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Our Galveston special published yesterday morning, the aggregate customs receipts at that port since Nov. 1 were \$2,514,585, when it should have been \$2,814,000.

One of the great needs of the United States is a great colony, and Walling Island would be a good place for one.

It would be profitable to comment on the election "Tuesday" last, with nothing but the returns so far received for a basis.

The "Blower costume" has appeared in London again, we are told. A good many women have been wearing the breeches' right along in this country.

This Filippine committee seems determined to pump Col. Shaffer dry. If there are many witnesses and all have to pass through the same ordeal Shaffer will be old enough to go on the retired list by the time his case is settled.

Cuacac has ordered all her telegraph and other electric wires to be put under ground within two years time.

The enemies of the jetty system at the mouth of the Mississippi river will experience considerable difficulty in convincing people that they are a failure.

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rights of citizens at the ballot box, by intimidation or otherwise, should be especially severe. Our report published yesterday merely stated the fact of the riot at Marfa, the negroes appearing to be the aggressors, but the full particulars will be given in a few days.

The state commissioner of insurance and statistics requests The Express to urge county judges and commissioners, state senators and representatives, and members of the legislature to make prompt returns, and also send short sketches of their counties. These returns, when received, will be published in this paper, and it is the duty of the citizens addressed to respond to the request of the commissioner, as no other means are provided him for securing the desired information.

The man or men who would dare insinuate that the Dallas Herald is any way "cranky" will have to tackle the fighting editor of The Express at that gentleman's earliest leisure moment.

It appears from the investigation made that the gross misconduct charged against the Ninth Massachusetts Regiment at Richmond, Va., during the late Yorktown celebration was confined to fifty or seventy-five men of that regiment, and that their actions were a disgrace to civilization.

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