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THE STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS. The State of Massachusetts justly claims pre-eminence among all the States of the Union, for the excellence of her public schools. Many of the highly trained and highly paid teachers throughout the State have received their education in the public schools of Massachusetts, and of late years "Drawing" has become one of the principal studies. The system adopted has been borrowed from the Royal School of Art of London, England; and the most marvellous and gratifying success has resulted from securing the services of Mr. Walter Smith, who was formerly Head Master at London. His books of instruction are graduated from the lowest up to the highest grade of art; and are so designed as to enable pupils with very little guidance to achieve a gradual mastery not only in the execution of copies of pictures, but also in drawing from models and from nature as well. The system is calculated to develop artistic powers of design as well as of mere execution; and in the various annual exhibitions that have taken place, more particularly at Boston, where Mr. Smith teaches in the public schools, personally, the drawings of pupils of the Massachusetts Public Schools have distanced all competition, and have attracted the highest commendations from the President.

It is a knowledge that in many departments of trade and manufacture, the power of drawing and designing artistically, is of great commercial value. England, notwithstanding her regular system of public instruction in drawing, had to rely on French and German artists for designs and patterns. Now she is independent, and can rely on her own people for the carefully and highly cultivated taste in art which produces the greatest excellence in valuable manufactures. New England, marking the notable advantages of such art instruction for her working classes, has succeeded in planting upon her soil as a reproductive industry, a practical knowledge of mechanical and artistic design.

We ought to take advantage of having in our midst an accomplished artist, Professor Faltenberg, who has made the system of Walter Smith his "special study" and whose services can be secured for our public schools at a reasonable rate. The writer of this article has no interest whatever in having any particular artist selected, beyond the natural one of wishing to have selected a thoroughly competent teacher, who has devoted valuable time to the mastery of the system of drawing and design taught in the Public School of Massachusetts, with signal success.

In these days of hard struggle for existence, the sons and daughters of the people should have every advantage that can be reasonably secured for their future benefit at bread-winners placed within their reach. Mere reading and writing and ordinary school acquirements leave many without any means of support beyond such as depends upon hard work, if the humblest character, and insufficient to supply the wants of a family. It is the duty of the public to strive and secure advantages for the rising generation that will count in the future struggle of life, with its increasing exigencies.

Our merchants will be able to compete with those of any other place by their superior intelligence and artistic tastes are fairly trained and developed. Our workshops will soon show creditable evidences of taste and elegance as to design and execution, if public attention is secured to the advantages resulting from trained artistic powers, amongst our public school children, but henceforth will be much more inviting - our habits of life more refined, our mental resources more diversified, and our amusements elevated and improved.

A Plain Railroad Talk. The city of San Antonio will never be anything more than she now is without railroads. Indeed, unless she is soon provided with railroad connections and facilities, she will cease to be what she now is. She will retrograde, and decline, and decay, and will lose what of prestige and prospective prosperity she now claims. In order to be considered among the progressive cities of this young but gigantic and rapidly growing State, she must have railroad connections with our sea ports and with all the cities and trade centres of the Union.

The idea of a city, a commercial city, the capital of Western Texas, being reached only by stages, over horrid roads during the winter, and liable to have her communications and mails cut off any day by an unusually hard rain, is too ridiculous to be entertained for a moment. The fact that such is the situation of San Antonio at the present time is a disgrace to the city, a disgrace to the State, a disgrace to our capitalists and railroad men, and a disgrace to our leaders of public opinion.

Commercial cities. Our people should make known to them their necessities and their wishes, and give them a chance to lead off in the right direction; but if they are found wanting in respect and public spirit, they should be thrown overboard at once, and new men installed in their places. And we rather think the new men would do the best anyhow. Men who have never been concerned in building railroads; who have never done their business in connection with the rapid transportation of railroads; and who have grown old in the old fogy ways of doing business, are very hard to learn how to take the lead in the grand public enterprises necessary to build railroads and cities. San Antonio needs to have only thirty miles of railroad built to put her in rail connection with our sea-ports, and with all the business centres of the Union. Shall we sit still and wait a year or two more for this link to be finished, when we have millions of capital, and when we could force the road through in two or three months? All who look to San Antonio and vicinity for their future homes are waiting to see what we are going to do. If nothing is going to be done for sometime to come, all interest in the region will be lost, and other points will gain the interest and attention we lose.

A Remarkable Case. Col. Anthony, editor of the Leavenworth Kansas, Daily Times, who was shot and as supposed mortally wounded, nearly five months ago, by the editor of the Daily Appeal, about a newspaper controversy, has so far recovered as to be able to travel, and has been visiting his sister, Miss Susan B. Anthony, at Rochester, New York. When Mr. Anthony was shot he was standing within five feet of the muzzle of the revolver, the ball striking him in the breast, wounding the main artery, and as no such case has ever before been heard of, it was thought impossible for him to recover. The majority of Kansas surgeons advised amputation, but Dr. Gross, of Philadelphia, recommended compression, and, following his advice, two surgeons stood over Col. Anthony for ten weeks, alternating every hour, compressing the artery with the finger, when it was thought safe to dispense with the compression.

The case is one of the most noted and remarkable on record. About twenty surgeons who had carefully examined the case, decided that the artery only was cut, while Dr. Gross and Agnew, of Philadelphia, and Dr. Moore, of Rochester, say that the subclavian vein is also cut, and that the blood, passing through this aperture from the artery to the vein, is immediately returned to the heart. The opinion of the Eastern surgeons, if sustained, renders the probability of entire recovery very doubtful. The case is one which can not be reached by medical treatment, and no surgical operation can be of avail, save litigation, which all concede should not be undertaken except as a last and extreme resort.

Col. Anthony intends returning to Leavenworth, and again assuming editorial charge of his paper, but he will not be able to do a great deal of active service, as a single mis-step, or jar, or shock of any kind, might in an instant sever the slender chain which binds him to life. His partial recovery is perfectly wonderful, and in case of his death from the wound, in after years, a very important legal point may be brought up. The case is a very rare and instructive one, but certainly not a very pleasant one for Col. Anthony.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS. Associated Press Dispatches. MINNESOTA. Washington, Oct. 8.—The Treasury Department is officially advised that parties in the Cochran's distillery, one of the largest in Chicago, were caught in the act of withdrawing spirits unlawfully from cistern rooms.

THE CABLE. City of Mexico, Sep. 28.—Congress met for the first time under the restored regime since 1857. President Lerdo de Tejada opened the session. He said: "We may congratulate ourselves on the undeviating progress of our institutions. Our relations with the friendly foreign powers are satisfactory. The Minister to the King of Spain has again been accredited a treaty adjusting the boundary between Mexico and Guatemala, and will soon be concluded. The Chihuahua and Sonora investigating commission have brought their labors to a satisfactory termination. The election of members of the Supreme Court has been held, and the result awaits the opening of the Congress."

THE MARKETS. NEW ORLEANS. New Orleans, Oct. 8.—Cotton demand active, sales 4000 bales; prices stronger for good staple and other desirable kinds; receipts, 23,500; gross, 2777; exports, coast 7071; stock 43,720; week's sales 21,500 receipts, net, 21,314; gross 22,297; exports, continent 2029; coast 6787; on shipboard not cleared, 22,000. Sugar and molasses quiet, 23,000. Flour, 10,000. Coffee 48, 24,000. Rice 54 to 61, choice and family 62 to 71. Corn steady at 70. Oats quiet 35 to 40.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 8.—An action has been brought against G. W. Bullock on a sixteen thousand dollar irregularity in his accounts as U. S. chief disbursing officer of the Freedman's Bureau. By a provision in the post-office treaty of Berlin, a vote in the expenditure of the mails between the countries embraced in the treaty, are limited, for certain matter, to two pounds and eight ounces, and two pounds and three ounces for printed matter and articles of merchandise. This fact does not seem to be generally known in this country, the impression prevailing that the U. S. limit of a pound is allowed. Packages weighing over two pounds and three ounces, are daily arriving at the New York Postoffice, directed to European countries, but they can go no further, and are sent to the dead letter office in Washington, to meet the fate of dead letters. Fifty-three packages were sent to the dead letter office to-day by Postmaster James from New York, in only two of which was a place of mailing was known. One of these was directed to Charleston and the other from Richmond, Va., and a package was directed to Judah P. Benjamin.

NEW YORK ITEMS. New York, Oct. 8.—A run on the German Savings Bank, corner of 55th St., and Third Avenue occurred to-day. The President says the Bank is sound and the run was caused solely by the collapse of the Third Avenue Savings Bank. Henry Rea, the watchman who shot and killed John McKenna, aged 19 years, for calling him "Frit," was convicted of murder in the second degree to-day, and sentenced to imprisonment for life.

MEMPHIS, Oct. 8.—The cotton exchange has offered premiums of \$1000 for the first crop of the present crop grown in any county tributary to Memphis, for exhibition at the Philadelphia Centennial. PRIAR'S POINT. The Priar's Point was considered at an end. A lieutenancy special says that Sheriff Brown is still in prison, and that he does not return to Priar's Point, and that the negroes threaten to kill him if he does. Many negroes from Coahoma county are in Helena.

MEMPHIS, Oct. 8.—The Eastern Express met at the residence of Prince Milan and rejected the motion for war by a vote of 62 to 21. The Stock Exchange is animated, and there is considerable excitement in foreign markets, particularly the Turkish loans. Belgrade, Oct. 9.—It is reported that a new Serbian Ministry has been formed, and that the members belong to the peace party.

London, Oct. 9.—Dispatches from the Hague says the Venezuelan Minister Plenipotentiary with his secretary, left there yesterday for Brussels. The announcement creates an impression from the known relations between the two countries, and suggest inquiry whether it indicates a rupture of diplomatic relations. A dispatch to the Times from Bombay reports a severe outbreak of cholera in the province of Mysore.

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Oct. 8.—The ill-fated steamer Uruguay had a narrow escape from being wrecked by a Spanish vessel off the coast of Cuba, while sailing close in shore, under cover of night. She effected landings during two evenings, but was so close to the Spanish encampments that they fired upon her with rifles. A Spanish war steamer chased her sixteen hours close along the Cuban coast in daylight, but she escaped and reached Port Royal on Monday night.

Bay City, Mich., Oct. 9.—Early yesterday morning the house of George Forest was entered by some persons unknown, who poured acids on Mrs. Forest's face as she lay asleep. She is terribly burned and will lose an eye by it, it is supposed to have been committed by a man whose name had been rejected by a girl who lived and slept with Mrs. Forest.

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SHERIFF'S SALE. In pursuance of a judgment rendered in the District Court of Bexar County, Texas, on the 15th day of March A. D. 1875, and entered of record therein in Journal H, on pages 568, 569, in favor of Fred Carlton assignee of the estate in bankruptcy of Jno. G. French, and P. H. Groesbeck executrix of the estate of John D. Groesbeck deceased, and against the estate of Richard Meade deceased, the estate of Denis Meade deceased, Frances Meade and Louisa Meade, and by virtue of an order of sale to me issued from said District Court on the 5th day of October A. D. 1875, commanding the sale of the property hereinafter described, to satisfy said judgment, I, H. D. Bennett, Sheriff of said Bexar county, will sell at the Court House door of said Bexar county, in the city of San Antonio, at public outcry, within the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., on the first Tuesday of November, A. D. 1875, it being the 2nd day of that month, to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property to-wit: A certain tract of land situated in said Bexar county, about six miles East Southeast of San Antonio, being lot No. 5, upon the plot of a division of a certain league of land formerly belonging to the estate of John W. Smith, deceased, recorded in the records of said Bexar County, in Book F, No. 2, on page 257, being the lower or Southern lot of said division, fronting and lying on the West side of the Salado creek, and taken from the South West corner of said league, containing 719 acres. Said league was originally granted to John W. Smith as assignee of Maria Gertrudes Alama, by patent from the State of Texas, No. 275, dated June 2nd, 1841, and recorded in the records of said Bexar county in Book F, No. 2, on page 256 and is thereunto substantially described as, in Bexar county, known as survey No. 20 in Section 2, on Salado creek, beginning at the South-west corner of the tract of land belonging to the heirs of Corbier deceased, thence East along said Corbier survey at 2500 varas to Salado creek and at 5000 varas the North-east corner of said league; thence south at 700 varas the Gonzales road and at 5,000 varas the southeast corner; thence west 870 varas, the Salado creek, at 2,700 varas a road, at 3,700 varas the La Bahia road, and at 5,000 varas the south west corner; and thence north 5,000 varas to the place of beginning. Landed on by me as the property of Frances Meade and Louisa Meade, the estate of Richard Meade, dec'd., and the estate of Denis Meade, dec'd., aforesaid, in which said judgment, the same is decreed to be a lien upon said lot No. 5, hereinafter described. H. D. BENNETT, Sheriff Bexar Co. By C. G. ARTZ, Deputy San Antonio, B. C., October 5th, 1875.

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1875.

Religious Services To-Morrow.
Pastor-Rev. J. W. Neil, Pastor-Sunday School, 9 A. M., morning service 11 A. M., evening service 7 P. M.

Methodist Episcopal-Rev. H. G. Horton
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The little town of Cuero was in an uproar yesterday, the excitement rising to a fever heat. The cause this: It seems that Messrs. Lewis & Kane, photographers, both Northern men, but recently from Galveston, were on a business tour through this portion of the State, stopping here and there in the different towns, taking pictures. They were gentlemanly and well behaved, and, what was equally to the purpose, exceedingly good artists, the best who have ever been in this part of the State; therefore they had considerable patronage. But some misunderstanding arose between them and one of their patrons, and Mr. Lewis, in a moment of pique, when alone with his partner, seized on the picture of the above patron and caricatured it by developing huge ears in representation of the devil or some other demon of misanthropy, and wrote under it, "This is the woman that tried to play sharp and beat the photographer," or words to that effect. He held it on the shelf and called the attention of his partner to it, over which they both hoarse laugh. They continued there, thinking no more of the affair, but neglected to move the picture from the shelf. A short while afterwards some gentleman entered and saw the picture and attempted to carry it off against the will of Mr. Kane.

That gentleman finally secured the picture and made of with it. After being out a few moments he returned, followed by a rabble, among whom was his Honor the Mayor, the City Marshal and other notables. They rushed in on the unsuspecting Kane, and without waiting for an explanation or apology, struck and otherwise abused and insulted him. Then calling for Lewis, the other partner, they rushed out and over to the hotel where he boarded, called him down to the door, and served him the same way. The officers of the law were the men who took the leading part. It is the writer's opinion that, under the excitement of the moment, if some one had suggested hanging, that Messrs. Lewis & Kane would not have been arising to the nearest limb, but being in the house, somewhat protected him.

Col. Lewis, feeling that his life was not safe, repaired to his room and locked the door, from which place hoping to satisfy the mob, he wrote a public apology, and sent it to the mayor which was published for their benefit. They calmed down somewhat, and owing to the interference of the Masons, Col. Lewis being one of that fraternity, they allowed him to leave town.

Now I do not pretend to justify Messrs. Lewis and Kane, but it is right to condemn a man without hearing, and drive him from his door like a dog! What has become of the generosity that our Southern people have been so noted for? Does it exist only in name? Is this the protection that they offer to our Northern friends and immigrants who seek homes among us? Does the above incident offer any encouragement to settlers to come here? Who would wish to live in a country where the law is to protection, where at any moment, for any fancied or even real insult, an armed mob will drag you with impunity from your own door and hang you, or drive you from home like a dog without a chance for a hearing? I think the above case needs no comment. It speaks for itself.

Nor is this the only case of Texas justice and law that has come under our notice in this town. A few nights ago a merchant, very respectable and worthy German citizen, had his store robbed by an indignant mob, breaking his window lights, smashing and otherwise damaging his property; all this simply because he refused or hesitated at the moment to contribute anything to the Indiana sufferers. The above mob in both cases have laid themselves amenable to the law, but who will dare prosecute them? If you will pay sugar, down comes a party and up you go. Such are facts. What is the remedy?

First through train in the evening from Indiana. A dispatch received from Mr. Evans informs us that the road is repaired and now will resume business again. The Indiana people are still hanging on, waiting to see what Mr. Migan is going to do. They will be, as a matter of course, governed by his decision. Business has been at a stand-still since the storm, but I presume now that it will resume its former activity.

A Market Complaint.
A general complaint is being made by our citizens in reference to the sale of country produce in the market of morning. For instance, our people go to market in the morning to buy butter, eggs, chickens and the like. They find a wagon from the country containing the things they wish. They go up and ask the price, and are about to purchase that they want, when a boarding-house keeper, or a restaurant caterer, or grocery store man comes up and takes the whole lot. Thus, the citizens are not able to get in the market the things they need, but are compelled to go and purchase them from the grocery stores, and pay the profit which are added to the market price.

The above is a rough statement of the situation complained of. We are sure it is not far from the truth as to many citizens. They contend that the boarding-house, restaurant, and grocery store men, should not be allowed to buy up everything of the sort in the lump, and thus force the citizens generally to buy of them instead of at the market. They contend that these men should not be allowed to buy up such things in the lump until after market hours, thus giving the people generally a fair chance to get what they want at market.

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Col. Ross, N. Milam.

We give below a short sketch of the life of this great hero, that those of our citizens who are unacquainted with the subject, may know who and what Ben. Milam was. It has been handed us by a member of the base ball club bearing his name, and was taken from the Texas Almanac for 1870, compiled and published by Richardson & Co., at the Galveston News office. It is our intention to give, from time to time, short sketches of the lives of the Texas heroes and veterans, most worthy of special mention, and we very appropriately commence the series with the life and acts of Col. Milam, known to his fellows as the Hero of Bexar.

Col. Milam was born near Frankfort, Kentucky. "He was, in a large sense, an uneducated man, so far as literature constitutes education. His physical development was of the finest order, in stature and in features worthy the celebrity of his native State. His mind, endowed by nature with the richest elements displayed its unexcited energies in a passionate fondness for enterprise and adventure. To say he was brave is but faint commendation; the illustrious Marshal Ney was not more entitled to the compliment conferred upon him by the great Napoleon, the bravest of the brave than was our own Milam. I have seen him in perilous surroundings, and have never seen him more cheerful and pleased than on such occasions. His temper was naturally calm and serene, and never more so than in the midst of danger.

His retentive proclivity for adventure led him to unite with the Mexicans in their desultory efforts for independence. He held a commission in the so-called patriot army, at the time the Imperial crown was conferred upon Yucatec. Gen. Milam was by birth, education and deliberate preference a republican. The coronation was scornfully completed when he indignantly threw up his commission with the bold and perhaps impudent avowal that he would never serve a king, and set out alone to return to the United States. The newly created monarch despatched a troop in pursuit and had him arrested and confined in a lousy calabozo. I cannot minutely state the various incidents that befell him at this period, but his trials were many, protracted and severe. He bore them with his usual equanimity, and finally succeeded in reaching his native land. I have heard him say that he had tenanted almost every prison between the Rio Grande and the City of Mexico. Those who have any knowledge of the disgusting filthiness of a Mexican prison, can form something like an adequate idea of his sufferings.

The writer knew this gallant man in Texas as early as 1819, he has coped with him many nights on the head-waters of the Colorado, having the star spangled heavens for a canopy, and the earth shrouded by a buffalo robe for a couch; he has witnessed him in many varieties of condition that try men's spirits, and has never known him to deviate from the path of truth and rectitude, to flinch from danger or fatigue, or to express a discommodious sentiment.

"But the crowning act of Milam's life, and that which ought to endure his memory to every Texan, present and future, was the storming of San Antonio in 1821. It was decidedly the most gallant and arduous achievement of our revolution. It was the pride and the programme to the capture of Monterey by General Taylor; and Milam was the author, and emphatically the hero of it. All engaged in the novel and desperate strife, were heroes—he was pre-eminently the hero. At the moment the two-stricken enemy began to waver, a ball struck him in the forehead, and the contumacious that ever beamed with a placid smile in the midst of peril, was speedily composed in death." Such is the life history, and death of one of the noblest men that ever lived, and his burning shame that his remains should be buried on a wild prairie, and that a public road should have removed all traces of his final resting place.

It has been suggested by a number of prominent citizens, that since the city and our people generally are so unoppressive as to allow the remains of Ben. Milam, the hero of San Antonio, to lie unmarked and buried on a public highway, that should take steps toward raising funds to have the remains removed to the city cemetery, and a suitable monument erected. The suggestion, if practical, is an excellent one, and our young men should not upon it. The receipts from a few good games, and other entertainments, which might be inaugurated, would suffice to pay all the expenses of the removal, and the monumental fund would be a most desirable one. It is a burning shame that so little honor and respect is paid to the remains of the great and good Ben. Milam, and we urge the members of the Milam club to take initiatory steps at an early day, toward the carrying out of so excellent a suggestion.

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The following letter received this morning speaks for itself:

INDIANOLA, Sept. 26, 1875.
W. A. ROBERT, San Antonio.
Dear Sir—I am instructed by the "Indiana Relief Association" to acknowledge the receipt of, through the hands of C. R. Prouty, Esq., from you as Chairman of Relief Committee of San Antonio, eight hundred and fifty dollars currency, for which our association on behalf of our people beg to tender to you, and through you to those who have so graciously contributed the same, our sincere and heartfelt thanks.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
W. H. WOODWARD,
Cor. Sec. Indiana Relief Association.

Ernest, who keeps the capital restaurant on Commerce street, where the epicures of the city get their meals, invited the Express corps a few days since to a dinner of beef-steak a la Champagne, together with other exceedingly reliable dishes. He cannot complain, we are sure, that justice was not done to the choice viands he had provided. It is hard to find a better eating-place than Ernest's this side of a New Orleans restaurant. Whenever we get railroad commutation, and can get fish and oysters in plenty, Ernest will come out in all his glory. As it is, he leads everything in the eating line in this city.

Are you happy this morning, extremely happy; and all because we can inform our readers that we have on the way, one of the most complete Job Offices ever brought to Texas, embracing new presses, type, rules, cuts, and in fact every thing pertaining to a first class Job Office. In a short time we will be prepared to execute in the very best style all forms of job work, from a full-sheet flaming poster down to the finest and most delicate visiting card, and when our material arrives we propose showing our citizens what can be done in the way of splendid job work. We will be ready for business in about thirty days, and we hope those of our patrons, who can, will hold their work until our new office arrives.

We notice a number of individual improvements going on in the southern part of our city in the shape of fine residences, which are being erected on a number of the principal streets in that locality. Alderman Seymour has recently erected a handsome dwelling house, furnished with a Mansard roof, the only one we know of in the city, and an ornament to the neighborhood. M. G. Cotton has recently finished in fine style, a comfortable and commodious dwelling house on Goliad street, east of Alamo, one of the handsomest houses in the eastern portion of town.

Other substantial improvements are being made in that neighborhood, indicating a degree of progress of which other sections of the town should be jealous. We understand that Prof. Boardman's new concert will come off the last of this month, and from what we have seen and heard it will be one of the best musical entertainments ever given in our city.

Hugo & Schmeltzer have a very heavy cargo of Cincinnati beer on hand, between San Antonio and Kingsbury. This live and prosperous house we are glad to see, are constantly receiving large orders of this popular beverage, which they fill with promptness and satisfaction, to their patrons.

We are under many obligations to Mr. Sulmon, for the use of a wig, used in making up our costume at the Old Folks Concert.

Here's tooth see nowhere to-day; locals are scarce than yellow-legged chickens will be after the sitting of the Methodist Conference.

In our notice of the Vance House, in yesterday's issue, we should have stated also that the rooms were very large and airy, and the dining room one of the pleasantest in the city; two very beautiful points in the make-up of a first-class hotel.

Mrs. LESTER'S FINE LIQUORS.—Mrs. Lester has just received fine four-mash, head-distilled Whisky, Rye and Bourbon, and J. S. Magar's best Bourbon, besides other fine liquors. He has very old whisky and peach brandy. Sept 14-17

PANDOLFI & SON are now prepared to do the very best of custom work. Having secured the services of Mr. M. H. Rowland, as their cutter, and having a stock of imported cloth and cassimeres that can not be surpassed, they feel assured they can give perfect satisfaction to all.

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NOTICE.—The Gulf, Western Texas and Pacific Railroad, in view of the freight for Cuero, Galveston and the North.

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NOTICE TO
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The Tax-payers of Bexar County are hereby notified that J. H. D. Bennett, Sheriff and Collector of Bexar County, in my Deputies, will be at different points in this County, on the days and places hereinafter mentioned, for the purpose of collecting State and County taxes due on Real and Personal Property, and Poll Tax in the County and out-counties, for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1875, in accordance with the Act of the Legislature, approved March 22, 1875, and the Act of the Legislature, approved August 2, 1875.

Divine Service.—Bishop Elliott will preach at St. Marks Church to-morrow (Sunday) morning at 11 o'clock and Rev. S. G. Burton will preach at the same place in the evening at 7 o'clock.

A Mexican prisoner in the city kept up was fearfully beaten by another last night. We hope the assailant may be severely punished.

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Flow of various Brands, Rio and Java Coffee, Crushed and Louisiana Sugars, Cane and Fino Salt, Rice, Beans, Potatoes, etc. Genuine and Pure Older Vinegar, Colgate and Shadow Soap, Candles, Astral Oil, Gasoline, Lard, Choice Brands of Whiskies, Brandy, Wines, Stomach Bitters, Etc., Etc. Also

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Special Notice to Sheepraisers.
We have on hand a large lot of Leaf Tobacco, which, according to a late decision of the Revenue Department, can be used for shipping purposes without having special license on tobacco.

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San Antonio and Eagle Pass. On and after October 1st, vehicles will leave San Antonio and Fort Clark, making connections with Uvalde, with Eagle Pass and all intermediate points, twice a week. Orders may be left at Fineman's Stage Office in Menger's Stable, until further notice. J. W. SCHEPPE, Business Manager.



