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PROSPECTUS

FOR PUBLISHING IN THE TOWN OF WASHINGTON A MISCELLANEOUS NEWSPAPER, TO BE ENTITLED

THE TEXAS REPORTER.

Fellow Citizens:—The fact that Washington has been designated as the place for the assembling of the Convention next spring—the fact that from its handsome situation and central position, there is a strong probability of its becoming the future capital of Texas.—The fact that you have a deep interest in being correctly informed of all the doings of the Convention, and the legislatures that may hereafter sit at this place; and the fact that there is no printing press here to give you that information, are the grounds upon which we ask and expect your patronage. But as the Press is calculated to do much evil, as well as good, and as we have no opinions that we are unwilling should be known, we deem it proper to make so far as the limits of a prospectus will admit, a disclosure of the objects to which our paper is devoted.

Our first object will be to make our paper what its name purports, a faithful reporter of the true situation of the country and of all legislative and conventional proceedings, and to do with neatness and despatch, any public printing that may be required to be done at this place, and to give at this critical moment of our history, all foreign news involving the public interest.

The columns of our paper will be open to every citizen, to express his sentiments on any subject of public interest, but shall never become vehicles for the dissemination of personal abuse. In our editorial capacity, we will speak of the public acts of public men with a freedom becoming the conductors of an Independent Press. Against all monopolies and hereditary privileges, we will ever maintain an uncompromising opposition.

We came here, Fellow citizens, to battle for the principles proclaimed to the world at Philadelphia in 1776—for freedom of conscience and an equality of rights, and to the maintenance of these our paper will be devoted. We will be governed by principle, and not by party; for we have no party interests to advocate—we belong to none—we are unknown to all.—As public men we belong to our God and our country: as private citizens, to our God, our country, and our friends.—Our political motto is, "measures FIRST, men NEXT."

We believe that the Mexican Federal Constitution has been openly violated and forcibly destroyed—that Texas is no longer bound by the decrees of the Mexican Government, but is free to adopt any form of Government as a majority of the people may agree upon,

and that she ought in Convention to make a declaration of this right, and go into the formation of such a Government as may be thought best adapted to her present condition. The literary and religious aspect of our paper must hereafter show for itself.

We have spoken thus freely, that you might know something of the character our paper is designed to sustain.

Respectfully,

WM. W. GANT,
ANDREW J. GREER.
TERMS

The Texas Reporter will be published weekly, on a super-royal sheet, at \$5 per annum, payable in advance. Payment on the reception of the first number will be considered as in advance. Publication to commence early in March next.

Washington, January 14th, 1836.

The following gentlemen are requested to act as Agents for the Reporter.

Brazoria,	John Sharp,
Columbia,	D. T. Fitchett,
San Felipe,	John R. Jones,
Liberty,	William Harden,
West's Post Office,	Claborn West,
Viesca,	Augustine W. Cook
Matagorda,	Ira R. Lewis,
Peach Creek } and Caney, } Mina, } Sabine District, } Nacogdoches, } San Augustin, }	Thos. J. Hardeman Jesse Holderman, Willis H. Landrum William Nettles,

MADEIRA, CLARET & PORT WINE for Sale by EDMUND ANDREWS.

DISSOLUTION.

THE copartnership heretofore existing in the name and style of A. G. & R Mills is by mutual consent, this day dissolved, except in liquidation. Those having claims against them will please present them for payment and those indebted are requested to make immediate payment, or satisfactory arrangements—otherwise indulgence will not be given.

A. G. Mills,
R. Mills.

N. B The business will in future be conducted by Robert Mills and David G. Mills in the name and style of Robert Mills & Co. and their goods will be sold at reasonable prices for cash, and on the usual credit, to punctual customers Jan 1

NOTICE.

ALL persons having claims against the firm of Fitchett & Gill will present them to D. T. Fitchett at Columbia; and all persons indebted to them in Brazoria will make payment to Edmund Andrews, who is duly authorized to settle and receipt for us.

FITCHETT & GILL.

A CARD.

The undersigned announces in the public manner that the office for the reception of colonists in the "Upper colony" is now opened at San Felipe, persons desirous of acquiring land can do so with perfect security in their titles.

The rights of those persons legally established anterior to the 15th of April 1831 and of those introduced and settled after 22nd of May 1834 and before the 18th May, 1835, will in every instance be respected, provided the claimant has not interfered with previous locations and surveys.

The undersigned would recommend those who wish to obtain land to make their applications at an early period in order that the necessary plots and surveys may be completed.

SPENCER H. JACK,
Agent for Austin & Williams.

Gardner Wanted.

A laborer of steady habits who is moderately acquainted with Gardening, will obtain employment, at fair wages by applying to

Wm. H. WHARTON.
Eagle Island, Dec. 7, 1825.—64—

NOTICE.

WHEREAS, The General Council have, by a late ordinance and decree reduced the price of Pilotage, I hereby give notice that I resign and give up my commission as Pilot from this date inasmuch as the present rates of Pilotage, will not justify me in keeping a sufficient boat and crew for the Brazos Bar.

FRANCIS J. HASKINS.
Velasco, Jan. 4, 1835. tf.

COPARTNERSHIP.

THE undersigned, having associated themselves in the Mercantile business of the Town of Matagorda, under the firm of S. B. Brigham & Co.—take the method of informing the public that they will constantly keep on hand a general assortment of seasoned and fresh goods.

R. MILLS, & Co.
SAML. B. BRIGHAM.
Matagorda, July 1st 1835.—49—tf.

5 AND TEN ACRE LOTS TO LET.—fronting on second and third streets.—Apply to

L. C. MANSON.

Dec. 17, 1835.

HATS FOR SALE.—Two Cases of Hats of superior quality, for sale at reduced prices—for CASH by EDMUND ANDREWS.
Brazoria October 10 1836.

themselves, they cannot resist the foe we appeal to your magnanimity; we implore you for succor; and we earnestly, entreat that your succor might be speedy. Unless it is, Texas, and her citizens, and her liberties, and her hopes, are forever gone.

For ourselves, we will abandon the contest only with our lives, and then earnestly appeal to all, every one to do his duty to his country, and leave the consequences to God.

Mosely Baker, F. J. Starr,
J. A. Wharton, J. R. Jones,
W. R. Hensley, Alex. Ewing,
P. B. Dexter, A. Somerville,
J. Fletcher, J. H. Money,
J. Cochrane, Thos. Gay.

The committee also reports the following resolutions:

Resolved, That a committee of three persons be appointed a standing committee, whose duty it shall be to solicit individual subscriptions for the purpose of procuring provisions, ammunitions, &c., for the use of the country.

Resolved, That said committee forward as soon as possible, provisions of every kind to Gonzales; also ammunitions, arms, &c.

Resolved, That they procure boats on the Brazos river, for the purpose of crossing as expeditively as possible.

Resolved, That said committee be appointed the general guardians of our interest at home; and that they be intreated to spare no pains in raising the means for our subsistence and that they forward on men, as fast as possible.

Resolved, That they provide expresses, to communicate with the country, so far as practicable.

Resolved, That they do all and every thing necessary for the public good; and their receipts shall be sufficient vouchers to the persons from whom they may receive.

Resolved, That we recommend the establishment of depots, on the road to Gonzales, for provisions, arms, &c.; and that the committee call on the citizens generally for supplies.

Resolved, That two hundred copies of the proceedings of this meeting, together with Col. Travis's letter be published as soon as possible.

In accordance with the first resolution, Wm. Pettus Jr., John R. Jones, and Thos. Gay, were appointed the committee.

On motion, the meeting adjourned *sine die*.

JOSEPH BAKER, *Chairman*.

B. F. CAGE, *Secretary*.

San Felipe de Austin, Feb. 27, 1835.

PRIMARY COURT, Jurisdiction }
of Brazoria.

WHEREAS, S. Bowen has this day filed a petition in my office praying that letters of Administration may issue authorizing him to settle the estate of A. L. Barnaputa of this Jurisdiction.

All persons are hereby notified that unless objections are filed in my office within ten days the prayer of the petitioner will be granted upon his complying with the terms of the law.

At office this 2d Feb. 1835 3v 76
L. C. MANSON, Primary Judge

Primary Court Jurisdiction of Brazoria. }

WHEREAS John Chaffin has this day filed a petition in my office praying that letters of Administration may issue authorizing him to settle the estate of P. W. Gordon late of the town of Columbia in said Jurisdiction.

All persons are hereby notified that unless objections are filed in my office within ten days the prayer of the petitioner will be granted upon his complying with the terms of the law.

At office this 23d Feb. 1835.

L. C. MANSON,
Primary Judge.
76—1f.

Primary Court, Jurisdiction of Brazoria. }

WHEREAS John Chaffin has this day filed a petition in my office, praying that letters of Administration may issue authorizing him to settle the estate of W. H. Sledge late of the town of Columbia in said Jurisdiction.

All persons interested are hereby notified that unless objections are filed in my office within ten days the prayer of the petitioner will be granted upon his complying with the terms of the law.

At office this 23d Feb. 1835.

L. C. MANSON,
76—1f. Primary Judge.

Primary Court, Jurisdiction of Brazoria. }

WHEREAS John Chaffin has this day filed a petition in my office praying that letters of administration may issue authorizing him to settle the estate of J. Y. Wallace late of Columbia in this Jurisdiction.

All persons are hereby notified that unless objections are filed in my office within ten days the prayer of the petitioner will be granted upon his complying with the terms of the law.

At office this 23d Feb. 1836.

L. C. MANSON,
Primary Judge.

DOCTOR

C. H. JAEGER

Respectfully offers his professional services to the inhabitants of Bell's Landing and its vicinity.—Residence, Bell's Landing.

In the Primary Court, of the Jurisdiction of Brazoria.

APPLICATION having been made to this Court for the appointment of J. F. Perry, of Peach point, in this municipality, to be administrator for the estate and succession of E. B. Austin, late of this Jurisdiction, dec'd; the 1st day of March next has been appointed by this court to hear and decide the matter, and all persons interested therein are hereby cited and admonished to appear before this Court at the Court House in Brazoria on said day and shew cause if any they have why the prayer of said petition should not be granted, otherwise letters of administration will be issued in conformity therewith.

L. C. MANSON,
Primary Judge.

Brazoria, Feb. 17, 1836. —2w.

Jurisdiction of Brazoria. }
Monday, Feb 15, 1836. }

Court in session; }

L. C. MANSON, P. J. }

present.

The People of Texas.

vs:

D. M'Lean and } Warrant for murder-
J. T. Robinson. }

THE said Dougald M'Lean and Jos. T. Robinson having been arrested under said charge therein set forth: after having the testimony in behalf of the people against the accused.—On motion of Jas. Collinsworth Esq. they were discharged, not the slightest evidence before the Court calculated to produce the impression that they were any way concerned in or accessory to the murder of the individual for whose death they were arrested.

I certify the foregoing is a true extract from the record in my office.

L. C. MANSON,
Primary Judge.

Brazoria, Feb. 15, 1836.

In the Primary Court for the Jurisdiction of Brazoria. }

APPLICATION having been made to this court, for the appointment of H. Austin of Bolivar to be tutor, and guardian of the minor orphan, S. F. Austin Jr., son and him of the late E. B. Austin, dec'd. The first day of March next is hereby appointed to hear and decide the matter, and all persons interested to appear before me at the court house in Brazoria on the said 1st day of March and shew cause if any they have why the said petition should not be granted.

L. C. MANSON,
Primary Judge.

Brazoria, Feb. 17, 1836. —2w.—

MARRIED,

On Thursday evening, the 25th ult., by the hon. Judge Manson, Dr. THOMAS R. ERWIN, to Mrs. HARRIET M. COX, both of this Jurisdiction.

On Thursday evening, the 25th ult., by the hon. Judge Manson, Col. WM. G. HILL, to Mrs. ELIZA M. PHILIPS, both of this Jurisdiction.

TEXAS

EXPECTS EVERY MAN TO DO HIS DUTY.

SAN FELIPE FEB. 28th 1836.

TO THE CITIZENS OF BRAZORIA

I send you by Express, the latest information from San Antonio, the Governor's call, and the proceedings of the meeting at San Felipe: from these you will learn, the necessity for your services, the call that is made upon you, and upon what your fellow citizens in this place are doing. I know that you will not be backward in affording your country the assistance that she demands. I advise all that live in the upper part of the Jurisdiction who can procure horses, to leave immediately for Gonzales, the remainder rendezvous at Velasco, on the 8th proximo; at which place and time, I have engaged Capt. Grayson to be ready with the steam boat Laura, to transport all who are disposed to assist their country to the westward. I consider it unnecessary to make an appeal to your patriotism, as the information from Bexar, speaks louder than words.

JOHN A. WHARTON,
Adjutant General.

Executive Department
of Texas.

Fellow-Citizens of Texas:—

The enemy is upon us, a strong force surrounds the Walls of San Antonio, and threatens that garrison with the sword. Our country imperiously demands the service of every patriotic arm, and longer to continue in a state of apathy will be criminal.

Citizens of Texas, descendants of Washington awake, arouse yourselves.

—The question is now to be decided: Are we to continue as freemen, or bow beneath the rod of military despotism, shall we without a struggle, sacrifice our fortune, our lives and our liberties, or shall we imitate the example of our forefathers and hurl destruction upon the hands of our oppressors; the eyes of the world are upon us, all friends of liberty and of the rights of men are anxious spectators of our conflict and deeply enlisted in our cause; shall we disappoint their hopes and expectations? No, let us at once fly to our arms, march to the battle field, meet the foe and give renewed evidence to the world that the arms of freemen, uplifted in defence of their rights and liberties are irresistible. "Now is the day and now is the hour," that Texas expects every man to do his duty. Let us show ourselves worthy to be free, and we will be free. Our brethren of the United States have, with a generosity and a devotion to liberty, unparalleled in the annals of men, offered us every assistance. We have arms, ammunition, clothing and provisions; all we have to do, is to sustain ourselves for the present. Rest assured that succors will not permit the chains of slavery to be riveted on us.

Fellow-Citizens, your garrison at San Antonio is surrounded by more than twenty times their numbers. Will you see them perish by the hands of a mercenary soldiery, without an effort for their relief? They cannot sustain

the siege more than thirty days; for the sake of humanity, before that time give them succor. Citizens of the east, your brethren of the Brazos and Colorado, expect your assistance, afford it, and check the march of the enemy and suffer not your own land to become the seat of war, without your immediate aid we cannot sustain the war. Fellow-Citizens, I call upon you as your executive officer to "turn out;" it is your country that demands your help. He who longer slumbers on the volcano must be a madman.

He who refuses to aid his country in this, her hour of peril and danger is a traitor. All persons able to bear arms in Texas are called on to rendezvous at the town of Gonzales, with the least possible delay armed and equipped for battle. *Our rights and liberties must be protected;* to the battle field march and save the country. An approving word smiles upon us, the God of battles is on our side, and victory awaits us.

Confidently believing that your energies will be sufficient for the occasion, and that your efforts will be ultimately successful.

I subscribe myself your fellow-citizen,

HENRY SMITH, Gov'r.

TO THE CITIZENS OF TEXAS.

COMMANDANCY OF THE
ALAMO, BEJAR Feb.
24th 1836.

Fellow-Citizens.

I am besieged by a 4000 or more of the Mexicans under Santa Anna. I have sustained a continual bombardment and cannonade for 24 hours and have not lost a man. The enemy have demanded a surrender at discretion otherwise the garrison is to be put to the sword, if the fort is taken. I have answered the demand with the cannon shot. And our flag still waves proudly from the walls. I shall never surrender nor retreat; then I call on you in the name of liberty, of patriotism, & of every thing dear to the American character to come to our aid with all possible despatch; the enemy are receiving reinforcements daily, and will no doubt increase to 3 or 4000 in 4 or 5 days. Though this call may be neglected I am determined to sustain myself as long as possible and die like a soldier

who never forgets what is due to his own honor and that of his country.

VICTORY OR DEATH.

W. B. TRAVIS,

Lieut. Col. Com'dt.

BRAZORIA, TEXAS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 1836

Want of room compels us to decline making any comments on the alarming situation which we occupy, we give the news as received; and every man will be able to judge for himself.

Handbills will be published whenever occasion requires it; which will in a measure excuse us for the smallness of our sheet. A handbill will be published to-morrow containing the news brought by to-days mail.

MEETING

OF THE CITIZENS OF SAN FELIPE.

At a meeting of the citizens held in the town of San Felipe on 27th February, Joseph Baker was unanimously called to the chair, and B. F. Coge appointed secretary. A communication from Wm. B. Travis, Lt. Col. Commandant of the post of Bejar, having been read, and the objects of the meeting explained, on motion of Mosely Baker Esq.,

Resolved. That the Chairman appoint a committee of twelve to prepare an address and draft resolutions for the adoption of this meeting.

Whereupon The chairman appointed Mosely Baker, J. A. Wharton, F. J. Starr, J. R. Jones, W. R. Hensley, A. Ewing, P. B. Dexter, A. Sommerville, J. Fletcher, J. H. Money, Jas. Cochran and Thos. Gay, then on motion the meeting adjourned until 11 o'clock.

The meeting accordingly reconvened at 11 o'clock, when the following address and resolutions were reported, and unanimously adopted.

To our fellow citizens.

The undersigned, a committee appointed by a meeting held in the town of San Felipe, on this day, present you with the accompanying letter from the commandant of Bejar. You must read and act in the same moment, or Texas is lost. You must rise from your lethargy, and march without a moments delay to the field of war, or the next western breeze that sweeps over your habitations, will bring with it the shrieks and wailings of the women and children of Guadalupe and Colorado; and the last agonized shriek of liberty will follow. Citizens of the Colorado and Brazos, your country is invaded—your homes are about to be pillaged, your families destroyed, yourselves to be enslaved; and you must, one and all repair to the field of war, or prepare to abandon your country. Ere this information shall be generally circulated, the blood of many our citizens will have crimsoned the soil; and the soul of many a devoted patriot flown to heaven.

Inhabitants of the east your fellow citizens of the west are in danger. Of