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**ENGLAND NEWS.**

London, April 7.—Communists agreed to  
increase the income tax a penny a pound  
by a vote of 113 to 51.

**MINERS ON A STRIKE.**

Five thousand coal miners in North  
Derbyshire have struck for a week.  
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SATURDAY MORNING, April 8th, 1876.

HOW JOHN HANCOCK HAS AMONG MANY

OTHER ACTS OF KINDNESS, SENT ON THE SPEECH

OF HON. ABRAM B. HUTCHINSON, OF NEW YORK,

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, ON THE "BILL

TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUE OF SILVER COINS."

HOW GUSTAVE SCHLEICHER CONTINUES TO

SEND US THE DAILY CONGRESSIONAL RECORD,

FOR WHICH WE ARE UNDER GREAT OBLIGATIONS

TO HIM, AS WELL AS FOR OTHER PUBLIC DOCUMENTS.

FROM THE GALVESTON NEWS, WE LEARN

THAT GENERAL POTTER REPORTS THE REVOLU-

TION AT MATAMOROS AS ACCOMPLISHED, FACT,

AND THAT EVERYTHING IS QUIET, ALTHOUGH

OFFICIAL AND OTHER REFUGES STILL CONTINUE

TO COME OVER TO THIS SIDE OF THE RIVER FOR

SECURITY. NO FEDERAL MEXICO TROOPS ON

THE RIO GRANDE.

SENATOR MAXWELL, OF TEXAS, ONE OLD SENA-

TO, IN THE DAYS OF "THE LAST UNPLEASANT-"

HIS TAKEN HIGH NATIONAL GROUND,

AND IS ANIMATED IN HIS UTTERANCES BY A

TRUE NATIONAL SPIRIT, OF THE UNITED STATES

SENATE. THIS GREATLY TO HIS HONOR, AND

WILL RECOMMEND TO THE WELFARE OF HIS STATE

AND OF THE SOUTH GENERALLY. IT IS THE TRUE

ATTITUDE FOR EVERY SOUTHERN MAN, AND ESPECIALLY

FOR EVERY SOUTHERN SOLDIER IN PUBLIC LIFE.

THE PHILADELPHIA JOURNAL SAYS THAT A

PITTIABLE SPOONER WAS IN THE BAPTIST

RECENTLY, WHEN MR. MAXWELL, FORMERLY A

"GENERAL IN THE SOUTHERN ARMY," WAS COMPELLED

TO RISE IN HIS PLACE AND REVOKE THE

PARTISAN HATE AND BITTERNESS OF TWO OF THE

MOST NOTED MEN IN THE CHAMBERS, BAYARD

AND BOUTWELL.

COLORADO WILL SOON BE A STATE OF THE

UNION, AND IT WILL NOT BE LONG BEFORE SHE

IS CONNECTED WITH TEXAS BY THE JUNCTION AT

EL PASO OF THE DENVER AND RIO GRANDE

RAILROAD WITH THE SOUTHERN PACIFIC RAIL-

ROAD. HENCE, WE ARE VERY NATURALLY INTER-

ESTED IN EVERYTHING PERTAINING TO THAT

COUNTRY. WE SOON ANNOUNCE THAT PROF.

HAYDEN, OF THE UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL

AND GEOGRAPHICAL SURVEY, HAS ISSUED THE

FIRST NUMBER OF SURVEYS OF BALTIMORE PERTAINING TO THE CHIEF POINTS OF INTEREST IN

THE WORK OF THE LAST SEASON. THE PRESENT

NUMBER TRADES AT LENGTH OF THE ANCIENT

RUINS OF SOUTHWESTERN COLORADO, ARKANSAS,

AND UTAH, AND OF HUMAN REMAINS FOUND IN

THE SAME REGION. IT ALSO CONTAINS A PAPER

UPON ANCIENT ART AND RUINS, AND HISTORICAL

MEMORIES OF THE PRE-HISTORIC PERIOD. IT IS

PREPARED IN POPULAR FORM, CONTAINS 87 PAGES, LARGE OCTAVO, AND IS PROFESSLY ILLUS-

TRATED WITH VERY CLEVER WOOD-CUTS, REP-

RENTING ALL POINTS OF INTEREST. THE OB-

JECT IS TO PRESENT THE SUBJECT INVESTIGATED

IN POPULAR FORM, AND THE PROBLEMS OF THE

MOST INTERESTING OBJECTS OF THE WORK

LABORED UPON BY THE VARIOUS SCIENCES AND

ARTS CONNECTED WITH THAT SERVICE.

THE EXPRESS STILL HOPE TO SEE A COPY

OF SAN ANTONIO MECHANICS AND ARTISTS

TO THE CENTENNIAL, TO AVAIL THEMSELVES

OF THE OPPORTUNITY, WHICH WILL NEVER AGAIN

BE OFFERED TO THE PRESENT GENERATION OF

THE HIGHEST KNOWLEDGE, SKILL, METHODS,

TOOLS, AND WORKMANSHIP OF THE WHOLE

WORLD IN THEIR RESPECTIVE LINES. POOR AS

WE ARE, WE THINK OF SEALING A PRINT

FOR OUR OWN USE, BUT THIS WILL NOT DO.

THE CONFEDERATE STATES ARE

GOING TO SEND A DELEGATION TO THE

CONFEDERATE STATES.

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### LIVE-STOCK ASSOCIATIONS.

From the National Live-Stock Journal:  
We receive letters from many parties contemplating the formation of live stock associations in various parts of the country, making inquiry concerning the constitutions, by-laws, rules, etc., by which such associations are generally governed, and the rights of members defined. As we have never had the pleasure of examining the constitution of any of these associations, we cannot, of course, state what their provisions are. We fancy, however, that they are widely different, as the object and scope of the various associations are different in their character; and we presume, persons contemplating the organization of such associations, and having a tolerable conception of the objects they wish to attain, can readily frame a constitution which shall express these objects, and provide a means for their accomplishment. If they have no definite object to attain, there is certainly no occasion for haste in the organization of an association.

Within certain limits, we believe these associations can be made instruments of large public benefit, while in some other directions there is a probability that they will disappoint to a greater or less degree those who are connected with them. It is desired to import stock into a country, the formation of an association to provide the money and send suitable agents to purchase and bring home the stock, will be a ready and simple means of accomplishing this object. And if the stock is then sold, there will be little room for disappointment or disagreement. If it is desired to keep a bull or a stallion in a given neighborhood, where no individual feels competent to make the original outlay, an association to provide money for the original investment and to own the animal will prove of advantage; and without much difficulty, rules can be framed by which members of the association and the public at large can have the benefit of his service. If it is desired to create an interest in live stock matters in any given section, a live-stock association holding frequent meetings, for the comparison of views and the discussions of the various questions pertaining to live-stock economy, etc., will be found very efficient.

If, however, it was proposed to send an agent to England to import fifteen or twenty Shorthorns, or to France to bring out a ship load of Norman stallions and mares, the animals upon arrival to be owned indefinitely by the association, to be bred, the produce raised and sold, and proceeds distributed in the usual manner, we should feel less confident of satisfactory results. There would likely be developed, in time, more or less diversity of opinion, more or less waste in management would be detected, and with a clashing of interests which should never have been united, the benefits of the association will be very largely dissipated.

Associations organized to hold periodic sales of the stock of their members, will, we think, be found to bring unsatisfactory results. Where single breeders, or even two or three join in a sale of stock, the sale can be made successful; because the number of animals to be sold is necessarily such a draft up on the herd of herds involved as to insure the inclusion of a very large proportion of the very best animals. But when an association is formed, and thirty or fifty members each contribute one animal towards making up a sale, the public is very apt to acquire the impression that the sale is one of trifles merely, and purchasers for that reason stay away. The impression may be a very erroneous one, but it is, nevertheless, so natural, and almost inevitable, that almost any prudent man would hesitate about contributing to such a sale an animal upon which he placed a considerable value.

Of course, whatever its objects, we should be pleased to see the career of any stock association successful. But we would not advise the formation of associations for objects that can be attained by ordinary individual effort.

### THE DICKENS CHILDREN.

ELI PERKINS BOUGHLY OVERHAUL  
IN HIS VERACITY DENIED—  
MR. KEELING STRIKES  
BACK.

(To the Editor of the Sun.)  
Sir: I have seen a piece published in your paper by a person calling himself Eli Perkins, with regard to the condition of the Dickens children. There are two of the Dickens children with me, namely, Adriana and Amy, and I will state first that no children in the State of Illinois have a more comfortable home or are better taken care of.

They are going to a good school, and attend church and Sabbath school regularly.

THE BIG FLEECER.

They are strong, healthy children, are well provided for, and need no assistance from any person.

With regard to the eldest son, Bertram Dickens, he is now studying for the Methodist ministry, and is a very amiable and well disposed young man.

It is evident from the statements made by this man Eli Perkins with reference to the former life of their father and mother, that he wrote not through kindness for the children but to traduce the characters

of those who are dead and gone, and cannot defend themselves, and to bring a blush and shame to their children.

With regard to his vile slang about himself and family, I think him so entirely beneath my notice that I do not condescend to notice it further.

All the statements made by the man Eli Perkins, with reference to his conversation with the children, I pronounce an unmitigated falsehood.

Will you be kind enough to give this a place in your paper, and also request those who have copied from your paper to do the same by this?

This will be nothing more, I think, than fair justice to the children and myself as a guardian for them. Respectfully,

H. KEELING.

Ambury, Lee County Ill., March 23, 1876.

GEORGE WASHINGTON.

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We receive letters from many parties contemplating the formation of live stock associations in various parts of the country, making inquiry concerning the constitutions, by-laws, rules, etc., by which such associations are generally governed, and the rights of members defined. As we have never had the pleasure of examining the constitution of any of these associations, we cannot, of course, state what their provisions are. We fancy, however, that they are widely different, as the object and scope of the various associations are different in their character; and we presume, persons contemplating the organization of such associations, and having a tolerable conception of the objects they wish to attain, can readily frame a constitution which shall express these objects, and provide a means for their accomplishment. If they have no definite object to attain, there is certainly no occasion for haste in the organization of an association.

Within certain limits, we believe these associations can be made instruments of large public benefit, while in some other directions there is a probability that they will disappoint to a greater or less degree those who are connected with them. It is desired to import stock into a country, the formation of an association to provide the money and send suitable agents to purchase and bring home the stock, will be a ready and simple means of accomplishing this object. And if the stock is then sold, there will be little room for disappointment or disagreement. If it is desired to keep a bull or a stallion in a given neighborhood, where no individual feels competent to make the original outlay, an association to provide money for the original investment and to own the animal will prove of advantage; and without much difficulty, rules can be framed by which members of the association and the public at large can have the benefit of his service. If it is desired to create an interest in live stock matters in any given section, a live-stock association holding frequent meetings, for the comparison of views and the discussions of the various questions pertaining to live-stock economy, etc., will be found very efficient.

If, however, it was proposed to send an agent to England to import fifteen or twenty Shorthorns, or to France to bring out a ship load of Norman stallions and mares, the animals upon arrival to be owned indefinitely by the association, to be bred, the produce raised and sold, and proceeds distributed in the usual manner, we should feel less confident of satisfactory results. There would likely be developed, in time, more or less diversity of opinion, more or less waste in management would be detected, and with a clashing of interests which should never have been united, the benefits of the association will be very largely dissipated.

Associations organized to hold periodic sales of the stock of their members, will, we think, be found to bring unsatisfactory results. Where single breeders, or even two or three join in a sale of stock, the sale can be made successful; because the number of animals to be sold is necessarily such a draft up on the herd of herds involved as to insure the inclusion of a very large proportion of the very best animals. But when an association is formed, and thirty or fifty members each contribute one animal towards making up a sale, the public is very apt to acquire the impression that the sale is one of trifles merely, and purchasers for that reason stay away. The impression may be a very erroneous one, but it is, nevertheless, so natural, and almost inevitable, that almost any prudent man would hesitate about contributing to such a sale an animal upon which he placed a considerable value.

Of course, whatever its objects, we should be pleased to see the career of any stock association successful. But we would not advise the formation of associations for objects that can be attained by ordinary individual effort.

### THE DICKENS CHILDREN.

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MR. KEELING STRIKES  
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(To the Editor of the Sun.)

Sir: I have seen a piece published in your paper by a person calling himself Eli Perkins, with regard to the condition of the Dickens children. There are two of the Dickens children with me, namely, Adriana and Amy, and I will state first that no children in the State of Illinois have a more comfortable home or are better taken care of.

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**EXCHANGE.**

The objects of this Bureau is to bring together buyer and seller, leaving them to make their own bargains, unless otherwise desired. Parties having anything to loan or sell, should leave early particulars with this Bureau, so that changes, values, etc., may be effected.

Parties desirous of arranging business, or those wishing partners or more capital, will communicate with this Bureau, which in the same, will undoubtedly do it to their advantage to confer with this Bureau.

Every transaction with this Bureau is on credit, and no charge is made.

Businesses we have other good bargains, not mentioned below. Come in and see.

100 acres good land, four miles from city, for sale at ten dollars an acre.

West end house, manufactured, established trade, good location, well built, will sell for \$10,000.

Grocery and stock yard. Proprietor wants a partner, who is merciful and waste not.

We want hardware and lot from two to four thousand dollars.

We want to buy house and lot from four to eight thousand dollars.

We want a house & 12 rooms to rent.

We want to buy house and lot for \$10,000.

500 dollars a month. Business for sale.

1000 dollars will buy nice stone house with yard.

Hotel room. Also house with 9 rooms, suitable for boarding house.

Money to loan.

Plates—We exchange, or will exchange for real estate.

For men's fustian in different parts of the city, or two or three thousand dollars.

2000 acres oil ground. House, barn, 40 acres cultivated, on two streams, 13 miles from San Antonio, for rent.

Business. The man I sold to Billings will give me twelve nice little houses and lots, just what every, commodity, laborer, or professional man above 3,000, at 1800 to 2000.

Ambulance for sale. Good now, and demands less than \$1000.

500 can sell good lots for \$1000 dollars. Come see them.

Don't Waste. —Parties desiring to either buy, sell, exchange, or make any arrangements, should come to us, and we will not fail to find it advertised in these columns, as we advertise but a small portion of our business.

General store, plantation, factory, etc., those not across the river, improvements, well watered, timbered, near two towns, for sale.

Commissioners are daily enquiring regarding cases for business and investments, particularly knowing of good and safe cases for investing capital should leave parties with this Bureau.

To Exchange. Want to exchange a work horse for good riding pony.

Wishes. —Owner of ranch wishes a partner to buy half interest, and engage in business, particularly in San Antonio, for sale.

One-Half Share for rest, in the book location in San Antonio. Full particulars at this Bureau.

Desires to come in here, for sale. Excellent stock in hand.

New Mill, Grist Mill, Cotton Gin and Press, 25 horse-power Engine and Boiler, all in order, with 2000 bushels grain, in good condition, will be sold for about \$10,000.

2000 acres, rapese, improvements, steers, etc. Will sell out-half interest for \$4,000, including stock.

9 lots in business part of town, will be sold for whatever they will bring.

172. Money Manager.

Office opposite Postoffice.

**BRIEF ITEMS.**

Central Hotel Barber Shop. Reitted in good style, and is now ready for the accomodation of the public, at the following rates: 10 cents.

Shaving..... 10 cents  
Hair Cutting..... 25 cents  
Shampooing..... 25 cents  
Diseases? B. McGOWEN.

If you are fond of good Sour Mash Bourbon and Rye Whiskies, call and see the jolly face of Mr. S. W. McAllister, South side, corner of Alamo and Main streets.

The Morning Express is for sale at the following places:

No Tengy's Book Store,  
Gamble's Book Store,  
Dever's Book Store.

PROPERTY FOR SALE!

The buildings now occupied by C. F. Klein and White & Cunningham, on Main Street, with a front of about 26 feet, and depth of 60 feet, will be sold on reasonable terms. Apply to

P. GUILBEAU.

Clavin's Sporting Liffement relieves lame back.

A. Paucost & Son have just received a handsome line of Ready-Made Clothing, Hats and Gentlemen's Furnishing Goods ever since to San Antonio. Do not fail to see their stock.

In Fine White Silks, ready-made or to order, Paucost & Son cannot be surpassed in price or quality.

Ready-made Clothing, as good as can be found anywhere, you will find by calling on Paucost & Son.

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AUCTION! AUCTION!

Saturday, the 5th instant, at o'clock, a.m., precisely, by John Trener, at his sale rooms, south side Military Plaza.

W. J. Morris' Bedding, J. Mahan, Wardrobe, J. Walant Martel Top-Bureau and Glass, J. Martin Top-Wardrobe, J. Martel Top-Centre Table, Edouine Mats, Mattress, 2 Feather Pillows, Curtains, Curtains, and other household effects.

2000 acres, 1000 acres of Dry Goods, Clothing, Mutton, Geese, Hams, Bacon, Smoking Machines, 2 Two-Horse Wagons, 3 Planks, 2 Saddles, 1 double-barrel shot Gun, 1 Cooking Stove, in good order and complete. Sale positive.

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The Express has heretofore uttered the opinion that Gen. McDook was too ignorant and careless in his talk about matters and things relating to Gen. Reynolds, Gen. Ekin, and San Antonio, and that he would have considerable trouble before he got through with the matter. Our opinion is receiving some confirmation. We copy the following, which appeared a short time since in the Louisville Courier Journal:

A statement was made yesterday from Washington that the last issue of a paper in which it was alleged that General McDook, in giving his interview to the Courier Journal, had lied in the interview, one said Gen. Joseph Reynolds received a house and lot from a Texas contractor, also that T. R. Chaney had been bribed to supply information to a contractor of a competing bid.

Last evening a Courier-Journal reporter visited General Ekin at the Gulf House, for the purpose of learning what he had to say about the testimony of General McDook in the interview. General Ekin denied the statements in the report, which has been referred to. The general received the reporter with his usual affability of manner, and expressed his entire willingness to answer any questions on the subject that might be propounded, and to furnish any information in his possession:

In answer to the question "Have you read that portion of Gen. McDook's testimony in which he says in 1871 that he was a witness in a suit between Gen. Ekin and Gen. Reynolds?" he said "Yes." "What was the suit about?" he asked. "It was a suit between Gen. Ekin and Gen. Chaney," he replied.

"—We are glad to learn that A. W. Houston, who has been confined to his room with the measles for several days past, is rapidly recovering from his recent malady."

Our Western travelling agent, Mr. J. Jones, returned to the city last night, in good health and fine spirits.

The City Charter of Castroville has been amended. The Express will print the amendment and have it sent to the city above this time.

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The Herald of last evening announces the departure of Dr. Fisher by the night stage. At a very late hour last night the Doctor informed us, that he is still alive, and that he has no intention of departing soon.

The Kingsbury stage was in early again last evening. The Railroad must be coming nearer to us, or else the horses belonging to the State line are trying to make the Locomotive ashamed of itself.

We are informed by members of the bar in this city that the Austin Statesman's "fancies" about Maj. Coopwood having been carried on the shoulders of an enthusiastic crowd here, are not among the "facts" of the case.

Lieut. Cox and Private Hewitt of the Alamo Rifles, start to-day to be absent about two months, on the frontier.

Mr. Cox has an uncle living west of Corpus Christi, and the boys will visit him; and the town of Brownsville.

While away, we are promised a correspondence from them.

The lawyers failed to get a quorum yesterday, and in consequence there was no Bar Association formed. There are several though lawyers in the city who organize a Masonic association, and we presume another meeting will be held, when more of the legal lights will concur together, and their efforts will result in a firm organization.

—People may say that business is dull, and not so active as far as some branches are concerned, but we have for some time past noticed that there is not a good office building on Main street for rent, and there is but one empty store-room on the same street. This certainly is an evidence of activity in some departments of commerce.

Captain Daniel Hart and First Lieutenant O. J. Sweet, 25th Infantry, are detailed as members of the General Court Martial instituted at Ft. Stockton, Texas, per paragraph III, Special Orders No. 26, current series, from these Headquarters, vice Captain S. T. Norvel, 18th Cavalry, and second Lieutenant J. H. Lane, 25th Infantry, who are hereby relieved.

Three New Yorkers have recently purchased two thousand head of mutton from the sheep-raisers in the neighborhood of the Sabinal. They intend conveying them to Northern markets, and are satisfied of a lucrative return. The price paid per head was \$2.50—a good average price—but considering the fine condition of the animals and their heavy coating of wool, the raisers might have demanded a more extensive remuneration.

There will be a meeting of the Alpine Literary Society at their Hall, on Monday evening next, and as matters of a decided interest to business—naturæ will be brought up, a full attendance of members is requested by the President. The society has lain dormant some time, and we hope steps will be taken at this meeting to interest new life into the members. Such valuable libraries as the society possess should be utilized and not be allowed to remain stowed away on the shelves month after month untouched.

The racing at the Fair grounds this afternoon at three o'clock, promises to be of a very interesting and exciting character. There will be two races, the first running race, single and double half mile, followed by a between Collier's long and short Jumper, and Stomps' short-distance Criterium. This will be run in a very interesting race, as the horses entered are both full of fun, and will be given all in their power to make game time.

The second race will be a free for all, go as you please, sort of an affair, and it promises to afford a great deal of morrisome—the entries made for this race are five in number, trusting, racing and pacing horses, and they will go some in saddle and some in harness. The horse which makes the mile in the time nearest to the standard will win the premium.

Several gentlemen have entered their driving nags for this race, and, being somewhat out of the usual line of racing, it will be heartily enjoyed by those in attendance. The officers of the association ardently intend making the little sport in the racing line during the spring and summer.

—Daniel J. McCormick, late of the lumber yards of Daniels & Thornton, of this city, we are very sorry to learn, has been compelled by ill health to retire from business, and to seek a restoration of his impaired physical energies in rest, recreation, travel, and medical treatment.

Colonel Thornton stands in the front rank of enterprising and energetic business men and public spirited citizens. His retirement and disability will be a great loss to the city, and especially to the circle of friends who lie in most intimate union. His failing health was not known, nor even suspected, as he always appeared vigorous and active. But his case is such as to require immediate and total cessation from the toils and cares of business, and the strictest attention to the hygienic and medical agencies demanded in the premises. We sincerely trust that his family and friends may soon witness his complete restoration, to good health.

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ESCAPE AND SUBSEQUENT CAPTURE OF M. O'MEALY.

Early yesterday afternoon a desperate and wily-nigh successful attempt at escape from jail, of W. H. O'Mealy, who has been confined for several months awaiting action of the Supreme Court in regard to his case, made matters pretty lively for our Sheriff and his deputies for a short while. O'Mealy was arrested last summer for the theft of a horse, and on being found guilty, was sentenced to seven years at Huntsville. Not being entirely satisfied with the circumstances attending his conviction, his attorneys carried the case to the Supreme Court, and O'Mealy has been confined in our county jail ever since his trial here. During the fall a number of the prisoners attacked the jailors and O'Mealy, not wishing to remain in the place any longer, assisted largely in making the place interesting, and in consequence was put down for two years additional residence at Huntsville. Judging from his actions yesterday, we presume Mr. O'Mealy began to feel his confinement monotonous and his desire to be a free man once more, took such complete possession of his mind that he could no longer resist the temptation to make an effort to be once more at liberty. Acting on this impulse he liberated and with assistance from fellow prisoners, and perhaps an outside party or two, proceeded to sever the shackles which had weighed so long and heavily on his ankles, sawing them in twain, with an instrument of some kind unknown to us. He wrapped the chain in pieces of blanket and drawing it up his partitions tied one end to his suspenders, that it might not inconvenience him in the least, or be heard to rattle by the guards. Waiting until after dinner, he was called upon to empty a bucket used in the jail, and carried it to the sewer in the western part of the jail yard, and around the jail from the jailors who did not notice that his feet were free. Hera a fellow, enigma, was waiting, and with his assistance, O'Mealy scaled the wall, lacerating his hands severely with the pieces of glass stuck in the top of the massive concrete wall, put there to prevent just such escapades. Encouraged by his freedom, O'Mealy walked as rapid pace in a northerly direction, until reaching the street on which lives our worthy mayor, here turning east until he gained Flores street, upon which he proceeded until reaching Roma street, when he turned off toward the residence of Capt. Geo. S. Davis. The jailor soon found that his bird had flown, and accompanied by a negro man, named Reed, Deputy J. Koebel started rapidly in pursuit, soon overtaking the prisoner who was unable to make rapid time, bare-headed, as he was by a shack on each ankle and a yard of heavy chain up his pants leg. Seeing that he was pursued, O'Mealy started to run, when the deputy caught him near fire on him, being prevented only by the negro Reed, who, being more fleet of foot and a brave man without, succeeded in capturing his master without trouble.

Unwillingly and not without a little trouble, was the prisoner brought back to his starting point, and carefully and securely he was re-shackled, and then confined in a close cell, separate from the other prisoners.

The culprit who assisted in the scaling of the wall, is Tobe Gallegos, who was sentenced to five years at Huntsville, for horse thieving, and a very bright and intelligent looking young man he is, too.

O'Mealy is a tall, lank powerful specimen of humanity, fully six feet two inches in height and an intelligent man. We know himself and family in Wichita, Kansas, three years ago, where he was a well-to-do farmer and quite a prominent man in the community. He has a young wife and an interesting child of about five summers, and also brother still living at Wichita—a man respected by all who know him, and we regret exceedingly to learn that since his advent in Texas, a year since, O'Mealy has turned out to be.

Great credit is due the deputies and the man Reed who assisted in his capture. A man must be up and doing to escape from the officers of the law in San Antonio.

—Attention, ladies! A large stock of

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New and stylish Boudoirs just received

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