



# Daily Express.

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Western Illustrations See To-Day.  
Editorials for the Western Gulf States:  
Color particularly vivid, rising turnover and  
partly cloudy weather.

THE REPORTER'S REGULAR BILL.

The report of the postmaster of San Antonio of the business of the office for the past year is creditable alike to Mr. North and to the city. It shows that San Antonio is making rapid strides in the advancement of postal business—evidence of increase of population, and increase of business—and is creditable to the postmaster and her efficient assistant, Mr. J. C. Manning, because his details give evidence of business ability, and the whole presents the unusual spectacle of an office of the importance of ours paying a handsome net revenue to the department. The business in all the departments of the office last year was greatly in excess of that of the previous year, in some instances being on much as fifty per cent. Not great, and we believe the business of the San Antonio postoffice will continue favorably with that of any city of the size of this in the country; especially due to results, shown by the report, speak well for the business portion of the community, when it is observed that there is at least one-third the adult people of the city, mostly Mexicans, who do not, all together, receive or send half a dozen letters during the year.

It would be about an act of injustice to withdraw from Mr. North full compensation for his efforts to make our postoffice second to none in the state. She has done everything for the welfare of her command to provide every postal convenience for our people, and has been remarkably successful. It should be borne in mind that the business conducted in office of the postmaster in all essential particulars with a view of employing allowed only to offices of the second class, and with the constant demands upon that over-worked force, the surplus is not that an occasional delay or nonpayment may occur to some citizens, but that such things are not frequent. We do not believe there is a postoffice in the country doing the business of the San Antonio office, and with the usual facilities, where no great distinction is given, or where the people enjoy greater advantages for securing their mail matter at the earliest possible moment.

## LEGISLATIVE NOTES.

On Tuesday Senator Lubbock presented a petition from the members of the bar of Bexar county against the changing of the civil and criminal jurisdiction of the county courts of the state, stating that such a change would be exceedingly unsafe, inexplicable and impracticable; that the county court of Bexar county has been self-sustaining and given entire satisfaction, and that the abolition of its present jurisdiction would be detrimental to the interest of the entire people of the county. Also noting that the change made that their county be exempted from the provisions of the law. A petition of the bar of Washington county was also presented, asking that the civil and criminal jurisdiction of the county court be taken away and the same transferred to the district court, and that the number of judicial districts be increased so as to be enabled to hold three times a year.

Extensive recommendations have been made on the same bill to provide for protecting the interests of the residents of the republic of Texas and former government of the state. Senator Blumengau has introduced a bill entitled, "An act to create and establish a state board of health for the state of Texas, and to define their powers and duties."

A majority of the committee on Indian affairs and frontier protection, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled "an act to suppress hostilities and crime and to organize a force for that purpose," have recommended its passage.

During the hours consumed the day in consideration of the penal code and code of criminal procedure bill, and two amendments were offered, establishing a whipping post. Mr. Baker offered the following amendment: "An act to prohibit by striking out all after the word 'punished' in several laws and add 'by the infliction of six months imprisonment not less than thirty days upon the naked back, to be inflicted by the sheriff or constable." Mr. Stevens offered the following substitute for the amendment offered by Mr. Baker, substituting to strike out: "That of property under the value of twenty dollars shall be punished by imprisonment in the county jail for a term not to exceed one year, during which time the prisoner may be put to hard work, and by fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, or by imprisonment without fine, and it may be left to the discretion of the jury to inflict a punishment of not less than thirty days or more than forty five days on the bare back of any male criminal of the value of the fine or imprisonment. The resolution was lost by a vote of 33 to 27, and the amendment by Mr. Baker by a vote of 40 to 26.

The provision provided by the act for violations of its requirements are numerous and quite severe. To wilfully mutilate, deface or injure the register or move the indicate, or turn the crank, otherwise than required by the act, shall be two hundred dollars fine, the forfeiture of his license, and to be disbarred from the business for one year. Any officer refusing or neglecting to perform his duties under the act, will be fined not less than two hundred nor more than two hundred dollars. "Any tax collector or other officer, who shall combine with any liquor dealer, or with any agent, employ or clerk of such dealer, for the purpose of evading or defeating the provisions of this act, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be fined in any sum not less than one hundred, nor more than five hundred dollars, and in addition thereto shall be confined in the county jail not less than thirty days nor more than one year and shall be removed from office." All fines collected under the act are to go to the use of the public schools except such part as is given to the indigent, and all persons fined under the act shall be required to pay into the fund in full, any amount collected by any town, city, village, or hamlet within their respective limits and no sum, to be estimated and collected by the respective cities and towns in such manner as they may determine.

The bill appropriates thirty thousand dollars to carry the act into effect.

Nowhere among the enemies inhabiting that has been going on in Texas Gen. Butler's announcement to the army bill, looking to the formation of an opposition to the Western Union Telegraph by a general consolidation of the various telegraph lines of the country for the transmission of commercial business, the measure has been adopted in the house, the opponents of the amendment being able to muster only about fifteen voices against it. Little, or no doubt is expressed that the measure will receive in the action of the house.

You, "the people still hold body and soul together," but for "how long, oh, how long?" and "will the right of free thought and free speech be granted them?"—the right to think and breed over their native land, to have good things in store for them in the far away future. Aye, indeed, the bondsmen and slaveholders are happy, John Sherman is happy, the demagogues are happy, John Sherman's wife is happy, the slaves are happy, the negroes are happy, if each and every one of them had a congressional salary of \$5,000 a year, railway free passes, and parades generally, they too, would, doubtless, be happy. Suppose that we all pray.—See Antonio Alvarado.

The New Pension Bill Approved January 25, 1878.

An act to provide that all pensions on account of death, or wounds received, or disease contracted in the service of the United States, during the war of rebellion, which have not yet been granted, shall be granted, and shall hereafter be granted, from the date of death or discharge from the service of the United States for the payment of arrears of pensions and other purposes.

It is enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all pensions which have not been granted under the general laws regulating pensions, or may hereafter be granted, in consequence of death from causes which originated in the service of the United States, during the war of rebellion, shall be granted, and shall hereafter be granted, or from the termination of the right of the party having prior title to such pension, provided, that the amount of pension for the intervening time for which the pensioner has been entitled shall be the same per month for which the pension was originally granted.

Sec. 2. That the commissioner of pensions is hereby authorized and directed to adopt such rules and regulations for the payment of the amounts hereinabove provided, as will be necessary to be caused to be paid to such pensioners, or, if the pensioners shall have died, to the person or persons entitled to the same, all such arrears of pensions as may be due, or may hereafter be due, entitled to under this act.

Sec. 3. That section forty-seven hundred and seventeen of the revised statutes of the United States, which provides that "no claim for pension or gratuity shall be made within five years from the date of filing the claim shall be admitted without record evidence from the war or navy department of the injury or death of the person on whom the claim is based," is hereby repealed, that is to say, the limitation prescribed by this section bars the further prosecution of the claim, the claimant may prosecute, through the pension office, to the adjutant general of the army or the surgeon general of the navy, whether the disability or death of the person on whom whose account of the claim is made originated in the service, and in the line of duty; and if there is evidence to determine whether the claimant is wholly or partially disabled, he shall cause a record of the fact so proved to be made, and a copy of the same to be transmitted to the commanding officer of the army, and to the commanding officer of the navy, whether the disability or death of the person on whom whose account of the claim is made originated in the service, and in the line of duty; 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Friday Morning, February 14, 1879.

LOCAL NEWS AND Gossip.

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—Peach tree at Bell's Brothers, 10c.  
—Grapes at Schwartz's for 10c.  
—Get your Milk Pouches at Walker's.  
—Pure Durban cattle at Sappington's  
stable.

—Private dining rooms for families at  
Dave's restaurant.

Ayer's Hair Vigor restores the hair; it  
is also a splendid dressing for the hair.

—Andy's billiard parlor is the gentle-  
man's resort for all layers of the game.

—Call at Sappington's stable to see Col.  
Geo. E. Payne's last importation of two  
year old bulls and mule calves.

—Sale in general store can be drawn at  
the Dollar Gift Store, cor. Commerce and St.  
Mary's st., for \$1. Jan 15-16.

Bargains in winter weight clothing from  
this date. We will sell our heavy goods at  
prices as the cheapest. A. PARSONS & SON.

—For a nice herd of young grade cows,  
expensive at Kentucky stable. Feb 1-14.

Good board can be had at Mrs. M. M.  
Moffet's, opposite German Catholic church,  
Alameda street. Feb 1-14.

—Regular health at Sutherland Springs.

—Very desirable board and pleasant  
rooms to be obtained by addressing P. O. box  
333. Feb 1-14.

—For a thorough education go to Mr. J.  
Reynolds' academy, corner of Acosta and  
Vigoretti streets. Book-keeping a speciality.  
Jan 12-13.

Pleasant rooms with board can be ob-  
tained at Mrs. Anderson's, on Seledai street  
nearly opposite the Methodist church. 25-1.

Go to Sappington's stable and see there  
two year old bulls and mule calves, just  
arrived for Col. Geo. E. Payne.

—Don't be an old fogey. Because your  
grandmother was a particular kind of yeast  
baker, it does not follow that it has not  
been improved upon. Kellogg's Baking  
Powder now ranks the highest. Test it.

—L. Weston has just received the latest  
style of spring calicoes. Feb 1-14.

—Spring goods for custom trade just re-  
ceived, our first case. A. PARSONS & SON.

—Andy's for your drinks. He has a large  
supply of Ripy's Sour Mash and McWayne's  
fine old whisky; cigars, etc.

The sale of pictures and paintings on  
Alamo place, opposite the Menor hotel,  
will be continued to day at 2 and 7 p. m.

Buy wanted at Mrs. Blumenschein's, cor-  
ner Main and Corcoran streets. Feb 12-13.

A lady, experienced in teaching the  
English language, music, drawing, painting,  
etc., desires a situation in a family or school.  
References certificates and testimonials.  
Highest references given. Address, "Teacher,"  
San Antonio. Feb 12-13.

An exceedingly important meeting of  
the taxpayers' association at Alamo hall, at  
7 o'clock Friday evening.

L. GARD, Soc. J. T. THOMSON, Pres.

A large consignment of buffalo meat,  
at wholesale or retail, at the Buffalo Camp Yards.  
Feb 12-13.

It is often easier to save five cents than  
to earn it. People can save this and more,  
besides getting better satisfaction, by using  
Kellogg's baking powder. Try it.

The Buffalo Camp Yards store has just  
received a very large lot of excellent buffalo  
meat. You will have to call soon if you  
want some of it as it is being sold rapidly.  
We are under obligations for a fine  
presented through our young friend C. W.

Mr. A. Sauer, dealer in all kinds of watches and  
jewelry, has a very full assortment of goods  
in his line, and offers special inducements to  
purchasers, who should examine his stock.

First-class board can be had in a private  
family, decently located in a central part of  
the city. Address look book 275, postoffice,  
Feb 1-14.

Frost & Son, will sell at public sale in  
front of their store on Main street, February  
15, 1879, a large assortment of top leather  
harness bags, phantoms and carriages.  
Sale to begin at 9 a. m.

Feb 12-13. O. PEPPERELL, auctioneer.

Andy's lunch counter is patronized by  
gentlemen for whatever eatables can be  
obtained at it on demand. Attached to the  
saloon is a number 1 restaurant, where  
everything the market afford is served  
promptly and in the very best style. For  
palatable and tempting viands, there's no  
place like Andy's. Men's all hours. Lunch  
from 10 to 12 every morning.

The two new bridges will be tested to-  
day.

The county treasurer's report will be  
published shortly.

The house committee of the state legis-  
lature recommends the purchase of the  
Alamo.

The county commissioner's court was in  
session yesterday, and devoted the time to  
read minutes and accounts.

Mr. Alex. Carter advertises a valuable  
tract of land near Kerrville for sale, at low  
figures. See advertisement in today's paper.

—St. Julian, who went into the restaurant  
business in this city, failed and was sold out,  
in forced to meet a similar fate in Kansas  
City, Missouri.

The draft for the \$61.55 realized at  
Monday evening's entertainment for the aid  
of the Lee memorial association, was for-  
warded this morning.

J. D. McAdams, called the "Poor Man's  
Friend" was tried in the district court yester-  
day on the charge of robbing stock  
property. No verdict, and a hung jury at  
last sentence.

A negro who stole a lot of clothing from  
a soldier at the artillery camp was observed  
by the owner of the articles stashed upon the  
streets yesterday, and fled on being ap-  
prehended. It was thought he would be cap-  
tured but escaped.

Mr. William Lyons presented a petition  
to the county commissioners yesterday ask-  
ing that \$120 be paid him for services ren-  
dered in discharging the body of a numbered  
man from an old man's west of the city  
yesterday. It was not granted.

Two young men, Albert Horner and  
William Horner, were on horseback riding to-  
wards the river at the Alamo crossing. But the  
water was deeper than they expected to find  
it and their vehicle capsized. Albert Horner  
wrenched dry hand in injury, but Billy, who  
never could swim, had to be saved from a watery grave.

It is said that the price of the testimony  
given by one Jackson, now in our country  
but, in the prosecution of McAdams, yester-  
day, will be his liberty. Jackson yesterday  
swore he stole the cigar which McAdams  
possessed, and for robbing which he was  
convicted. The county attorney's brief  
thinks the impression that he is to be released  
is wrong. We shall see.

The Baker Case.

It was removed from the courtroom last evening  
as the office is on fire in front of Judge White.  
The Baker case over before Justice

Court at Galveston, for the reason that  
Judge Nease and Lewis would not try the  
case. Judge Nease has not refused, as we  
are authorized to say. There are many diffi-  
culties in the case, and San Antonio would be  
the most proper place for the investigation,  
it is thought.

Cards.

Sunday, Wednesday and Saturday I vac-  
ations at the different drug stores.  
Feb 12-14. Dr. R. Hause.

ST. VALENTINE'S DAY.

The Strange Manners of Celebrating  
the Festival by Our Foreigners.

St. Valentine's Day has passed around,  
bringing its peculiar plenitude to the  
hearts of many. This day, once of so much  
interest, has now almost everywhere degener-  
ated into festivities, the most notable obser-  
vances at present being the sending of  
valentines to persons to whom one might  
not be expected. The approach of the  
day is now heralded by the shop windows of  
paper, on the first page of which is seen  
some ridiculous imitation of the results or  
successes of a love affair, with a few words  
added.

But sometimes the print is of a semi-  
bilingual kind, representing instances bearing  
on the happiness of courtship and mar-  
ried life. Young people interchange such  
epistles with each other on the 14th of Febru-  
ary, no doubt concluding that the John in  
such a poem is a good boy.

In years gone, valentines misives were  
known on this occasion, and if letters of any  
kind were sent, they contained only a cour-  
teous profession of attachment from some  
young man to some young maiden, sweetened  
with compliments to her various good  
characteristics, and the expression of his  
love for her. The true origin of St. Valentine's  
day was occupied in the usual country-town fashion—loving  
the stores.

HANS MICHEL AND CALAMITY JIM  
ON A FROLIC.

Stockdale, Floresville and Lodi and  
Their Surroundings.

FLORESVILLE, Texas, Feb. 8, 1879.

Since the San Antonio Express:

I left you on last Saturday night, one  
week ago, after a hunt in the Goliad bottoms.  
Sunday it rained all day, and I stayed close  
inches of the Mustang River, San  
Antonio, passing the night in a tent in the  
Divine River. Monday was occupied in the  
usual country-town fashion—loving  
the stores.

At the hotel dinner-table it was proposed  
that a party should be made up to attend a  
dance near Floresville, and all ladies were  
among the petitioners, but I did not refuse to  
go. (I am very particular to be invited.)  
I was told that the dance would be given  
at the Phoenix House, Floresville, in  
the evening, and I responded the victim of the  
petticoat party numbered in all eight—three ladies, three gentlemen  
(Hans Michel included) and two horses. It  
was considered unnecessary fine to give names, you  
can probably guess that of two, and a third  
will volunteer as Franky, Calamity Jim's  
name. (I am not fond of names, but I  
think it is better to have them.)

It rained all the way, twelve miles  
and we lost our road, but finally pulled up at the Phoenix House, Floresville,  
at 10 p. m., wet and hungry, but still in  
high spirits, which were in no way lowered  
by the good supper which was set before us.

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