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OUR readers will excuse the absence of the leading editorial today. All that which was set up in long primer "pied" just as it was going to press—a column and a half. Did we run? No! Language fails on such occasions. Language frequently fails.

Special Correspondent on the San Antonio Express.

Houston, May 16, 1872.—
Editor San Antonio Express:—
My telegram of yesterday have given in substance what has transpired at the Convention. I will now add a few remarks to enable the readers of the Express to form an idea of what has been going on so far, and what may probably happen hereafter.

When I arrived in Houston I found all hotels overfilled with guests, many of them had come to attend the Convention; the State Fair has attracted undoubtedly a great many visitors. You will not be astonished to hear that Austin, the official Austin, I mean, is fully represented. The State Executive, the Departments of the Secretary of State, of the Superintendent of Education, of the Treasurer and Comptroller, they are all here. And when the Convention met I saw the Governor, Mr. Private Secretary, Britton, Newcomb and his clerks, DeGress and staff, Stanley Webster and others, from the State House, from San Antonio, included; Dr. Weisselberg, the Superintendent of the Lunatic Asylum, and Mr. Kuebler, the General Land Commissioner, are also here, but as mere lookers on in Ypsilanti.

The above named gentlemen of the Austin ring have worked hard for several days to arrange matters and things according to their own fashion, and had agreed upon a very nice plan to carry the Convention by storm, and still the voice of the people before the first sound could be heard; but, like all men who are nothing, then save and are satisfied the world is turning around them like the moon around the earth, they made their count without the host. In their attempt to make the machine run smooth, they put too much oil on it, and you could see it drip from the tongues of those that fed from the public crib. All and everything was to be harmony, the good people and those that in truth represented the people, were to yield justice, right and honest (so far the sake of humanity) and harmony meant all and everything. But the Austin delegation and staff had evidently planned for the welfare of—the people, of course, that naughty child, who is crying daily for the milk and bread of Justice and freedom, and is being by force and violence tied up in the cradle of the parental care of the Convention, whose excesses eat all the milk and bread themselves.

Not for the Convention. Before the members knew what was going on, Judge J. W. Scott was elected temporary President, and Lucy and Newcomb's secretaries. Then the machine was put in motion and ran pretty well. A committee of fifteen on credentials was appointed by the President, and Lucas slipped into that committee in spite of the objection raised. The next thing was, a committee of fifteen for permanent organization, and DeGress, who then was known to represent Tarrant county, became a member of this committee. Here a string of the machine broke, and somebody smelt a rat. Mr. Taylor, of Grayson county, representing ten votes, rose and told the Convention that he had come here to tell the truth and that he was going to do it. His saw what was going on and how the attempt was made to cheat the Republican party out of its due. He went over to several other delegations and spoke to the Convention, telling them that the banner of general appeal, and the banner of the President had been used to perform. Schuster said that the eye of the whole people of Texas upon this Convention and that upon its action depended the fate of the Republican party of Texas. He asked for fair dealing.

The scene before Patten Hall the moving place of the Convention immediately after adjournment, was exciting in the highest degree. Tom Gillis, denominated the whole Convention a packed crowd, Patten thought everything was fair, others declared their intention not to tolerate this mode of procedure any longer, and the Austin strikers can have and there a sharp smell danger approaching. It was evident that a strong opposition had sprung up and that the evening session of the Convention was to be a stormy one.

And so it proved to be. The Convention met at four o'clock p.m., and the Committee on Credentials reported. As a matter of course the Newcomb delegation was admitted, and the delegation of the Republicans of Bexar county was not even mentioned. Two other counties, Grimes and Cameron, had also sent delegations, and just as the case of the Bexar county, those were admitted who had been handled by the Austin influence. This raised the temper of the committee for delegates was in order, and was on motion, laid upon the public. It appeared that neither DeGress nor Newcomb's name was in said report; this was certainly one reason why the opposition ring apposed the report. Other reasons might have been brought to bear upon it; certain it was that DeGress, with his whole staff, voted for tabling the report. They cast 109 votes from the following counties: Bell, El Paso, Eddy, Hardin, Mattock, Tarrant and Tyler.

Nolan, May 19.—The weather became mighty troublous. Gloom from Austin, moved there both delegations from Bexar, Grimes and Cameron had admitted, and this motion was carried under great opposition. Schuster, the Governor's private secretary, Britton, Stanley Welch, Britton, Newcomb and a host of others out of the Convention, as a matter of course, this bunch had created a general panic, and R. K. Smith, DeGress, Patten and a half dozen school superintendents jumped up and tried to speak all at once. Finally order was restored, and Mr. Schuster got the floor. His brief speech made a good impression and was enthusiastically cheered. It was evident that a decided change of feeling was taking place; you could see it in the long faces of the officials present. Patten attempted to save the proxies first by a little speech spoken at the top of his voice, and with furious contortions of his hands and visible exertions of his feet, but he

against the proxies and addressed Mr. DeGress directly, which brought the latter to his feet and made him say about ten words to the effect that if Mr. Gillis was not such a favorite with the people as he, DeGress, was, it was not his fault, therefore he sat down and smiled as graceful as possible. Mr. Bryant, of Grimes, then took a high and honorable position, and had a great and good work on hand and plenty to do, and, turning round to him, that ought to be enough for you, Sir, the manner in which the Republican party had been handled heretofore by one or two men, most cases; the people have stood it long enough and will stand it no longer. The idea of coming to count less and represent almost the Congressional district, and principals, is ridiculous. This Convention is determined to make an end with such a game. If I were you, Col. DeGress, and I say it in all kindness to you, I would pack my carpetbag and go home to Austin.

This brought the house down. DeGress looked like a figure made of milk and butter his smile had faded away, not a bit of the soldier in him, a pitiful picture of a Superintendent of Education, and a true specimen of a disappointed carpet-bagger. He had nothing to say, not a hit, his word was played out, and as one of the smart men in Austin he snarled under the lashes he received and "quietly submitted." But this was not all he had to hear. Tracy, who first seemed to act in harmony with DeGress in regarding the Convention; he as far as I am concerned, I must confess that the result was more satisfactory than I expected, although I by no means entirely agreed with him. We should have done better, but we might have done a great deal worse, at the same time.

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I omitted to state that immediately before the adjournment of the Convention, Judge Scott moved, under the general ex-

cuse, to retain Tracy as Chairman, and Menzies, as Secretary of the State Executive Committee, for two years. It was, of course, adopted, like all such resolutions; that are brought forward during the last hour of a session, when one-half of the delegates have left. This hasty and inconsiderate action may undo a great deal; the Convention has done; and as there is no chance for a reconsideration, I would propose that the counties take this matter into their own hands, electing first County Executive Committees, where there are none, then calling a meeting of the Chairmen of the counties composing a Senatorial District, and let them select a Chairman for the Congressional District, and finally let the Chairmen of the Congressional Districts, meet and elect a Chairman and Secretary of the State Executive Committee, by whose actions we will abide.

Yours, GRANT REPUBLICAN.

—TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

Special to the Express.

Night Dispatches.

Houston, May 18.—Colonel W. H. Hatch, of Missouri, by special invitation of the citizens, delivered an address to-night, at the National theatre, to a large and appreciative audience, on the present political situation. He endorsed Greeley and Brown.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 18.—President Grant, Colonel Forney and Governor Cook dined together yesterday.

Senate bill authorizing the Orange, Alexandria and Manassas railroad to transport passengers and freight into the city.

Southern Claims Commission aggregates \$69,394.

ST. LOUIS, May 18.—Colonel W. B. Brown, a wealthy stock raiser near Kansas City, was killed, it is said, by a girl.

Indiana stole 150 miles from battlefield of 1st Indiana, as route from camp supply to

SYRACUSE, N. Y., May 18.—A. Massey & Co. distillery, together with cattle, pens, sheds, barns and bonded warehouse, consisting of high wine, burned to-day, loss \$60,000; insured for \$70,000.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., May 18.—In United States Circuit Court to-day, Samuel A. Tracy, appeared and paid the government \$70,000 dollars, being the unpaid balance of \$100,000 dollars, advanced in advance, largely impeded. Way has yet to pay costs amounting to about \$600; other suits based on information obtained from his books are being pressed against him, one of which is for three hundred thousand dollars, which he is endeavoring to compromise with the government.

J. DUNLIVILL & BRO.

San Antonio, May 18, 1872. (18-7-7831)

A REWARD \$10

of Ten Dollars will be paid to any one delivering to the undersigned 5 horses lost from stable from three months—two dollars for any one of them demanded as follows:

1 black pony brandy C. A. V., connected,

1 bay pony brandy C. A. V., connected,

1 brown pony brandy connected with E T connected, the E reversed.

3-17-7812

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Ragged Coaches to Austin, and as close as anybody else.

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JOHN G. WARD.

NOTICE TO ARCHITECTS.

PROPOSALS will be received by the

1. Hon. Police Court of Bexar County

up to June 1st, A. D. 1872, for a plan to

a County Jail with specifications of

cost, and dimensions, and all other

small conflicts with the Courts, result

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