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NO. 87.

DRY GOODS.

GROCERIES.

Eugene Robin,
FRENCH BAKERY,
FAMILY GROCERIES,
Fine Liquors.

CORNER OF ALMOSA & ALMOSA PLAZA,

2100 1/2 A.M. 1 P.M.

AT THE OLD STAND ON COMMERCE STREET.

M. Baker, an experienced French

baker, and furnishes bread of a su-

perior quality at

VERY LOW RATES.

He has also on hand a constant supply of

FRESH GROCERIES.

CONSISTING IN PART OF

FLOWER,

COFFEE,

SUGAR,

STARCH,

CANDLES,

&c., &c., &c.

WE ARE IN WEEKLY RECEIPT OF

New Groceries,

WHICH WE SELL AS LOW AS THE LOWEST MARKET PRICES.

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FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 1872.

REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION.

CHANGE OF TIME ORDERED.

A Delegate Convention of the Republican party of Texas is hereby called to assemble at the University of Houston—on our Tuesday, April 17, 1872, for the purpose of nominating a Full Ticket of Electors, including Delegates to the Philadelphia National Convention, for a thorough reorganization of the party, and for the transacting of such other business as may properly come before the body.

The hand of representation is fixed at one Delegate and one Alternate for every five thousand.

County mass meetings called by chairman of committees are authorized to elect Delegates whose regular delegates are present.

Papers friendly to the object herein expressed will please copy this.

J. G. TRACY,
Chairman of the
Executive Committee.

J. P. NEWCOMB, Secretary.

TO THE REPUBLICANS OF TEXAS
COUNTRY.

A full nomination with promised Republicans, it is deemed advisable to modify the notice for a county convention of the Republicans of this country, as published at the last election. Hence, the following notice is given to all conventions nominating delegates to the county convention, it is thought preferable to hold a General Mass Meeting of all Republicans of this country at the time and place named.

The assemblage is, therefore made, a full representation of the Republican voters of the country, from all its precincts, as well as from El Paso, New Mexico, in this city, on Saturday the 17th instant, for the purpose of electing delegates from this country to the State Convention. Convention will be held in the city of Houston on the 2nd Tuesday of May, proximate. A full representation is required, in order that delegates may be chosen who will represent the views of this country in the State Convention.

A. NIERINGER,
Chairman of the Executive Committee, of the
and Judicial Districts.

Distinguished Arrivants.

On day before yesterday, at 5 o'clock and 335 minutes, P. M. as near as we could learn, in the presence of admiring witnesses, the white mare and buggy, formerly familiar to the public gaze of our citizens as the property of A. W. Kempston, arrived in San Antonio, and was suddenly, and without previous warning, delivered of "the smartest man in Texas." The horse and buggy are said to be doing as well as could be expected after a fatiguing journey from Austin, their present residence. It is understood that this arrival is not altogether miraculous in fact that the new comer is a son of John the Baptist, crying in the wilderness, clad in a stove-pipe hat, and feeding on wrath and wild intentions of preparing the way for next Saturday's Republican convention. In other words, as on his recently adopted plan expressed himself, he has come here to organize—or reorganize a party; and is just going to lay over everybody!!! We were not informed just how many were going to "stand from under," but we have a hunch that when the laying process is completed, the eggs will be found small and few in number, and if not broken in the scratch too badly addled for hatching purposes. However, the double back-action of this celebrated incubator will be watched with interest, and is likely to be instructive if not amazing to the people. The fruit is certain to be rather speckled and dirty, and suggestive of hatched eggs.

But concerning the business of "reorganizing" for his own good, and in order that he may not be disappointed with the result, we commend to him the perusal of the following experience of the great Artemus Ward. Artemus said: "I never attempted to reorganize my wife but once. I shall never attempt to do it again. I'd been to a public dinner, and had allowed myself to be betrayed into drink to several people's health and wished to make 'em robust as possible, I continued drinkin' their health until my own was affected. Consequence was, I presented myself to Betsey's bedside late at night with considerableicker concealed about my person. I had then some how got possession of a horse whip on my way home, and summarilie some cranky observations of Mrs. Ward in the morning! I snapped the whip pretty lively, and in a very loud voice I said: 'Betsey, you need organizing.' I had come, 'cause I never did, and I continued cracklin' the whip over the bed. 'And rumor has it, that it is the wish of this young 'Madame' Olson' to have me to predict to her already very ancient and popular family name, the more illustrious title of Don Lew."

The PUBLIC DEBT.—One of the most remarkable documents we have lately seen is a balanced sheet, signed by Mr. Howell as Secretary of the Treasury, giving the successive monthly statements of national debt during the year 1871. On the first of March, 1870, the total amount of our national indebtedness was \$2,000,000,000.00. The annual interest charge has been reduced \$100,000,000. The policy of our debt reduction is now beyond controversy. The administration which could accomplish these results and at the same time cut down taxes \$100,000,000 per annum has given most satisfactory proof of its integrity and financial capacity. Such a record as this overshadows all the glories of both Democratic and now that he has succeeded in making the Herald his official organ, as well as the official organ of his city council here, there is no longer any doubt but he has gone over, that and above, body and soul to his opponents, for themselves and Congress must have afforded very significant comment upon the above test.

MR. NEWCOMB has asserted that the San Antonio Herald is more of a Republican paper than the *Blitz*. This is not at all surprising to us, nor will it be to a great majority of the Republicans in the State. We have seen for a long time the "blazing that way" which has characterized all of this gentleman's acts, whether official or in the selection of friends and associates; and now that he has succeeded in making the Herald his official organ, as well as the official organ of his city council here, there is no longer any doubt but he has gone over, that and above, body and soul to his opponents, for themselves and Congress must have afforded very significant comment upon the above test.

THE DAILY EXPRESS.—The "telegraphic lines are still down, on account of an immense overflow, and several days will pass before we can receive any dispatches.

It gives the further information, that a general negotiation with the Associated Press is now sending dispatches. We note that the New Orleans National Republican receives its despatches from this new company, and that their quality is superior.

There is needed great reform in the old way of sending dispatches to the press. In the first place the charges are too high, and secondly they are seldom reliable, because the lines in this part of the world are entirely in the hands of the democracy. On half the so-called news is twaddle and personal conjecture got up for political purposes.

As soon as we can rely upon what we want and nothing else we are willing to pay for the telegrams. The rapid increase of our subscription and advertising patronage will in a short time justify our outlay, and we shall make it.

The *Kron-Zeitung*, of Berlin, the leading organ of the reactionary feudalists of Prussia, says: "Schurz is barking after Prussia and is now making war upon President Grant because the latter has recently passed a policy in Missouri that Schurz thought injurious to his own influence. The whole rebuke of the American Senate is destined to discredit the Government in the eyes of the people, and it is also apparent that French subsidies have any truth in the maxim that 'actions speak louder than words.'

True, it is a part of the programme to deny this, but the people here have already passed judgment, and will be prepared to put it to record next Saturday. We want harmony among republicans of every race and color, and we will have it if we act—act wisely, calmly and firmly.

There really no ground for discord. To array the colored people against the army colored people against Grant, and any one who attempts to saddle the Convention with issues that are not republican, and not national in their character, set him down as a spy and an enemy in the camp.

The Alamo Dice.

The rejection of the Alamo ditch resolution by the present board was regarded by many as a wise measure, until it may be noted, to call public attention to the fact that behind this resolution, is a reason, on the strength of which the survey of the said ditch was ordered by the old board.

This petition was signed by seven three or four hundred good citizens—principal owners and living or being interested, west of the San Pedro. Among the signatures to this petition, new as they may be found the names of some of the most prominent members of the new board. However, for the benefit of the parties interested in this ditch, as well as others who may wish to hear this question properly discussed, a few remarks upon the subject may be made with propriety.

It will be remembered that some time last fall, the citizens interested west of the San Pedro, petitioned the old board, in regard to the necessity of their having an irrigating ditch, stating at the same time that they were not only willing to pay taxes on city improvements generally but also willing to pay a special tax for this ditch. The proposition was too plain and simple for trifling to be naturally ignored, consequently a survey of the ditch was requested, and it was agreed, however, that the survey was to be made, and that the surveyor was to be paid a sum of \$175 to \$200 per gallon. This sum will be easily converted into money.

THE ELECTION RETURN.—Our Jewish plurality in Connecticut is 140, with a majority over all of thirty. There are ten Republicans to six Democrats in the Senate, and one hundred and thirty-one Republicans to one hundred and ten Democrats in the House.

The city election in Omaha was overwhelmingly Republican; the mayor and municipal body elected by largely increased majorities. Throughout Wisconsin and Illinois in local elections the return show the Republicans generally in the lead.

A citizen of Dallas makes Texas wine, and has established a wine house.

His cellar greater number of barrels, &

with the risk of loss of the grapes, native to

and wild, were sold to him, and he

had been asked to pay a certain price,

as a just compensation, Governor Davis

and others. A new trial has been granted.

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we had no course to pursue except under its mandate. I think that it has been

faithfully executed, so much so that in

some instances it has been done to have been done with severe justice. I have said be-

fore that we have reason to hope that we shall have successful reconstruction. I

believe that this is due to the firm hand of

the present Administration. Will it not be

better, then, to forge the exercise of one

good privilege of a quadrennial change of

administration, when we see and feel, so far

as there is to be effected, well, and with

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