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FRIDAY, JULY 25, 1872.

FOR PRESIDENT,
Ulysses S. Grant,
OF ILLINOIS.

FOR VICE-PRESIDENT,
Henry Wilson,
OF MASSACHUSETTS.

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS—4th Dist.
J. R. BURNS, of Tex., etc.

FOR CONGRESS—STATE AT LARGE
J. UEL D. EVANS.
HON. A. B. NORTON.

FOR CONGRESS—4th District,
HON. JAMES H. BELL, of Travis.

ATTENTION, Republicans:

The Republicans of the Eighth, Ninth, Tenth, Twelfth, Nineteenth, Twenty-first, Twenty-second, Twenty-third, Twenty-fourth, Twenty-fifth, Twenty-sixth and Twenty-seventh Districts of Texas have not yet selected their member of the State Executive Committee. It is important it should be done at once. The Committee of the State Committee will proceed to appoint. The work of organizing must go on vigorously.

J. G. TRACY,
Chairman Rep. State Com.

The City Indebtedness.

We publish in another column by request, and for the information of our citizens, a statement of the indebtedness of the city as it existed at the time of the appointment of the present City Council. It accords precisely with the statement we had before us when we penned the leading editorial in yesterday's issue. It is impossible to perceive that its figures can ever be wrong; we have already expressed. But there are one or two items of fact stated by the present Finance Committee in its statement which need explanation. In the first place, the payments to be made for building a court-house and jail, \$20,000, is a proper tax for the present debt, but not for the past year which began since the installation of the present City Council.

The first instalment of \$5,000 was due on the 15th of June past, the last instalment will not be due until the 15th of June of next year.

Deducting from the full statement the \$20,000 and the one and one-half indebtedness of the city when the present City Council took charge amounted to no indebtedness from the Maverick Estate, which has since been paid, and which had been promised to the former Council of 1870—or thereafter. The same sum since paid nearly exhausted the indebtedness of the city as filed upon the return of the old Council. But there are several items of doubtful character in the statement.

For instance E. G. Houston's charges for legal services, which we understand are still unsettled, and which do not belong to the last Council.

R. A. Henson's legal services, still unsettled, and settled with grey hairs if not worse symptoms of age and inexplicable circumstances. Court records of which are very numerous and small—and are almost anti-slavery in date—all of which amount to \$4,000 which ought properly to be deducted from the charges made.

It will be seen then, that, outside of the county, or court-house indebtedness, which is really a settlement of an affair of a former generation, and which we alluded to yesterday, the statements of our correspondent and ourselves made on yesterday, were strictly correct. We cast no reflections, nor did we intend to cast any, upon the present City Council. The sole object in view was, and is, an exposition of the affairs as would enable the voter to approach understanding by the investment to vote \$100,000 to pay the present indebtedness and future improvements to be made by the city.

We will add a word about the \$25,000: It is well known that a suit was pending in the District Court of this county in which Bexar County was the complainant, and the city of San Antonio the defendant. An equitable adjustment of the matter in dispute was deemed advisable by the authorities representing each litigant. We think the action taken in this adjustment was a very proper and just one. It was a question which ought never to have entered the courts. It was really a fight the city concerned, one pocket fighting the other, it being a small matter in which which pocket the lawyers and the cost of litigation should be finally paid.

On the part of the county, the present Mayor of the city, as Comptroller of the county, and the county auditor, were the devil. They were then tainted with treason, and the rights of the people. General R. H. Wilson, the attorney general, and a recognition of other circumstances, made a settlement.

I am sorry that I have to say so much about the parties in the Democratic party, and the men who represent them. I am sorry to say that the resolutions of the party, if adopted, would be disastrous to the country.

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for twelve years labored faithfully as Chairman of the National Democratic Committee, and in retiring from that office he would take his place in the rank and file with his usual zeal for the cause of the party which had claimed his unwavering allegiance for the last thirty years.

In conclusion, Mr. Belmont proposed a temporary chairman of the Convention the Rev. T. Jefferson Randolph, of Virginia, after which he had played "Dixie." When the band ceased playing, Mr. Randolph stepped forward and addressed the audience briefly as follows:

"I am aware that this very great honor conferred upon my body is due to no personal merits of my own, but as a token of respect to the State from which I come, and a recognition, of other circumstances, I accept it with pleasure."

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