

This is the holy Sabbath day, and we must neither work nor play, and you can accomplish more good in one hour by attending church than by standing on the street corners the whole day wrangling about the coming city election.

REPUBLICAN BLASPHEMY. who is under indictment for conspiracy to defraud and for false pretenses, and who some time ago forfeited his bail and jumped away, surprised the court at Washington, on the 25th ult., by putting in an appearance and demanding an immediate trial. He entered into a new bond for \$25,000.

The *Guadalupe Times* professes to have found a huge job in "Old Texas's" compliment to the Express, and the plainly grim and fearful distortion of the features of the *Times* displays in its attempted smile at the job is one of the most painful spectacles witnessed in these parts since the morning after the celebration of Ireland's election in Segin.

Cowman meets to-morrow, and the battle of the railroad stands in the center of that body will begin. As soon as about this time before the opening of Congress, there is the slightest doubt that the Texas Pacific bill will be pushed right through. The articles published just prior to the last session, and several other preceding sessions, are going the usual round.

A DEBATE on conversations with leading Senators and Representatives at Washington indicates that one of the most and most important bills to be brought forward in Congress will be to establish a national quarantine against yellow fever. It is proposed to establish a quarantine under the authority of the National Government, to commence on the 1st of May every year, and end on November 30th, and to include the execution and enforcement to the United States navy.

The Chicago Times of November 20th contained an account of the proposed consolidation of the Union and Central Pacific railroads under one management, by which Jay Gould and the officers of the Union Pacific will obtain control of the consolidated line, while the management of the Central Pacific will retire and take an interest in the construction of the Southern Pacific. One of the results of the consolidation of the Union and Central Pacific lines, it is said, will be the building of a branch road from Council Bluffs to St. Louis, which will be nearly two hundred miles shorter than any other route, and of course will injure Chicago trade.

It would be a difficult matter to arrive at a satisfactory conclusion concerning the course that will be pursued by the parties in the coming city election. It seems to be pretty generally understood that the Republicans will make no nomination, and the Democrats place a ticket in the field, the Republicans will doubtless join in with the taxpayers' movement, and if not, there will be a sort of shake-up contest and about as lively a time over an election as it would be possible to conceive. In the event of no nomination by the parties, the candidates mentioned in connection with the majority are Mayor French, Mr. Ulrich and Judge Dwyer, but how many others would enter the lists remains to be seen.

The troubles of the State National bank and the financial failure of the great St. Louis bridge have brought financial ruin to the great majority of the people, and charges of conspiracy against him, the bank and the bridge having close connections, and the failure of the bridge resulting in the fall of the bank. The Washington correspondent of the *New Orleans Democrat* gives a succinct account of Ed's connection with the two unfortunate institutions, and relates that gentleman from the oilium of embarrasment, but attributes his present embarrassment to a reckless risk of great enterprises, in which he never hesitated to place his own fortune and reputation in the ring. Ed's question is not so much of principle and honesty as dollars and cents, the protection of the unfortunate engineer will doubtless be very decided.

The delinquent band of men having been retained against the great embankment walls of the historic Alamo, "Gringo Myrtles" man is aroused with particular indignation, and an eloquent and poetic appeal is made that the sacred pile may be preserved, as it should be, a monument to the heroes who bled for it with their blood when they offered up their lives on the altar of Texas Independence. The erection of a police station against one of the walls of the Alamo is drawing many regretful comments from all classes of our people, and the city administration is being severely criticised for leading its endorsement to the destruction of the walls by raising the shafts of complaint. However, unless the State, or the people by private effort, do something to stay the march of the Alamo, its destruction or total desecration will be the question of but a few years. It is the private property of a single gentleman who cannot well afford to maintain it at his own expense, such a costly monument for the State. This subject will test the patriotism of the legislative body soon to meet at Austin.

One of the most remarkable features in the American character is the readiness with which the people take themselves to circumstances. A kind of outrage upon their rights may be perpetrated, but after the first burst of indignation passes away, they seem to regard the affair as a matter of course, and speak of it in a very commonplace manner. The election frauds by which the people are swindled out of their choice for President two years ago, seems to have lost their hideous features, and the newspapers are speculating upon the strength of the parties in the next Congress with reference to the election of a President by that body, just as though that were the legitimate and best mode to pursue in the selection of a chief magistrate. If the election by the people is fairly conducted, and the returns are correctly made, there is scarcely the remotest possibility of Congress having anything to do with the choice of President and Vice-President, and all this talk about securing the necessary majority in Congress to make such an election is a self-complacently upon the honesty and patriotism of the leading men of the country. It amounts, in fact, to the declaration of a belief that all the members of Congress would vote as their political passions dictated, in defiance of right, justice or sense of public duty—that they would perpetrate a public wrong to gain a political advantage.

Bible Revision.

Rev. Dr. Schaff, who had much to do with the Bible revision work, gave, by request of Dr. Ogden, a condensed account of this great enterprise on Sabbath forenoon to the congregation of Lafayette Avenue church, Brooklyn. He gave first a history of the English Bible, which is the translation into English of the venerable Bible in the seventh century. After the Norman conquest followed the translation with French that Bede's translation was no longer understood, and Wycliffe, in the fourteenth century, made a translation which was a remarkable success in learning and industry. It was, however, only a translation from the Latin Vulgate, containing all its inaccuracies and adding some more, and the language underwent such further changes that in two centuries more it became obsolete. Then came that wonderful work of the sixteenth century, the original Hebrew and Greek. Tyndale, the Bible martyr, made an excellent translation of the New Testament, which with various corrections substantially the New Testament of our authorized version. He was particularly diligent for the work, and felicitously rendered into the most simple, expressive and popular English that the meaning of the original Greek. Then followed several translations of the Bible, among which the King James version, the American Bible, the Revised Bible, and the Bishop's Bible, but all contained many inaccuracies, and one of the first measures in the reign of James I. was to appoint a committee of divines to revise the authorized version, which was to supercede all the rest. It was remarkable that the King, who gave birth to the version, was himself a student of Hebrew, and that he gave it a fair proportion of the translation, and the result was an English Bible which has been the standard of our English-speaking people ever since.

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Anteal Fever Epidemic.

Popular Science Monthly for December. The lessons of the last epidemic disease are recorded in the history of former times. The black-death that ravaged Asia and Southern Europe in the thirteenth century, the bubonic plague that swept over Persia, Turkistan, Missouri, and Southern Spain, whose inhabitants generally obtained from poor and interesting details, the Bysantine Empire, the Greek Empire, the Northern Spain (inhabited by the Christian Visigoths), and Italy, 4,000,000 died between 1750, but the nonconformity of the Bysantine Empire and the frugal practices of Calabria and Sicily enjoyed their usual health (which they, of course, ascribed to the favor of their climate) and the plague proceeded south with the wild gales.

The Work of the Epidemic. Columbus Times. We copy from the Constitution reports of an interesting speech made by Messrs. Toombs and Hill, in Atlanta, on Wednesday night. These gentlemen very justly and severely denounced the conduct of the radical party in causing the prevailing pecuniary distress of the country, and in giving free way in which it could improve the situation which he charges it with creating or assisting it to create. The people realize the situation and understand the causes, but they want to know the remedy, and if General Toombs's statesmanship comprehends any other except an abandonment of a hurtful Radical policy he ought to point it out. Denunciation is easy, but rectification is a work of more difficulty.

The Southern "Independents." Columbus (Ga.) Register, Dec. 2. Republican papers of the North are charging the "Independents" of the South as opponents of the Democratic party. This is an error, for the "Independents" are not so narrow and disunited. The truth is that in several cases the "Independents" proved to be true Democrats than the nominees. Every so-called Independent in the North, if they will speak and vote for Democracy, will be the friend of the South.

Washington Post. Washington Territory will be knocking for admission as a State during the approaching session of Congress, but there is not a ghost of a chance for her to come in at present. The Democratic Congress, in the case of Colorado, whose admission, outside of the Southern States, had most to do with the inauguration of Mr. Hayes.

New York Tribune. Having entered upon this course, the President is not likely to depart from it. He will find the whole South at his back, and for the people as well as for the President, there can be no better world-wide in his interest than his own utterances: "The independence of American citizenship shall be vindicated."

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