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The Bigotry Law Before the Supreme Court.

We had hoped to be enabled to present our readers to day with the final decision in the Rodrigues case, involving the legality of the last election; but the democratic lawyers, who have offered to represent the State in this case, are so very anxious to dodge the question, that they found it necessary to adopt the strategy of Fabius Cunctator. Knowing to be too weak to deliver a battle, they keep on skirmishing and hope by this means to drag the case on to the meeting of the Legislature, when a *coup d'état* in the French manner, the removal of all the present judges of the Supreme Court and the installation of a set of democratic partisan judges will relieve the suppressed and tyrannized Democracy of the last radical burden and settle the constitutional question in their favor.

The Supreme Court was in session on Monday Dec. 22nd and Tuesday Dec. 23d, and took up the case of Rodriguez vs. *Habeas corpus*. Mr. Spencer, District Attorney of Harris and Galveston county, was recognized as the leading counsel for the State, and as such he was in great haste to have the prisoner of the State set at liberty. We have never witnessed a case where the prosecuting Attorney was so very willing to acknowledge, say to plead for the innocence of the object of his prosecution. He did not only contend the case before the court to be fictitious one, but even dignifiedly asserted that the Grand Jury of Harris county, stating that this Grand Jury had probably on the application of the prosecuting gentlemen, had dismissed the case. On this astounding information, and on the plea that the Sheriff of Harris county had caused the arrest of the prisoner, he based his application for a writ of habeas corpus.

But Jack Hamilton is more than a match for the white-washing Attorney. He said — we quote from the State Gazette — they were afraid of a hand to hand fight. The District Attorney made this motion not because of the wrong done to defendant, or of the injustice that might be done by holding him over, but for the purpose of avoiding the question of the legality of the law he was charged with having violated. The man was in court for the purpose of having a judicial ascertainment of the right or wrong of his detention. It discharged under a *writ prosequitur* of the District Attorney he would have no right of action for false imprisonment, and the next Grand Jury might endice him at any time. The question involved in this case would come up again—even if this were avoided—in any one of a hundred shapes, and it might just as well be valued then as at any other time.

This the democratic lawyers know as well, as they know, that their election law is unconstitutional; but their object is, as we stated before, to gain time in order to allow the legislature to assemble before final decision, when the question will be solved by the removal of the judges now constituting the Supreme bench.

The opinion of the court on the motion of the Attorney for the State, Mr. Spencer, was delivered by Chief Justice Ogden. It states that the applicant has been arrested; the arrest is made in regular and legal form and he is before the court in obedience to the writ of *habeas corpus*. The court is bound to inquire into the facts, and is therefore compelled to find over or acquit. The motion was denied.

Major Walton, associate State Attorney, asked then for time to produce witnesses in support of the affidavit charging the prosecution to be a fictitious one. His motion was not to dismiss this prosecution but to procure evidence. Pending motion the court adjourned.

in France described by a king being make up the forces at the left.

Now your red

sisters, his queen is

the most Hilaire and Remus,

knights Messrs. Grévy and Du-

ture; his castles of strength—how

ever incredible it may sound—are

the Princes of Orleans. The pawns

representing the peasants, or the

farming population, are advanced

on the extreme left. Your white

king is Mr. McMillan, let the queen

be represented by the Imperialist

Madame Roquière; his knights and

bishops are in the right center;

little Lulu and his mother, Eugenie

are indisputably his castles, and

his extreme right is, of course, com-

posed of pawns. Taken altogether

the game at its present stage is

clearly in favor of the red, particu-

larly as Lulu and his mother are

just now in a position where they

cannot move in any direction.

ITALY has finally concluded to

adopt the Prussian system of compul-

sory education. The law that

has been introduced for this pur-

pose in the Italian Legislature pro-

vides that all parents and guar-

dians who do not send their chil-

dren or wards to private schools, or

furnish them education at home,

shall be compelled to send them,

after their sixth year, to public

schools, and that each city, town or

district, shall be required to build

the necessary school houses within

three years from the passage of the

law. It is calculated that about

12,000 new public schools will be

needed for the whole kingdom un-

der the new act. The chief diffi-

culty will be to get the necessary num-

ber of teachers.

GRAPHIC.

DOMESTIC NEWS.

MATAMOROS, Dec. 21.—At an early hour

this morning the streets were thronged

with the partisans of Gen. Cortina and

John Trevino Canales, rival candidates

for mayor. Several hundred people headed

by a band of assassins concentrated on the

plaza in front of the City Hall, where the

elected judges were to meet to count the

vote. About three o'clock the present

mayor attempted to leave the hall with

the escort without permission. He re-

wore a general light uniform in which

several hundred shots were fired. The

mayor and six policemen were wounded

and eight of Cortina's men were carried

off badly wounded. The government

troops, several hundred strong, under

Col. Cristo, then entered the plaza and

placed several pieces of artillery cover-

ing the square, when the inhabitants re-

tired towards the outskirts of the city.

Federal troops now hold the plaza, and

the streets are comparatively quiet. An-

other attack, however, is anticipated to-

night, and every precaution is being taken

to quell it as far as possible.

It is reported by telegraph from Corinto

that A. M. Sanderson, a prominent

merchant of Rio Grande City, Texas, has

been robbed and murdered on the road

near Corinto. He had been in the interior

of Mexico some months, and was on his

return home. He was killed near where

two Americans were attacked and killed

in August last, and it is presumed by the

same party of Mexicans.

MATAMOROS, Dec. 22.—Throughout the

city to-day, the stores and public build-

ings were closed and business suspended

owing to the unsettled feeling growing

out of the fighting, which occurred on the

sixth inst. The government troops par-

aded the streets and occupied the plaza

last night and to-day, and maintained

strict order and security. It is believed

that Cortina will endeavor to be installed

as mayor by the first of January, at which

time the term of the present city officials

expire, and should the effort now be

made to compromise the matter, yet suc-

cessful, a most serious fight is anticipated.

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PURSUANT to notice, the stock owners of

Medina County, met at the Court House

in the town of Castroville, on Saturday,

the 20th inst., for the purpose of concerting

measures, for the protection of their

stock interests.

Upon motion, Minnike Saathoff was ap-

pointed Chairman, and James Paul Neer-

eney, Secretary.

The object of the meeting having been

explained, it was moved and carried, that

a committee of twelve be appointed by

the Chairman to draft resolutions; the

Chairman thereupon appointed B. Brooks,

John Baile, John Dales, George Haby,

W. G. Hill, Fritz Hahn, Adolph Wurzbach,

Louis Graf, George Leinweber, F. Folk,

John Linken, and James Paul, of whom

upon motion, the Chairman was added.

The meeting adjourned until 2 o'clock

to-morrow to give time to the committee to re-

port.

At 2 P.M., on re-assembling, the com-

mittee reported the following resolutions,

which, in their order, were unanimously ad-

opted:

Whereas, experience has demonstrated

that the interests of the stock-raisers of

Medina County can alone be protected

and secured by the combined action of all,

individual efforts having signal failure;

and whereas, those interests, for their

preservation, demand present and prompt

action; therefore, be it resolved,

1. That the stock-raisers of Medina

County will organize as a private corpora-

tion under the statutes;

2. That there be appointed by the Chair-

man, or by the meeting, a committee to

be composed of five stockmen from each

precinct in the county, whose duty it shall

be to prepare a charter and by-laws, under

which the stock-men of the county

can organize, and secure their interests in

the most effectual manner;

3. That said committee report said

charter and by-laws on Saturday the 3d

day of January next.

GRANADA HALL,
Chairman.

JOHN H. BAKER,
Chairman.

LOCAL AFFAIRS.

THERE was some fear of fire during the regular last night ball; the thermometer did not fall below zero, and in consequence the gardens remain green and our roses are still blooming.

POSTPONED.—The Alamo Literary Society have deferred the opening of their festival to Saturday night the 25th inst., to avoid conflict with the Masque ball to-night.

CHRISTMAS DAY passed off quietly. The weather was beautiful and one half of our citizens were abounding the streets and squares, and enjoying the warm sunshine. We have not heard of any disturbance of the peace.

GREAT preparations are being made for the festival of the Alamo Literary Society, to commence Friday evening; also for the grand ball of the Masonic Lodge, to come off the same day. We shall speak thereof in our tomorrow's issue.

ON Newyear's eve a grand ball will be given by the Casino society for members of the association. These Sylvester balls have always proved to please amongst the most elegant balls of the season, and a source of happy enjoyment. The advertisement will inform the public of the particulars.

We notice that the Grand Jury of Bexar County failed to find true bills against Mrs. Fritter and the negro who were under bond for the murder of Sheriff Price at Brackettville a few months ago.

We take pleasure in mentioning the virtual acquittal of the parties, as we agree publicly to the rumor which prevailed at the time of their arrest.

PANCOAT & SON have certainly the best assortment of scarfs and ties, the very best kid and dogskin gloves, and fine white shirts to be found in the City. The stock just received.

HAYDEN'S MINERALS.—Harmonia Hall, Military Plaza, was last eve filled with an appreciative audience, composed of ladies and gentlemen of our first families; and from the applause given to each speaker every set rendered, it is but justice to the management to say he has left no stone unturned to create hilarity and mirth. Each evening will be produced the laudable *Shadow Playhouse*, that created such a furor in New-York and other eastern cities. Go to Harmonia Hall to-night. Laughter and glee shall.

At Sea with an Insane Captain.

The Liverpool Mercury, of Nov. 20th, gives account of a terrible mutiny among the crew, whom we condone the following:

The River Eden, a vessel of about 500 tons, hailing from Liverpool, left London Oct. 15th for Valparaiso, having on board a general cargo made up in a considerable degree of combustibles and including 150 tons of gunpowder. About three weeks after leaving port the captain, whose name was Bowden, manifested signs of insanity, the symptoms rapidly increasing, and declining his intention of blowing up the vessel. One night, after having been persuaded to return from the deck where he had been acting in a very excited manner, he appears to have saturated everything in the cabin and forecastle. The mate on entering the cabin was struck on the head by a shot from the captain's revolver, but was not seriously injured. The mate of course found it impossible to extinguish the flames, and the danger of an explosion of powder was imminent. The boat was therefore got out, and the captain, being disabled by a blow upon the head from a handspike, was with some considerable difficulty put on board, the crew abandoning the doomed vessel and rowed away as rapidly as possible, having had no time to secure either extra clothing or provisions. At daylight the vessel blew up. Several hours afterward the boatswain fortunately picked up the *Juanita*, Capt. Hartcock, of North Shields, and the poor fellow, about 17 in number, escaped from a dreadful fate. It was found necessary to put Capt. Bowden in irons. His legs were lashed to the deck, and an awning put over him for protection, but one day he contrived to evade the watch and over him, and, working his ankles free, jumped overboard. The crew were transferred from the *Juanita* to the steamer *Aurora*, which carried them to Bahia, whence they were sent to England.

The testimony of Captain Burmont, while it confirms the reports which have hitherto been received concerning the disaster to the *Ville de Havre*, adds no information which can help us in fixing the responsibility where it belongs. Even with an interval of only twelve minutes, it would seem as if not only one but the whole night of the steamer's loss might have been lost, and a strong presumption is created against the officers and crew of a vessel full of women and children of whom no voices could be heard by their own exertions and endurance. Captain Burmont says, moreover, that as the *Lob* struck with her bow full against the broad side of the *Ville de Havre*, the *Lob* must be to blame, as a slight turn of the helm would have avoided the collision. But the question at once arises—why was not the "slight turn of the helm" applied on the *Ville de Havre*? The reason why sailing ships have the right of way at sea is because a sudden change of course without shifting sail would be very likely to bring on a catastrophe as dangerous as a collision. The steamer has an inch drawn back in changing her course, and therefore is required to keep out of the way. But if the officer in charge of the *Ville de Havre* was to blame, he has paid dearly enough for it, and Captain Burmont can hardly be held responsible for the error of his subordinate, with all its terrible consequences.

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The Cookroom of the Body.

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