revival is more frequent than we should have believed.

Headquarters 3th Military Dist.,
(STATE OF TEXAS.)
AUSTIN, TEXAS, August 9, 1869.
GENERAL ORDERS,
NO. 639.
So much of Sections twenty-three (23) and twenty-four (24) of an Act entitled "An Act for the assessment and collection of taxes," approved November 10 1868, as makes it the duty of the Assessors and Collectors to execute deeds of conveyance to purchasers of lands sold for taxes, is suspended; and shall remain inoperative until after the restoration of civil government in Texas, and the re-admission of the State into the Union.

ASSESSORS AND COLLECTORS OF TAXES ARE in the several counties and collection districts of Texas forbidden to execute or deliver deeds of conveyance to purchasers of lands heretofore sold under the provisions of said Act; provided, that nothing herein shall be construed as arresting or suspending the sale of property for taxes due thereon; but Assessors and Collectors, as heretofore, will expose to public sale the lands as well as other property of delinquents, as provided by law, which will be bid in by the State if not purchased by individuals.

BY COMMAND OF BREVET MAJOR GENERAL REYNOLDS:
H. CLAY WOOD,
Assistant Adjutant General.

CHATTANOOGA RAILROAD.—The Louisiana Jeffersonian says this road will be finished between New Orleans and Mobile by next month. Twenty-six miles of bridging will be constructed on the route. The bridge at Bogalusa will be a mile and a half in length; that at Pascagoula, a mile and seven eighths; that at Bay St. Louis two miles and a half, etc. The piles driven at Bay St. Louis at sixty-five feet long where the water is only three or four feet deep, and are driven home by drop weighing three thousand pounds. A solid road bed for sustaining two tracks is in process of construction.

The whether has been a great drawback. Laborers in that swampy region find it impossible to continue at work for any length of time. The men become debilitated from working with wet feet and legs, while a melting sun pours down on their heads and shoulders. On the solid and breezy plains of Texas they will have no such complaints to make.

A citizen of Cincinnati, while on a visit to Maine recently, wrote home that it was no credit to the people that they were temperate as a class, since their water was so good and their whisky so poor.

Texas Items.
In the suburbs of Waco the Register notices several families camped. They come from different States, and are seeking homes in that section. The abundance of rain, the Waco Register says, has delayed the opening of cotton, and the probability is that the cotton picking season will be at least a month later than usual. There is a promise, however, of an abundant yield, both of cotton and corn in that section.

UNDER the heading of "more shipments" the Shreveport Southwestern of the 4th inst, mentions the arrival of fourteen bales of spun yarn from a factory in Texas, for shipment to Philadelphia.

KILLED.—We learn that Mr. Thomas Hoskins was killed on Walnut Creek, 15 miles from Bastrop, on Tuesday last by the hands of his son-in-law Joseph Hemphill. It is stated to us that the old man was drunk, abused and threatened his daughter, Mr. Hemphill's wife, whereupon H. interferred, when the old man snatched a cap at him, when Hemphill fired, resulting in the death of Mr. Hoskins.—[Bastrop Advertiser, 7th inst.]

A GENTLEMAN'S OVERT.—We learn that Mr. Gail Borden, hearing in New York of the Texas flood, and that much suffering existed among the poor class in and around Bastrop, in consequence of it, at once forwarded a \$200 draft to his brother at this place, to be distributed among the sufferers. This shows a kind and generous heart; and, although his generous donation was not needed, yet the kind act is duly appreciated by the community.—[Ibid.]

BEEF PACKERY.—Messrs. J. W. Randall & Co. have established extensive beef-rendering establishment two miles north of the city, at which they are now slaughtering thirty head per day. The average yield of tallow from rendering the whole carcass, is from sixty to seventy pounds per head, at this time, and it is believed to become fully fattened. They will increase the number to fifty head per day as the cattle improve in quality, and their stock of hogs to one thousand.

A letter to the Galveston News dated Hamilton county, July 29th, says: "Our neighborhood, situated near the line of Coryell and Hamilton counties, on the Leon, was visited on the night of the 25th ult, by a band of Indians. Their depredations were limited, though they killed two or three and drove away several head of horses. They were pursued some distance but nothing was effected.

The Gazette announces the death of Capt. Stephen Crosby, who died at his residence in Austin, on the 5th inst.

FIRST LIEUT. Harrison Holt, 6th U. S. Cavalry, has been appointed Military Commissioner of Bell county, by Special Order No. 67, dated Waco, August 1st, 1869. The Belton Journal says: "Lieut. Holt assumes as that he deeply regrets the troubles in this county which have rendered his presence here necessary, and gives us the assurance that it will be his aim to act in concert with the citizens in the suppression of crime and disorder.

The Belton Journal of the 4th inst. also has the following:
On Thursday morning last a squad of U. S. Cavalry came dashing into town about sunrise, and reported that they had just been in pursuit of James McCray, and two or three others, whom they had followed from Friars' creek up to near this place, where they lost the trail. It appears from their statement, and other rumors, that a running fight at long range was kept up for a distance of five or six miles, without damage to either party. Nothing more was known of the affair here until Sunday last, at which time a gentleman came up and ordered a coffin and reported that McCray had been killed near the residence of Mrs. Griffin, some eight or nine miles below here, on Saturday evening about five o'clock. This much seems to be authentic. McCray, after he was shot, reported that it was done by citizens.

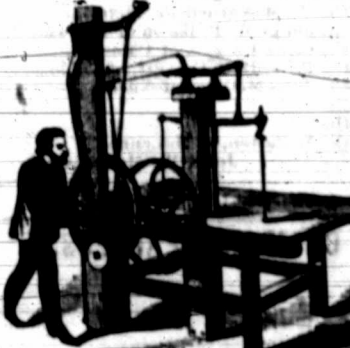
Cotton was beginning to open in Bell county on the 4th. Picking will shortly commence. The crop is spoken of as being sufficiently good to insure a bale to the acre on prairie and uplands.

RESIGNATION.—Gen. Reynolds in general orders No. 136, paragraph 2, thus regulates resignation.
"Resignations tendered by duly qualified civil officers, to either the military or civil authorities of the State of Texas, shall not take effect or relieve the officer tendering the same from his responsibility for a proper discharge of the duties of his office, until the acceptance thereof by the proper authority is officially announced, and a successor in such office has been duly appointed and qualified."

A NEW RACE.—The London News says that Mr. Cameron, a Cactus snout, has discovered a race of men, with tails, in northern Borneo. They are said to adopt a costume as economical as it is primitive; to live exclusively by hunting, and to shun all intercourse with the tail-less tribes which inhabit the better known districts of the island. Mr. Cameron thinks that if only the Asiatic Society, or the authorities of the Indian Museum, will assist him in raising the funds necessary to defray the cost of an expedition, that "the missing link" will at last be brought to light, and that Borneo will supply the means of enabling man to form acquaintance with his primal ancestor. Here is a chance for English theorists, who believe in a gorilla or monkey origin of the race.

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(Oct 24th)

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