



THE BULLETIN. JOHN HENRY BROWN, EDITOR. INDIANOLA, TEXAS. THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1882.

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DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

FOR PRESIDENT, FRANKLIN PIERCE, of New Hampshire. FOR VICE PRESIDENT, WM. R. KING, of Alabama.

WHIG TICKET.

FOR PRESIDENT, WINFIELD SCOTT, of New Jersey. FOR VICE PRESIDENT, WM. A. GRAHAM, of North Carolina.

We were in error last week in announcing the arrival of the steamer at the time of going to press, we were told she had just arrived, but she did not get in till the following (Friday) morning, having been detained at the South West Pass of the Mississippi by heavy fog.

James Brewster and Company have sold their interest in the South State Gazette to Mr. Geo. W. Crawford, (late editor of the Washington Lane Star), and Mr. J. W. Hampton, their associate. The former proprietor has been long and feverishly contented with the press of Texas. To this success we wish abundant honors.

FROM BARTON.—The schooner Pacific, Captain Ben. Alwell, arrived at the government wharf, Indianola, on Saturday, from Baltimore, loaded entirely for the U. S. government.

FROM NEW ORLEANS.—The Steamship Mexico sailed for New Orleans 10 1/2 a. m. on Saturday. The Steamship Louisiana will fall from Plozier here on Saturday at 5 p. m. to-morrow.

FROM NEW YORK.—The schooner J. O'Brien arrived on Sunday from N. York, freighted for Indianola, Matagorda and P. L. Lanza.

COMES CHRIST.—We learn that Gen. Pennington, commanding of the 8th Military Department, (the State of Texas), has removed his headquarters from San Antonio to Corpus Christi. This change will be of some advantage to the latter point, which, it is said, is improving.

Wild ducks, geese, and brants are beginning to arrive in this vicinity from the North.

We have had rains during the week, accompanied by cool north and north-easterly winds.

The Hon. Guy M. Bryan, of Brazoria, one of the Democratic electors, will be in Indianola in a few days, we learn. He has been speaking through the country—Mr. B. is a nephew of Gen. Stephen F. Austin, the father of Texas.

We were pleased to meet in Indianola, yesterday, Mr. George W. Crawford, now one of the editors of the Austin State Gazette. Our merchants will find it to their interest to advise in the Gazette.

There has been some stirring of late here—the Victoria Advocate and the new editor of the San Antonio Ledger, which, though amusing, were as well left off. The style of our new brother of the Ledger's will, it is rather "epitaphical" for mortals of the "earthly earth," resembling the soaring to regions on high of a tall, slender eagle, which, having reached the summit of its career in the clouds, is compelled, for the want of the necessary balance in the rear, to descend by ungraceful circles and undulations. An anecdote of John Randolph is in point. At one time, (while he was in Congress,) James Barbour, of Virginia, was a representative in the lower house, and his brother, the distinguished Philip P. Barbour, was a member of the Senate. The first was distinguished in debate for close reasoning, point and research; the latter for visibility, lofty flights of the imagination, &c. On a certain occasion an important subject was under consideration at the same time in both houses, and the two Barbours were delivering simultaneous speeches, a circumstance which, from the distinction of the two brothers, gave great interest to the occasion. Randolph listened for some time attentively in the Senate, and then went to the other house and paid the same defence to the brother. A friend, who had observed his movements, said to him—

"What do you think of the relative ability of the two Barbours in this debate?"

"I think," said he, "that Phil Barbour is shooting at the barn door and missing it, while Jim is firing away at bats and splitting them."

Establishing the premium circular of the Indiana merchants, the Victoria Advocate says:

"The public spirited merchants of Indianola have clubbed together, and raised a fund for the purpose of getting up a set of premiums for the encouragement of agriculture and kindred branches of industry. The movement is a good one, and we think will be productive of beneficial results."

We know that we must meet to part, but we know not that we part to meet again.

BOON-ACRES, ON DANISH FEVER.—This disease has been prevailing to some extent in this place and Port Lavaca lately, and in some instances, runs into typhus or intermittent bilious fever, from which several deaths have occurred here among our German population. The disease, we believe, is rarely, if ever, fatal. We have known several to have it and recover without taking medicine. It resembles, in its milder form, the incipient stages of a severe cold—a heavy, languid condition, accompanied with pains or aching in the limbs, from which it is generally termed the fever-ache. The same disease visited Lavaca and this place in 1848, without a single death occurring. Among our population there is a considerable number of recent foreign immigrants, who know nothing of disease in this climate, and who cannot be induced to adopt a proper course when sick, and such persons are always liable to disease.

By the way, we have been informed that a rumor had been spread through the country that the yellow fever was here. Such a positively not the case, and could only have been circulated by some person or persons for the purpose of keeping the country people out of town. We have conversed with Drs. Dallas, Hughes and Lawrence, on the subject, all of whom agree in the above facts.

We well know that some interested persons endeavored to create the impression last summer, that we were disposed to withhold the truth in regard to the extent of the cholera in Indianola, and this is, perhaps, a fit time to pronounce the insinuation a base falsehood! The editor, from afflictions of another sort, left home on the 20th June, before the disease reached its climax, and was absent till its abatement; but up to that time he called on the physicians on every publication day for a statement of the disease, and on each occasion published the facts as furnished him. After he left home, Mr. Brady was quite unwell, and short of help in the office, and issued the Bulletin only by dint of perseverance, without being at all able to collate the events of the day as could have been wished; but even then every pains was taken to tell the truth, and nothing but the truth; and we still believe that it was told as faithfully as it was possible to do, under the circumstances stated above. The cholera prevailed here in a malignant form, and there was a general predisposition to it among the people; but the number of deaths that occurred was never by any means as great as rumor stated, and the number among the fixed and acclimated citizens was remarkably small.

Within the last month we have taken every pains to ascertain how many persons of all ages, sexes and colors, died fatally in Indianola during the season, say from 1st May to 1st September, and the result of our inquiry shows that the number was from 96 to 98. There had been no death in the place for several months previous, and as there were but two burial places, it was easy to distinguish the new from the old graves. In company with several other gentlemen, about three weeks ago, we counted the new graves in the public ground and found 61. In two of these there were two persons each—parents and children—making in all, 93. In the private cemetery there were three or four children—making a total of 96, 7 or 8. Of these, perhaps, ten died of other diseases; that, however, is immaterial.

In connection with this subject we may state the following facts:

Mr. Beck with was the only American adult male who was a citizen of this place and died. He was collapsed before a physician was called.

The number of adult female American citizens that died, was not over 6. The number of American children (citizens) was very small.

The number of German citizens was much larger, and probably reached from 20 to 25 possibly more, but we think not. The remainder was made up of persons who had lately arrived, and included several Americans and French; but much the larger portion consisted of German emigrants, who, from their recent long voyages, great change of climate, and lack of proper comforts, were poorly prepared to resist the destroyer.

It is impossible to track a case to state precisely facts. We do not profess to be perfectly correct, but we do profess that from the best means of information within our reach, the foregoing is faithfully true. The truth was solemnly enough—it was a severe visitation upon a town of 1600 inhabitants, and one that should be a severe warning—far had the town then been supplied with clean water, as it now is, and had some three or four miserable filthy ponds in the north west corner of the town been filled up or drained, we doubt if cholera would have prevailed as an epidemic at all. Around these ponds there is a dense German population, and the accumulation of filth in them is great, producing even a sickening stench; and it is now notorious that nine-tenths of the disease cases arise in that vicinity. A small sum would organize a committee, that whenever there is sickness here to an extent involving danger to country people visiting the place, we shall advise the public. As we value a good

name and honor, so should we esteem that course a duty, and let the consequences be as they may, we shall do our duty to the public. At the same time we would appeal against being tested by the cholera and one rumor that have and may again be spread through the country. Many of these reports were propagated by persons who were panic-stricken, and many, we think to say, by persons who had wholly nothing to do with the matter, and would do great credit to the cause of the cholera, if they were to be believed. When we arrived at Victoria, on the 20th June, we were told that one person had stated in that place that Mrs. Liberty, Mrs. O'Brien and Mr. W. R. Hawkins were all dead; and when we told our informant that those persons were all well, and had not been sick, he was astounded. The person who was charged with circulating the story knew it was false, for he had been here himself. This is but one of many such falsehoods!

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Convention it is wise and expedient for the State of Texas, to engage vigorously in the construction of a system of Railroads for the State.

Resolved, That we approve of the general plan submitted by the citizens of Galveston for Internal Improvements by the State, we would however advise that a general Convention of the State be called in which the several counties, shall be represented, for the purpose of consulting on a system of Improvements by the State, to be recommended to the Legislature for its adoption, and that Convention to be held at the city of Austin, during the first week of the next session of the Legislature, and that we recommend to the Legislature at its earliest session, to submit the question of the Internal Improvement policy of Texas to the people with a view to the permanent settlement of that policy by the people themselves.

Resolved, That this Convention heartily approve of the laudable enterprise of the citizens of Harris county in the construction of a Railroad from the city of Houston to the interior of this State, and we individually pledge ourselves to aid and assist in such an improvement to exert and use our influence in our respective counties to promote the same.

Resolved, That the contemplated railroad connecting on Buffalo Bayou at the city of Houston, and thence to run the most practicable route, crossing the Brazos river at Warren, on to the city of Austin.

Resolved, That we cordially approve of the construction of any other railroad or roads, from any other point, which the wishes or wants of the community may require.

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