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FOREIGN TOPICS.

THE ENGLISH WIVES.

With the exception of the English society, which is generally the most respectable, the women of the continent are up to the eyes in the fashion of the day. They are looking about for a husband, and there is a great deal of competition. The Queen who has so long reigned behind a cloud has promised to give her presence to the coming season, and the West End tradesmen are happy. Mr. Disraeli gives little dinners, and there is still a talk of his intention to be elected to the House of Commons. Her husband is a witness at the trial of the Duke of Sutherland. One of the most distinguished ladies is the Duchess of Devonshire, who will visit the Continent in the summer. The English wives have given notice to the public of the appearance of a disgraced man called Philip Darrell, published by the respective houses of the Tinsley Brothers. It is said to contain passages of the most disgusting, indecent and filthy character. It is impossible, says our reviewer, to acquire the publishers of such a vile tract, but we are willing to believe that they cannot have done so. In the first instance, at least, the business of the work to which it is applied the means of publicity. The book is said to be utterly devoid of literary merit, and it is assumed that it will not be withdrawn. Heads of families and schools, and managers of charities and daily warned against it, and the press generally, are very indignant against both author and publishers.

General News Items.

THE FAMILIAR KIDNAPING.

The family of the Kentucky woman by August Belmont, and at the street stud farm, Babylon, Long Island, Kentucky was bred by John M. Clay, in 1868, on the Ashland estate, Kentucky.

CINCINNATI, APRIL 22.

The war of law between the city and St. Louis ends tomorrow. Managers of the roads immediately have agreed on \$9.50, which is fifty cents less than the rate fixed at the passenger conference held here in March. The election for Sachem, of the Texas Society, resulted in the complete triumph of Allen, John Kelly, the former chief of the New York city. His election was headed by Comptroller Ashton H. Green, and by J. W. ...

A. NETTE

JEWELRY.

Has just received a large stock of DRUGS, MEDICINES, and PATENT MEDICINES, and all the leading articles, such as PATENT MEDICINES.

ST. CLAIR'S Drug Store

The stock being selected by himself.

J. S. Lockwood & Manning

BANKERS

Exchange on England, Germany and France.

L. WOLFSON,

GENERAL MERCHANDISE.

Dry Goods, Clothing, Hats, Caps, Trunks, etc., etc.

BELL & BROS.

JEWELRY, SILVER-WARE, PLATED-WARE, WATCHES, CLOCKS, SPECTACLES.

Fine Pocket and Table Cutlery, Razors, Razors, Fancy Goods, etc., etc.

R. WULFING,

GENERAL COMMISSION AND FORWARDING MERCHANT.

The highest market prices paid for HIDES, WOOL, and PRODUCE in general.

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MOKE & BRO.

Commerce Street, San Antonio, Texas.

THE COMBINED JUNIOR TABLE RAKE

FOR THE YEAR 1875.

NORTON & DEUTZ,

Presidents and Managers.

Fare Reduced and SPEED INCREASED.

The regular Stage Lines from San Antonio to LULING AND AUSTIN are now running regular DAILY TRIPS, making close connection on both routes.

NO MUD WAGONS USED.

First class coaches are now run on both roads, ensuring comfort and convenience.

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MACHINE SHOP

BRASS FOUNDRY

JACOB SCHUEBLE

Repairing of Machines of every kind will be promptly executed. Iron, Brass, and Copper for Taps and Boring Grounds manufactured at the shop.

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CASH.

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The Charter Amendments—A Vital Question.

The question recently sprung in regard to the constitutionality of the amendments to our city charter voted upon at an election held December 15, 1874, has excited considerable comment and discussion. There remains not a single doubt among the legal fraternity as to the constitutionality of the amendments; they are not worth the paper upon which they are printed, and will not bear the test of legal investigation. In fact the charter remains in full force and effect. That this is so is a matter of deep concern and regret to every good citizen; the new administration has secured the favor of a large majority of our citizens and it is the general wish that all things should proceed without interruption, at the same time that there should be no shadow upon the legality of the city government.

The amendments were eight in number: Sections 1 and 6, providing for an election on the 2d Monday in January, 1875, and every two years thereafter, of a Mayor, Recorder, City Councilman, City Collector, City Treasurer, City Engineer, City Attorney, City Physician, City Marshal and Street Commissioners; and one Alderman from each ward to be elected annually on the second Monday in January in each year thereafter.

Sec. 2 provides for the election by the City Council of city clerk, assessor, market master, water commissioner, auditor, treasurer and police.

Sec. 33 provides that the city council shall consist of three citizens from each ward, one Alderman from each ward being set annually.

Sec. 131. Defines the duties of city marshal.

Sec. 135. Defines duties of city clerk.

Sec. 189 changes the regulation in regard to the collection of taxes.

Sec. 230 defines duties of policeman and fixes salary of Recorder at \$1200 per annum.

We believe we have stated all of them. The most vital are the amendments to sections 5, 6, 33.

Section 5 as amended, provides for the election of a Mayor, Recorder, city councilmen, city collector, city treasurer, city engineer, city physician, city marshal, and street commissioner, on the 2d Monday in January, 1875.

The charter as it stands provides only for the election of a Mayor and city council, at that time, therefore the election of all other officers was an unauthorized and illegal proceeding, innocently indulged in by our citizens in consequence of a want of proper knowledge on the part of the past administration and the 14th Democratic Legislature. The recorder, collector, treasurer, engineer, city attorney, city physician, city marshal and street commissioner have no legal standing as officers thus if they had been appointed by a mass meeting of our citizens to perform their duties, unless they held by virtue of a previous appointment.

Sec. 33 makes the number of councilmen three in each ward, while the charter limits the number to two in each ward, but provides for distributing the city into wards of equal population and increasing the same as the population increases. The past administration gave three councilmen to each ward without regard to population, and while attempting to violate the constitution in one particular, violated it in another. This amendment was a monstrous outrage, and we fear has killed the present city council.

What may be done is the question. It is a miserable entanglement, and at any moment, any citizen who refuses to be arrested, tried and fined, or to pay taxes, can test the strength of these amendments, and all that has been done under them. The best legal advice should be taken and a path out of the threatening difficulties marked out. A portion of our city officials are only in fact officers, and this cloud should be removed. The city council is the chief mischief. The present city council might resign, or their offices be considered vacant and the Mayor could order an election under section 7, which reads: "In case of vacancy in the office of city councilman, in any ward of the city, such vacancy shall be filled by a vote of the city council, provided, such vacancy occurs within nine months of an election other-

wise the Mayor shall order an election, &c."

Under section 21, which reads: "In case of the failure or refusal of the Mayor and City Council to act, then the Judge of the Peace Court of the County shall appoint the Judges of election." &c., We feel it to be our duty to discuss the question fairly and frankly and to probe it to the bottom. If the amendments are of no legal force it should be recognized as such and the work of fighting the matter entered upon with a spirit of candor and generosity. For our own part we are satisfied with the present officials with one or two exceptions; the City Council is proving itself to be a very efficient body, and if they could be voted in again we should not complain.

This question originated in the City Council, and one of its number has made an able and, to our mind, incontrovertible report upon it, declaring the amendments to be null and void. The people expect you to vote in favor of them, and patriotically you will be sustained.

General News Items.

A man named John Smith, with the golden fever of California, it is said, at Cedar Key, an old Spanish settlement, died of cholera, and left a large fortune in the vicinity of Cedar Key. Now the old man has come to look for the result of his enterprise in the past, and is reported, not without success. He succeeded, it is said, in finding gold in his containing precious stones and old Spanish coins to the value of \$10,000, and expects to reach still richer than he was when he left.

French Dyer.

San Antonio, Texas.

Advertisement for French Dyer, located at the corner of Broadway and Main streets.

Merchants Tailor.

Advertisement for a merchant tailor, located at the corner of Broadway and Main streets.

Stationery.

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LOCAL AFFAIRS.

The Pic Nic of the Sunday School children at San Pedro Park to-day was a joyous affair.

An observing citizen says we are not sharp enough on the beef question. Give us time and we will have a good beef.

Just think of our prospective Military Depot, Penitentiary, water works, railroads from several quarters, telegraph lines to the frontier of Mexico, etc.

Among the citizens who met Messrs Mahon & Lockwood in relation to city water work were Messrs. Guilbeau, Green, Kampmann, Green, McLeary, Lockwood, etc.

It is awakened and the city authorities are doing all in their power to aid the matter.

WATER WORKS - Messrs Mahon and Lockwood, representing the New York National Water Works Company, have been in our city for several days for the purpose of making a preliminary survey of the city.

ENTERTAINMENT AT THE ALAMO - Literary events in connection with the centennial of the Alamo will be given at the Alamo Literary Hall by the Ladies of the Presbyterian Church.

REARWAYS - To-day the very best of the rearways in the city were shown to the public. The rearway is a road which is not used for the purpose of carrying traffic, but for the purpose of carrying water.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL - April 27th, 1875. Present Hon. James H. French, Mayor; Aldermen Daniel, Sweney, Charles, McArthur, and Nelson.

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