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The Election Law Before the Supreme Court

We had hoped to be enabled to present our readers to day with the final decision in the Rodriguez case, involving the legality 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 oppressed and centralized 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 on 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, and plead for the innocence of the object of his prosecution. He not only contended the case before the court to be a fictitious one, but even divulged the secret of the Grand Jury of Harris county, stating that this Grand Jury were probably on the application of the prosecuting gentlemen, and 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—that he was a afraid of a hand to hand fight. The District Attorney made the 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 of habeas corpus of the District Attorney he would have no right of action for false imprisonment, and the next Grand Jury might endow 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 them 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...
County will organize as a private corporation under the statutes:
2. That there be appointed by the Chairman, or by the meeting, a committee to be composed of five stockholders from each precinct in the county, whose duty it shall be to prepare a charter and by-laws, under which the stockholders 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 3rd day of January next.

ITALY has finally concluded to adopt the Prussian system of compulsory education. The law that has been introduced for this purpose in the Italian Legislature provides that all parents and guardians who do not send their children 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 school-houses will be needed for the whole kingdom under the new act. The chief difficulty will be to get the necessary number of teachers.

TELEGRAPHIC

DOMESTIC NEWS.

MEXICO, Dec. 21.—At an early hour this morning the streets were thronged with the partisans of Gen. Cortina and John Trevano Canales, rival candidates for mayor. Several hundred people headed by a band of music concentrated on the plaza in front of the City Hall, where the election judges were to meet to count the vote. About three o'clock the present mayor attempted to leave the hall with the police, without announcing the result. A general fight ensued 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 planted several pieces of artillery covering the square, when the combatants retired towards the outskirts of the city. Federal troops now hold the plaza, and the streets are comparatively quiet. Another attack, however, is anticipated to night, and every precaution is being taken to quell the same.

It is reported by telegraph from Coral Gable, Fla., that a prominent merchant of Rio Grande City, Texas, has been robbed and murdered on the road near Coral Gable. 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.

MEXICO, Dec. 22.—Throughout the city to-day, the stores and public buildings were closed and business suspended, owing to the unsettled feeling growing out of the fighting, which occurred on the 21st inst. The government troops paraded 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 1st of January, at which time the terms of the present city officials expire, and should the effort now being made to suppress the insurrection succeed, a most serious fight is anticipated.

PERALTA in notice, the stock owners of Medina County, met at the Court House in the town of Castrovilla, on Saturday, the 20th inst., for the purpose of concerting measures for the protection of their stock interests.

Upon motion, Mimmke Saathoff was appointed Chairman, and James Paul 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, Justin Baps, John Deles, George Haby, St. Giles, Fritz Hays, Adolph Wurzbach, Louis Graf, George Esterweber, F. Falk, John Tanken, and James Paul, to whom, upon motion, the Chairman was added.

The meeting adjourned until 2 o'clock on the 21st inst. to the same place to re-assemble.

At 2 P. M., on re-assembling, the committee reported the following resolutions, which, in their order, were unanimously adopted:
Whereas, experience has demonstrated that the interests of the stock-owners of Medina County can also be protected and secured by the combined action of all individual efforts having signally failed; and whereas, those interests, for their preservation, demand present and prompt action; therefore, be it resolved,
1. That the stock-raisers of Medina

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1874

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HAVE ARRIVED AT
LAST.

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from Corn, Cob and Stalk combined, and sell the best of

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The last is sold at the low price of
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AND
CULTIVATORS

AT MANUFACTURERS PRICES,
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Our prices for this season are as follows:
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" " 300 17,00

An extra point with each.
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NOTICE

JAMES TRAINER of Fort Concho on the 6th of October, made an assignment to me of all his assets, for the benefit of his creditors. Persons indebted to him can settle only with me or by my authority, and those in possession of any portion of his property are notified to account to me for the same. Frank E. Conrad, Fort Concho, is my agent. Costs will be waived by prompt settlements.

J. P. SIMPSON,
November 26rd, 1873. dlm-w44

CHRISTMAS TREE
1873.

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LOCAL AFFAIRS

THERE was some fear of frost during the winter...

POSTPONED - The Alumni Literary Society have decided...

CHRISTMAS DAY passed off quietly. The weather was beautiful...

GREAT preparations are being made for the festival of the Alumni Literary Society...

On New Year's eve a grand ball will be given by the Casino society...

We notice that the Grand Jury of Kinney County failed to find...

We take pleasure in mentioning the virtual acquittal of the parties...

PANCOST & SON have obtained the best assortment of beads...

HAYDEN'S MINNIE - Harmon's Hall, Military Plaza, was last...

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This Season in the Northern markets. A. A. Wolff's Bazar.

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