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San Antonio, Texas.

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China, Lamps, Glassware
AT
Wholesale and Retail.
Best French China.
Complete Dinner Sets, 103 pieces, $35 00
Plain Gold Band and Decorated
TEA SETS.
IMPORTED GLASSWARE.
Gregory & Co.,
Goods Rented. Commerce Street, Corner of Pasa.

UNPARALELLED OFFER
We offer to Private Parties, at Factory Prices, LESS SEASON DISCOUNT, for a short time only, first class of strictly first-class,
PIANOS
of the celebrated manufacture of Messrs.
HORACE WATERS & SONS,
AND
AUBER, SCHUMANN & WAGNER
Also WATERS' unequaled line of CABINET
ORGANS
Including the universally admired
Centennial Prize Chime Organ,
These instruments received, at the recent TEXAS STATE FAIR, the highest award, consisting of GOLD AND SILVER MEDAL and THREE SILVER MEDALS, as well as the Highest Awards at the unanswerable exhibit made throughout the world during the past forty years.
Sheet Music at Publishers' Prices.
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P. O. Address, Lock Box 378, San Antonio. } VALENTINE & CO. General State Agents
HEADQUARTERS, No. 97 Commerce Street, San Antonio, Texas.
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Loan Offices.

LOAN OFFICE
The oldest and most reliable Loan Office in
SAN ANTONIO.
Southwest corner of Military Plaza, in the two-story brick building.
Rates Reduced Accordingly to the Amounts Loaned
Have on hand CHEAP Diamond Rings, Gold and Silver Watches, Jewelry of all descriptions, particularly Mexican Jewelry.
Exchange Dollars.
Ample room for the transaction of business.
my17dw tf B. SCHWARZ.

M. KOENIGHEIM'S
Loan Office,
WEST SIDE MAIN PLAZA.
WILL ADVANCE MONEY ON VALUABLES AT VERY LOW RATES.
I now desiring to pledge articles would do well to call on him marchl1 tf
A large lot of fine watches and jewelry of all kinds for sale, all unredeemed pledges, which can be bought at less than half their real value

VALUABLE
Information!
Any person having Furniture or any other kind of Merchandise to sell at
AUCTION OR PRIVATE SALE,
Can have the same disposed of to the
Best Advantage
and in the most satisfactory manner by calling on or addressing the
NEW YORK
Auction & Commission House
J. Abrahamson,
Proprietor.
A. WEHL, Auctioneer.
Corner of North Side Military Plaza and Flores Street, Front Theatre.
GOODS
A complete stock of General Merchandise, consisting of
GROCERIES,
DRY GOODS, CLOTHING, BOOTS, SHOES, TINWARE, CROCKERY, ARMS AND AMMUNITION.
Furniture of all kinds constantly on hand, which we will sell at private sale at Auction Rates.
Liberal Advances on Consignments.

J. L. TAIT. T. HARRISON. D. KIRKWOOD
The San Antonio Coal Mining Co.
Are now prepared to deliver hand-picked
COALS
FOR
OFFICE AND PARLOR USE
To any part of the city direct from their coal depot, on Laredo street.
Address Philip Cross, Agent, P. O. box 404, or orders left at office at Menger and Hord Hotels will be attended to.
Office—Laredo street. Hours—9 to 12 a. m. and 2 to 5 p. m. oct3

Coke as Fuel!
5,000 Barrels
FOR SALE AT THE
San Antonio Gas Works.
The attention of the public is directed to the introduction of this decidedly improved fuel.
It has recognized advantages over the Texas coal, being free from sulphur and phosphorus, and is free from smoke and unpleasant qualities. It is adapted to ranges, grates and all manner of heating apparatus used in churches, halls, saloons and private families, and is cheaper than wood or coal. oct22 tf

Telegraphic Flashes

HOME AND FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE

A Fatal Shooting Affair at Caldwell—Sidney T. Hudson Kills George Rowland.

Result of a Misunderstanding at Cuero—A Stake Wound and an Ear Shot Off.

A Galveston Painter Cuts His Throat.

Yesterday's Doings at the National Capital.

Some Interesting Proceedings in the House and Senate.

A Red-Hot Debate on the Blaine Resolutions.

The Committees and Other Matters.

Attempt to Rescue the Manhattan Bank Robbers.

Governor Hampton's Condition Unfavorable.

The Reports that Come by the Cable—The Berlin Treaty—A Murder.

FATAL SHOOTING AT CALDWELL.

Special Dispatch to the Daily Express.
BRENHAM, Dec. 16, 1878.

Sydney T. Hudson shot and instantly killed George Rowland at Caldwell, Burleson county, Thursday last. Both are young men and their families are among the leading citizens of the county. Rowland was riding horseback into town when the murder was committed with a shot gun loaded with buck shot discharged at short range, and in open daylight. Hudson was promptly arrested and is now in jail. A preliminary examination was held before Judge Jackson and the prisoner was committed without bail. It is understood that a writ of habeas corpus will be applied for before Judge Ford at an early day.

There is great excitement. Hudson's friends justify the action on the ground that Rowland had seduced his sister. The friends of the murdered man deny the allegation. Sayles, Barnett, Sheppard and Garrett, of Brenham, are employed to prosecute the case. Davis & Wolf, of Bryan, and Judge Brooddus, of Caldwell, defend the prisoner.

GALVESTON GOSSIP

Special Dispatch to the Daily Express.
GALVESTON, TEX., Dec. 16, 1878.

A painter named Wade, residing on street H, attempted suicide by cutting his throat. His wife says he is subject to an affection of the heart and took morphine to ease the pain, and at times would become frenzied. He was in this condition when he attempted his life. The man was four hours without a doctor, and will probably not recover.

Buckingham Palace, a variety theatre kept by Warzlow on postoffice street, was broken into some time between Saturday night and this morning. The thieves found no money and vented their indignation thereat in approbious writing on the floor with chalk.

SHOOTING AFFRAY AT CUERO.

Special Dispatch to the DAILY EXPRESS.
FORT CONCHO, Dec. 16, 1878.

There was some misunderstanding between A. M. Patterson, a lawyer, and a Mr. Wahl. It originated in Mr. Cook's saloon and resulted in Patterson's shooting at Wahl, inflicting a scalp wound on his head and a part of his ear was shot off. The cause is unknown.

NATIONAL CAPITOL NOTES.

SENATE PROCEEDINGS.

Washington, December 16.—A number of bills were introduced during the morning hour and referred. Among them were the following:

By Mr. Dawes, of Massachusetts, for erecting a fire proof building for the National Museum. Referred to committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

By Mr. Grover, of Oregon, to regulate the employment of labor on the public works of the United States. Referred to Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Coke, of Texas, submitted a resolution that the Secretary of the Treasury be directed and required to appear before the Senate in person, on Wednesday next at one o'clock p. m., to inform the Senate what reason, if any he has, for failing to answer the resolution of the Senate of the 3d of December, 1878, in regard to the amount of silver coin received for customs dues, and whether he has applied it or any part of it to the payment of interest on bonds and notes of the United States, and if not so applied, to state the reason why, etc. During his remarks on the resolution, Mr. Beck said the Secretary of the Treasury had increased the debt of the United States to the extent of $204,490,870, by selling bonds and hoarding gold.

After a brief debate the resolution was laid over, and at the expiration of the morning hour the Senate took up the resolution of Mr. Blaine in regard to citizens being deprived of their constitutional rights. After a brief debate of a colloquial character, the amendment offered a few days ago by Mr. Thurman, directing further inquiry as to whether persons had been dismissed from employment by reason of their votes; whether money was raised by assessment or otherwise, upon Federal office holders or employes for election purposes, and who into the conduct of experiments of election, was agreed to without division.

After some opposition from the Democratic side, and an unsuccessful motion by Senator Hathaway to take up the Texas Pacific bill, the vote on the resolution pending when the Senate last adjourned on the 26th ult., was taken, the question being on Thurman's amendment, which was agreed to without division.

Mr. Oakley moved as an amendment that the investigation be made by a select committee of nine instead of the Judiciary committee, which was agreed to.

Mr. Blaine then submitted an amendment authorizing the committee to take testimony by itself or by any subcommittee, and to sit during any portion of the country when such may, in their judgment, facilitate the posting of the subject of the inquiry.

Mr. Butler, of South Carolina, moved an amendment so as to provide that the committee or any subcommittee thereof shall sit with open doors.

A very animated debate followed, participated in by Messrs. Butler, Blaine, Hoar and others, concerning the propriety of an open or secret session, and finally an amendment was agreed to by a vote of 29 to 26, a strict party vote.

A subsequent amendment that the committee or any subcommittee should sit with open doors when requested to do so by any member of the committee was also opposed, and without further action the Senate then adjourned until Monday.

The Blaine resolution was very animated. The Democratic Senators, proceeding in the manner of an open investigation, and Blaine contending against it with great vehemence.

HOUSE PROCEEDINGS.

The House was occupied this morning in reference of bills. Among them was one introduced by Mr. Wood for the payment of dollars on imports in United States notes.

A bill appropriating $50,000 for the Indian service in natural transportation was reported from the committee on appropriations, and is to be acted on to-morrow.

Mr. Chalmers moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill making it a penal offense for any officer, agent or employee of the United States to interfere with the election of members of Congress or of Presidential electors, or to intimidate by the contribution of money or by the use or abuse of official positions, or by bribery, threats, intimidation, etc., or who makes a penal offense to solicit or receive contributions for election purposes from persons in the employment of the government. Rejected. Yeas, 122; nays, 116; not the necessary two-thirds. The Speaker then announced the appointment of Messrs. Kelley of Pennsylvania, vice Wright, deceased, and Hewitt of New York, vice Schell, resigned, to the committee on ways and means.

A resolution was adopted calling on the Secretary of the Treasury for information whether there was any balance on the credit of the treasurer in any National bank on March 1st, 1878, or on the last of any succeeding month until January, 1878, with the name of each bank and amount held by each.

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Washington, December 16.—In the Senate to-day Senator Butler, in replying to Blaine's objection to the amendment of the Senate, that the investigation committee hold open sessions, said he understood the Senate from Maine objected to the amendment upon the ground that in certain cases of the gravest public importance witnesses were willing to testify privately but not openly. The Senate had spoken about so much being adopted in regard to disposing witnesses of their rights. There was not a question of proof of the facts. He, Butler, as a Senator in part responsible for the State of South Carolina, desired to say to the Senate and to the country that the people of his State desired the most complete and fullest investigation which could be made and any witness who appeared before the committee in South Carolina could testify to safety as he could in Maine.

Mr. Eustis, of Louisiana, said as he in Louisiana in connection with investigation proved that in parishes without a white man intimidated because Republicans witnesses not only testified there but a good many of them testified on both sides.

Mr. Butler said if Blaine insisted a full and fair investigation, as he contended he would take the same attitude as upon the floors of the Senate. Mr. Butler said he had 500 letters complaining of outrages in Maine, which showed that Senator Blaine in his speech on Wednesday last that he based his statements upon newspaper publications. If newspaper statements were evidence Senator from Maine, as well as himself, Butler, would have been hung and quartered long ago. Mr. Butler could go into Maine with a corps of detectives and make that State a stench in the nostrils of the world.

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Washington, December 17.—Senator Sherman has written the Senate in response to the resolution on the 3d inst., a communication relating to the Freedmen's Savings and Trust Company. He states that the balance credited to the credit of the institution each year is as follows: December 31st, 1874, $[illegible]; December 31st, 1875, $[illegible]; December 31st, 1876, $[illegible]; December 31st, 1877, $[illegible]; December 31st, 1878, $[illegible]. These funds are in the nature of a fiduciary account and are subject at all times to the check of the Commissioner and not therefore available for use of the Department. No interest has been paid and the Department having been charged with the responsibility of keeping and paying out the funds does not recommend any interest to be paid. Sherman reviews the recommendation made last year that a bank building be purchased for the use of the government and suggests that the time of the closing of the affairs of the company be extended to a reasonable time, the direction of the comptroller of the currency for which legislation is necessary as well as for a time in allowing dividends enough for to cover the benefit of other depositors.

CONFERENCE ROOM COMMITTEE.

A joint meeting of the Senate and House committees on the yellow fever inquiry was to have been held this morning but no than a quorum of the House committee put in an appearance. The following subcommittees on the part of the Senate was appointed: Messrs. Morse, Gorham and Vickers, Messrs. Davis, Lamar and Paddock to visit Memphis and vicinity, Messrs. Harris, Matthews and Chandler, corresponding sub-committee was appointed by the House committee to conduct their branches of the investigation in conjunction with the Senators named during the approaching holiday recess of Congress. It has been arranged that the House and Senate committees at Washington shall hereafter meet jointly, although they will work separately in the same manner as the committees of conference.

COMMISSION ON THE FOUR PER CENTS.

Washington, December 16.—The Treasury Department continues the balance of a circular fixing the commission on subscriptions to the four per cent. consols to the 30th of June, 1878, as follows: Subscriptions from one hundred thousand to one million dollars, one-eighth of one per cent.; subscriptions from one million to ten millions, one fourth of one per cent.; amounts in excess of ten millions, an additional commission of one-fourth of one per cent. It is thought by offering such inducements for large aggregate subscriptions, the sale of bonds will be greatly stimulated.

NOMINATIONS AND CONFIRMATIONS.

Washington, December 16.—The President has sent the following nominations to the Senate: John Lowell, of Massachusetts, U. S. Circuit Judge for the First Judicial Circuit, and Joseph C. Ullen, U. S. Marshal for the Southern district of Ohio. The President to-day nominated as Commissioners of Fish Springs in Arkansas, Aaron H. Orugle, of New Hampshire, John Coburn, of Indiana, and Hamilton S. Stearns, of Florida. The appointments were also confirmed today.

THE APPROPRIATION BILLS.

Washington, December 16.—The House of Representatives have already passed five separate appropriation bills, namely the West Point Academy, Fortification, Consular and Diplomatic service and support of the Navy. They are now to be acted on by the Senate. The Indian appropriation bill is assigned for consideration to-morrow. No others will be reported from the committee until after recess.

STOCKMEN'S RIOT.

Washington, December 16.—In the Senate, this morning, in his opening prayer, allusion to the death of the Princess Alice, said: "O, Lord, we call that bereaved mother, the widow of Hesse, and all the lowly, lowly, lowly of the poor, we beseech Thy mercy and Thy love."

Indications for the Gulf States.—Northerly winds, shifting to warmer south and west, falling barometer, increasing cloudiness, possibly followed by occasional rains.

SYMPATHY FOR THE QUEEN.

Quebec, December 16.—In consequence of the death of Princess Alice, prayers were yesterday offered in the various city churches for the queen and royal family in their affliction, and the cathedral was generally given up to the consideration of the services.

Montreal, December 16.—References were made in all the churches generally yesterday to the death of the Princess Alice. The churches were draped in mourning.

Toronto, December 16.—Special prayers were offered in the city churches yesterday for the queen and royal family in consequence of their present bereavement.

LABOR TROUBLES.

New York, December 16.—The Third Avenue Railroad Company having refused to reinstate the suspended car drivers, Parnell and Kearney, a formal strike took place this morning. About forty cars are running, driven by new hands under police protection. No violence is as yet reported. The depot is guarded by the police.

New York, December 16.—It is reported that Parnell, the second leader of the Third Avenue car drivers, has been arrested and confined in the police.

CONDITION OF GEN. HAMPTON.

Columbia, S. C., December 16.—The condition of Governor Hampton is regarded as less favorable, although no serious change has taken place since yesterday. He rested well again last night, and retained nourishment at usual this morning. Unless disappearance occurs the prospect for his recovery is looked upon as certain. Still there are statements which do not encourage the belief, and the worst may be feared for several days to come.

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

Cleveland, O., December 16.—A meeting of delegates of the Evangelical churches of this city yesterday endorsed the proposal made by Mr. Moody and the stage of Pittsburgh that a united effort be made by all true Christians in the United States in the month of January, to pray for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the churches and upon the ministry throughout the world.

AN ATTEMPTED RESCUE OF BANK ROBBERS.

New York, December 16.—As the six accused Manhattan bank robbers were being taken from the Jefferson police court this afternoon, a desperate attempt was made to rescue one of them. Bob Lewis, which were thrown, and on the prisoner escaping, one of the detectives, the attempt would have succeeded. A man named Riley was arrested for participation.

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London, December 16.—In his speech last Saturday in reply to the question of M. de Rémusat, Duke in the French Senate, not Chamber of Deputies, assembled in a Versailles dispatch, M. Waddington, French Foreign Minister, said: "I am happy to say that despite certain misgivings for doing more or less than the treaty of Berlin requires, all subsists, those having something to gain as well as those having something to lose, by such divergences, have ultimately won that the execution of the treaty on all sides is the only way of not jeopardizing the peace of the republic. We were first to maintain that opinion, and all have come round to it. A large number of its clauses have been carried out. Autonomy with its territory has been given up to Russia. The Russians have evacuated Roumelia. The Khedevian tribute has been handed over to Porte. Bulgaria has been occupied by Ottomans. The Danube navigation question is nearly settled, and the Austro-Turkish convention has been definitely concluded. In Montenegro the Turkish troops have left the very peculiar local question has delayed the surrender of Dulcigno, but the Porte is endeavoring to effect it. Service elimination is half finished. The French commissioner came to Paris a few days ago, and though the best solution presents no difficulties, the boundary is not yet formally drawn, the chief obstacle of the Congress has been settled and accepted by both sides. The Roumelian delimitation is now advanced, and can not be carried on at all points in winter, but we hope it will be terminated next spring. Great difficulties still exist resulting from the distress of the country and the chronic antagonism of Mussulman and Christians, but negotiations have been held on that point, and I hope that, thanks to the good will of the powers, they will be successful. As to Greece, you know that the initiative with which we are reproached is part of our own traditional policy. To give satisfaction to Greece, is to remove one of the most dangerous elements of the Eastern question, and it is to the interest of the Porte itself for the treaty of Berlin to have durability.

A MURDER IN CRETE.

Crete, December 16.—The Eastern Telegraph company's Superintendent, William Anderson, an Englishman, and a native employee of the company, were murdered out side the gates of the city last Saturday evening. The British consul is investigating the outrage.

MARKET REPORTS BY TELEGRAPH.

FINANCIAL.

New York, December 16.—Gold opened at 100½, noon call, the same.

Galveston, December 16.—Gold 101, silver, American, par. Mexican nominal.

New Orleans, December 16.—Gold 100¼@100½; sight ¼ dis; sterling bank 482, commercial 479½@480.

New York, December 16.—Money 4@5; exchange 480½; gold 100½; governments steady; new 4's 109½. State bonds dull.

HIDES AND WOOL.

Galveston, December 16.—Hides—good demand and steady prices; dry salted 14c; pickled 12c; stack salted 11c; kips 18c; green salted as they run 8@8½c. Wool—quiet; eastern fine and medium 17@19c; Western 16@18c; improved Mexican 12@14.

COTTON MARKETS.

Galveston, December 16.—Cotton—receipts 5,861 bales. Exports, Great Britain, 3,604 bales; continent 864, coast, 1,264 bales; sales, 4,825 bales. Stock, 106,586 bales. Market firm and in good demand. Good Middling, 8⅝c low middling clause, [illegible] good ordinary 7½c.

Liverpool, December 16.—Cotton—active but firmer; middling uplands 5¾; middling Orleans 5¾; sales 14,000 bales; speculators and exporters 3,000. Receipts 11,800, all American. Futures opened strong and buyers offering 1-16d more. Uplands l. m. o. December 5d, December and January 5d, February and March 5¼, March and April 5 3-32d, June and July 5 11-32@¼d. Futures now firmer.

P. M.—Additional sales to date Saturday after regular closing 2,000 bales; uplands l. m. o. December 5 3-32d; December and January do; January and February 5 11-32d; March 5 3-16d; March and April do; April and May 5¼d.

P. M.—Uplands l. m. o. April and May 5 5-32d.

4 P. M.—Uplands l. m. o. December 5 1-16d, December and January do; January and February 5 7-32@5 1-16d, February and March 5¼d; April and May 5¼d; new crop shipped November and December sail 5¼d.

Liverpool, December 16, 5 P. M.—Cotton—Futures closed dull and steady. Sales American 11,900 bales.

New York, December 16.—Cotton—Net receipts 746 bales, gross 8,509 bales. Futures closed weak; sales 169,000 bales. December, $8.93; January, $8.68@8.69; February $8.74@8.75; March $8.84; April $8.45@8.46; May $8.98; June $8.68@8.69.

New York, December 16.—Cotton—quiet. Sales 283 bales. Middling uplands 8 15-16; middling Orleans, 9 1-16d. Consolidated net receipts 32,468 bales. Exports, Great Britain 5,852, France 7,068, continent 7,989 bales.

New Orleans, December 16.—Cotton—opened active but strong and closed steady; sales 7,000 bales; ordinary 7½c; good ordinary 7¾c; low middling 8½c; middling 8⅝c; good middling 9¼c; middling fair 10½c. Receipts net 27,435, gross 30,308. Exports continent 8,131; coastwise 1,818; stock 269,002.

MISCELLANEOUS MARKETS.

Baltimore, December 16.—Flour—fairly active and steady. Howard street and Western super $2.75@3.25, X $3.30@4.00, family $4.25@4.75; city mills super $2.50@3.25. Corn—active and firm; western quiet and steady; southern white 43@44c; yellow 42@43½c.

New Orleans, December 16.—Flour—firmer and not quotably higher; superfine $3.25, XX $4.00, XXX $4.12½@4.75, higher grades $4.87½@5.87½. Pork—full held $8.00. Lard—steady; tierces $6.00@6.25, keg $7.00@7.25. Coffee—quiet; cargoes ordinary to prime 11½@15½c gold. Sugar—active and not quotably higher; common to good common 4½@4¾c; fair to fully fair 4¾@5½; prime to choice 5¾@6c; yellow clarified 6¼@7¼. Molasses—active and firm; common 27@30c; fair 34@35c; centrifugal 18@26c; prime to choice 28@33c. Rice—firm and not quotably higher; ordinary to choice 5¾@6½c. Wheat—nominally at $1.00@1.01.

New York, December 16.—Wheat—dull and heavy and to lower ungraded spring 88c, No. 3 89@90c; ungraded 91@97c. Corn—quiet but steady. Sugar—unchanged and quiet. Molasses—quiet and nominally unchanged. Rice—about steady. Rosin—steady at $1.35@1.40. Turpentine—quiet. Pork—in buyer's favor dull; mess on steel $7.50, family mess $8.40@8.50, new extra prime $8.25. Lard—in buyer's favor; prime steam spot $6.95@6.00. Whisky—quiet at $1.02. Freights—lower. Cotton—sail ¼, steamer ⅛@3-32d.

St. Louis, December 16.—Flour—firm for best grades; choice fall $4.10@4.15, family $4.10@4.20. Wheat—No. 2 [illegible] bids cash; No. 3 do. higher, 87. Corn—easier; No. 2 mixed 29½c cash, 29½@29¾c for January. Oats—higher and scarce; No. 2 30½c cash, 30½c for December. Whisky—good demand at $1.05. Pork—firm; new jobbing $7.75@7.85. Lard—quiet at $5.30. Bulk meats—firm; shoulders $2.30@2.35, clear ribs $3.55@3.60; clear sides $3.65@3.70. Bacon—stronger; shoulders $4.75@4.70, clear ribs $5.05; clear sides $5.10; sweet pickled ham 10@10½c.

Galveston, December 16.—Salt—steady and unchanged. Bagging—weak.

Rev. Johnson Reed Vindicated.

San Antonio, Dec. 15, 1878.

To the Public:

After an exhaustive and careful examination touching the rumors affecting the moral character of Rev. Johnson Reed, pastor of the St. James African Methodist Episcopal church of this city, the conference have had no evidence presented or brought to their notice sufficient to invalidate his moral character, and, therefore we, as a body, do exonerate him from all blame.

Respectfully,
Rt. Rev. T. M. D. Ward, D. D.
Rev. W. D. F. Pyle, Secretary.

Vast Labors of Medical Rubbish are swallowed by invalids, and their physical troubles thus kept alive for years, when that precious tonic stimulant and corrective, Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, would specifically set the disordered and worn out mechanism of the system in active and healthful operation again. It has been demonstrated over and over again that the requirements of the sick are answered far better by the Bitters than by a majority of the unsuited remedies of the pharmacopœia. The stomach is strengthened, the liver regulated, the bowels put in proper order, the blood purified and purified, and the nervous system rendered tranquil and vigorous by this inestimable family medicine and safeguard against disease, which, moreover, is most agreeable and effective as a stimulant, and a cordial peculiarly adapted to the wants of the aged and infirm, delicate females, and convalescing patients. It is, besides, immoderately popular as an antidote to malaria.

—For the holidays Mr. Strove has the Clipper bar well supplied with the finest brands of imported and domestic liquors and cigars.

List of Letters

Remaining in the Postoffice at San Antonio, county of Bexar, State of Texas, for the week ending December 16, 1878:

LADIES' LIST.

Allen, Vina miss	Harper, Martha mrs
Allen, Violet mrs	Hartright, Anna S miss
Brown, Margaret E miss	Jett, Martha L miss
Butler, Margaret miss	Lynch, Mary miss
Bledsoe, F. mrs	McFarnell, Grace mrs
Churchill, Adelaide mrs	Man, mrs Dr
Cook, Marcha miss	Orrin, Rita
Cain, Lucy E miss	Ogden, Elizabeth mrs (col
Dilbrell, James B mrs	Oppenman, Elise miss
Davenport, Mary miss	Orrin, Calista
Edmunds, V mrs	Peterson, Loisa mrs
Grundy, Robert Ann mrs	Perkins, Millie miss
Gibson, Lillie miss	Read, Ellen mrs
Gantier, John Mrs	Robertson, Marion mrs
Goffreys, Eugenia B mrs	Starks, Maggie miss
Grady, Frances Mrs	Shankling, Annette
Hore, Minnie miss	Walter, Mary miss

GENTLEMEN'S LIST.

Appersonhite, Carroll	Johnson, Jeff
Alanis, Jose Maria	Jowers, Horten
Beatty, W S	Kennedy, John H
Bell, Sanomt	Lyles, W B
Bailey, R M J	Long, W L
Bramble, J W	Louis, E A
Burr, J K	Lopez, Felipe
Bryson, Joseph	Lee, Gilbert
Bannaman, George	Langham, Moritz
Bond, My	Milligan, W P
Clark, B W	McCarty, M C
Cogburn, E H Dr 2	McNamara, Mathew
Chaney, E L	Mills, John
Cromar, Homer	Manguero, Julian
Clayton, H J	Manning, Chas
Cleveland, Benson	Mayes, Alvorado
Cochran, James C	Meredith, B J
Crimwell, Thos M	Maize, Albert
Canas, Ramon	Neuman, Josef
Canavan, Patrick J	Ochoba, Jesus
Dyess, Con	Pendell, M R
Dinger, Henry B	Perkins, P
Durier, Herman E 2	Pettijohn, W C
Dunkley, James	Raff, C T
Daly, Nickolas	Ray, Edward
DeSoto, Jado	Rogers, J J
Dotsel, L	Reid, W H
Diaz, Marcelino	Simpson, Wm
Dreonnan, T J	Simon, Theodore
Edmunds, C F	Sorola, Manuel
Figins, Edward	Silvey, Jerry
Espinosa, Guadalupe	Smith, J C
Fletcher, Dalton 2	Sheppard, James
Price, P F	Schloing, Chas
Fisher, G	Steel, Dave
Foster, T A	Starkins, Ben
Folder, John Dr	Sabagler, A C
Feltin, Louis	Schley, Albert
Gerling, Wilhs	Taylor, Burrill
Gallagher, Thos H	Tipton, James B
Gerry, Owen	Turner, Thos F
Garcia, Hilario	Wade, Burton
Gonzales, Diego	Worker, Pedo
Gatewood, Arnold	Williams, Edward
Herrera, Trinidad	Walter, Ellis
Hernandez, Pedro	Woodland, Henry
Hamilton, J F	Walton, J T
Haynes, J F	Wilson, John
Houghton, Francis	Wells, Ned
Hernandez, Bustio	Williams, Nelson
Ingel, Otto Lagoste	Ward, S M
Jones, W A	Zittera, Frank

Zizenmann, Wm

Persons calling for any of the above letters will please say advertised and give date.
M. E. NORRIS, P. M

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

FOR RECORDER.

We are authorized to announce John Rosenheimer as a candidate for the office of City Recorder at the ensuing election.

ALDERMAN.

We are authorized to announce Geo. Schroeder as an independent candidate for the office of Alderman of Ward No. 4, at the coming election in January, 1879.

CITY ATTORNEY.

We are authorized to announce W. W. Herron as a candidate for the office of City Attorney at the election in January next, subject to the action of the Democratic Convention.

We are authorized to announce Thos. N. Devine as a candidate for the office of City Attorney at the coming election in January, 1879.

Editors San Antonio Express:

Please insert my name as an independent candidate for the office of City Attorney at the coming election.
L. G. GROTHAUS.

CITY PHYSICIAN.

We are authorized to announce Dr. W. B. Van Dyke as a candidate for the office of City Physician of the city of San Antonio at the coming city election.

I announce myself as a candidate for the office of City Physician for re-election. Dr. R. MENGER.

CITY TREASURER.

We are authorized to announce Mr. C. E. Bartlett as a candidate for the office of City Treasurer, subject to the action of the Democratic Convention.

Trusting that I have performed the duties of City Treasurer to the satisfaction of my constituents, I respectfully ask that they will support me for re-election to the same office at the coming election.
J. F. MITTEN.

STREET COMMISSIONER.

Mr. Pieper having consented to become a candidate for Street Commissioner, we desire to state that we believe he will, if elected, fill the office to the satisfaction of the public. He has followed the occupation of cartman in this city for last twenty years and knows every street in the city, and his friends believe him, for this and other reasons, well qualified to fill the office. MANY FRIENDS.

We are authorized to announce Eugene Dietrich as a candidate for the office of Street Commissioner at the ensuing election.

We are authorized to announce Jake Marshall as a candidate for the office of Street Commissioner of the City of San Antonio, subject to the action of a Democratic Convention.

We are authorized to announce Fred Dorey as a candidate for the office of Street Commissioner at the ensuing election in January, 1879.

We are authorized to announce James Duffy as a candidate for re-election to the office of Street Commissioner at the coming election in January, 1879.

We are authorized to announce Thomas Crowley as a candidate for the office of Street Commissioner of the City of San Antonio, subject to the action of a Democratic Convention, should one be held.

CITY ENGINEER.

We are authorized to announce Charles P. Stone as a candidate for the office of City Engineer at the ensuing election in January.

We are authorized to announce Mr. Louis Giraud as a candidate for re-election to the office of City Engineer.

CITY COLLECTOR.

We are authorized to announce Julius Hoyer as a candidate for re-election to the office of City Collector at the ensuing election in January, 1879.

FOR CITY MARSHAL.

We are authorized to announce H. D. Bonnet as a candidate for the office of City Marshal at the ensuing election in January next.

We are authorized to announce Phil Shardein as a candidate for City Marshal at the ensuing election in January, 1879.

We are authorized to announce Wm. M. Lyons as a candidate for the office of City Marshal of the city of San Antonio at the ensuing election.

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Daily Express.

PUBLISHED BY THE

Express Printing Company.

Tuesday Morning, December 17, 1878.

A GREAT many fears are expressed that the Taxpayers' Association will part amidship on the political breakers. Such a result would be regarded in the light of a calamity.

IF the committee's report is adopted, $4,710,000 will be devoted, the coming year, to civilizing the "noble red," etcetera; the etcetera, which comprises the chief feature, being the filling of the pockets of Indian agents and contractors.

THE death of a princess in England creates as much hub-bub as does a fourth of July celebration in America, and there is, doubtless, more real sympathy felt in the former than real patriotic sentiment in the latter. Every true Englishman is filled with just pride and love for his queen and her family, and feels a genuine sorrow when Death enters the royal household.

THE Houston *Telegram* publishes the statement of the city treasurer of that place, and mournfully exclaims, under the heading of "A Beggarly Account of Empty Boxes": "It gives in an itemized form an account of the various liabilities, all too large, and resources, all too small, of the city, and presents as the climax of its long array of formidable figures a tableau of hungry creditors, oppressed taxpayers and an empty treasury."

THERE is a proposition for the government to purchase the Freedman's Savings Bank for $275,000, but the dispatch does not state whether it is the intention of the government to embark in the Savings bank business. If it does, and goes through a few failures, we need not trouble ourselves about the national debt, if the failures are conducted as successfully as such matters generally are. This scheme fairly discounts the unlimited issue of flat money game.

THE "Manufacturers' Association of the Northwest," in session at Chicago, adopted a resolution on the 11th inst., expressing the belief that Minister Foster's statements concerning the feasibility of Mexican trade are biased and prejudiced. Desiring to ascertain for themselves the true condition of affairs in that country, they resolved to send an excursion party to Mexico, leaving January 4th. Congress is asked to send a sub-committee of the Committee on Commerce with the excursion, and leave of absence is requested for General Sheridan in case he consents to go. Of course, the "Manufacturers' Association" had no reason to believe that Senor Zamacona's statement was biased or prejudiced, or that the latter was less interested in the welfare of American merchants than Minister Foster could be.

THE EXPRESS craves the indulgence of quite a number of its patrons who failed to secure representation in our issue of Sunday morning last. On account of the extraordinary demand upon our space, many notices could not be made as full as had been contracted for, and we now hear of many orders that did not reach the business manager on account of the carelessness of the parties to whom the orders were given. The EXPRESS regrets the omissions not so much on account of what it may have lost in a pecuniary point of view, as on account of the disappointment of its patrons who failed to obtain a place, and who have always been so generous in their support. In our next issue of the character of Sunday's paper, more time will be taken, and nothing will be left undone to give every business man in the community a place should he so desire.

THE *Texas Sun* for December is at hand, and is an unusually interesting number, a considerable portion of it being devoted exclusively to Western Texas. Concerning its non-appearance during the past three months, the *Sun* says: "The non-appearance of the *Sun* during the past three months is attributed to the quarantine. Our large circulation goes beyond the limits of the State, and we feared a serious hindrance in sending our paper beyond Texas. During this time—since our last issue—new sections have been penetrated, even to the Mexican border, by a representative of the *Sun*, and rich materials have been gathered for our columns, which will well repay our readers for our enforced delay in publication." Since its previous issue Mr. Winter has retired, leaving Mr. A. W. Gifford sole proprietor and manager. "Giff" promises to make the "Texas movement" boom in the future even greater than heretofore.

IN concluding his speech in Congress on the 11th instant, in reference to his resolutions for an inquiry into the conduct of the elections in the South, Senator Blaine said: "Let me now remind you that the government, under whose protecting flag we sit today, sacrificed myriads of lives and expended thousands of millions of treasure that our countrymen of the South should remain citizens of the United States, having equal personal rights and equal political privileges with all other citizens." Yet the whole object of his speech, down to the closing sentence, was to work upon the prejudice and ignorance of the people of one part of the country to enlist their sympathy and influence in an attempt to secure governmental interference in elections in the South to deprive a class of citizens of those rights and equality he says so many lives and so many millions were expended to maintain.

THE cable tells only of the favors showered upon Gen. Grant in Europe; it remains for the papers of the places visited by the distinguished American to give minor details of his movements and actions. To read some of the statements published reminds one of a political campaign in this country, so great and personal is the abuse heaped upon "the Republican hope of America." One Madrid paper trounces the General soundly for his lack of civility and gross display of bad breeding. It seems the strictures were called forth because Grant, after hauling been honored greater than any crowned head visiting the Spanish capital had ever been, failed to pay his respects and congratulations to the king immediately after the latter's escape from assassination, the failure being attributed to the fact that Grant had purchased railroad tickets for Lisbon good for that day only, and declined to lose them. Another paper, the *Mundo Politico*, furnishes the following morsel, which will create more disgust than surprise in this country, no matter what the effect upon readers in Europe: "It seems that Gen. Grant was guilty of excess in the banquet given him by the Premier Canovas del Castillo at his residence so much so that he presented a much to be lamented spectacle a few hours later in the interior of the minister's box in the Royal theatre. Such an exhibition was the only thing wanting to stamp him as unworthy of all the civilities showered upon him."

THE TAXPAYERS' ASSOCIATION.

Just what will be the fate of the Taxpayers' Association is now an important question. Ever since its organization it has been regarded with more than usual interest by all classes of our citizens, as the mass of them believed it to be an organization free from political aspirations. The motion to have the Association take the lead in making nominations, if the regular parties did not move by Friday next, was carried by a majority of only one, and many believe the adoption of that motion sounded the knell of the Association as far as its power for usfulness is concerned. There is no necessity for an extended canvass in the coming election, and a week or ten days prior to the election will give ample time for presenting the claims of the applicants for the positions to be filled. It is true, we have sufficient confidence in the Taxpayers' Association to nominate a good ticket at any time, if the proper men control its deliberations, but we do not believe it can carry out the resolution to nominate a ticket on Friday next without laying itself liable to a suspicion at least that it is no more or less than any other organization formed for political purposes. The vote on the motion and the remarks made in connection with it show plainly enough that such a course would cause it to lose the adhesive power that has drawn many citizens to the standard raised at the beginning. If the Taxpayers Association is what it claims to be, let it lay on its arms as a powerful support to be thrown in favor of the best men when the final charge is made on election day. And if, within a week or ten days prior to the election, no candidates are offered by the parties, or as independents, whose qualifications are not deemed satisfactory, it will be highly proper for the Association to move into line with captains of its own choosing. Any other course, under existing circumstances, will prove detrimental to its prospects, if not disastrous. The EXPRESS has no interest in the Taxpayers' Association only so far as it promises to prove a power in securing the very best men for city officials. And while we believe it can exert a great and good influence if properly managed, we must confess a lack of confidence in its achieving any good results if it takes the initiative at so early a day in the matter of making nominations. Should it succeed in that way, its success will be due more to the weakness of its opponents than to any strength it may develop as a taxpayers' association.

BULLDOZING IN VIRGINIA.

The court of Hartford county, Virginia, on the 12th instant, sentenced Samuel Jacob and Elbert Gatling, colored, to six years in the penitentiary for an assault with intent to kill Marcus Williams, also colored, for voting for Hon. J. J. Yeates, Democratic candidate for Congress. This verdict and judgment was thought worthy of transmission over the wires as an event of public interest, and it must be admitted that it possesses much more significance than much of the intelligence which is daily dished up for the public appetite by the agents of the Associated Press. It will be seized upon, doubtless, by the *Inter Ocean*, *Globe-Democrat* and other bloody shirt organs as a new form of outrage upon the Republican voters of the South, and it will be charged that the courts have joined in the bulldozing business at the South in the interest of the Democratic party. This is to be expected as a matter of course. But there is another view presented by the occurrence which will suggest itself to all unbiased people whose attention is called to it. There is no more notorious fact connected with the brief history of negro suffrage, than that a universal system of terrorism has been exercised by the mass of the negro population over those among them who manifested a disposition to vote with the Democrats. Nothing is better known than that it has been owing to this terrorism, which has made it perilous for any colored man to take his position with the Democracy, that the reign of the Republican party in the dense negro districts of the South was kept up so long. Not only social and religious ostracism was fulminated against the hapless offender, but he was generally marked as a fit subject for vengeance and personal violence. This reign of terror has been broken to a great extent by the influence of such men as Hampton, Nicholls, and others in the South, who have labored to show the colored people that there is no necessary antagonism between the two races, and that their interests are identical, but there are in every Southern State remains of this sentiment among the blacks, especially in those counties and districts where they are largely in the majority over the whites. The seeds of the distrust and bad feeling sowed by the Freedmen's Bureau first, and afterwards cultivated by the carpet-bagger who came in its wake, have not all been exterminated. The disposition of the negroes to ostracise and abuse any colored man who votes the Democratic ticket showed itself in the November elections in several Southern States more or less violently, and the assault upon Marcus Williams in Hartford county, Virginia, was one of these cases. The punishment of the two offenders by the court will have a wholesome effect as a lesson, and will tend to check this species of bulldozing. The sooner the colored people learn that each one of their race is entitled to vote as he pleases, the better for their common good. They have not learned this in many localities yet, and until they do there will be no such thing in those districts as free suffrage or peaceable elections.

PROJECTED CONNECTION OF THE M. K. & T. R. R. AND THE G. W. T. & P. R. R. AT AUSTIN.

The Cuero *Bulletin* of the 12th instant has a strong article urging the completion of the Morgan railway to Austin, there to meet the expected extension of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas road. That paper says:

The consummation of such a grand project would prove vastly beneficial to Western Texas, and more especially this great Southwestern section—of which Cuero would be the main centre of its commerce—than any other railroad project that could be devised.

The *Bulletin* holds that Matagorda bay is the best harbor on the Gulf coast, that Pass Cavallo bar may be deepened so as to admit sea-going ships drawing over twenty feet of water—thus making Indianola a port of the first class, and after commenting with just feeling upon the loss and injury entailed upon Western Texas in the delay of railroad enterprises by adverse State legislation and the caprices of the few foreign capitalists controlling these enterprises, continues:

We are gratified to learn that the managers of the M. K. & T. mulway are determined to push ahead their road until it reaches Austin, and also desire that the owners of the Morgan railway immediately extend their road until it reaches Austin, that a connection may be had, thus bringing from the great Northwestern States to their nearest outlet to the ocean on Matagorda bay the immense products of that fertile region. We also have learned that no obstacle will prevent the M. K. & T. railway from carrying out its great project of reaching the ocean at Matagorda bay.

What basis exists for the hope of the extension of the M. K. & T. road, as above indicated, we are not aware, but take it for granted that our usually well-informed Cuero contemporary has not spoken without some grounds for the hope it expresses, and our purpose in recurring to the matter is to call the attention of the people of this city to the bearing the project has upon the interests of San Antonio and the country from which it derives its trade. It needs no argument to show that such a connection, while it would undoubtedly bring all the general and special benefits anticipated by the *Bulletin*, would be the reverse of favorable so far as the interests of San Antonio are concerned, unless other railroad connections are made to and from this city. The EXPRESS has urged in season and out of season the continuation of the International railroad and the construction of a line of railway from San Antonio to Cuero, thus giving our city three lines of ingress and egress and making it a railroad centre. With these connections, affording cheap freights for incoming merchandise and outgoing produce, and developing a country teeming with the elements of production, San Antonio would retain her position as the natural interior metropolis of Western Texas. Without such connections, it is easy to see that a through line like that anticipated by the *Bulletin* would isolate this city and subject it to a gradual drying up process.

DURING the recent canvass, Congressional candidates of the anti-resumption class waxed wroth and frothed at the mouth whenever the resumption act was mentioned, and held that instrument up as something more terrible than Pandora's box; something that, if not expunged from the national laws, would send countless thousands of starving people trooping to untimely graves, and spread ruin on every hand. Yet these same men, or rather those of that class who were successful in the election, are to-day sitting quietly in their seats in Congress and seeing the day of resumption approaching without once raising their voices to oppose or defer what they erstwhile characterized as the "impending doom of the nation and people." They shouted from stump and rostrum that the friends of resumption were paid tools of the national banks, and if the dear people would but elect them to Congress they would stand as a mighty phalanx of giants and hurl back into dismay and confusion the minions of the banks and bondholders. Now there arises the question: Are those men indifferent to the welfare of the country, and willing to sit idly by while the nation is threatened with destruction, have they been bought up by the national banks, or were all those fine speeches during the campaign but the rant of demagogues working upon the sympathies of the people to serve their own selfish ends? In either event, what explanation of their silence can they make to their constituents?

THE Patrons of Husbandry of Bell county have on hand a grand scheme for the establishment of an agricultural college in that county under their patronage. It is proposed to teach all necessary branches of education, by which the youth of the country may be presented with a suitable opportunity for a scientific and practical education in the art of farming, stock raising and house-keeping. The necessary funds are to be raised by donations by the members of the Grange of Bell county, but assistance from outside counties will be gratefully received, of course. The scheme is a very commendable one, and should receive substantial encouragement.

ACCORDING to recent official statements published the land appropriated to fruit culture in the United States amounts to 3,500,000 acres. Upon this land grow 112,000,000 apple trees, 28,000,000 pear trees, 112,270,000 peach trees, and 141,260,000 grape vines. The total value of the fruit crop throughout the United States is set down at $138,246,700, an amount equal to half the value of the average wheat crop of the country. Toward that large sum, apples are held to contribute $30,400,000, pears, 14,130,000; peaches, $46,123,000; grapes, $2,118,000; strawberries, $5,000,000; and other fruit, $10,432,000.

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For particulars apply at Menger Hotel Office.

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LANDS FOR SALE.

Some of the lands belonging to the estate of W. A. Menger, deceased, are offered for sale at very reasonable prices, to-wit:

1. Lot on the west side of the Alamo plaza, between lot of F. L. Meyer and Crocket street, and extending back to Lonoya street. It fronts 84 feet on Alamo Plaza, 240 feet on Crocket street and 110 feet on Lonoya street. There is on it a hard rock building, known as the government warehouse, fronting 110 feet on Lonoya street and 60 feet on Crocket street. The lot can be divided into four or more lots, and is offered either entire or in parts, to suit purchasers.
2. Lot and houses on the west side of the San Pedro creek, on Laredo street, now occupied by the San Antonio Coal Company.
3. Lot on the corner of Lonoya and Crocket streets opposite the Barracks.
4. Lot No. 20, and middle third of block No. 20, comprising nearly 3½ acres, near San Pedro avenue and the Upper Labes ditch.
5. Twenty acres of land, part of block No. 3, range No. 1 and district No. 7, 1½ miles southwest of the city, near Scheuner's candle factory.
6. Blocks Nos. 1, 2, and 3, and Lots Nos. 1, 2, and 3, in block No. 5, west of the San Pedro, being a subdivision of original lot No. 148.
7. Lot No. 7, subdivided from lot No. 76, west side of San Pedro.
8. Three hundred and twenty acres of land, upper half of 640 acres, survey No. 13, in section No. 4, about nine miles southeast of San Antonio, on Calaveras creek, very good land. The country in the neighborhood is settling up very fast.
9. Nine hundred and sixty acres in Atascosa county, survey 1320, in section No. 6, very rich land and well watered.
10. Six hundred and forty acres of land in Frio county, being four surveys of 160 acres each, Nos. 81, 82, 83, and 84, in district No. 2, excellent land, being part of Castro's colony—Henry Castro original grantee.
11. A farm comprising 86 acres of land in Kendall county one mile southwest of Boerne, survey 178, section 3. It very choice land, has house and fence, and has two constantly running streams of water.
12. Six hundred and forty acres of land in Kendall county, ten miles east of Boerne, known as the Duval Hackberry tract. Healthy location.
13. Four hundred and ninety two acres of cedar land in Burnet county.
14. Three hundred and twenty acres of land in Mason county, survey No. 107, district No. 1.
15. Three hundred and twenty acres of land in Concho county, survey No. 320, district No. 8.

For particulars apply at the

Menger Hotel Office.

Bexar County Manual Labor Poor House.

Sealed proposals are invited to take charge of the County Manual Labor Poor House for two years from on or before the first of January, 1879. All bids will be opened before the County Commissioners' Court at 12 o'clock M. on the 19th day of December, 1878, said Court reserving the right to reject any and all bids. For further information inquire of Sam S. Smith, County Clerk Bexar county.

Published by order of the Court.

Witness: Sam S. Smith, County Clerk Bexar county, with the seal of the Commissioners' Court impressed thereon, this 7th day of December, A. D. 1878.

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20 Prizes of 500	10,000
100 do 100	10,000
200 do 50	10,000
500 do 20	10,000
1000 do 10	10,000
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Tuesday Morning, December 17, 1878.

A SOLDIER OF FORTUNE.

The American Who Commanded the Armies of Dost Mahomed.

From the Philadelphia Times.

Before me lies your issue of Sunday, Nov. 20th, containing an article entitled "Americans in Afghan," in which mention is made of Gen. Harlow as at one time commanding the army of the late Dost Mahomed, ameer of Cabul. The incidents related are correct, but the person referred to was not Gen. Harlow, but Gen. Josiah Harlan, a Philadelphian by birth, who left this city in 1830, and, after twenty-five years' travels and adventures in foreign countries, returned to his native land in 1845. He delivered a series of lectures upon life in the East, and published a memoir treating of the political state of India and Afghanistan. The English press, after a lengthy notice of the work, thus mentions the author: "Gen. Harlan has the stranger's claim to a cordial welcome, which we cheerfully concede to him; but he has even a stronger claim on our attention in the historical information, the political intelligence, and the statistical and topographical knowledge which he brings to the consideration of that subject which now engrosses the thoughts, not of Englishmen only—deeply as their honor and interests are involved in its issue—but of the whole civilized world," etc. The general distinguished himself in 1838-9 by his passage of the Indian Caucasus, until then untrodden by the foot of man. He thus describes the incident in his memoir: "On the highest pass of the frosty Caucasus—that of Kharzar, 12,500 feet above the sea—the star-spangled flag gracefully waved amidst the icy peaks. * * * We struggled on amidst the heights of those Alpine ranges, until now supposed inaccessible to the labor of man, infantry and cavalry, artillery, camp followers and beasts of burden surmounting difficulties by obdurate endurance. Defying the pitiless pelting of the rain and snow, we pressed onward, scaling those stony girdles of the earth, dim shades as children of the mists, far above the nether world, toiling amidst the clouds like restless spirits of another sphere, thus accomplishing the passage over a mountain district 300 miles in extent from Cabul to Balkh." The memoir contains as a frontispiece an engraving of Dost Mahomed, and beneath it the following lines addressed by Gen. Harlan to the ameer, on the battle-field of Kandahar, when contending with Shujah, in 1834:

"Hold! cried his Mentor, whither wouldst thou go?
Dost? * * *
The grounds thou stand'st on's all the world to thee,
Thy throne the saddle, crowned by metal star—
Thou stand'st a warrior in the midst of war!
Here find a throne, or fill a hero's grave,
Where sleep the homeless and the hopeless brave:
For God, the Prophet and thy steeds of fame,
A martyr's or—life or glorious name."

During our civil war the general raised the Eleventh Pennsylvania cavalry, with which he served as colonel until the ills incident to advanced age compelled his resignation. He died at San Francisco, Cal., in 1871, after an eventful and checkered life of 76 years.

Yours very respectfully,
V. HARLAN STORTS.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 27, 1878.

Whose War is It?

From the Pall Mall Gazette

The obligation for assembling parliament is imposed by a very peculiar provision of the statute of 1858 (21 and 22 Vic., cap 106), which transferred the government of India from the East India company to the crown. Two clauses of this statute have been repeatedly quoted, but not, we think, with any distinct appreciation of their purpose or of the function which they impose upon parliament. The fifty-fourth clause directs that when any order for the "any commencement" of hostilities by her majesty's forces in India is sent to that country both houses of parliament are to be informed of it within three months if parliament is sitting, and if parliament is not sitting at the expiration of this period, then within one month after its next meeting. These long intervals of time serve of the great distance by which India was removed from us in 1858, and derive this statutory requirement of nearly all its practical importance. Indeed, if it be true that the English cabinet, instead of expressly ordering the viceroy to begin hostilities against the ameer of Cabul, merely laid the reins on Lord Lytton's neck, it may be questioned whether the provision has any technical application to the case; although of course the general constitutional duty of the queen's advisers to inform parliament promptly of any critical event affecting the fortunes of the country is as imperative as ever. The really important and closely relevant clause of the statute of 1858 is the fifty-fifth, which provides that, except for preventing or repelling invasion, or "under other sudden and urgent necessity," the consent of both houses of parliament must be obtained before any part of the revenues of India can be applied to defray the expenses of any military operation beyond the frontiers of India. There can be no rational doubt that this provision governs the present case, and, indeed, it may be strongly argued that both this clause and the clause preceding it contains a tacit reference to the first Afghan war, which is known to have been commenced on an express order given by the British cabinet of the day to Lord Auckland, and to have been paid for the East India company.

DID BEACONSFIELD ORDER THE WAR?

Whatever constitutional point of the provisions noted in the fifty-fifth clause of the statute of 1858 are once appreciated, it almost ceases to be necessary to show how wide of the mark have been the suggestions of some of our contemporaries as to the distribution of the cost of this war between the English and Indian exchequers. The principal London journal contends that the payment of any portion of the expenses from English funds is a pure question of grace and liberality. India was primarily liable, but if the English Chancellor of the exchequer was particularly flush of money he might perhaps spare something out of pity for an impoverished dependency. Nothing can be fairer than such reasoning. A great variety of considerations will have to be presented to the mind of Parliament before such a question can be satisfactorily decided. The extreme poverty of the people of India, the recent notorious distresses of Indian finance, will be legitimately urged on the attention of the noblemen and gentlemen who on this particular occasion will be acting as an Indian legislature, and the members of the House of Commons in particular will not, we hope, be suffered to forget that if they vote this money they will dispose of it subject to no such moral restrictions as ordinarily control their assent to expenditure, but will, in point of fact, be directing taxation irrespectively of representation. But, after all, the great governing question is the irrepressible question of imperialism. Is this really an Indian war? Does the necessity for it arise on the south or on the north of the Himalayas and and the Hindoo Koosch? Is it the English foreign office or the foreign office at Simla which has most at stake in the endeavor to bring Sheer Ali to reason?

GORDON AT SHARPSBURG.

Wounded Five Times in One Battle—Gordon's Strange Mental Condition When Wounded.

Atlanta (Ga.) Constitution, Nov. 26.

A Sharpsburg Gen. Gordon, then a colonel, furnished the sublimest spectacle of endurance and courage that I think is furnished by the annals. Before the battle Lee rode down the lines, and expressed doubt as to Gordon's being able to hold his position, and conveyed to him an idea of the importance of his doing so. Gordon, turning to that his men could hear him, said, "Gen. Lee, my men are determined that they will stay here." Then the battle opened. Line after line was thrown upon Gordon's front. But from that dauntless front they were thrown back as often as they marched against it. The slaughter was terrible. The ground was literally blue with corpses of the enemy, while only six men of the right wing of the regiment were left. But the line never wavered. The men had come to "stay," and, dead or alive, they were determined to "stay."

Gordon was wounded early in the fight. A minie ball passed through the calf of his leg, tearing the flesh in a most fearful manner. The flow of blood was immense, but he had no time to staunch the wound. In about half an hour another ball plunged through the same leg about a foot above where the other had gone. The loss of blood from these two wounds weakened him, but he still kept his feet and gave his orders calm and clear to his men, who were lying on their faces. An hour later he was shot again, the ball tearing through his left arm, making a hideous wound and cutting a small artery. This disabled his arm and helped drain his weakened system, but still, haggard and bloody, he staggered up and down the line encouraging his men. A fourth ball then entered his shoulder, knocking him from his feet. His men, who saw the crimsoned uniform and pale face go down, thought their heroic leader was killed. With sublime courage, however, he struggled to his feet, and though he had hardly strength to stand, waved his sword above his head, and called to his men to remain firm. Some one ran to him hastily and said it was rumored up the line that he was dangerously wounded, and that the men were wavering. "Tell them I am not hurt," he said. And so, through those dreadful hours of slaughter, with four unstanched wounds drawing blood from his body, he stood determined to die with his men and in defense of the part that Lee had confided to his trust. Was knightlier courage ever shown on field or embalmed in letters? Was knightlier heroism ever displayed? Ah, great heart of gold! Ah, splendid gentleman! Ah, lustrous shining soul! On that day dost thou win immortal glory, even though all else of thy life were blotted out!

At length a fifth ball struck Gordon full in the face and, entering his cheek, knocked him senseless. He fell, and for some time his prostrate body was wrapped in the smoke of battle.

We hear from Gen. Gordon's own lips a story that, in a metaphysical point, is exceeding interesting. He says that when he fell he was utterly incapable of moving. He gradually began to think of his condition, and this in the half dream and half soliloquy that he carried on:

"I have been struck in the head with a six-pound solid shot. It has carried away my head. On the left side there is a little piece of skull left. But the brain is gone entirely. Therefore, I am dead. And yet I am thinking. How can a man think with his head shot off? And if I am thinking, I cannot be dead. And yet no man can live after his head is shot off. I may have consciousness while dead, but not motion. If I can lift my leg, then I am alive. I will try that. Can I? Yes, there it is—lifted up! I'm all right!"

The general says that every stage of this soliloquy is indelibly stamped on his mind, and that in his exhausted state the reasoning was carried on as logically as over man reasoned at his desk. Doubt succeeded argument and argument displaced doubt just as logically as could be. He says he will never forget with what anxiety he made the test of lifting his leg—with what agony he waited to see whether or not it would move in response to his effort, and how he hesitated before trying it for fear that it might fail and his death be thereby demonstrated.

The Roumanian Jew.

In Roumania a Jew cannot own real estate. He can own the house in which he lives, but he cannot own the ground on which the house stands, and under no circumstances can he become a landed proprietor. By this stipulation, and others of a similar purpose, excluding the Jew from any natural investment of his money, the law itself has made him a usurer, and he is not backed customers. The peculiarity of the Roumanian nobility is proverbial, and often verging on madness. It is a very common affair that a Roumanian magnate goes to Paris and squanders in one or two seasons the revenues of ten or twenty years, and in order to achieve this feat he must have recourse to the Jew, with whom he makes a transaction of a very curious character. As the legal interest on money is very low in Roumania, the noble loan-taker receives only $1,000, but binds himself to pay interest on $10,000, and, as security for this fictitious sum, he gives the Jewish money-lender a mortgage on his estate. He can do so with perfect safety, for, in the hands of the Jew, this mortgage is rather a harmless instrument. It may help him to get the interest, but it is of no use to him in getting back the capital. If he determines to foreclose the mortgage, and put the estate of his debtor under the hammer, he gives occasion only to some merry-making. All the friends and clients of the magnate assemble, and the auction begins under general carousal. Nobody bids, and if anybody did he would be shot down immediately, as has happened more than once. Under shouting and yelling the mock proceedings go on, until finally, when the feast is at its height, the magnate puts in his appearance in person, riding on horseback and attired in splendid apparel. Haughtily he moves up to the table and bids five cents. The bid is accepted by the representative of justice, and touching the Jew, perhaps condescending to pull his beard, the magnate rides away under wild applause, having thus cheated of his debt.

The Rights of Writers.

New York Times.

A suit threatened by a mechanical writer against a publishing firm in the city involves some points that must be of interest to literary folk. The grievance of the author, as reported, is that he had contributed two or more papers to the late Galaxy, which had been accepted by the editor, but whose publication had long been delayed. They were to appear in the early part of this year, but the magazine was disposed of last December to the Atlantic, (in plain English, it died), and all the Galaxy's manuscripts, both accepted and moved, were turned over to the Boston monthly. The contributor supposed, very naturally, that his papers would soon be sent to the Atlantic but as number after number was issued without them, he inquired of Boston as to the probable time of their appearance, only to learn, it is said, that they were virtually not accepted. The fact that they had been accepted long before by the Galaxy, and that the mere transfer to the Atlantic does not, as the author understands, alter their condition, is urged by the Boston editor, who must judge, he says, of the value of all the Galaxy manuscripts exactly as they had been originally offered to the Atlantic. Under these circumstances, the contributor claims that Shelton & Co., publishers of the Galaxy, being solvent and still in business, are peculiarly responsible for the papers, but they aver that they have nothing to do with the matter; that if he wants an echoes he must seek it at the hands of Osgood, Church, editor of the magazine, to whom they sold it, and these in turn sold it to the Atlantic. This is a good deal like the story of the man who got a pound of blanks at the grocer's, and, without paying for them, exchanged them for a pound of cheese, and was going off with it when the grocer demanded his price. "But I gave you the biscuits for it," said the man. "Why, you did not pay for them," replied the grocer. "But I have given them back," exclaimed the man.

Dean Stanley's Impressions of America.

Boston Traveller.

Yesterday afternoon Dean Stanley, who has just returned from America, preached in Westminster Abbey, taking his text from one of the lessons of the evening service, Malachi, iii, 16, "Then lord hearkened and heard." In the course of his sermon he adverted to the great influence of England. "I know," said a young French Prince, "the heavy burden I bear in that name which I have inherited." And such should be the feeling of every Englishman. Our far reaching lines of ancestry and our world-spanning dominions were around us like the mountains standing around Jerusalem. It was said that even the roar of Niagara had not the force which the volume of waters would give to it, because there was no civilized country to catch and reflect the waves of its sound. But it was an additional responsibility of England that she does possess those reverberatory barriers. We had the knowledge that what we, as a nation, do or say, can produce an effect in distant lands, and that our swift messengers along the wires can awaken the thunder of the cannon among the snowclad Indian mountains. This knowledge ought to produce deep thought in the soul, and was sufficient to put courage into the most cowardly. These reverberations were some of the means designed by the Eternal Providence to keep us alive to a sense of our responsibilities. We derived responsibility also, not only from those whom we now rule, but also from those whom we once ruled. There also was a vast area of brazen—flesh of our flesh, and blood of our blood—who watched us with a preternatural sensitiveness. All the good or evil of our doing, acting as a standard, might aid in raising or depressing those, our brethren. They were looking to us for examples of energy and civilization such as once came from us to them.

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The mill stone, machinery, boilers, shafting, and water wheel, in good order, and ready for business. The water power is one of the best in the country, and is sufficient to run a large mill. Apply to
JACOB GEISLER,
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SHEEP FOR SALE.
2700 graded sheep,
900 head improved sheep,
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2000 improved sheep,
800 Angora nannies, ½ to ¾ blood.
RANCHES FOR SALE.
5,884 acres, mesquite grass, mostly open prairie land, 35 miles from San Antonio, $1.25 per acre, timber enough to fence entire.
2910 acres good land on Frio river, Uvalde Co.
2200 acres on Lucky creek, Medina county.
1400 acres on Medina river, Bandera county.
1476 acres, 45 miles from San Antonio, fine sheep lands.
11,318 acres farming lands in Atascoso county.
Sheep ranch of three thousand acres, 4,500 sheep upon it. Will sell ½ or ¾ interest for cash, or entire for ¾ cash, and the balance on time.
FOR RENT.
5 room house, $25.00.
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No. 4 Soledad street, just around the Corner, Kinehan & Littell, Proprietors.
Berwick and Matagorda Oysters, selected; Halibut, Crabs, and Fish of all description; served by experienced cooks. Elegant meals served at all hours, day and night. Attached to this favorite resort is a splendid bar, handled by artists in the line of bar-keeping. The bar is finely stocked with the best and purest of wines, ales, lagers, and spirituous liquors. It is generally known that the proprietors of the above-named place are among the best shippers in the State and defy competition.
dec6-tf

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Horses, mules, cattle, sheep and goats, second hand wagons, ambulances, buggies, harness and saddles constantly on hand and for sale at auction or private sale. Call and see and be convinced. Horses broken to double harness, $3.00; horses broken to single harness, $3.00; horses broken to saddle, $3.00, and everything furnished. Now send in your horses and remember that Jim Hogan will never turn one loose without giving satisfaction. nov17tf

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Between San Antonio and Corpus Christi, and San Antonio and Laredo, Texas.
Passenger coaches carrying the U. S. mail will leave the Menger Hotel at 6 o'clock A. M. of each day, for Corpus Christi and way stations, and Laredo and way stations. For passage or further information apply to El Paso Stage Office, opposite the Postoffice.
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J. J. ELLIS, Proprietor.
C. K. Reeves, Ag't at San Antonio. no21tf

An Undeniable Truth.
You deserve to suffer, and if you lead a miserable, unsatisfactory life in this beautiful world; it is entirely your own fault, and there is only one excuse for you, your unpossessing prejudice and skepticism, which has killed thousands. Personal knowledge and common sense reasoning will soon show you that Green's August Flower will cure you of liver complaint or dyspepsia, with all its miserable effects, such as sick headache, palpitation of the heart, sour stomach, habitual costiveness, dizziness of the head, nervous prostration, low spirits, &c. Its sale now reaches every town in the western continent and not a druggist but will tell you of its wonderful cures. You can buy a sample bottle for 10 cents. Three doses will relieve you.

Good Work and Riding Horses
For sale at Ed. Braden's stable. Also good ambulances and buggies for sale. dec4-tf

For Rent.
Two Store Rooms on the Military plaza under Hords Hotel. Apply to
oct 26 tf. J. P. HICKMAN.

For Sale or Rent.
Improved ranche of 1,200 acres on the Salado, 5 miles from city. Stock, implements, furniture, and everything needed for immediate occupation. Inquire at this office. nov10-tf

San Antonio Building Association Stock for Sale.
I will sell my paid interest in two shares of the above stock. Price $240 without interest. Address, Horace Blackmur, care August Briam, Jr., San Antonio. dec12-1w

For Sale Cheap.
A number one Peay Planer and Universal Woodworker combined. Address P. O. Box 122, San Antonio, Texas.

For Rent.
House, five rooms and two out rooms, stable and large lot. Apply to J. T. Thornton. oct31-tf

New Goods.
A. Pancoast & Son have received a full and complete assortment of fine diagonal coating, broadcloths, and all the fall novelties in suitings, which they will be happy to show and make up for their custom trade. Give them a call.

For Sale.
An elegant hard rock family residence in the city, consisting of eight large rooms, hard finished, cellar, galleries all around, good cisterns, well, outhouses, etc., with four, eight or twelve lots. Terms easy. Enquire of Mrs. LEFFERING, on premises
Or to GRACEY & Co., Commerce street. nov9tf.

Frost's Restaurant--Oysters.
Fresh genuine Berwick and Matagorda Bay oysters always on hand.
Raw, stewed or fried, 50cts. per doz.
Galveston oysters, fried or stewed, 35 cts. per doz.; raw, 25 cents per dozen.
Selected Galveston oysters, 100 in a can, for $1.
These oysters are guaranteed to be the best in the city. dec5-tf

To Lease for a Term of Years.
Forty-five acres irrigable land on Rock Quarry Road.
Also for rent 8½ acres irrigable land with small house on it, on ditch south San Pedro Springs. Apply to
aug 4-tf JAS. T. THORNTON.

Stock Pasture.
I am now prepared to pasture stock at my place 4 mile northwest of San Pedro Springs. Plenty of water and good grass. Terms reasonable. JAKE MARSHALL.
nov8 tf

—½ doz. good photographs for $1.50, Military plaza, until Dec. 25. d10 1w

—If you want to spend an hour of genuine pleasure, go to Walker's Billiard Hall, No. 20 Main street. july6-tf

—For the most complete stock of Gents' Furnishing Goods in the city go to Pancoast & Son's.

—Photographs, ferrotypes or gems all in best style and finish at H. L. Bingham's studio, 43 Commerce street. oct11 6m

—Sam Maverick has removed to the corner of Houston street and Alamo plaza, where he will keep a complete stock of lumber, doors, sash, blinds, shingles, builders' hardware, groceries, paints, oils, glass, etc. Lowest prices for CASH. nov5 tf

—For the ensuing week special inducements will be offered in such goods suitable for Christmas gifts. S. MAYER.

—Underwear and woolens generally are selling fast. They have been and will continue to be sold at cost. S. MAYER.

—Christmas and New Year cards at Nic Tengg's. dec12-12t

Daily Express.
Tuesday Morning, December 17, 1878,

Meteorological.

Daily Bulletin—Signal Service U. S. Army, division of telegrams and reports for the benefit of commerce and agriculture:

Observations recorded at 4 P. M. Dec. 16, 1878.

Locality	Bar.	Ther	Wind	Rain	Weather
San Antonio	29.96	50	SW	...	clear
Eagle Pass	29.96	60	S	...	clear
Brownsville	30.00	61	NE	...	fair
Sill	30.13	31	N	...	th storm
Griffin	30.65	47	W	...	cloudy
Denison	...	...	...	...	...
Stockton	...	...	...	...	...
Davis	...	...	...	...	...
Mason	...	...	...	...	...
Indianola	...	...	...	...	...

LOCAL NEWS AND GOSSIP.

—The Vaudeville for amusement.

—Get your Milk Punches at Walker's.

—Ladies' and gents' fine kids at S. Mayer's.

—Antonio T House, opp. Headquarters.

—A beautiful West Texas winter day yesterday.

—For fine apples by the barrel go to G. B. Cassenelli's.

—There was a very heavy white frost yesterday morning.

—Another heavy train of passengers arrived last night.

—Just received, 150 barrels choice apples by G. B. Cassenelli.

—A large assortment of elegant fans, cheap, at S. Mayer's.

—Coolest and best beer in the city at E. Hart's, Jack Harris' corner.

—Go to the Vaudeville and see the new company of specialty artists.

—At the Clipper you will find only the best of wines, liquors and cigars.

—The largest and best glass of beer at E. Hart's saloon, Jack Harris' corner.

—Our stores were crowded last night with Christmas present purchasers.

—Miss Josie Fey is the new star that appeared at the Vaudeville last night.

—Brady's billiard parlor is the gentlemen's resort for all lovers of the game.

—A first class barber wanted. Enquire at R. McGovern's Central Hotel Barber shop.

—The attendance at San Pedro Springs was rather light on Sunday, it being rather cool.

—Yesterday morning twenty-two car loads of freight for this city arrived at the depot.

—Since A. L. Wood has put the price of his carpets so low everybody feels able to buy one.

—Brady's for your drinks. He has a large supply of Ripy's Sour Mash Whisky, fine cigars, etc.

—Sir Henry Halford says: "Vanity Fair has no equal." Received Highest award, Paris, 1878.

—We are selling all colors of Tarlatans and Opera Kids 25 per cent. below cost at A. Morris's.

—Boys' Youth's and Men's clothing at lower rates than any house to close out stock at A. Morris's.

—Fully a score of the *genus homo* hung upon the ragged edge at the Recorder's Court yesterday.

—Entire change of programme nightly at the Vaudeville. December 16th Miss Josie Fey puts in an appearance.

—You cannot make your wife a more acceptable present than one of those nice cloaks from A. L. Wood's.

—Major Kampmann has bought the vacant block opposite his coral, and is having it cleared with a view of selling it off in lots.

—If you had bought a good pair of shoes like those sold by A. L. Wood your feet wouldn't be on the ground in this bad weather.

—General Ord has orders from the War Department to recruit the colored regiments in the department to their maximum strength.

—Four immigrant wagons passed through the city yesterday, en route west, each wagon containing at least half a dozen women and children.

—If you want fine apples, Malaga grapes, dried figs, California pears and other varieties of fruit, don't fail to go to Cassenelli's, No. 14 Main street.

—Sunday night the Main plaza was the scene of a little difficulty, during which a pistol was exploded. No complaints and no arrests were made.

—The conference of the A. M. E. Church, held in this city, adjourned Sunday night. The next conference will be held at Waco in 1879 at the call of the Bishop.

—The EXPRESS man takes off his sombrero to J. T. Earl, in acknowledgement of a fine wild turkey, one of the fruits of his hunt on the Medina. Mr. Earl reports deer, wild turkeys and quail plenty in that section.

—At the Alamo cigar store, the new branch house of the Cincinnati cigar store, you can always find the finest brands of imported and domestic cigars, tobacco and smoker's articles. Opposite Schultz's saloon.

—There has been an unusual number of tramps in the city for the last few days, and the police made a haul Saturday night of some eight or ten who were before Judge Rosenheimer yesterday morning as vagrants.

—Slambang and down comes the prices Green, black and Japan T only 75 cents a pound. Why continue to pay $1 or more. Four pounds warm roasted coffee for $1 at the Antonio T. House, opposite Headquarters.

—Joe Murphy will follow the Lingards with "Kerry Gow," being expected between Christmas and New Year; also Howe's London Circus is on its way here, and will probably arrive about the latter part of January.

—Mdlle. Azurine and Frank Munroe, who have just closed a two months' engagement at the Vaudeville, left yesterday morning for New Orleans, to fill an engagement at the Gaiety theatre there. They are certainly the best artists in their line that have ever appeared in San Antonio.

—Brady's lunch counter is patronized by everybody, for whatever one wants can be obtained at it on demand. Attached to the saloon is a number 1 restaurant, where fresh fish, oysters, game of all kinds and everything the market affords is served promptly and in the very finest style. For palatable and tempting viands, there's no place like Brady's.

—Mr. H. Barbeck's fine display of Christmas goods is attracting much attention. This store was brilliantly illuminated last night and large numbers of our citizens were passing in and out until a late hour. The store will be kept open every evening until the 25th to give all a chance to see his goods. See his new advertisement on first page.

—The *Herald's* report on Sunday that General Ord had a telegram from General Trevino announcing that he would soon arrive in this city, is without foundation. The fact is as stated in the EXPRESS a few days ago, that General Trevino has asked permission from his government to make this visit, and is awaiting an answer from the City of Mexico for said request.

—We have private information that Hon. Green B. Raum, Commissioner of Internal Revenue, has revoked so much of his ruling of October 7th, as applies to the Home Stomach Bitters (as they are medicinal Bitters) and that they can again and hereafter be sold free of a U. S. liquor license.

This is a matter which interests many of our merchants, and we advise any who may feel doubtful about it to apply to W. H. Sinclair, Collector at Galveston.

—The auction sale of pictures at the 49 Cent store was well attended last night. We were surprised to see beautiful pictures sell for so low prices. The sale will be continued this evening and every lover of art that wishes to get bargains should attend the sale. D. A. ALLEN, Auctioneer.

The Thompson-Bacon Libel Case.

Our readers were informed Sunday morning of the arrest of John C. Bacon, a printer, for the alleged libel of one Ben Thompson, of Austin. The facts, and they are of some interest to the public, are as follows: John C. Bacon is a practical printer, and in his travels about the country has on several occasions written very spicy letters to different newspapers, and in one of these to the Courier of this city appeared the following:

"The city of Austin, capital of the great State of Texas, with its admirable corps of efficient police, etc., etc., and troops of law-abiding citizens, is actually terrorized by a desperado of the Hardin-Bass-Longley stripe, who has deliberately assassinated several men, and "amuses" himself whenever he chooses to fill up with liquor, by shooting out lights at public entertainments and intimidating peaceful citizens on the streets! Strange as it may appear—humiliating as it is—this brutal, lawless, drunken fellow, finds his greatest delight in such actions, in defiance of law, and he defies arrest! On one occasion Mayor De Gress felt impelled to crack him over the head, when Thompson gave vent to the following expression: "Hoope-e! who the h—ll cares? It only costs $1,600 to kill a man, anyhow." It is a common report that Austin's police are afraid of this bold gambolier, simply because he is dead shot with a pistol. An admirable state of affairs, truly! But there are not wanting timid persons who excuse the desperado's acts by pointing to his little acts of kindness to several unfortunate persons of the city. What an excuse for violation of law! The fair association, in view of his popularity, graciously accepted five hundred dollars of this desperado for a permit to run his little robbing games in plain view of the racing arena, and in flagrant violation of the law against gaming."

This was published on Thursday, Nov. 28th, and on last Saturday Sheriff McCall received a warrant for the arrest of Bacon, which was done and Bacon lodged in our county jail. His attorneys applied for a writ of habeas corpus, the hearing for which took place yesterday morning, when the County Judge ruled that the warrant was informal, owing to the absence of the District Judge's signature, and the warrant was returned to Austin for said signature, and the prisoner remanded to jail. What will be the result of the proceedings it is impossible to say, and as it is a matter for the courts to decide, comments are refrained from, but to put a man in jail for a libel is not of daily occurrence, and the result will be closely watched, not only by our people, but by the press all over the country.

Burglaries.

On Saturday night Mr. Mugge, the feed store man near the Cathedral, not considering his safe secure, deposited under the same a tin box containing about $75, and on yesterday morning he found it not, neither did he find Junius Howard, colored, his dray driver, at his post of duty. The case was given to Detective Shardlen, who soon learned that said Howard had bought a railroad ticket on Sunday evening, and Junius, on a telegraph order, was "taken in out of the wet" by the Sheriff of Colorado county, at Columbus, who will see the young man returned to his *friends* here. The entrance must have been effected on Saturday night, and through a broken glass.

Another of the "lifting fraternity" was brought to grief by officer Zenk. It appears that on the freight train that arrived on Sunday morning was Mr. Leonard, connected with the road, and a young man hailing from Cuero who gave his name as E. L. Polk. Mr. Leonard, on his arrival, stopped at Mrs. Ross' boarding house, and leaving his baggage about 9 A. M., returned to the depot. When he got back to the house, after but a short absence, he discovered the loss of $110, which had been left in a valise. He suspected his fellow passenger, and giving his description to Policeman Zenk, that officer immediately started in pursuit, and inside of an hour the young man fell into the toils of the law with his ill-fated booty intact. Mr. Leonard got back his money and Mr. Polk is boarding at the county's expense in Hotel de McCall. Mr. Zenk deserves great credit for the promptness of his action in this matter.

Also a young man named Leiders, employed in the Singer Sewing Machine Office, had his clothes and a pistol taken from his room in the Fourth ward one night last week, and the next morning the clothes were found in an out house, minus of $55 in money and the pistol, but the thief overlooked a fine good gold watch and chain and other articles of value.

Department Notes.

A General Court Martial will convene at Fort Davis, Texas, on Monday, the 23d day of December, 1878, at 10 o'clock A. M., or as soon thereafter as practicable, for the trial of such persons as may be properly brought before it. The following is the detail for the court: Captain L. R. Carpenter, 10th Cavalry; Captain C. D. Viele, 10th Cavalry; Assistant Surgeon Ezra Woodruff, Medical Department; Captain M. L. Courtney, 23th Infantry; Second Lieutenant C. G. Ayres, 10th Cavalry; Second Lieutenant W. S. Scott, 23th Infantry; Second Lieutenant R. E. Safford, 10th Cavalry; First Lieutenant H. H. Landon, 25th Infantry, is appointed Judge Advocate of the court.

Under paragraph II, General Order No. 57, Adjutant General's Office, current series, Major F. M. Coxe, Paymaster U. S. Army, will, from July 1st, 1878, be allowed commutation of quarters, with stations at Brownsville, Texas, where he was formerly provided with rented quarters.

Arrivals.

It's Charley Hummel this time that steps high and refuses to recognize old friends and all on account of a 11½ pound boy, his first born.

Also Sulmon had a caller on Sunday, and she weighed 12 pounds. This event, and the holiday number of the EXPRESS, were too much for him, and he imagined that it was Christmas.

Liederkranz Singing Society.

At the regular meeting of the above society, at the hall of Fire Co. No. 1, Sunday evening, the following officers were elected: Hermann Schultze, president; Miss Emilia Elmendorf, vice president, Chas. Graebner, secretary; Aug. Fredc, treasurer; Miss Alma Diesselhaust, assistant treasurer. This society, under the leadership of Prof. Katzenberger, is in a very prosperous condition, numbering now over forty-five members. They meet every Sunday night at the above hall.

The Ancient Order of United Workmen.

At a meeting of the Ancient Order of United Workmen of this city, held last evening, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Master Workmen, Geo. S. Williamson; General Foreman, Geo. W. Phillips; Overseer, Geo. D. Roemer; Recorder, John B. Hamilton; Financier, John H. Bolton; Receiver, A. I. Lockwood; Inside Watchman, G. S. Sparier; Outside Watchman, A. Zenk; Trustee, William Kearney.

Democratic City Convention.

Rumors were afloat yesterday that at an early day a Democratic city convention will be held for the purpose of nominating candidates for city officers. If N. O. Green, chairman of the central committee, fails to issue the call, an independent call for ward meetings will be made to take action in the matter.

Republican Central Club.

The Republican Central Club held a meeting last night at the Recorder's court room. After some discussion, it was resolved to hold the next meeting on Saturday evening, the 4th day of January. The approaching city election will, no doubt, be considered at the next meeting, and a full attendance is expected.

Matrimonial.

On Saturday last, at the coal mine, Mr. Sam Bush, of Atascosa county, was married to Miss Sallie Julian, a neice of Judge Harrison, of this city. A great many of the friends of the parties were present, and altogether a very pleasant time was had. They will reside at the mine, Mr. Bush being connected with that enterprise.

Died.

On Monday, December 16th, at 8 o'clock p. m., Carlos Moke, aged 12 years and 5 months. The funeral will take place this evening at 3:30 o'clock, from the residence of Mr. L. Moke, on Soledad street.

Hebrew Benevolent Association.

You are notified to attend the funeral of Carlos Moke at 3 o'clock P. M., today.

Per order S. MORITZ, Sec.

Weekly Review of the Local Market.

The business of the week has been very satisfactory as a whole, though the decline in cotton and weak closing of the hide market was not favorable for holders, but did not restrict sales. The large receipts by rail have kept all of our merchants busy during extra hours in arranging their stock for the holiday trade, which has now opened lively, and promises to be more extensive than ever before. The recent cold weather has caused a demand for woolen goods with which the market is well supplied with prices shaded to correspond with the decline in the staples. The supply of produce though larger than ever before, meets with a ready sale at reduced figures, which leave a fair margin for profit. Shipments of produce west and south have also been large, and have yielded good returns. Money has been easy with the enterprising merchants who advertised their stocks freely, and the general outlook never was more favorable at this season of the year.

As a contrast with our business activity, the reports from the North and East show that the advantage is all on one side. Coffee is noted as dull and declining in other markets. Molasses has sold slowly. Salt has advanced slightly. The New York hide market is weak and declining. Cotton has declined and prices are weak and irregular, and cotton goods, including prints, are dull with a declining tendency.

FINANCIAL.—The money market has been quite easy during the past week, and we repeat our quotations as follows:

COIN AND EXCHANGE—

	Buying	Selling.
Gold Coin	100	101½
Silver Coin	99½	100.
Mexican Dollars	85	86.
Mexican Halves	40	....
Mexican Quarters	20	....
New York Exchange, bankers		¼ pre
New Orleans Exchange		⅛ pre.
Galveston Exchange		3-8 pre.
MONEY—		
Bank discounts, good paper		12 @ct.
Outside discounts, good paper	10 @ 12	@ct.
Improved real estate securities		12 @ct.
OUR CITY INDEBTEDNESS—		
Bonds		par bid

FREIGHTS.—The receipts by rail have been unusually large during the past week, and have included a large amount of produce and Christmas goods. As usual, we give Monday's receipts as a sample for the week: One car of fruit trees, one of wagons, one of oats and corn, one of iron and eighteen of mixed merchandise, consisting of Christmas goods, groceries, glassware, liquors, tobacco and cigars, hardware, cement, furniture, grass seed and several coops of geese. Besides the above, there were the usual receipts of lumber. The out freights by rail consisted mainly of cotton, hides and some wool.

The receipts from the country consisted of cotton, hides, country produce, game, etc. While the out freights for the country were very heavy, and consisted of lumber, apples, potatoes, onions, dry goods, hardware and general supplies.

COTTON.—The receipts during the past week were large, although prices declined three-quarters of a cent and the market is now weak and unsettled.

Middling	6c
Low Middling	5½c
Good Ordinary	5c
Ordinary	4½c
Low Ordinary and Trash	3½@4½c

WOOL.—The receipts during the past week were light and we continue our former quotations.

Extra or fine	15@17c
No. 1 or prime medium	14@15½c
No. 2 or medium	13@10½c
Mexican and Mexican improved	10@13c

HIDES.—The receipts during the past week have been extra large and prices have been well sustained. We continue our quotations as follows:

Mexican, heavy weight, 20 lbs and over	13@14c
Mexican, light weight, 15 to 20lbs.	10@10½c
Butchers, selected, 20 lbs. and over	13@14c
" light, 15 to 20 lbs.	10½@11c
Country, selected, 20 lbs. and over	11@13c
" light, 15 to 20 lbs.	9 @10c
Kips, 5 to 15 lbs.	11@12c
Bulls, calves and damaged	6@8c
Deer	12½@13c
Goats, selected	16@17c
" damaged	9@11c

APPLES.—The stock now in the city is very large and comprises some twenty-eight or thirty varieties. The local demand is good and the reduced price this year caused buyers to take barrels where formerly a bucket sufficed. The demand from peddlers and shippers to the country is also very large and increasing. Prices for selected stock are from $3@$4 per barrel at retail and liberally shaded for the wholesale trade.

BACON—Is in good supply and fair demand, and is quoted as follows: Short clear 8c per pound; long clear 7c; shoulders 6c; breakfast bacon 10½c, hams 11c.

BAGGING—The market is now well supplied at the following quotations:

Wool sacks	55@65c
Gunny bags, two bushels capacity	16½c
California bagging	10c
Cotton bagging	14@16c

BUTTER—The stock here now is large and well selected, embracing a good assortment of butter in firkins, tubs, half barrels, roll butter, gilt edge, in boxes, etc., which commands a ready sale at from 18@25c. Country butter sells at from 20@30c per pound.

CABBAGES—The stock now in this city is only fair, and retails at from 15@20c. per head.

CHEESE—The supply is abundant and the demand good. We quote as follows:

Gruyere Suesse, per pound	35c
Imitation " " "	30c
Muenster, per box	$1.25
Gouda " pound	35c
Western Cream, per pound	13c
New York " "	15½c
" " Factory " "	12½c

CHESTNUTS—The supply is limited, the prices being 15c per pound.

COAL—The stock now in the city from the San Antonio Coal Mine is ample and sales are lively at $6.50 per ton.

COCOANUTS—The supply is limited, the wholesale prices being $9.00 per hundred.

COFFEE—The stock is large and retails at from 16@18c per pound.

CORN—In bulk wholesales at from 30@35c per bushel, and retails at 40c. Shaker dried sweet corn, for family use, is in good stock and retails at 12½c per quart.

CRABS—There is a fair supply to be found at the market house, which retails at 75c per dozen.

CRANBERRIES—The stock on hand now is fair and in good condition. They are quoted at $9.50 per barrel, or 12½c per quart.

EGGS—The supply is limited and the market firm with a rising tendency at from 20@25c per dozen.

FIGS—The stock is in boxes and bags, and wholesales at from 15@18c per pound.

FISH—The supply is amply supplied with all the regular varieties, at from 10@15c per pound.

FLOUR—The stock is large and embraces all the established brands, prices varying according to variety. We quote:

Ennis flour, Mulhall's, $2.00 per hundred lbs	
" " " choice XXXX, $5.00 per bbl	
" " " XXX, 4.75 " "	
Plant's, St. Louis	$6.50@7.50 per bbl

GRAPES—Malaga grapes in barrels and packed in layers at wholesale are $9@$10 per barrel.

HAY—The market is overstocked, and the prices are weak at $5@$7 per ton.

LARD—The best quality in cans of 3, 5, 10 and 20 pounds retail at 11½ cents per pound.

LEMONS—A fine stock is now here which wholesales at $6.50 per box.

LUMBER—The stock is large and varied, and the demand good. There appears to be no cessation in the teaming of lumber and building materials from this city west. We quote prices of small lots, but a considerable reduction from these figures may be obtained for large lots:

Texas pine, rough, per M	23
" " dressed, 1 side, per M	28
" " " both sides, "	30
" " flooring per M	28
White pine siding, clear	25
" " second class	24
Florida pine, dressed, per foot	3½@3½c
" " flooring " "	3c
" " rough " "	28@30
Ruled ceiling, clear	25
" " 2d clear	24
Shingles, cut'd cypress, No. 1, per M	6
" " " No. 2 "	5.50
Laths, white pine, per M	6.50
" Texas " "	5.25

MOLASSES—A large stock has been received and sells at 60c per gallon. Golden syrup sells at 90c per gallon.

ONIONS—The supply is large and embraces several varieties in fine condition for shipping. The market is firm at $6 to $5.50 per barrel.

ORANGES.—The supply is large and wholesales at from $8.00 to $8.50 per barrel.

PEARS—California pears in good condition for shipping wholesale at from $5.00 to $5.50 per box.

PECANS—The supply is limited, and the prices range from $1.22 to $1.50 per bushel

PINEAPPLES—The stock here is now light, and retails at 75c each.

POTATOES—The supply is large and firm at 2½c per pound.

POULTRY—Chickens are in good supply and wholesale at from $1.50 to $2.00 per dozen. They retail at 20c each. Tame turkeys are plentiful at from 40c to 65c each.

RAISINS—Choice raisins in layers retail at $2.75 per box, or 20c per pound

SOUR KROUT—The market is well supplied at $1.75 per quarter barrel, and $10.50 per barrel.

SHRIMPS—These are also in fair supply, and retail at 15c per pound.

SUGAR—The stock is large and well selected. We quote Golden C at 9½c per pound; Coffee A at 11½c; Cut Loaf at 11½c; Powdered 12c. The above rates are by the barrel. And in job lots the following varieties: show white 10½c; off white 9½c and 10c; choice second 8½c; Louisiana 8c per pound.

TEAS—The supply embraces all the leading kinds, and is quoted for choice green and black at 75c and $1 per pound.

WOOD—Never before was fuel so cheap in this city at this season of the year. This is due to the introduction of coal from a neighboring mine, and as a result the plaza wood merchant finds his stock a drug on his hands, except at the bottom price, which does not exceed $4.00 per cord.

Real Estate Transfers.

Reported by John Eckford & Co., proprietors of abstracts of titles, and dealers in real estate, Houston and Soledad streets, for the week ending December 14, 1878:

Mary E. Bowen, excutrix, to J. S. Baker, lot out of northwest corner, original lot 15, range 4, district 1, 72½ 64 29 varas, $500.

Henry W. Bitter to Franziska Bitter, lot, 31 varas, on Plaza de Valero, and 39 varas on north side Nacogdoches street, $100.

R. H. Belvin and wife to Fritz Scheiner, lot 7, on south side Belvin street, 50x150 feet, $275.

H. E. Casey to W. A. & J. B. Fountain, undivided ½ of survey 89 and 90, 1,920 acres each, $4,325.

M. de. los Santos Coy to J. B. Warren, lot, 10 varas on west side Laredo street, X 30 varas deep, $400.

Joseph E. Dwyer et al, to John Viade, 2 acres out of south ½ of original lot 133, $50.

Amanda J. Dignowity to A. Drescher, lots 9, 11 and 12, block 22, in original lot 3, range 2, district 2; lots 11 and 12, 18x60 varas, and lot 9, 20x60 varas, $50.60.

Thos. L. Doyle and wife to C. Stucke, 59 acres, being east ½ of subdivision 12, of original survey 136, $600.

Thos. J. Devine to Carl Keiser, tract No. 8 of the Juan Martinez league, on east side Medina river, 160 acres, $720.

Wm. Fritze to Anna Fritze, lot, 18 varas, on west side Laredo street, X 40 varas deep, $5.

F. Groos & Co., to the City of San Antonio, lot of 8 varas, fronting on Commerce street off west part of lot on northeast corner of Commerce street and Groos' alley and back to river, 115 varas, $4,000.

F. Guilbeau to G. W. Brackenridge, lot 4, range 1, district 2, of 24 acres in San Antonio, $1,000.

Heirs of Francisco Gómez to D. C. Ogden, lot fronting east on Laredo street, 13½ varas, and 30 varas deep, $35.

D. W. Heard to J. L. Trueheart, 20 varas front on west side of Pecan street, and 75 varas deep (taken off lot 8, block 49), $750.

Sarah R. and T. A. Jordan to C. H. Stewart, all the land on the south side of Medina river which these vendors bought from Martin Moore except 160 acres sold by them to J. T. Williams, $2,000.

J. E. Labatt and wife to Waelder & Upson, lots 1 to 35 inclusive, in block 3, and lots 1 to 38 inclusive, in block 1, of the subdivision of lot 15, range 4, district 1, $839.50.

A. L. and A. C. Liebe to C. E. Kreische, lot 3 in Michael J. Quinn's subdivision of 4 acres on north side of Commerce street (25 feet front), $1,000.

James Murphy and wife to Frank Wallace, lots 2 and 3 original block 39, east of Alamo ditch and west of Valley ditch, 21 3-7 by 67 varas each, $500.

M. W. Merrick and wife to Martha W. Coates, 106 acres of lot 12 of A. Pru survey No. 20, on Leon creek, $300.

M. W. Merrick and wife to W. M. Locke, 1 325-1000 acres out of lot 9, survey 20, in name of A. Pru, on Leon creek, $10.

Maggie Williams to F. Guilbeau, lot 3, block 95, west of San Pedro creek, 120 by 60 varas, $100.

J. H. Phelps to A. C. Herndon et al., half of lots 3, 4 and 5, block 2, lot 10, block 2, and lot 4, block 3, same bought by vender of J. Larzallere, $1,000.

Peter Scheiner to Wm. Small, lots 21, 22, 23 and 24, block C of lot 205, west of San Pedro creek, 20 by 50 varas each, $100.

Eleanor A. Stribling to Paula T. Gonzales, lot 6, block 9, in subdivision of lots 2, 3 and 4, range 1, district 3, north of Upper Labor ditch, $70.

Charles P. Smith to Marcial Vidal, lot 9, block 2, of city lot 202, Smith, Frazer and Eckford's addition, on Alazan creek, $1.

Robert and Delphine Sledge to Edward Sledge, Turner Sledge, Henrietta Spence and Elizebeth Erwin, 20 acres of land to each of said vendees, out of survey 15, Jose Maria Arcola, 15 miles southeast of San Antonio, gift.

Geo. Schroeder to Thos. and Elise Muschol, lot 3, block C, fronting south 38½ varas on Lafitte street, $300.

Michael Tierney to Mary Tierney, lots 1 and 2, block B, corner Austin and Eighth streets, gift.

State of Texas to Francis Herman, assignee, survey 1002 (patent 508, volume 44), 160 acres on Helotes creek, patent.

State of Texas to Francis Herman, assignee, survey 1003 (patent 509, volume 45), 270 acres, patent.

S. S. Thomas to Wm. T. DeVilbiss, lot 4, block 29, fronting east 20 varas on Second street, and 60 varas deep.

Lewis Young to August Rechentein, north half of lot 8, block 49, fronting west 30 varas on West Seventh street, and 184-7 varas deep, $75.

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Dissolution Notice.

The firm of Vance & Edwards has this day been dissolved by mutual consent. W. G. Edwards will assume all liabilities and collect all debts due the firm.

J. M. VANCE,
W. G. EDWARDS.

San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 10th, 1878.

A Card.

Thanking my many friends for their liberal patronage in the past, I hope by fair dealing and low prices to merit its continuance and shall do my utmost to give satisfaction. W. G. EDWARDS.

Personal.

General Mackenzie is confined to his room at the Vance House by sickness.

Judge Allen Blacker and the prosecuting attorney of the 20th District, are in the city and stopping at Hord's.

Mr. Millspaugh, post traded at Ft. Concho, returned yesterday morning to that place after a stay in this city of a couple of weeks.

Mr. John B. Martin who has been west on a hunting expedition for some short time, returned Saturday evening and reports game of all kinds plenty down about the Frio.

The following prominent sheepraisers are in the city and registered at the office of Moss & Rountree: John Wallis, De Witt county; Wm. Thompson, Uvalde county; Mr. Ricks, David Brown and Mr. Crowl, Medina county.

John McDonell, C. Butler, Castroville; Wm. Wills, Laredo; E. Malkman, Baltimore; A. F. Conant, New York; J. A. Milstach and wife, Lafayette, Ind.; G. M. Devereux, J. T. Lytle, T. M. McDaniel, Castroville; C. G. Perry, Galveston; Dr. Edwin Leigh, St. Louis; G. L. Leigh, Andrew Dixon, do; C. T. Roff, Brenham