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The Pierce Railroad.

THREE PLANS TO COMPLETE IT TO SAN ANTONIO.

The question of the early completion of the Pierce Railroad from the Guadalupe river to San Antonio is, as it deserves to be, the topic of supreme interest among our citizens. Were it otherwise, it would be a sad proof that we are the blindest and most imbecile set of people that ever had great interests at stake, or great opportunities presented to them.

The interest felt in this question, and its recent discussion among us, through the press and in private business circles, has led to a visit from Mr. Pierce, the President of the Railroad, and to a conference between him and our people. As the result of these consultations, there are now three plans proposed for the speedy construction of the road, and each one has its advocates and supporters, according to the respective stand-points from which they view the matter. We propose to state and explain each one of these plans candidly and fairly, with the advantages claimed for it, and then to give our own opinion for what it is worth.

But before we state these propositions, as now being discussed and canvassed, we wish to clear the way by setting Mr. Pierce in a proper light, as we understand it before our people. Heretofore, he has been set off in the minds of our citizens as a man, which we are constrained to believe is wholly unjust, and without foundation. It is his wish and interest to complete the road at once. From a long acquaintance with him personally, and with his railroad and financial operations, and also with the other railroad enterprises in this State, we sincerely believe him to be the most upright, the least selfish, and the worst treated railroad man in Texas. Less has been done for his road by the State, and by the country through which it is to pass, and which it is to enrich, than any other railroad in the State. He has met with more unreasonable opposition, in the Legislature, from other railroads, and from individuals, than any other railroad man. At the same time he has been cramped and crippled by the lack of the necessary capital.

At this moment, Mr. Pierce, in order to complete the road from Kingsbury to San Antonio, will have to raise in cash \$1,500,000. How is he to get this money? He has to raise it in the European money markets by the sale of the first mortgage bonds of the road, at a sacrifice of fifty cents on the dollar—that is, he has to give \$3,000,000 of his first mortgage bonds for \$1,500,000 in cash. And this sacrifice is necessary to build a railroad to San Antonio, the citizens of which would be more benefited by the road than Mr. Pierce, in proportion to their relative property and other interests. Therefore, he needs our help, or rather, we need to help ourselves by helping him, not merely to a certain amount, but to put forth that help in such a way as to induce him, increase confidence in him among the capitalists abroad, and thus help him to negotiate his bonds. He needs this backing from us as much as our money if not more. And his rectitude is worthy of such confidence.

This view of the case, of the correctness of which we have but little doubt, will help us to judge of the relative merits of the three plans of helping Mr. Pierce to speedily complete the road now being discussed, and which we present below.

The first proposition is, that a Construction Company shall be organized here, and that it shall grade and tie the road, build the abutments and furnish piling for the bridges, build the culverts, and prepare the track fully for the iron bridges and the iron rails; and also secure the right of way through Bexar county; and, in addition, deed to the road the property in San Antonio known as the "Railroad Beavers," together with the "Maverick Donation," the whole amounting to something over one hundred acres of land. Mr. Pierce to bind himself to complete, and have the road running to San Antonio within three months after the above conditions are fulfilled.

Many objections are made to this

The trouble about this proposition is that our citizens do not feel prepared to spare that much cash out of their business in these hard times. They say they cannot do so without crippling themselves.

The third proposition is, that Mr. Pierce agrees to complete the railroad from Kingsbury to San Antonio, and have it running, within eight months after he has been guaranteed \$500,000 in plan, the fatal one being that instead of ignoring Mr. Pierce before the European capitalists, and thus helping him to negotiate his bonds, it shows them a want of confidence in him. It also involves delay, the lack of unanimity among ourselves, the invitation to selfish speculation, and the increased cost of the work from its being done by inexperienced hands.

The second proposition is, to give Mr. Pierce \$400,000—\$100,000 in money, and \$300,000 in Bexar Co. bonds, due in 20 years, bearing 8 per cent. interest, to be paid to him on completed work, as the road progresses, in instalments; and also to secure for him the right of way, and give him the "Railroad Reservation," as in the first proposition. The \$100,000 cash in this case is to be paid out in instalments before the payment in bonds begins. On this proposition Mr. Pierce is to complete the road to San Antonio within eight months after the proposition is guaranteed to him.

Bexar County bonds, due in twenty years, bearing 8 per cent. interest, payable to him in monthly instalments, as the road progresses, so much on each section of completed road.

This proposition gives Mr. Pierce the indorsement he needs in Europe. It involves no delay, for he can build the road much quicker than we can by a Construction Company, yet to be organized, and acquainted with railroad building when organized; whereas, he is ready and prepared with all the appliances necessary to build the road at once. Then, he will be induced to build the road as rapidly as possible, that he may receive and use the bonds as rapidly as possible. His own property in San Antonio and Bexar County, after the road is completed, would pay a large portion of the interest on the bonds; and the increased value on our own property would far more than pay the balance. We should have the untold value of the railroad, and would never feel the cost.

The Storms and the cold weather in the North, and especially in the Northwest, are reported by mail and telegraph as something unusually fearful. This has especially been the case in Michigan. Many wrecks of vessels are reported, many lives lost, and many sailors frost-bitten. Forty vessels are ashore on Lake Michigan, and much property has been lost. This all reads strange to us here in this sunny climate, where we have just had our first few white frosts.

"Boss" Tweed is "out and gone" at last. The officers in charge of him leathen go in to see his wife privately, and he did not come back. When they went to look for him he wasn't there. The case against him for \$4,000,000 was to have been called next day. This beats the world. Tweed has swindled New York out of scores of millions, and has escaped at last, after years of litigation. Of course, "nobody was to blame," as the jurist of liquent over the bodies of those killed by rail and steamer always say. Of course, none of the officials responsible for his safe keeping could possibly have been bribed by such a poor prisoner as Tweed. Hurrah for hanging.

Grange Notes.

A Detroit newspaper is responsible for the statement that the Michigan farmers own the machinery \$5,000,000.

A farmer in Mississippi county, Mo., has a pair of buffaloes broken to work under the yoke.

The trees of Galveston, which were denuded of their leaves during the late blow, are already in full leaf, and present a very spring like appearance in their new dress.

Three years ago two young ladies of Oakland, Cal., started a bee farm at Los Angeles, and this season they have 3,500 pounds of honey to market.

Wm. Hoge, of Nettle Creek, Grundy county, Ill., has just finished an artesian well on his farm, getting a flowing stream at a depth of 1,800 feet, at a cost of \$7,000.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS. Charges for Announcements will be made known upon application at our Office.

Judge of Court of Appeals. We are authorized to announce N. O. GUNN, Esq., of Bexar County, as a candidate for the office of Judge of the Court of Appeals.

Sheriff. If Henry Weir, Esq., will become a candidate for Sheriff of Bexar County, he will receive the hearty support of

County Clerk. We are authorized to announce JAMES L. TAYLOR as a Candidate for the Clerkship of the County Court of Bexar County, at the coming election.

County Attorney. We are authorized to announce SAM. V. SMITH as a Candidate for the Clerkship of the County Court of Bexar County, at the coming election.

County Assessor. Biller Express—Please announce me a Candidate for County Attorney, at the next election, subject only to the will of the people of Bexar County.

HONORABLE Benjamin F. AVERY, our Minister to China, died November 6th. Many applicants to fill the dead official's shoes will soon appear.

Our friend, Sam S. Smith, Esq., is a candidate for re-election as County Clerk.

Of course we commit the EXPRESS to no man, but Sam S. Smith is a gentleman, a good citizen, and a good officer. We like him and do not hesitate to say so.

COUNTY ATTORNEY.—One talented fellow-citizen, M. G. Anderson, Esq., informs the public through to-day's columns of the EXPRESS, that he is a candidate for the office of County Attorney of Bexar County.

MAMES FARQUAR TUPPER, the well-known English literateur, the author of "Proverbial Philosophy," which was the "rage" in this country a quarter of a century ago, and which he confesses to liking very much yet, is now, in his old age, bringing out a drama in five acts, called "Washington."

GOT. GARLAND of Arkansas, a Democrat, has taken the strongest kind of ground in favor of the Centennial. Yesterday in the African Methodist Conference we heard the colored Bishop, Rev. Mr. Brown, pay the Governor a high compliment while delivering an address to his brethren on education.

THE NEW CONSTITUTION prepared for this State by the Convention recently adjourned, is now before the people of Texas. On the third Tuesday in February next they will be called upon to vote either for its ratification or rejection.

The New Speaker.

Hon. M. C. Kerr, of Indiana, was yesterday elected Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Forty-Fourth Congress. In the caucus of the Democratic members on Saturday last, he received the nomination over Mr. Randall, of Pennsylvania, the only competitor he had to fear.

This union of the West and South, often predicted, both before the war and since, was never effectively accomplished until the meeting of the Forty-Fourth Congress. It carried not only the Speakership, but also all the other offices. It is significant, and indicates "a new departure" in the history of American politics.

The choice of Mr. Kerr for Speaker to the country. Though not as able a man, probably, as either Mr. Wood, Mr. Randall or Mr. Cox, yet he is a man of fair ability, and of long experience.

The Grangers and the Herald.

The Grangers have taken umbrage at the remarks made upon them by our worthy neighbor, the Herald of this city. It has accused them of being a political body, and of exercising undue control in the recent Convention.

Now it seems to us that all this is reasoning in a circle, and reaching no just conclusion at all. The Grange is not "political" in the sense of being a party, because its objects are not parties, nor are its principles. It is made up of men of all political and religious creeds, and these questions are never, and can never be, discussed in its meetings any more than in Masonic, Odd Fellows and other meetings.

The Public School clause of the new Constitution is one of its strongest recommendations. It makes it the imperative duty of the Legislature to provide an efficient system of public schools for the education of the children of the State.

Linnæus, the African Republic, on the West coast of that strange continent, looking to be Christian nations as the agency by which the natives there are to be civilized and Christianized, is now in great danger of being conquered by the natives.

A WOMAN 116 years old, and therefore a grown woman before the Revolutionary war, died the other day at St. Louis. She was the wife of the mother of Gen. Joe Johnston, and was the colored "nursery" of the General himself in his infancy.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

DOMESTIC.

ROUGH ON TEXAS.

Washington, D. C., December 5.—Information received here from the Rio Grande is to the effect that the troubles along that river growing out of cattle raids by Mexicans are as bad as ever. The Mexican raiders have a contract to deliver 180,000 head of cattle at Monterey, and they expect to steal them from Texas.

New York, December 5.—A Herald special from London says that the Royal Geographical Society met again last night, and complimented Mr. Stanley for his successful African explorations. Speakers declared there was nothing in the gift of the society so high for his reward, and he deserved a reception on his return like that accorded to Speke and Grant in the old Burlington House.

Death of Professor Key.

London, December 5.—Professor Thomas Hewitt Key, philologist, is dead. He was mathematical professor in the University of Virginia in 1864.

Washington, D. C., December 5.—At a meeting of the Cabinet to-day, it was decided that, from and after to-morrow, office hours in the several executive departments shall be from 9 a. m. until 4 p. m., and orders were issued by the heads of the various departments this afternoon to that effect.

It is reported on good authority that the President has now tendered the position of Commissioner of Indian Affairs to ex-Congressman Wm. H. Upson, of Ohio. Isaac D. Gibson, Indian Agent for the Osage, has tendered his resignation through the Executive Committee of Friends, and they have accepted it in a letter expressive of their high appreciation of his integrity and devotion to the service.

FOREIGN.

A Northern Campaign Decided On.

Madrid, December 5.—The Cronista states that, at a conference between General Jovellar, Campos and Quinquas, at which the King was present, a plan of campaign in the north was agreed upon. It was decided that there should be a short delay in the commencement of operations, on account of unfavorable weather.

COMMERCE AND INTERESTS OF CUBA.

The Span, in an editorial article to-day, demonstrates the pressing necessity of a treaty of commerce and navigation between Spain and the United States, especially with regard to the commercial interests of Cuba.

REV. JOHN M. BROWN, the Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, who has presided over the session of their West Texas Conference, now closing in this city, appears to be a man well qualified for the responsible duties of his high position. He is a stout man, physically, in moderately full flesh, erect and square in bearing, and has a fine face and good presence.

As a presiding officer he has remarkable executive ability, and rules the body of men before him as one having authority. He keeps the Conference in order, and his word is implicitly obeyed. He is quite severe, though just, toward delinquent members, and yet he manages to encourage and inspire the whole of them.

Mr. SAMUEL WOOD of New York has offered to establish a College of Music in Central Park in that city, and to endow it to the amount of five millions of dollars. This is truly one of the grandest things in its line we have ever heard of. The seed sown and the example shown by George Peabody in devoting his millions for the free education of the poor children of the country, are beginning to bear their fruit. Such are the only true ways to see great wealth. It thus does good forever. And musical culture is the great educational want of this hard-working, money-loving American age and people.

The new fast mail train between New York and St. Louis makes the trip in 24 to 26 hours. "Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased."

HEADQUARTERS

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The leading editorial of this issue of the Express, on the "Pierce Railroad," will be found on our first page.

A fourteen pound boy is the last sensation among the children of the Fourth Ward.

A new fruit and cigar store has been opened on Market street. F. Dorcy is proprietor.

TO MAKE your Christmas table complete something of A. A. Wolf's Store ought to be on the "List" of your Ladies if this is not correct.

How beautiful this morning was, and the whole day was one of the most pleasant in every respect that we have seen in a long time.

Kaas is preparing a great treat for all lovers of those delicious bivalves called oysters. Why don't some benevolent individual invite us to an oyster dinner?

PERSONALS. Mr. W. N. Smith of Pleasanton is in the city on business.

Does everybody know that Mr. J. B. Ramsey has moved to San Antonio, and can be found at the Granger's store?

We learn from persons who have lately been out in the vicinity of "Mitchell's Lake" that ducks and geese are as numerous there as the sand upon the seashore. Good places for sportsmen, provided they have a skiff to paddle about in.

WOMEN TEXAS INSURANCE AGENCY. Mr. T. F. Brady, the well known and reliable San Antonio Insurance Agent, represents a number of the most reliable Fire and Life Insurance Companies in the country, and we cheerfully recommend him to our readers as a gentleman whose word can be relied upon in all business transactions.

I Jack Frost created quite an impression on the herbaceous world by his visit last night. This is the coldest weather we have had since winter set in, and it is only pleasant, hardly cold enough for an overcoat. When our winters come in like a lamb, they seldom fail to go out with all the fierceness of a lion.

LADIES and Gents' Kid Gloves. A million.

CHANGED. The evening for the Social Club Hops has been changed from Wednesday to Thursday evening. Those interested will please take notice. The third party will come off next Thursday, the 9th inst.

A. A. WOLF imports his Household Linens direct "von Deutschland."

L. F. DEMERUTIAN, Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of the United States, officially visits the Lodge and Encampment of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in this city, this evening, as Grand Lecturer. All members of the Lodge and Encampment in this city, with all persons visiting the city who are members of the Order of Odd Fellows, are earnestly requested to be present.

A Splendid Entertainment. There is an association in this city called the "Ladies' Aid Society," which is composed of a large number of the most elegant and accomplished, and most humane and high-hearted ladies, young and otherwise, to be found anywhere. They are always foremost in every good work. Whenever anything good is to be accomplished, and money is needed, they know how to raise it, and they go to work and do it. The entertainments they have heretofore given, at the Alamo Literary Hall have been a real benefit to San Antonio, besides raising money by which they have done some wonderful things.

On the nights of the 14th and 15th of this month, they will again give specimens of their charming entertainments. The first night will be devoted to a children's bazaar, which will be charming. The second night will delight the public with a splendid supper, and an elegant and inspiring social dance. Everybody is getting ready to go, of course. To be absent will be to be left out of society for the season.

An old German coming to the city yesterday from the neighborhood of New Braunfels, with a load of corn, camped last evening about three miles from the city on the Austin road. About nine o'clock, three Mexicans rode into the camp, and offered to sell him a horse, wishing probably, to find whether he had money. The German told them he didn't want to buy. Then they offered to trade for a six-shooter, when he told them he had no six-shooter, whereupon one of them fired at him, the ball passing across his breast, only grazing him.

With this, he raised an ax to defend himself, when one of the Mexicans struck him from behind with a pistol. Our German friend finding things were getting too warm for him, left his wagon and horses, ran away and came to town, reporting these facts to the peace officers. Mr. Shardin went out to the place of the attack, but found no one. Strange to say, the horses and wagon were just as their owner had left them. The Detective thinks there is a possibility of capturing these highway robbers.

Religious. Tomorrow is a very important day with the Catholic Church, the day of the "Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin." The services at St. Mary's Church will be as follows: First, Low Mass, at 7 A. M.; Second, High Mass, at 10 A. M., with a sermon, by Rev. Father Johnston, on the subject of the "Immaculate Conception."

Third, Vespers at 4 P. M. The subject of the "Immaculate Conception" is one of deep and striking interest, and will no doubt receive able treatment by Rev. Father Johnston, as he is a man of profound learning and elegant culture, and a thinker as well as a scholar. Being a native American, he knows how to present his subject to an American congregation in a manner that will prove at once interesting and attractive.

The day will be one of strict observance by all Catholics, and a very large attendance may be looked for at High Mass, not only to witness the imposing ceremonies, but to hear the eloquent preacher, who will be well prepared for the grand occasion.

"Peter," of the Austin Statesman, (Mr. R. B. Johns,) is in town. The letters of "Peter" have become a popular feature of the Statesman, and are always read by the subscribers of that excellent journal. "Peter's" style is spicy and original, and whatever is touched by his pen is sure to be brought into notice. Mr. Johns comes to canvas and write up our city, and we take pleasure in commending him to the hospitality of our people.

The Dramatic Club. The San Antonio Dramatic Club holds its regular monthly meeting to-night. It is now six months since the Club was organized, and some of its present officers having expired a new election will be held. We urge upon the members of the Club, without exception, the great necessity of being present at the meeting to-night. Upon it, we might say, depends the future welfare of the organization. While it is true that the Club has, during the half year of its life, effected a very good organization, and has made considerable money since its institution, it nevertheless

occasionally exhibits outcroppings of weakness, which it is the duty of those belonging to it, as good members, to have removed.

The greatest drawback to any society, is a want of harmony among its members. Bad feelings are often engendered by jealousy, and self-conceit is not slow to breed dissents. With a true organization all should be love, harmony and good-will. A Christian spirit should predominate; unless these feelings prevail, success can never be attained, and common consistency, or decision of character, actually demand that these feelings be cultivated in every legitimate institution.

There is great success ahead for the Dramatic Club, provided its members act like sisters and brothers, and work not for mere puff in the papers or compliments in social circles, for these are cheap now-a-days, but for that distinction which will elevate them to a stand-point where commendation shall be the least thing that can be given.

There is scarcely anyone who does not fancy himself competent to act, and, indeed, there are very few who are not fitted for some character or other in dramatic plays. To cast characters, therefore, is an important office, and the Club should pay special attention to the appointment of the Committee on Cast of Characters. The duties of this committee, though apparently easy of execution, demand the exercise of thought, and persons capable of reading human nature by acts and deeds, should be those chosen to the above office.

We hope the members of the Club will be in full attendance to night, cast aside frivolity, and go to work in earnest to make the Club the pride of the city, which it can be and should be.

READ J. B. Sweeney's announcement, for the office of County Assessor. If Mr. Sweeney isn't particularly modest in his request, why he will wake up some morning and find himself County Assessor sure enough.

Letter List. List of letters remaining in the Post office at San Antonio, County of Bexar, State of Texas, December 7th, 1875, received prior to November 30th 1875:

- Anderson, John; Allison, D. E.; Arnold, J. W.; Barrett, J. W.; Bell, C. S.; Brown, John H.; Burton, J. W.; Brock, W. H.; Davidson, N.; Frick, C. J.; Gares, Louisa; Haber, Josemaria; Holmes, William; Holzinger, Wm.; Judd, A. W.; Jones, G. J.; Jackson, Edward; Judd, Julia A. Mrs.; Jones, M. T. S.; Jennings, J. H.; Johnson, Leticia; Keykendall Wm.; Lott, E. F. Mrs.; Lutz, G. W.; Cap; Liebmann, Jacob; Lott, Lida Mrs.; Luzzardo, Ledwiles; Lang, M. F. M. D.; Langlois, Bonnard; McAlister, Mr.; Maguire, Tomas; Patterson, J. J. Dr.; Pausok, Paul; Race, Charles; Reading, Sallie W. Mrs.; Stevenson, Chas.; Stone, C. H. S.; Stuart, G. W.; Salvatierra, Jose de la Cruz; Taylor, A. M. Mrs.; Tipton, Mitchell; Torres, Sabino.

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Elizabeth Cady Stanton is going to visit Texas, and give lectures. All who oppose "woman's rights" had better prepare to "fight."

Capt. James Thomas, an old citizen of Dallas, and a devoted member of the Masonic fraternity, died recently.

Waco is allowing herself to be disturbed by the water-works question.

A movement is on foot among the members of the Episcopal Church of Fort Worth, to erect a place of worship.

It is said that the wealthy firm of Coleman, Mathis & Galt, stockraisers, will soon extend their pasture fence so as to take in about 50,000 acres of land, beyond their present limits. Their ranch is near Rockport.

The Rockport Tribune says that the beef packers here that market will soon begin to slaughter from 100 to 200 cattle a day.

A man by the name of Frank Bradley has been arrested in Dallas, on a requisition from the Governor of Alabama, for embezzling \$20,000 while Internal Revenue Collector of that State.

In the civil rights case of Clara W. Williams, the Judge has refused to grant her a writ of habeas corpus last summer, the jury cleared the defendant.

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