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THURSDAY MORNING, Jan. 11, 1877.

UNFORTUNATE LOUISIANA.

Again is our neighboring State of Louisiana disturbed, and the scenes of 1874 are upon the verge of repetition.

We do not fear but that General Nicholls will be able to preserve peace. If he has no control over the citizens who flew to arms Tuesday when their feelings were aroused...

The people of Louisiana have been blasted by the desolation of war, purged of much of their rashness by the fire of revolution, and sobered by public calamity...

ALL our Southern exchanges agree that the cold spell which ran through the holidays was the most severe for many years...

Our organs indicate no probability of rash or violent action in New Orleans. General Nicholls is the master of the situation...

PROF. Newton, of Yale, has been appointed as a member of a committee of three by the American Meteorological Society...

FRANCE Biemarck has established it as a principle that no official of the Foreign Office can marry a foreigner.

CARR. Follard, of the English navy, has been dismissed from the service for not seeing a rock sixty feet high in the path of his vessel.

Good butter, a rare article in this market—very best Holland Dairy Butter, as the Fruit Store, Belmont street, rear of Haas & Oppenheimer's.

The closing month of the year was made sadly memorable by the occurrence of three of the most terrible disasters recorded.

The Brooklyn theatre disaster was precipitated at a moment when the establishment present was in high enjoyment, and being unprepared for an event so terrible and unexpected...

On the shore of Long Island, men listened to the appeals, prayers and variable death-songs of the brave men who were perishing from the wreck of the Circassian...

Many of us remember pictures of human suffering we have seen, made vivid by the genius of great artists, and our conceptions have often been strained to understand the possibility of dreadful catastrophes...

ST. LOUIS AND TEXAS TRADE.

The trade of Texas, since the completion of the Iron Mountain road, has turned from its old channels to St. Louis, the Queen City of the West.

But St. Louis does not only serve as an export market for us, as it is also the source of large supplies of dry goods, groceries, beer and flour.

THE MAY-BENNETT DUEL.

The marriage of Miss Caroline May to James Gordon Bennett, of the New York Herald, was to have been solemnized on the 3rd instant by Cardinal McCloskey.

The Secretary of War, after consultation with the President, has instructed General Sager, in command at New Orleans, to protect the Packard Legislature from molestation by Nicholls's sympathizers.

UPON THE HEALTH OF THE TEETH.

Depends the purity of the breath. Preserve them unblemished by the use of the famous BOZODONT, that perfectly harmless vegetable preparation...

Miscellaneous.

VEGETINE Purifies the Blood, Renovates and Invigorates the whole System.

Reliable Evidence. Dear Sir—I will most cheerfully add my testimony to the great number of people who have already received in favor of your great and good medicine, Vegetine...

My daughter has received great benefit from the use of Vegetine. Her declining health was a source of great anxiety to all her friends...

Dear Sir—I have taken several bottles of your Vegetine, and am convinced it is a valuable remedy for Dyspepsia, Kidney Complaint and general debility of the system.

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ST. LOUIS PREMIUM BEER. Having received the highest premium at four different Fairs for its superior and standard quality over all others in the market.

SALVATOR BEER. From the same Brewery, and superior to any imported article.

Scheihagen and Wulff, Hardware and Agricultural Implements, HAISH'S "S" BARB STEEL FENCE WIRE.



W. A. Woods' Mowers and Reapers.

J. H. KAMPMANN ARCHITECT AND BUILDER. Prepared to contract for all kinds of Mason Work, Stone Cutting, Carpenter Work, Plastering and Painting.

J. H. Kampmann's NEW DOOR, SASH AND BLIND FACTORY. The undersigned having completed his new Factory, in which all work is done by Machinery and Steam Power, is prepared to make at the very shortest notice.

Doors, Windows, Blinds Etc. OF EVERY DESCRIPTION. Ripping and Planing Lumber. Making 1 inch and 1 1/2 inch flooring and other articles connected with the Carpenter Business.

Dr. Davison's Arrival in New Orleans. DR. SYDNEY DAVISON, St. Louis, F. R. C. S., LONDON GRADUATE OF MEDICAL UNIVERSITY.

Relief to all sufferers who consult him. Dr. Davison has been specially and remarkably successful in his treatment of those who, by placing themselves under the care of ignorant charlatans, have only increased their sufferings.

Reduction in the price of Sewing Machines. I will furnish any sewing machine in the market at the following figures:

The 6150 Machine for \$75. The 1400 " " 70. The 95 " " 35. S. G. WRIGHT.

Notice to Consumptives. I HAVE recently opened in Kerrville, Kerr county, Texas, a sanitarium for the reception of Invalids who wish to reside in the mountains during a part of their stay in this climate.

FOR SALE. A nice frame cottage, situated on Avenue D, next to Milan Square, facing south, with three rooms, a good gallery, good fence and a good well of water.

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Miscellaneous Advertisements.

TIN, COPPER, AND SHEET IRON WORKER. GEO. WHITE! "General" Cooking Stoves



AT THE ST. LOUIS AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL FAIR. COAL OIL LAMPS, HOUSE-FURNISHING GOODS, PUMPS, ETC.

Dorman, Holmes & Co. THE GREAT AMERICAN PIANO FORTE HOUSE.

Pianos & Organs. DORMAN, HOLMES & CO. MANUFACTURERS AND DEALERS IN

To facilitate business we have made our general office at Dallas, where all orders from Texas should be addressed.

DORMAN, HOLMES & CO. locate their business, making it a home institution everywhere. They now do business in over one hundred towns in Texas, and can refer to hundreds of persons in this State who are using their instruments.

In addition to their own make, "The Dorman, Holmes & Co. Grand Scale Piano, they control for this and several other States the Renowned Chickering & Sons, Bradbury, P. G. Light & Co., and other First-Class Pianos.

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The Galveston, Harrisburg and San Antonio Railroad. THE ORIGINAL Cheap John Store.

THE ORIGINAL Cheap John Store. Calls the attention of San Antonians and the public generally to his new establishment on the Military Plaza.

FOR SALE. This splendid and favorite resort for those who are tired and need refreshing has been refitted with all the modern appointments known in the saloon trade.

FOR SALE. A fine lunch every morning at 10 o'clock. Good barkeeper in attendance, and waiter.

FOR SALE. A splendid Reading-room attached, and waiter. KIRKMAN & LITTLE.

FOR SALE. 1,000 HEAD of choice mutton sheep by the late Thompson, Shugart & Co. Apply to Wm. J. & C. Slaughter, 510 City, or to Brice Little on the ranch, one mile and a half south of Brice City, Cal. 23 Street.

WHEN DIAZ WAS A PRISONER.

A ROMANTIC EPISODE IN HIS CAREER—HIS REMARKABLE ESCAPE FROM MAXIMILIAN.

We select from an excellent letter in the Cincinnati Enquirer, by a staff officer of Marshal Bazaine, an account of Diaz's escape from Maximilian. He was condemned to death, and the writer had him under his guard and supervision, though, to the credit of Maximilian, he did not intend to execute him, and remarked of his escape: "It probably costs me my kingdom, but I am glad he has escaped."

The Private of the Mexican Church, at the time, was the notorious Lavastada, Archbishop and Excellency, who had watched the signs of the times with the eyes of a lynx, and thought the opportunity favorable to make a move in the interest of "religion." Diaz hated him, to be sure; but did he not hate the French more? He had directed all his energy against them for the last two years, and was now in their power, about to lose his life, or believed so, any ways. How, the church saved his life, and made common cause with him against the enemies of the republic? The ruin of Maximilian was only a question of time to the sharp eyes of the priest; it would perhaps involve bloodshed and expense to declare against him openly right now, but if the influence of Diaz could be bought at that price it would not be too high. One afternoon the Archbishop had a long conference with the Padre Zolaga, a man of infinite discretion and ability, and toward dusk the padre picked his way through solitary alleys to the convent of San Francisco, the scene of his vigils and intrigues for many a year of the good old time.

Bazaine's prisoner was permitted a piece of tallow candle that might shorten his long night by half an hour or so, and after seeing its last flickering die away, Diaz had sunk in his wooden chair to watch the glow of the departed day that still strangely lingered on the snowpeaks of the distant Sierra, when he heard a cautious step approaching his chair, and a low voice pronounce his name, "Diaz, amigo?" "Quien, who the devil?" Diaz spoke up, but a hand seized his arm. "What is the meaning of this?" (I come to save you.)

It was the Padre Zolaga. He came in the name of Christ, he said. Would Diaz consent to serve the Lord and his church, or if he preferred, at least not to persecute them henceforth? If he would promise that all might be well yet; Maximilian would fall; the Lord had decided against him already; the country would be free, and he, Diaz, should regain his liberty this very night, but it must be on the conditions named.

Diaz rose from his chair to permit the faint light from the window to fall on the face of his visitor. When he recognized the Padre Zolaga he sat down again. His resolution was taken. "But how," he asked, "do you propose to save me? Would not any attempt at flight from a place like this be detected and make my lot harder than it is at present?" "Fear nothing," the monk eagerly replied; "only say, will you be one of us, and will you follow me? There is a subterranean."

"That is all right, then," Diaz replied, rising from his chair and dragging the padre to a corner of the room where he had deposited his mantle and cap. "I agree to your proposal in so far that I will follow you to the outside of these walls, and that right now; if I shall gain the Sierra before morning I have no time to lose."

"Yes, but will you promise?" "I promise nothing," Diaz told him short. "As soon as we reach the open air our roads part; I shall never walk the way of your church."

The padre with trembling hand tried to loose his sleeve from the iron grasp which held it. "I leave you to your fate, then," he hissed, "your execution is decided upon already."

"Yes, it would be pretty bad, if God had not sent you in time," Diaz chuckled. "You know that if you make the least resistance or try to elude me I shall alarm the guard; why shouldn't I? And then—the French would hang you before you could confess one per cent. of your sins. So let us go, and be quick, please; if you delay me much longer it will not be worth while going, and I shall give the alarm anyhow." The padre was too shrewd not to comprehend his mistake, and was not the man to risk his own skin for a barren revenge.

of his existence by capturing a silver convey in the Sierra of Jalisco about a year after.

CAPACITY OF THE SOIL.

[From the Country Gentleman.] You can strain a machine, or an animal, or even a tree (by overproduction), but you can not thus hurt the ground; that will bear all you can do with it in the way of growth. The reason of the difference is, the former is organized, the latter is not; it is only an accumulation of harmonious material, which is placed quietly appropriate, to be replaced by similar material, without effort by the soil. This disposition of the idea that land needs rest. What rest had the land that grew for ages the American forests and prairies; always busy, and growing the same product at that; or, the product removed, growing equally well another and an entirely different one? It is because the material is there, and in a condition to be taken up, the soil being dry enough and porous enough, the weather dry and warm. We have, therefore, something we can put to the greatest strain, the highest pressure, realizing the most that it is possible to yield, without harm; only we must not abuse it. This, however, is generally done, some-times less, sometimes more, according to the nature of the soil and the care ignorant or treatment it gets. It may be pei o l e a s i s sometimes th i s e, with iron compounds, or but for a while by an excess of strong saline ingredients like common salt. There are other ways to hurt it, but the worst, because the most extensive, is to work the land when wet, followed by the strong drying heat of the sun. This bakes it, and for years makes it harsh and unfit for high productiveness. Well treated, and with this necessary elements and conditions for the highest yield, it may be worked for any length of time.

Such a soil is not only lasting, but it has many advantages which are wanting, or of less value, in an ordinary soil. It is warmer, it is more porous, yet sufficiently compact; it is also more mellow, and more easily kept so; withstands draught much better; and disposes readily of surplus water; not alone because it is drained, but is in balance, so that it favors every advantage; there is no one constituent in excess or wanting.

The question now is, will such a soil pay? Or will it pay better than where there is less labor and fertility bestowed? The labor in draining and working the land is certainly more profitable than where these are neglected. It is only where the proper mixture is made, where sand or clay has to be carted, that the question assumes a doubt. If this has to be done at great expense of distance or difficulty of getting, there may be loss at first, but in the long run it may be different. This is to be determined. The sand and clay thus treated are considered to be lasting; as lasting as any soil, as it is composed of the materials of a good soil. The question may arise here, if the saving and carrying of manure pays, why not the carting of sand and clay? To answer this, it is to be considered whether the latter is to be hauled farther or secured at a greater expense, and what in the benefit thus realized as compared with manure. To begin at the beginning, how much will it take of clay to make a well-balanced soil on a basis of sand, or vice versa? This again will depend upon the depth of the soil wanted. This, with a substratum of sand, would have to be greater on account of the danger from draught, than where the surface is underlain with clay. In the latter case a cultivable depth, say of five or six inches, would be sufficient, not for a perfect soil, not to meet the highest attainment, but, where the subsoil admits of drainage, a high state of success, and under some circumstances the highest, as where the season is a warm, showery one, and grass is the product, I have also seen crops of wheat and oats, and I may add barley, approaching the maximum yield on such land. For corn it will not do, at least not well, and I would not put out an acre with a subsoil of clay so near the surface; though with no more than six or seven inches of soil, well manured from time to time, considerable success is obtained. Of course a greater depth of improvement soil will give an increased value.

THE SORT OF LIQUOR HE WANTED.

An Indian went in a Chicago saloon and asked for "a gin, cocktail with some strength into it." The bartender made a mixture of alcohol, pepper-sauce, absinth, limes and pain-killer. "The Indian drank it," says the Chicago Tribune, "and about a quart of tears came to his eyes, his mouth contracted to about the size of a safe key hole, and when he had sufficiently mastered his emotion to speak, he said: 'How much that? Fifteen cents,' responded the bartender. The customer put down a quarter and said: 'Keep the change here something yourself,' then wringing the bartender's hand, he added: 'That's the first good gin I've tasted since I left home something like liquor; it's a sort of gin in taking hold, and slow in letting go. Come and see me, and I'll give you some corn whiskey that's better still.'

Professional Cards.

SMITH & GROTHAUS, Attorneys & Counselors-at-Law, Office on Commerce street, between Main and Military Plazas.

James G. Fisk, Attorney-at-Law, Land and Claim Agent, San Antonio, Texas.

J. H. McLEARY, Attorney & Counselor at Law, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.

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ANOTHER VICTORY! The Best Flour, Introduced into this market in 1866.

H. Grenet, First Premium, E. O. STANARD & CO.

Texas State Fair, The following is from the Gal. News: "For the best barrel of flour, open to the world, first premium to E. O. Stanard & Co., Eagle Brand, of Saint Louis; third, to E. O. Stanard & Co., Hamlet, Saint Louis."

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Stage Lines.

C. Bain & Co.'s FOUR HORSE COACHES, Leave Stage O.B.S., San Antonio, TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS AND SATURDAYS.

CONCHO, Good Drivers, Teams and Coaches, Time to Fort Concho 57 hours, allowing eight hours rest at Fredericksburg.

Banking Houses, JOHN TWHIG & CO., SAN ANTONIO TEX.

BANKERS, Foreign and Domestic Exchange, Coin, Bullion, &c., Collections made on all accessible points.

BANKERS, AND DEALERS IN, Foreign and Domestic Exchange, Coin, Bullion, &c., Collections made on all accessible points.

D. W. Heard, Does a general Land & Collection Business, Deals in Land Certificates, locates land for others, and will loan and invest money.

H. Klocke, Real Estate Agent, Will attend to the buying, selling and purchase of cheap and cattle ranches, sold, and located; Estates managed and Taxes paid for non-residents in all parts of the State.

H. P. Howard & Co., Real Estate Agents, No 45 Commerce Street, San Antonio, Texas.

Accommodation Hack, No. 11, Commerce St., SAN ANTONIO, TEX.

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DR. TUTT'S NERVE AND BLOOD PURIFIER, forming the most powerful alterative known to medical science for the cure of old Ulcers and Sores, Dissected Joints, Paul Discharges from the Ears and Nostrils, Abcesses, Skin affections, Rheumatism, Dropsy, Kidney Complaints, Evil Disordered Stomach, Dissected Scapula, Disordered Liver, Spina, and all diseases that centre in the blood. It possesses the peculiar property of imparting a fair complexion and

MARK THESE FACTS, The Testimony of the Whole World, Holloway's Pills.

Holloway's Pills, In all diseases affecting the organs, whether they be the liver, stomach, or bowels, or whether they be the lungs, or the kidneys, or the bladder, or the prostate, or the uterus, or the ovaries, or the testicles, or the penis, or the vagina, or the rectum, or the anus, or the bladder, or the prostate, or the uterus, or the ovaries, or the testicles, or the penis, or the vagina, or the rectum, or the anus.

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Business Cards.

ALBERT GILES, Architect, Office over Gamble's Book Store, No. 1.

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DAILY EXPRESS
THURSDAY MORNING, Jan. 11, 1877.

CITY NEWS.

—We will now have a season of quiet till the railroad gets to the city.

—Fires are becoming the rage in Texas. Denison has just had one to the extent of \$20,000.

—Sexton made a run of 417, the largest on record, on the 1st at New Orleans. What do you think of that, ye San Antonio boys.

—The trial of Ben Thompson is now going on in Austin. The testimony seems much mixed, but comes out rather strong against Thompson.

New Bank.—Workmen are busily engaged fitting up the building formerly occupied by Wolfinger's jewelry store. It will be occupied by Mr. Thornton as a banking house. We will then have four banks in the city.

—Austin is weeping over "East Lynne" as played by the Kay Templeton troupe. Well, the Colorado is dry, and a supply of water is no doubt refreshing, though the flood comes from the direction it does.

—Many of our merchants were well pleased with the result of their holiday sales. Enterprize in the display of Christmas goods always pays though it is hard to drum it into the heads of old fogies.

—Mr. Douch and party yesterday returned from their hunt with nine deer and several turkeys as the result of their sports. They report game as never so plentiful, and a firm hand and steady eye will be liberally rewarded without any great effort.

—A tragedy occurred in Houston on the 6th inst. James H. Holt shot and mortally wounded Andrew Parker. Both were well known and respectable citizens. They had met to adjust a former difficulty, with the above result.

—The complaint about tramps has unaccountably stopped for the past two weeks. It is possible that these visitors were naturalized citizens in disguise. At any rate they must be flush at present, whether made so by the elections or not, or else their handsome faces would have been around more frequently of late.

—Wonders never cease! We believe that consumption can be stopped. The new principle, Dr. J. H. McLean's Cough and Lung Healing Globules, cure Coughs, Colds or any Throat or Lung disease. Trial boxes are 25 cents, sent by mail. Dr. J. H. McLean's office, 314 Chestnut, St. Louis, Mo.

KING MOMUS.—The proclamation of his High Mightiness, King Momus, has been issued in Galveston, setting apart Tuesday, February 13, as the day on which he will pay a visit to that portion of his dominion. Is the mighty King to have a reception from us this year? The sad accident that occurred last February may have thrown a damper on the subject. Yet we think a custom that has become so universal in the South, should not be passed by us without recognition. What say ye young men?

—Corpus Christi is showing a commendable degree of activity towards building herself up. The Corpus Christi, San Diego and Rio Grande railroad is being pushed forward. A contract has just been made for a new steamer to be placed on the line between Corpus Christi and Galveston. Our railroad is coming along none too soon. The little city on the gulf may wish to try a brush with us for our Western trade. We admire pluck, however, and bid her God speed in her efforts at progress.

—We acknowledge the receipt of the first number of the Homeopathic Pellet, published in this city by Dr. C. E. Fisher. The little journal is neatly gotten up, and is very creditable to its energetic managers. Dr. Fisher is at the helm in its management. His energy merits success, which we trust will perch upon his banner. Homeopathy has a large number of votaries in San Antonio, and our Homeopathic physicians have been quite successful in their practice.

SEVERE AFFRAY.—Last night a difficulty occurred in the rear of Mitchell's Saloon on the Main Plaza between Jac Foster and a Mexican in which the latter was seriously if not fatally injured. Foster is said to have struck him over the head with a bill of wood. Foster was arrested by Sheriff Knox and taken to the Court House. Justice Cotton was called in and a preliminary examination was had at about half past ten o'clock. Foster was placed under a bond of \$500 to appear to-morrow, when a further examination will be had.

—The burden of taxation during the depressed condition of business, is being felt with much severity through the country. We see stated that in order to evade the heavy taxation, which amounts to fully five per cent, they have determined to reduce their capital. The Phoenix National Bank, with \$1,800,000 capital, proposes to curtail to \$1,000,000, the amount of reduction to be paid back to the stock holders in cash. The subject is attracting much attention, for the reason that the high rates now prevailing, have a tendency to drive capital to other places.

—A correspondent of the Texas Catholic says that in two years Bishop Pellicer, of the diocese of San Antonio, has erected schools, convents and churches in incredible numbers. He adds: "We hear of new churches at Brushy, Halleville, Cuero, Victoria, (German), Mulberry, (Bohemian), and Bandera, (Polish); also parish schools and convents. We find convents, under the 'Sisters of the Immaculate Word,' at the Guillemane, Cuero and Graytown, and at San Antonio and Refugio, under the 'Sisters of Mercy'; another at Hestehoba, spelled in Polish Crestoboway—under the 'Sisters of the Immaculate Conception'; and at the place last named, the cornerstone of another new church will soon be laid.

IMPROVED LANDS.—The lands west of the city along the Leon, seem to attract purchasers. A number of parties have recently bought land on that stream and gone to work improving. It is a convenient distance from this city, and the grass is as fine as could be desired. Investment in this class of property will be very safe, especially for those who settle upon the land and make improvements. The class of immigration after the railroad has been completed is likely to be of a character different from that which has come to us in the past. Many of the emigrants of the West, disgusted with the severe winters they have to withstand, which so materially interferes with their farming operations, are now looking to Texas as a prospective home. One of the most serious drawbacks to such a move is the feeling that they have their homes to make all over again. That here they will find nothing but the land, and that they, like their forefathers, as pioneers, will have to wield the woodman's ax and clear and build. This is not a pleasing prospect to those who have already comfortable homes, with the best fencing surrounding farm, orchard and garden, and on coming here they will at once be attracted to lands already the subjects of improvement. This class of farmers will also desire to settle as close to the city as possible, to be within easy reach of market. We deem it likely that the increase in value of real estate will be proportionately very much in favor of lands within fifteen miles radius of the city. They will attract purchasers who desire to go to farming on stockraising on a small scale. The large stock men will seek the west where the lands are cheaper and the extent of range is unlimited.

A GIANT LAWYER.—A curious case is stated by the Waco Examiner, in which a lawyer, feloniously assisted his client to escape while being tried, under a criminal charge. A man by the name of W. B. Cavanaugh, a young desperado, was on trial for flourishing a cocked revolver on the Public Square.

Finding the case likely to go hard with him, he asked the Court's permission to step for a moment into an adjoining room with his Attorney for consultation, which being granted the two walked off together. After a few minutes the attorney returned, without the client, and on being questioned with reference to the prisoner, said he knew nothing as to his whereabouts. Search being instituted, it was found he had left for parts unknown. The court ordered a fine of \$50 and cost to be entered against the attorney. For a piece of cool rascality, this equals any thing we have read of. It strikes us Huntsville is the proper place for such folks to display their smartness.

PERSONAL.—Hon. John Ireland, of Seguin, is in the city.

George Pfeiffer, Esq., of New Braunfels, one of the soundest men in the State, is stopping at the Vance House.

Cap. Tobin is confined to his bed, with a rheumatic affection. We hope to see him up again shortly.

Mr. Norton, the great portrait painter, is stopping at the Vance House. He is painting portraits of a number of persons in army quarters.

Col. King, Inspector of ditches, has been in the city for the past few days. He has inspected the Alazan, and Young ditches. He will leave to-day for Boerne, where he will make out his report.

Messrs Hall & Cree, who visited our city some time since, propose visiting Texas again this winter. They have made appointments to be at Galveston, Dallas and Paris, only. Houston, Austin or San Antonio, are not mentioned in their list. We have a few more unconverted barbarians out here, that need enlightenment, however.

THE INTERNATIONAL.—In speaking of the routes of approach to San Antonio in our Annual Review, we stated that visitors coming to this city have to come via Austin and Marion, the termini respectively of the Peirce and the Texas Central Railroads, omitting to mention that now the International and Great Northern also terminated at Austin, and that people bound hitherward came directly from the North, East and West over this straight short line to St. Louis. The omission was entirely unintentional. As we have frequently declared in these columns, we regard the International of the utmost importance to our future growth and prosperity. By it the great flood of immigration is pouring into Texas, and when it reaches out toward this city, we shall hail the best speed fall of earth-turned up this side of the Colorado as an omen of good cheer for San Antonio.

WESTERN MARAUDERS.—A band of cattle thieves crossed the Rio Grande on the 1st instant, carrying with them over 40 head of horses and between three and four hundred head of cattle. Their trail was struck by Lt. Bullis and followed to the river, but they had gotten safely across. Notice was sent to Fort Clark, but not until twenty-four hours after the thieves had retreated. As soon as Indians or Mexican border thieves are seen, the nearest post should be at once notified, and good results may then be expected.

THE RECENT ELECTION.

The close observer and attentive listener must have heard, during the recent election, much from the mouths of those who are esteemed leading local politicians that is quite opposed to the spirit of our Republican institutions, and repugnant to the feelings of all lovers of justice and fair play.

The use of money, whisky and other foul means was discussed, without the least attempt at concealment, by candidates for office and their unscrupulous supporters. That this should be so, at such a late period in our history, starts all who have the common sense, and the anxiety of popular government at heart, and causes them involuntarily to exclaim, "Can not this be remedied by law?"

Let us look to our public schools and school funds, that the rising generation may more fully appreciate, and know better how to preserve inviolate the liberties that our forefathers have bequeathed to us.

It is usual to call an election fair when the officers are honest in their conduct. In this sense of the word, our recent election was doubtless so. But was it free? That is the question. For, were it not better than a hundred times over, than even to have it fair? If we can have free elections, fairness will follow as the night the day—a natural consequence. It may be asked "What do you mean by a free election?" In passing, allow me to observe, that the laws of our country guarantee to every man freedom of choice in elections. When any other means than arguments is used to influence elections, they can not be called fair. A heinous crime is committed, not only against the laws, but also against every individual subject of that influence. If one man man the body of another, he is liable to fine or imprisonment. How much more punishable should that man be who manipulates the mind of a fellow being by taking advantage of a weakness, or by using his authority, or other illegal ways, to deprive him of his natural and legal right of freedom of election!

No one who has reason will gainsay that the mind can be maintained in this manner. The mind is maintained by its possessor has complete freedom of exercising it. Therefore, I repeat, that any thing which does not appeal to the voter's reason, but on the contrary, to his avarice, fear, appetite, religion, or any other passion, thus veiling his mind's-eye, his reason is wrong; and, furthermore, is an injury to the individual, the government, and also to posterity.

In his great speech, delivered last year to the students of the Edinburgh University, when there were present thousands of the most educated of England and Scotland, the present Secretary of State, Sir Brian, the Earl of Derby, as it is his wont, made several derogatory statements about the U S Government, and dwelt for some time upon the defects of our election system. In the course of his discourse he observed that a very large proportion of American citizens "were mere voting machines." If this has not changed the checks of those Americans who have read it to a crimson red, then am I indeed mistaken in this people.

Fellow citizens, let us see to this. Let us adopt some way of getting a law passed that will assure us a free as well as a fair election. If our Legislature be slow in this matter, let our impetuosity be so great that they will gladly give us what we want immediately. Failing in this, we will change the composition of the Legislature at the next election.

Let us be vigilant and American citizenship will ere long be much better worth the having.

Foreign ministers and politicians at present no longer be able to make the statement uncontradicted that so many citizens of the great Jeffersonian Republic are mere voting machines.

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