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## CITY TAXES—Receipts and Expenditures.

We cannot to day give anything like an exhaustive review of this subject. A few items may be perhaps noted with profit. An examination of the report of the city Secretary published yesterday will show that from March 21st to October 31st of the present year the amount of taxes received were chiefly from licenses; second in order from rent of market stalls; and that the amount of real estate tax collected is very small. The exhibit is open to criticism because it does not go back far enough to include the comparative amount of tax collected from each of these sources during the actual fiscal year. For instance, the real estate tax collected is only \$1,202.04, while the license tax reaches \$17,057.71, and the market stall tax \$8,516.55. If this were anything near the proportion of taxes levied and collected upon these different interests, it would be evident that real estate is well nigh exempted from taxation—and might as well be altogether, considering the expense incurred in making the levy and collection. But no such comparison can be justly made. The bulk of the real estate tax was collected prior to the date from which this exhibit commences, and the exhibit, to be of any practical value, ought to show far enough back to enable any one to make just comparisons between the different rates of taxation.

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In view of the fact that it is proposed, as we understand, to revise the present tax system, it is absolutely necessary that there should be a more thorough and complete exhibit made, in order that those who undertake it may not fall into worse errors than those which may be found in the present system.

The exhibits already furnished, we regret to say, are calculated to convey an erroneous impression, which ought not to be the case, for you may not base safe calculations upon figures either fallacious or incomplete.

## Headquarters Dept. of Texas,

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Dec. 8, 1872.

SIR:

The following circular from Headquarters Department of the East is republished for the information of post commanders. The method of treatment therein prescribed will be followed, as far as practicable, at all posts in this Department:

### Circumstances.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE EAST,  
Office of Chief Quartermaster.

NEW YORK CITY, Oct. 20, 1872.

The attention of officers and agents is charge of public animals belonging to the Quartermaster's Department of the East, is called to the "Epizootic Ocular," now prevalent among horses. They are directed to observe the following rules for the treatment of this disease, and to report results at this office at the end of the present month, and every ten days thereafter, until the disease disappears.

It is assumed that the stations are always kept clean, dry and well ventilated, with plenty of fresh air, and sunlight, where possible.

It is also assumed that the horses are not overworked, but properly exercised at all times, whether sick or well, and that they are fed with wholesome forage, regularly groomed, and kept warm.

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Brevet Major General, U. S. Army,

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### Rules for the Treatment of the Disease.

On the first appearance of the disease, give the horse a thorough steaming with boiled oats placed in a bag so fastened to the head that the steam from the oats will be inhaled. Repeat this until the discharge from the nostrils is free and of a natural color. Then take leather, or, what is better, carbolic disinfectant, in grains like large sized cannon powder, place it in a shallow pan, and burn it where the horse will be obliged to breathe it.

If the throat is sore, (which generally will be the case), apply, frequently, hot vinegar, rubbing it well in with the hand, and wrap the throat in flannel dipped in vinegar. Blanket well, night and day, but not enough to produce sweating, and give plenty of fresh clean bedding.

Give several bran mashes with from one-half to one ounce of powdered nitre in each, and an unseasoned meat or fat feed in the oats. Use tepid water in the mashes.

The hay and oats should be moistened with water—preferably tar water.

Most cases, if taken in time, will yield to the above treatment; but should the attack be very severe, accompanied with considerable fever and very sore throat, instead of the vinegar, an emulsion of equal parts of Linseed Oil, Turpentine, Tincture of Camphor and Hartshorn, should be rubbed in, night and no morning.

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**SHALL FOX.**—The smallpox in our city is very bad. It has now assumed an epidemic form—from three to seven die each day.

Our physicians are worked to death, day and night trying to stop the ravages of this frightful disease. The young and old are stricken alike. As we write this article some of our best citizens are lying at the point of death, and the chances are that we will have the painful duty in our next issue to chronicle their departure.—*Laredo Tex. Eagle*, Nov. 30th.

The ivory teeth of the tiger are no longer to be seen in Memphis. The savage beasts that for a long time have been devouring the tender youth of that city, have now to seek "green fields and pastures new."

According to a statement made by the Paris faculty of physicians, the blood of the one hundred thousand men killed by the Franco-Prussian war, would have yielded iron enough for 9,500 gun barrels.

"Can you tell me where I can get a horse, sure?" asked an individual, disappointed at half a dozen livery stables.

"Get a horse shop!" Why, at the blacksmith shop, to be sure," was the answer, gazing with a horse chuckle.

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The re-election of Senator Morton by the unanimous vote of the Republicans is a foregone conclusion, and the election of Senator Connelley by New York, are events worth noting, when it is remembered, that those two gentlemen were the especial objects of anti-administration efforts six months ago. When it was intended to brand anything as particularly obnoxious it was considered necessary merely to say it was championed by "Porter and Connelley," Indiana and New York were considered among the "sure" States for the Liberal Democrats' cause, and they happened to be the States where the Gains gained most largely over the rest of the country.

The Baltimore American urges that Congress promptly proceed to annex San Domingo. Speaking of the report of the Commissioners, Wade, Howe and White, it says that their report proved the falsehood of the claim that the President had made in his message, that he had no power to make war, even in self-defense.

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and sink him into the uttermost depths of impotence and despondency. Patients, on the other hand, assure the prostrate patient that no medicine containing a diffusive stimulant ought to pass his lips. If he elects to be guided by the advice of impudent and hasty, he will make himself worse off than he was.

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MAX. HIRSCH.

RESPECTFULLY informs his friends and the public generally, that he has established a first class Barber Shop at the Vance House, where he will be pleased to meet all who may desire any thing in his line. He, having educated himself in the art of hair cutting, and having a knowledge of the various styles of hair dressing, will be able to give to the public the best service.

His services are now open to the public.

Very Respectfully,

MAX. HIRSCH.

## A RARE CHANCE.

FOR

MAX. HIRSCH.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

ON the 15th of December, 1872, the undersigned will remove their Wholesale and Retail Grocery Business to Callahan's building, formerly occupied by F. C. TAYLOR.

Our friends in the City and Country especially, will find the address an advantageous one, the building being more centrally located and provided with a spacious yard. From and after the above date we invite them all to call at the new place and they will be sure to meet with the usual dealing and satisfaction to which we owe the kind patronage of our many friends.

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## "GOOD MORNING."

"Good morning, world!" "On the windowsill  
sat STAGHORN JULIA. She balanced her two little timid feet,  
She sang with her dimpled hands, and  
stood  
Praised in like a child of babyhood.  
The rustling vines hung low and green  
Round the sunlit earth that she was  
seen.  
As she stood, with beauty and light inc-  
poured,  
And bade good morning to all the world.  
THOUGHT RUGBY BROTH

"Good morning, world!" and the great  
world heard.  
Each rustling vine, and each singing bird,  
The dancing leaves, and the smile of grass  
Bowed and bowed at the little hand.  
And the air of life, and the sky without  
Listened, and the world was  
said;  
And the old sun lifted his head, and smiled.  
"Good morning, world!" "Good morn-  
ing child!"

## LOCAL AFFAIRS.

REMEMBER the great Auction Sale at  
the store of Clapp & Co., Mainstreet,  
begins on Monday morning at 10 o'clock,  
Dec. 9th, and will continue from day to  
day till the entire stock is sold. The  
night session begins on Tuesday night,  
Dec. 10th, at 7 o'clock. Nothing but real  
bargains, and live men in the right place.  
Terms, Clapp & Co. FROST & BRO.,  
8-12-72d-92.

RELIGION.—There will be preaching at  
the First Presbyterian Church, on Flores  
street, by Rev. J. W. Neil, this (Sunday  
morning) at 11 o'clock. Sunday School at  
9 o'clock.

WANTED TO RENT, a small furnished  
house, of (say) two rooms and a  
kitchen, if so disposed would like to have  
the privilege of purchasing furniture.  
Address D. W. J. Express office,  
8-12-72d-92.

SAN ANTONIO BOARD OF TRADE.—In ac-  
cordance with a resolution passed Dec. 3d,  
a meeting of the San Antonio Board of  
Trade will be held Tuesday, Dec. 10th, at  
7 p.m., at (Lafayette) Turner Hall, Alamo  
Plaza, for the purpose of considering the  
proposals of adopting Gold as the stand-  
ard currency in the commerce of this city.  
8-12-72d-92.—ALBRAKAUER, Secy.

BUSINESS was unusually dull in town  
yesterday, for Saturday, especially consid-  
ering the year's approach of the Christmas  
holidays. In a stroll about town, near  
the middle of the day, we failed to dis-  
cover any evidence of public interest, but  
listened to many complaints of the  
dullness of the time, accompanied, genera-  
lly by the remark, "we must have a rail-  
road, or we must have a law."

We have, by the way, in our Galveston  
and New Orleans exchanges, the full  
text of the President's message, and, owing  
to its length, we have not undertaken  
to publish it. We have, however, extracted  
nearly all the better parts. We shall either  
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a carefully prepared synopsis of it. It is  
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be a conservative, statesman-like docu-  
ment, creditable to the Executive of a  
great government.

A number of complaints have been  
made lately by our patrons that they do  
not receive the Daily Express regularly.  
We are satisfied upon inquiry that the  
paper is regularly delivered to our sub-  
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annoying, with regard to our delivery. We  
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