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TELEGRAPHIC.
Home and Foreign.
Latest News from the Seat of War.
Fighting and Preparations for Fighting.
Not Much in Particular, but a Good Deal in General.
Things at Home as Well as Abroad.
Crimes, Casualties, and Doings of the Day.

DESPERATE SHOOTING AFFRAY.
The Marshal of Houston and a Gambler.
Both Parties Supposed to be Mortally Wounded.
LAVERNA, TEXAS, May 11, 1877.
I take the liberty to present to you a proposition for water supply from the source of the river to the city of San Antonio, and reasons why it should be accepted in place of the costly iron pipe works that are being agitated at present.
First, the oblation of the heavy cost of capital to our city that will find its way to the coffers of northern monopolists, never to return, and add greatly to an already heavily taxed people, is, also, sufficient reason for a serious consideration of my proposition, which is as follows, (putting it down briefly): Lay two or more lines of heavy stone drain pipe, one foot diameter inside, directly to the head of the river, and on a level with the water, and at a cost of about five thousand dollars per line. The forty feet fall the water would have would furnish as much water as San Antonio will want, for all purposes, between now and the time it would take to run away your iron pipes. The stone pipes can be laid right here, in Houston, brackets and plugs can be had to perfect convenience every where, without additional cost. No casting or construction with any poisonous matter, both of which iron is susceptible of. Thus, again, water can be conveyed in small amounts from the main line to private houses, and to upper rooms by lead pipe, and on up and out, on given points, on the roofs of buildings, and so arranged that the turning of a single key will by the one first seeing the fire, could inundate the entire building long before the iron pipes would be able to locate the fire.

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MAILS

Table with columns for mail routes, destinations, and schedules. Includes sections for San Antonio Postoffice, Train Mails, and Office Hours.

ELECTRICAL BREAKS

Drops of Water Exploding. From the Victoria (New) Enterprise, 25th ult. The city was considerably excited last evening by the appearance on C street of one of the strangest phenomena of the century. The attention of the reporter was attracted by it by Officer Daniels, and it was subsequently seen and commented on by many citizens. At first it had the appearance of sparks of fire coming up through the pools of water on the street. These sparks seemed to explode on reaching the surface, in many instances producing reports loud enough to be heard across the street, and being accompanied by a little cloud of smoke and emitting a decidedly sulphurous smell. After watching these performances for a long time and tracing them all along the street, it began to be noticed that they occurred only on one side, and that under the telegraph wires. This led to a closer examination, when the following supposed explanation was arrived at: The sparks seemed to be caused by drops of water falling from the wires of the telegraph, which exploded when striking the pools of water, with the effect above mentioned. This was some time ago, and the explanation was given by the fact that when the wires became dry the phenomenon ceased. There still remains to be explained, however, why, under the circumstances, such results should follow the falling of the water drops from the wires. Here is something which demands an explanation at the hands of the savants of the day.

The Roman Sentinel

When Pompeii was destroyed there were very many buried in the ruins of it who were afterward found in very different situations. There were some found who were in the streets, as if they had been attempting to make their escape. There were some found in deep vaults, as if they had gone there for security. There were some found in lofty chambers. But where did they find the Roman sentinel? They found him standing at the city gate, with his hands still grasping the war weapon, where he had been placed by his captain. And there, while the heavens threatened him with death, while the earth shook beneath him, there, while the lava stream rolled behind him, he stood at his post, and there after a thousand years he was found.

The old one-legged negro in Washington who was sentenced to the penitentiary for three years was given a new trial and acquitted. The charge against him was that he stole two white-wash brushes, which was alleged to have been the second offence of like character, and it was on this account that the Court imposed the sentence which in conjunction with the release of Holbeck who stole the \$47,000 from the Treasury, for mildly testifying against the latter, and the imprisonment for only one year and a half of another employe of the Treasury for stealing \$12,000 from the department, was very naturally commented upon as inconsistent, if not too severe.

If you have your clothing made to order it will pay you to call on Hancock & Son. They can give you the style and guarantee perfect satisfaction.

MARKETS

Table listing various market prices for commodities such as flour, sugar, and other goods. Includes sub-sections for Financial and Commercial, and Groceries.

Professional Cards

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P. H. WARD, Attorney-at-Law and Notary Public, San Antonio, Texas. Office on Main street, next door to Kelley's.

JOHN E. OHISE, ATTORNEY AT LAW, San Antonio, Texas. Special attention paid to the collection of claims. English, German, French and Spanish language spoken.

JAMES G. FISK, Attorney at Law, Land and Claim Agent, San Antonio, Texas. Will practice in the courts of Texas, Wilson, Atascosa, Frio, Medina, Bexar, Borden, Gillespie and Gillespie counties.

WALDEAR & UPSON, Counselors and Attorneys. Office on Main street, next door to Kelley's.

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Miscellaneous

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