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SPECIAL NOTICE.

The *Express* is the official organ of the County of Texarkana and the City of the American Southwest. The *Express* is the appointed official organ for the 5th Judicial District, composed of the counties of Texarkana and Wilson; for the 6th Judicial District, composed of the counties of Madison, Upshur, and Harrison; and for the 7th Judicial District, composed of the cities of El Paso and Presidio.

The San Antonio *State Press* is the official organ for the 8th Judicial District, composed of the cities of San Antonio, Kerrville, Kerr, and Gillespie.

The Enabling Act.

The Legislature has passed no law that has been as disastrous in its results as the Enabling Act.

It is one of those laws that are justified by the popular condition of the country, but which must eventually cause well-grounded complaints.

When Governor Davis assumed the control of the State in the spring of 1870, public affairs were in a very disorganized condition. The office of County Treasurer had not been provided for by the constitution, and at the general election, ordered under the reconstruction acts, the office of District Attorney had not been voted for; all our city officials held their positions under the appointment of the commanding General, who had caused to have any authority in civil affairs.

Now, a new election could have remedied all these evils, but at that time there were no registration or election laws, and besides it would not have been prudent immediately upon the inauguration of a republican administration, to have increased the public agitation by another election. It was this state of affairs, that gave birth to the Enabling Act, which gave the Governor the right to fill by appointment all those offices, which had not been provided for by the constitution.

Now, what has been the effect? Democratic organs maintain, that a tremendous power has been placed in the hands of the Governor, and that he has used this power to its fullest extent in the interest of the republican party.

Instead, however, of placing great power in the hands of the Governor, it is more in the nature of a heavy burden. The responsibility of always appointing good men to all important offices, is itself no small matter; and as there are always any number of applicants for each and every office, it took a considerable time and still more trouble to pick out the most fitting person.

The natural result of this manner of filling offices was, that in many cases, those who did not receive appointments were dissatisfied, and frequently became open opponents of the administration, and were suddenly changed from indifferent friends to bitter and active enemies.

Then, too, it could not well be otherwise, than, that among the appointees many a scabby sheep had sneaked in, and the Governor and the republican party were held responsible for them.

When the incumbents were elected this responsibility falls away entirely. But even when they are elected, it generally happens, that the most worthless characters in the country are selected to the most important offices, but then the responsibility falls on the people themselves, and they are silent at least, until the next election; even the defeated candidates have nothing to say, and wait hopefully for the next election. A single unworthy appointment by the Executive does more injury to the party than can be counterbalanced by the appointment of a hundred excellent officials. Then the pressure, that is brought to bear upon the Governor by the unscrupulous political friends of the would-be office-holders; and the deluge of letters, and the countless deputations that consume time and patience, and interfere with the exercise of his own judgement in selecting proper persons.

These outside influences, which have frequently been brought to bear upon the Governor by interested private parties, have often caused the Governor to interfere; for instance, in our city affairs, which require no outside direction, as they are managed as strictly in the interest of the republican party, as is possible under the circumstances. Every citizen of San Antonio can justify as to how frequently the entire population of the city has been violently excited by orders from Austin, and as to the weakening effect, that this has had on the republican party in this city. In other places similar mistakes have produced similar results.

We believe that it is evident, that the Enabling Act has been a source of division and weakness to the republican party, that it does not tend to strengthen the Executive in the least, and we believe that it would be advantageous if it were to be once null and void at an early date.

The petitions in Arizona have petitioned the President to have General Crook untrammelled in his plan of maintaining peace and order out there by any interference or suggestions of the Peace Commission. These will settlers are deeply interested in this matter, and having seen and heard words and kind treatment tried as honorably and unselfishly, they want a fair and unbiased trial given to more summary measures.

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TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

The Latest News!

NEW YORK GONE REPUBLICAN BY 51,000.

Wisconsin, Illinois, Minnesota and Nebraska carried by large majorities.

REPUBLICAN GAIN IN MARYLAND!!

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8.—An order will be issued from the War Department, probably to-morrow, placing the Indians of Arizona under the direct charge of Gen. Schenck.

Instructions will be given to bring them in all reservations and keep them upon such reservations; while there they will be fully protected in all their rights by this government, and if they leave and go on the war path they will be punished.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 7.—Cases of small pox are now 567, and deaths 25.

ANNAPURNA, Nov. 7.—Gen. Augur commands the third department, comprising Texas and Indian Territory. Headquarters at San Antonio.

BALTIMORE, Nov. 7.—Baltimore city gives a Democratic majority of 67,000. Republican gain of 700. The Republicans have probably carried two counties in the State.

WISCONSIN elects Republican Governor and Legislature.

ILLINOIS elects Republican Congressmen at large by 25,000 to 30,000 majority.

NEW JERSEY elects Democratic Governor and probably Legislature.

NEW YORK elects Republican ticket, and Legislature. Tammany Hall was not present last night.

THE WORLD says: Returns from this State, which were unusually backward this year, indicate the election of the Republicans by at least 20,000 majority. We have lost the State Legislature, and the Republicans will not fall far short of two-thirds vote in either house.

Sirol was elected by about 25,000 majority over Gandy for Register, Bradley, Morton and Genesee will not visit Albany this year.

Sixty-eight cities and towns to nominate give Austin, Republican candidate for Governor, 1400 majority.

Tammany elects Town to the Senate, and only three out of twenty-two Assemblymen, the reform ticket for the county and city of New York is successful by large majorities.

Republican carried Nebraska with increased majorities.

CINCINNATI, Nov. 7.—Medill, Republican, elected Mayor by a large majority.

JACKSON, Miss., Nov. 8.—State election occurred yesterday. Things conducted in the most orderly manner, no disturbances reported from any quarter. The republicans have carried the State by a majority of 45,000. The vote in the compact towns for the Lower House of the Legislature is as follows:

Senate 12 Republicans and 9 Democrats; Assembly 37 Republicans and 25 Democrats.

Returns from all accessible points in Minnesota indicate the Republicans majority from 15,000.

ATT-TAMMANY elects all McCormick and fifteen of twenty-one assistant Aldermen.

Latest count: New York Legislature—Senate 24 Republicans and 9 Democrats; Assembly 39 Republicans majority.

Horatio Seymour is defeated. Tilden elected by 3000 majority. Curtis and Sedgwick beat Jones and Spencer for Superior Court about 22,000. Barrett's majority over Ledwith 44,000. Powell's majority for mayor of Brooklyn 4300.

It is reported that Tweed has resigned commissionership of Public Works.

Several women voted in New York.

TEXAS Returns.

The long talked of Indian Chief, Satan and Big Tree, passed through this place on last Saturday, the 21st inst., under an escort of the U. S. soldiers, en route for the penitentiary. The citizens had intimation of their coming the previous day and were sufficiently waiting for the royal return.

When the escort came into town the guard informed them that no one was permitted to approach near the wagon that contained the Indians. So ye local nor anyone else got a sight." Satan, we were informed was very sick, and was doubtless whether or not he would see Huntsville.—Clerk Chron. Oct. 22.

Quite a number of immigrants have recently arrived from the ill-fated city of the West, Chicago. Already some fifty Swiss, who have come to seek employment as laborers, have arrived at Houston.

Houston, Oct. 22.

The Tyler Register says Herndon's majority in the First Congressional District, is not less than 5000.

The Austin Journal recommends the real estate owners of that city to prepare for the great ingress of population that is apt to take place upon the completion of the railroad, by or before the first of January next, by building as many houses as possible for the accommodation of the new comers.

The present price of corn in Texas varies from 50 cents to about \$1 per bushel.

The former price generally rules in the older country, and the latter in the new and frontier counties. As usual, the price will doubtless be higher by spring.

The following seemed to be a rather haphazard compliment from an editor to his own town:

"We notice that the Legislature has changed Bryan from a town to a city. While at work at this job we wish it would also change its name, and call it either Dogtown or Pugville. Either would cover the case. As Bryan has outgrown her town boundaries, they are for sale cheap.

They can be bought at bargain, and they will do as well as new ones to start a town with. Apply to the mayor. The contents of the pocket go with the braces without additional charge."

Judging from the glowing accounts of the fairs, most all over the State, and the unusual abundance of the pease crop, we conclude that no such splendid meet must have been enjoyed before for many years, if ever. It is generally admitted, that the meet will be quite sufficient for fattening all the pigs in the State, with the use of very little corn. The export of pease will constitute quite an important article of our trade, amounting probably to half a million dollars, at no cost except that of packing and shipping them.

Amelia Davis, a colored widow, was

married lately to a white man named Soldier, at Baton Rouge, La., and next morning was found murdered in her room, sup-

posed by her husband.

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LAST NOTICE.

Secure your Christmas and New Year Gifts.

\$1,000,000.

By the authority of the act of the Legislature of Kentucky, of March 12, 1871, the Trustees of the Public Library of Kentucky, will give a

GRAND GIFT CONCERT,

AT LOUISVILLE, KY.

Saturday, December 16, 1871.

100,000 Tickets of admission, \$10 each, currency; half tickets, \$5; quarter tickets, \$2.50.

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18 OCTOBER

LOCAL AFFAIRS.

This case in the Recorder's Court have become so singularly interesting that it is not worth mentioning.

REGULAR meeting of the Anti-Slavery Society, at G. A. Hall, their Hall on Saturday evening at 7 P. M.

REV. C. HARRIS will preach at Emanuel's Hall next Sabbath at 10 o'clock; A. M. Sabbath school, 9 o'clock A. M.

HAT of an inferior quality, and in distinctive style, commands ten times the price.

We are informed that steps will be taken to hurry up the payment of the city taxes.

PROPS. VENGE will give his people and their friends a hoist at the Mount hall, to-night. The dancing will begin at 8 o'clock, P. M.

Mrs. JNO. FROST is expected to leave shortly. Jack is a blustering sort of fellow, and well known to many of our citizens.

GEN. JAMES A. ERIN, Chief Quartermaster of the Department, will address a lecture, in behalf of the Sedgwick Post No. 6, Grand Army of the Republic, some time soon. Due notice will be given of subject, time and place.

MARSH TRADE.—Butter and cheese are high, the former commanding one dollar, and the latter is very expensive; the same price, per dozen. It is predicted that eggs will be even higher yet before Christmas, on account of the ravages of the chicken cholera. The prices of all articles are very inflated on account of the long continued rains, and bad roads.

The lover of nature wonders, can find full flow for his imagination, in the beautiful Autumn scenes of the falling leaves; provided, he has got to work for a living, in the latter event he won't find time. He set out with the brightening hope of getting out of color of those floating walls of parent stems with glee, but if a man is given to rolling up his eyes and talking pretty, then he is not better prepared than the "guido" lists of expiring Antunes."

SPECIAL orders No. 218. Headquarters of the Department of Texas, assigned to duty, adding Assistant Surgeon John R. Cooper, formerly residing in Philadelphia and had acquired a large and lucrative practice in that city, but owing to close application to his practice, his health became impaired and he was induced to try curative qualities of this climate; we trust his sojourn in our midst may be pleasant, and that he may be induced to locate permanently in our growing community. His friends in Washington city will be glad to learn of his success.

We have received a letter from Fort Stockton, dated Nov. 1st, informing us, that the officers and citizens at Fort Stockton had collected and forwarded to the Mayor of Chicago the sum of \$500 for the relief of the destitute. The subscription list was opened by Mr. Friedlander, the well and favorably known Post trader, with fifty dollars. Mr. Peter Gallagher of this city is down for another fifty. The balance of the amount subscribed is made up by eighteen officers and citizens.

If any other town or post of the same population as Fort Stockton has done as well, we should like to hear from it.

The following from a prominent citizen of this city, will be read with interest:

In the Daily Express of the 10th, under an article "The Railroad Question," the writer, in speaking of the Columbus road says: "We have other good reasons for believing that the road will not be built. A good many of our San Antonio citizens believe this also. Some may say: 'then we get the hundred thousand dollars from the Columbus company?'. Our Police Court accepted a bond from said company, which is not worth anything, at least nobody in this city would give a reasonable sum for said bond if it should become due. This duty of those officers who have to receive such bonds, is not only to receive any kind of paper, no matter who signed the same, but the main object is and always will be, to apparently such a bond which can be void for cash as soon as it becomes due."

The citizens of this city are willing at any time to donate to any railroad to this place, which will be actually built, a reasonable sum of money, and it is therefore a shame if they have to be satisfied, with a bond upon which the stipulated amount cannot be collected.

If our county officers intend to accept from Mr. Morgan the same sort of a bond as they did from the Columbus company, then they had better not order an election at all. The writer has no doubt that the majority of our property holders are willing either to take stock in the Indianola road, or to donate a certain amount to the Indians' rail road; but only under such conditions, that we can draw right off the money needed to the hand, with a reasonable interest, at any bank here in this city, as soon as the contractor of the road does not fulfill his promise.

A CITIZEN.

In the shadow of more interesting local news, we have decided to neglect the doings of the legislature. To tell the truth the members are doing nothing much. They seem to have forgotten, that they should represent the people, and have come to the conclusion that they were elected for the purpose of drawing eight dollars a day. This eight dollars a day is probably the cause of the extended session.

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