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Occasional From Washington.

Mail Service.—The recent changes in the mail service have been quite extensively quoted, particularly what you say relative to the late visit of Jeff Davis to your State, and I need not assure you that they are fully endorsed by all loyal men in this section.

There are but few of us Unionists here, who entered the field in Texas immediately after the war, and in conjunction with the Express (which, by the way, is the first loyal paper established in Texas after the war) crossed swords with the rebel sentiment in the civil contest for reconstruction, and we naturally try to stand by each other and aid our friends who come here from Texas to obtain their rights from the government.

I see in the weekly issue of the 17th instant your announcement of the arrival at that place of Col. R. C. Kerens who has recently become interested in mail contracts in Texas, and it seems to us (and this idea prevails among your readers here of all parties, as the matter was called to my attention by a prominent democrat now here from Texas) that you unnecessarily and unjustly go out of your way in said announcement to attack the firm of Sawyer & Co.

I had supposed that the efforts of Sawyer & Co. to establish thorough and complete mail communications in our State had been crowned with such signal success, and it was no well known that they had stocked their routes with such fine conveyances and animals that the fact that they were making a profit upon their outlay was in their favor as an enterprising business men.

Knowing your usual fairness I have made unusual efforts to obtain some facts relative to the recent changes of the mail service in Texas, to lay before our readers and in looking over the list of awards for Texas I do not find, of about one hundred bids that Messrs. Kerens & Logan H. Roots of Little Rock claim to control, a single instance of their having obtained a bid in their own name. Two thirds of the routes in Texas which they are claiming to operate have been let in the name of D. A. Coffin, whose name does not appear in commercial reports anywhere and is commercially speaking worthless.

I find that he is simple a clerk in the Treasury, and it is necessarily inferred that his name is only a make shift for Col. Kerens.

Nearly all the remaining routes they control have been let by the government to one Jas. O. Kinney, supposed to be somewhere in Ohio, but who is an obscure as their Mr. Coffin, and no more able to carry out the stipulations of his agreements.

Now this is a mode of executing public service that is fully as objectionable as the so-called straw-bid-system.

Further more Mr. Kerens has not, neither does he intend to stock a single route in Texas. He is there now subtleting all the contracts he can find to parties willing to take at rates that will leave the Little Rock parties a profit of fifty to one hundred per cent without doing a stroke towards performing the service expected of them by the Post Office Department. If the sub-contractors perform the service, can get the certificates of Postmasters along their routes, that the work is done, the Kerens party will make their profits out of the hard worked Texans, who must furnish the capital to carry the mails and do the service at starvation prices.

As an example, Gov. Davis ex-State Treasurer as I am reliably informed, has sub-contracted to carry the mail from Austin to Concho via Fredericksburg, a distance of two hundred and twenty seven miles three times a week for \$3,500. Five out of six trips will require a two horse conveyance to carry the mail. The parties contracting with the Post Office Department receive \$12,500. If the ex-Treasurer performs the service, Mr. Kerens walks out of Texas four thousand dollars the richer, while if he fails, the sub-contractor may whistle for his money, while the Government must look to the unknown Mr. Kinney and his unknown surties for damages.

In the vast service performed by Sawyer & Co., there have doubt-

been causes of complaint.

But their stock and vehicles are known to be of the best, and I heard a gentleman say, who was endeavoring to get contracts for mail service in Texas, and had posted himself thoroughly, that it would require a half million dollars to buy the stage property of that firm in the State of Texas. With these facts before us, is it just to condemn these old pioneers in the stage business of Texas?

Those of us who depended for the successor business enterprise upon the regularity of the mails immediately after the war, remember the failure of Copeland who undertook the El Paso and Eagle Pass service, and you cannot forget your own indignation on discovering that your subscribers beyond Fredericksburg failed to get their paper for months, and you must remember that almost every other route out of San Antonio was as badly served until our old friend Munnely took hold under the live energy of Major Hickling, when the complaints of your subscribers ceased as if by magic.

OCCASIONAL.

The present constitution was adopted by a vote of 72,366 against 4928. This vote was taken six years ago. It is utter foolishness to usert that only Republicans voted for the constitution. Many Republicans voted against it. It was not made for Republicans, but for the people, and the simple fact that the Democracy gained power under it and now reigns supreme under its wings, is evidence enough of its impartial character. The attempt to overthrow it is not made for the benefit of the people, but to satisfy the ambition of the leading politicians and to fill their pockets.

THIS is the language of the Luling convention endorsing the action of John Ireland:

Resolved, that we approve and endorse the action of the State Executive Committee in recommending the nomination of party candidates by the Democratic party for the State constitutional convention.

THE military forces in Brownsville have orders to cross the river and support Col. Childs in preserving order, in case such a measure becomes necessary.

IN Vicksburg they had another disturbance in which two negroes were killed and a white man dangerously wounded.

THE Galvestonians have caught a whale.

City Debt.

Considering the facilities with which the constitution of most States of the Union enable the cities and cities to borrow money and issue bonds, and considering further the levy with which legislatures grant the requisite authority, it is not astonishing at all to see the public debt of these commonwealths reach an immense amount. Even if scrip had not reigned supreme, as it has during the last fifteen years, even if the borrowed capital had been invested in the most scrupulous manner, a most alarming increase of the public debt would not surprise us. The large increase of population and the wealth of the most of our cities deceive into the belief, that there is no danger in throwing the responsibility for the contracted debts upon the shoulders of future generations. It is said that our descendants will reap and enjoy the fruits of the improvements paid with the borrowed money, and that they will be better enabled to pay the interests and refund the money, than we are.

This may all be; but what has been overlooked in this calculation. It is unquestionably certain that the burden, growing with the increasing debt, is too great an obstacle in the development of the commonwealth as to be balanced by the benefit created by the taken up loans. The unavoidable consequences of the increased debt are increased taxes; they become so oppressive that the property holders in value and the means of the means of supporting life; industry will be crippled and the expectations of the rising generation and the future splendor of the city will vanish.

Our city is just on the verge of running into debt, and we have drawn up the above picture to warn our city fathers. Our taxes are high enough and ought not to be increased. We are well aware of the difficulties the city council has to deal with, but we are, at the same time, convinced, that with strict economy and a determined will the expenses can be reduced down so as not to exceed the revenue of the city. Conclude yourselves to such improvements as are indispensably necessary for the public welfare, and discard all grand schemes for the present until our financial condition becomes healthy again. Let us not follow the traces of Houston, Galveston and Austin.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

FOR CHIHUAHUA

Fl. Stockton & Frenchie del Norte

I will meet my train on next MONDAY, the 13th inst. For freight apply to Stockton & Frenchie, 25 Commerce Street.

ANDY YINCHER.

San Antonio, July 7, 1875.

7-7-43

NOTICE!

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, July 1, 1875.

The undersigned beg leave to inform the public that they have entered into partnership under the style and firm of

H. MICHELLE & CO.,

and have from this date purchased the right to manufacture the "SAN ANTONIO SUPERIOR SOAP," heretofore manufactured by the San Antonio Meat Extract Factory.

Soleing orders which will be executed with promptitude, we remain,

Respectfully,

H. MICHELLE, C. FROMME.

Liberal Discounts to the Trade. 23-7-43

TO LET—POST HOUSE.

The desirable residence known as the "POST HOUSE," Alameda Street, East of Mr. F. Groves' residence.

A. DITTMAR, Agt., Office over Bennett & Therman's Bank. 6-7-43

Dissolution of Partnership.

The partnership heretofore existing under the firm name of HORN & DIEDERICH is hereby dissolved by mutual consent, Mr. Diederich withdrawing, and Mr. C. Horn assuming all liabilities. The business will be continued under the firm of C. Horn, sen., and all moneys due the former firm are payable to C. Horn, sen. San Antonio, July 1, 1875.

C. HORN, sen. DIEDERICH.

Notice of Dissolution!

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, July 1, 1875.

The partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned, under the name and style of G. B. HERRIT & BRO., is this day dissolved by mutual consent. C. H. Merritt purchasing the interest of G. B. HERRIT. All liabilities of the concern will be paid by C. H. Merritt, and he alone is authorized to collect amounts due the firm, and to sign the firm name in liquidation.

G. B. HERRIT, C. H. MERRITT.

Referring to the above the undersigned hereby gives notice that he has purchased the entire interest of his former partner, and will continue the business in his own name. C. H. MERRITT.

Town Lots for Sale

KINGSBURY STATION.

The G. H. & R. A. Railway will be open to this station on or about July 15th, and business and residence lots for sale on and after July 5th. Terms, one-half cash in U. S. currency and balance in 12 and 24 months. For health and business go to Kingsbury, located on the dividing ridge between the waters and fertile valleys of the San Marcos and Guadalupe rivers, six hundred and fifteen feet above the Gulf of Mexico; and 42 miles east of San Antonio, 14 1/2 miles west of Luling, and 9 1/2 miles from Seguin.

For further information apply to Capt. G. W. Folk, town Agent.

JAMES CONVERSE, Chief Engineer.

July 13/75

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Sunday, July 11.

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A DRAMA BY FRIEDRICH VON SCHILLER.

IN FIVE ACTS.

Performances commencing at 8 o'clock.

Box Seats, 10c and 25c.

San Antonio, July 7, 1875.

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