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THE SPLENDOR OF DECAY.

Oh, for the soul of man!—A scene of
Aroma and beauty, a scene of
Life, in its glories, glides away,
And a scene of gloom and desolation
comes in.

And while we view the rolling tide,
Down which our flowing mirth has gone,
Let us not grieve to see it pass, but let us
And do what we can to supply

Ardent feelings.

—Ardent feelings.

Let no vain hope distract the mind,
Nor hapless us as unto the end.

—Sorrow that's—day:

Our golden dreams of yore were bright,
Like those of present—desirous.

—Laid aside with a sigh.

Our little like living creatures come and go,
That into the grave, without a sound, and

—Are destined to silent silence.

The sea of death, whereon waves roll on,
Waves and tides, and winds, and spray.

—And swallow all.

—The river—tide, and waves,

Are the river—tide, and waves,

Death leaves parents and pride behind.

The rich and poor—left side by side.

Within the green—green shade.

Our birth—but the starting-point of life.

Life is in the running of the race,

And all the world is—

These all—cheerful—days are gone,

The path—of all, is—

—Is found of—

—Is—lost in—

—Is—seen now, here, now, there, now,

All—these—glittering—days of youth.

—We—have—now—no—more—days.

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A. SIEHERING & CO., Proprietors
Official Journal of the United States
OFFICIAL JOURNAL OF BEXAR COUNTY.

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FRIDAY, April 30, 1875.

REUNION OF SOULS
The Republican Senatorial Executive Committee, for this, the 20th District, was requested to meet at the State Capital on the 1st instant, in this city, for the purpose of consultation in regard to the political situation in view of the coming election. This is a matter of great importance to our party, and to our section, and it is hoped they will be a full attendance.

H. MACCORMACK
Chairman.

Mr. Degeron on the situation.

The trip to the frontier has evidently done no distinguishing fellow-townsman, Mr. Ingles, good, as he is. H. MacCormack, Esq., is a single blast that will rouse many a patriot to his duty. Mr. Degeron says he differs from the policy proposed by Governor Davis, toward the Republicans should remain passive. We feel authorized in saying that Gov. Davis will be in accord with the Republicans of the West when the struggle comes.

Home-Made Brooms—A Branch of Industry and Agriculture.

Messrs. Rhodius & Co., have presented us with a specimen broom made at their factory in this city. The old Dutch Admiral Tromp, would have been proud of such a broom as is to be the mascot of his ship.

In 1873 Messrs. Rhodius & Co., were enabled to secure a sufficient quantity of broomstraw to run their factory, purchased from farmers in this section, from one farmer living near Bexar, they purchased \$100 worth being the greatest quantity two acres. In 1874 they were failed here and was a partial failure everywhere. In 1874, they made up all their Texan brooms, manufacturing 3000 dozen; they then ceased for a while, but have recently prepared a supply from St Louis which has cost them 16 cents per lb. They simply manufacture sufficient for their retail trade, waiting the result of the coming crop in this section. In 1875, over 200 acres, have been put in broom corn, and small fields in this county. The German farmers near Clinton, Dewitt Co. succeed in raising broom corn of the very first quality.

Here, then, is a necessary article of household use which can be produced and manufactured in our midst and save thousands of dollars and can be shipped abroad and bring back money.

The brooms manufactured by Messrs. Rhodius & Co. are superior to any imported article.

THE BROOM MANUFACTURERS

Fort Clark, April 27th 1875.

H. MACCORMACK Esq.

Chas. Rep. Ex. Com. 20th Dist.

Dist. San Antonio.

DEALER IN BROOMS

In reply to your request to give my views on the political issues, for the consideration of which you have called the Rep. Ex. Com. to meet in San Antonio on the 1st Monday in May next, I beg leave to submit the following remarks:

The first question which presents itself is: "Who desires a change of our State Constitution?" It will be recollect that when the Reconstruction Congress in 1869 adjourned twenty-two members of the convention refused their signature to the Constitution and published their reasons for such refusal in a public protest.

It might be inferred herefrom, that the present call for a Convention had its origin in the dissatisfaction of the Republicans with the constitution, as it has done.

This would be an error.

In view of political expediency a subsequent Republican Minuteman Convention in Houston resolved to drop the opposition, and thus the Constitution was ratified by a simple majority of the people.

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LOCAL AFFAIRS.

A fine programme at Alamo Literary Hall to-night.

The "Old Folks Chorus" was well received at Alamo Literary Hall.

NO CLUE yet to the burning of Graves & Huppert's drug store.

TRAVIS SQUARE.—The city is still prosecuting the good work of pulling weeds in Travis Square.

The Rev. Wattington owes it to the public and to himself to come forward now and give some explanation of his conduct.

The Committee of Aldermen are examining into the drug store, and will make work done.

MARSHAL LAW IN COUNTRY.—The paymasters have been assigned to keep ready at their Headquarters.

BURGLARY.—We learn that Mr. Edward Smith's store on Flores street was entered on Wednesday night last and robbed.

REMOVED.—In consequence of the fire, Capt. Houston has removed his U. S. Revenue Office to the Sheriff's office.

It is agreed that Rev. S. S. Mattingly, the priest who suffered great confinement by his law-room experts, give his name as "Superior."

SEVERAL gentlemen interviewed the reverent priest yesterday, and he denied saying anything derogatory of his fellow priests.

MR. ERASUS REED has moved into his new residence recently built under the auspices of the San Antonio Loan and Real Estate Association.

TODAY a man driving a wagon was thrown from his seat into the river near the mill-bridge. One wheel passed over him, but did not injure him seriously.

REV. S. S. MATTINGLY has disappeared, and since there are so many persons interested in him, we suggest that a reward be offered for him.

ONCE AGAIN THE FINE ARTS were at the Alamo Literary Hall, drew a full house last night, and every one was delighted.

THE Vaudeville Theatre keeps up its attractions, with unflagging zeal. Their attractive programmes and tip-top performances display the enterprise and talent of Mr. Broussard and Mr. Seaman.

BUTTER BY RATTENBACH.—A German lady, Mrs. Rattenbach, living on the Hietoles creek, was bitten by a rattle-snake on Wednesday. She was brought to town to-day in a very dangerous condition to secure medical attention.

THE WRONG NAME.—In our yesterday's edition we gave the name of the Priest who was diagnoised his sloth as "Rev. Peffercorn," in this we were misinformed. Mr. Peffercorn is the Priest in charge of the German Church, and is a gentleman against whom there is not a breath of suspicion. The correct name of the Priest to whom we alluded is S. S. Mattingly.

SECOND RIFLE REGIMENT.—The Alamo Rifles had their regular drill last night on the Main Plaza. This company have improved greatly in their drill. They are perfect in the manual of arms, and are rapidly mastering company movements. The spirit of emulation that prevails in this company is bound to make them the best citizens military organization in the State; and if it should ever come to the scratch, they can be relied on.

THE ALMO RIFLES have been invited to attend the State Fair at Houston on the 12th instant. We hope that the members of the Alamo, the members of the company would be willing to go, but many of them are not able to defray the expense of the trip. San Antonio should be represented there, and we hope that sufficient voluntary aid the Alamo will go. Let some of our public-spirited citizens start a subscription list to aid them to go to Houston.

PENTENRIEDER & CO.'S. SUCCESSOR.—By reference to our advertising column it will be seen that Mr. Pentenrieder has disposed of his business to H. Barbeck. His health has forced Mr. P. to retire from business; he has been one of our most enterprising merchants in the past twenty years, and he was a power in his firm which kept the lead. His successor, Mr. Barbeck is a worthy successor, and will continue the business as vigorously as heretofore.

REV. ALEX. BOHANNAN W. caused to postpone his lectures from this evening to next Friday, May 7th, when the public in general and scholars, planters, merchants, and mechanics in particular may behold the "Door of Opportunity" through which not only Pythagoras and Galileo, Schwartz and Rembrandt; but also men like Wilkes, Watt, Ferguson, Gifford, Littlehouse and so many others entered the "Road to Knowledge." The door is wide open, and mastering difficulties, rising with sweeping majesty and burning splendor from the dominion of Hab! into those regions, where they became benefactors of all mankind and co-creators of immortals.

GRAND GIFT CONCERT

Reduction of New York Hotel Rates.

The plan of reducing rates and adjusting prices for board according to the floor or the location of the room occupied, is now recognized everywhere as the best one. This plan, the result of tact, rare enterprise and a keen insight into the mysteries of hotel management, was originated by H. L. Williams, of New York.

Now the plan works well, and has placed the Grand Central in the lead of the first-class hotels in New York, and kept it there. We believe that the Grand Central will be the best hotel in the world.

There will be a grand opening, and all citizens are invited to the new field of enterprise—to witness how the laughing God of mirth has destrued the blind Goddess of Justice. The Green Ball Room is rung daily by sets of gentlemen, and the fun will never give out.

Grand Central Hotel, **NEW YORK.** All Bricks Five Cents.

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For details see New York Times.

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THE STOPPED WORD WHICH Ordained.

Lawless men, named Thoreau, of the City Council published an ordinance by which it is proposed to establish and operate water-mills in our city.

Sec. 1. Grants right of way and gives the exclusive privilege of monopoly to this company for twenty-five years, the same to be renewed for twenty years longer unless this work is purchased by the city, not earlier than ten years from the date of completion of the work.

Sec. 2. Protects the city to the right to purchase this work at any time after five years from the completion of the work, at an amount of cost of which shall be equal to the net earnings of said company for the year previous.

Sec. 3. Reserves to the city the right to purchase this work at any time after five years from the completion of the work, at an amount of cost of which shall be equal to the net earnings of said company for the year previous.

Sec. 4. The city agrees to rent 80 hydrants for fire purposes at a rate of \$150 per hydrant per annum.

Sec. 5. The company warrants the safety of the hydrants.

Sec. 6. The city may use hydrants to cleanse gutters.

Sec. 7. Fixes the water rates.

Sec. 8. Agrees that the net earnings shall be \$20,000.

Sec. 9. Allows expenses of company to \$4000 annually.

Sec. 10. The city binds itself to enforce ordinances for the protection of the water works.

Sec. 11. Provides for examination of books of company.

Sec. 12. Provides that the city subscribe \$60,000 to be paid in ten per cent, 20 years as the work progresses.

Sec. 13. City agrees to furnish its lots not to cost over \$1000.

Sec. 14. That the National Water Works Company agree to accept in 60 days and to finish work during 1876, and the city agrees not to tax any of the real or personal property, stock or franchises of the company.

Sec. 15. The company agrees that their work shall be of sufficient capacity to supply 75,000 inhabitants.

This question demands a careful consideration and close investigation. The terms proposed above are to be weighed in the scales of justice and tested as to their just and valid.

Are water works necessary, will they be necessary? If so, how much will they cost?

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Will they pay for the investment?

Are the proportions, etc., etc., to justify our city government in accepting them?

Are among the questions to be settled.

Are water works necessary?

Strange person who possesses, or enjoys the irrigating privileges of a ditch will, at first glance, say they can get along without water works, but a little more investigation will show that all of our present facilities are very poor substitutes for modern improved water works.

The cost of walls, and the keeping them clean and in repair may be trifling, but the well water is very hard and unfit for house-hold uses, besides every observer must, must say that the day will soon be at hand when our wells will have to be abandoned for sanitary reasons; that the filtration from the privy is already impregnating the wells with poison. The thousand of victims to the cholera can be in great measure traced to our wells.

Then, as to irrigation, it is very unsatisfactory and for the uses of front yards, flower plots, &c., does not answer, as it cannot be had every day.

While every owner of a lot could at the rates proposed by the water company, irrigate all day long and every day in the year—at the rate of 10 cents per front foot of lots 900 feet deep. This is as moderate as the irrigating ditches with a hundred per cent.

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