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BLANK DEEDS,
OF ALL KINDS FOR SALE AT THE
REPUBLICAN OFFICE.

Reputations were destroyed.

A Delegated Committee of the Republic-
an party of Texas hereby call to as-
semble in the city of Houston on the sec-
ond and Tuesday of June, 1872, all the
men of our party—Friends, Brothers, and
for a thorough re-organization of the party.

The basis of representation is fixed the
same as for members of the Legislature.

Papers friendly to the objects herein ex-
pressed will please copy this call.

J. G. TRACY,
C. W. MANNING,
J. P. NEWCOMB, Secretaries.

C. LEE'S OFFICE,
OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES U. S.,
WASHINGTON, DEC. 11th, 1871.

To the Publisher of the *Express*,
San Antonio, Texas.

SIR.—The Express has been selected for
publishing such acts and documents of the
Second Congress, and also such public
treaties entered into and ratified by the
United States as may be convenient for
warding to our constituents for
them to be published without delay.
I am, sir, respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

A. MCGRATH,
Clerk of House of Representatives U. S.

CIVIL Service Reform.

The *Western Post* is of the opinion that
any proposed reform in the American civil
service system, to be effective, must begin
at the head.

And as the entire stock of the *Western*
Post's political wisdom consists of its
unanimous repetition of the sentence "Grant
must be beaten," therefore it appears in
the article referred to, that "beginning at
the head" means nothing more or less than
a change in the occupancy of the Presiden-
tial office.

But, in a Republic it is not the head that
possesses the supreme executive authority,
but it is the people who elect the officials.

Looking at the question from this stand-
point, the New York *Journal* in discussing
the Reform question, "takes the ball by
the horns," and states unequivocally, that we
have corrupt officials because the people
are corrupt. There is no flattering dema-
gogery about that, and it differs material-
ly from the congratulatory assertions
that are constantly made, that the people
are so very wise and exceedingly virtuous,
but are so unfortunate as to be continually
hampered by designing men.

The great difficulty in the way of reform
is to be found in the fact, that the officials
are as good and as *honest* their the Albert
can people, or rather the American people
are no better than the office-holders. Dur-
ing the recent debate in the Senate Grant
was said about the corruption in the
New York Custom House, and that the
Senators who were friendly to the Admin-
istration were alarmed at the nomination of
an investigating committee. Nevertheless,
a committee was appointed, and it is
done its duty "without fear or favor." It
will appear that the custom house officials
are not more willing to be judged than the
people who now learn and always forget,
what the members of the Ninth Regt. and
General Warrington are not the people of
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The only remedy we know of, lies in the
improvement of our public schools, the
more general diffusion of knowledge. Our
only hope is in the rising generation. Let
us hope for them better education, more
enlightened, strict principles and a more
active conscience.

And until then let us not join in the
blind and foolish, as well as inane, land
of the virtuous Democracy against Gen-
eral Grant and the office-holders, but remem-
ber, that if corruption exists, then the
reformers had more than their share of it,
and least of all, let us be engrossed in
a bairal of principle or party by
such shallow pretenses.

State bank in city, Horner & Grant.

The Houston Telegraph discourses as
follows:

"Corruption is disgraceful, as well as ignominious
and offensive to Him that rules."

You are too fast, neighbor Carter may
not succeed quickly, but the party with
which he is now acting will surely suc-
ceed.

A House speaker, Mr. McMurtry, says
that the reformers have more than their
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LOCAL AFFAIRS.

ALEX. E. SWART, Notary Public, Ex-
-Treasurer.

Case of operation—the Grover & Baker.

The conundrums in the Herald preach the most impressive temperance lecture we have ever heard or read. L'Hermit has the jinxus, we presume.

Cannot be put out of time or adjustment by us—the Grover & Baker.

In the Recorder's Court Sam Davis, colored, was committed to jail, because of his inability to find sureties to go on the bail bond for \$500 on the charge of embezzlement.

We recently had occasion to inspect thoroughly a pound cake which was so well compounded and elegantly iced that we asked immediately for the name of the Confectioner who did it, and ascertained that it was a specimen of the handiwork of HARRISON & BAKER, on the corner as you go the Menger, the hotel of the West.

Extra size and room under needle arm—the Grover & Baker.

LUMBER has gone down from 80 dollars a thousand feet to 60 dollars, and still has a downward tendency—in Austin on account of the railroad to that enterprising city.

The skies continue to be, and the weather cold like and dismal, so much so, that fears are entertained of very bad frost, which always involves the destruction of the peach crop. We cannot remember ever to have experienced a month's summer weather at this time of the year, before in Texas.

During the year 1871 the butchers of San Antonio, at both markets, have slaughtered 6000 oxen, 914 calves, 745 hogs and 300 sheep.

This may be relied on as correct, being the official statement of the Market Master, and which quota constitutes a city of about 120,000 inhabitants, not including the cattlemen, that are great beef eaters.

The market is crowded—after several very interesting speeches on Agriculture we don't notice any signs on the list, which is quite reassuring to us, who were under the impression that the market was a pleasant field of the butchers.

Great range of work—the Grover & Baker.

The post office in the Herald, from the Houston Telegraph, is calculated to prevent immigration to this section. It reads as it was from the pen of Old Morphus, who once haunted this place, who thus seeks to perpetuate his evil love for the river, which used to torment the public in the columns of the Ledger, and it remains one of the doubtful accomplishments paid to a middle aged lady by a former lover, when he wrote "I still cling to your memory as to some ancient rain hallowed by time and a thousand pleasing recollections."

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Notwithstanding how long we are of experience, we here, we advise you not to take the Devil by that pitchfork.

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Just at this time the natural desire to have a garden is very active, and plowing, digging, manuring, &c., is being undertaken on a much larger scale than usual. After carefully preparing the ground, the first important thing to attend to, is procuring good and reliable garden seeds. LANDRETH GARDEN SEEDS are the best. They can be procured at Mr. Strode's General store, near the EXPRESS Office.

But the amateur gardener will encounter many difficulties calculated to disengage him very effectually. He must have a good tight fence around about his premises to protect his cabbages, beets, &c., from the depredations of cattle. And just here we would remark, that in purchasing garden implements, the most important is a stout pitchfork, for unless the ordinance is referred to, horned cattle is strictly forbidden a pitchfork, will be absolutely necessary in every family to accelerate the cattle in picking an exit. The next difficulty will be your neighbor's chickens. They will scratch your seeds up as a pre-ventative. We recommend arsenic spread on crabs of ground and scattered carrots like in the gardens. This is much preferable to spelling them with stones; as that method is apt to produce misunderstandings between neighbors, and by the plan we suggest the mortality is laid to the charge of chicken cholera. It is true that sometimes the children eat the carrots and get the chicken cholera, too, but the poor high price of provisions has raised death of half the terror.

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The balloting over, the newly elected President was confronted to the chair amid applause from the audience, and made it a most appropriate gesture, in making it a fitting place for his first speech. In his opinion, he President of an Agricultural Association in Western Texas, an excellent man, who was the first to preside over the first National Bank in the United States.

The remarks of the President were well received.

James Stridling moved that the thanks of the Association be tendered to the retiring officers for the faithful manner in which they had performed their duties during the past year.

The motion was carried—after several very interesting speeches on Agriculture we don't notice any signs on the list, which is quite reassuring to us, who were under the impression that the market was a pleasant field of the butchers.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

How to Enjoy Winter.

The Human Organism is a regulated furnace. The blood may be compared to the fuel, and the more stable tissues formed to the iron stove containing the fuel. Just as proportion to the energy and stability with which life is carried on, that is, fresh blood, is required. But, in order to obtain that three great be both food, and also digestive energy. Where there is a failure in this digestive energy, stimulants frequently are had recourse to; but their effect is transient, and if used too long and excessively, then tend to derange the system.

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