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GEN. SHERMAN is in Texas. The Chinese must go. So says Congress.

FORT WORTH wants a new charter and will apply to the legislature for it.

HON. OLIN WELLBORN has been appointed on the National Democratic Committee.

It is estimated that the acreage in wheat in California this year amounts to 2,024,000 acres.

Excess deaths have occurred from the explosion of the steamer Sydney, near Ravenswood, last Friday.

The Mormons have commenced work in North Carolina, and are reported as having made many converts.

The Southern Pacific Railroad company have granted to the Press Association a trip to San Francisco over their road.

This St. Louis distilling company's building was destroyed by fire on the morning of the 13th, and 1900 barrels of whisky burned.

St. Louis millers have purchased from California a 100,000 bushel lot of wheat, which is beginning to arrive there at a rapid rate.

LARRY McCLAIN, a farmer, was killed and horribly mangled by a freight train, last Sunday, three miles east of Washington, Indiana.

The police force of Dallas is either too small or else they are a slow set, as it is almost a daily occurrence for some house to be burglarized.

SEVENTEEN from the Pacific coast say that from 1,000 to 1,500 Chinamen are arriving in San Francisco daily. It is high time the business is stopped.

It is estimated that the immigration from Europe to the United States this year will amount to 1,100,000. This, by far, the largest estimate ever made.

THERE is some talk of Congress taking up the question of doing something for the militia, which is, in most of the states, in a wretched condition.

SOME of the leading print works throughout the country have shut down, to curtail production, which has thrown thousands of operatives out of work.

A FIRE at Meridian, Mississippi, March 13th, exterminated the crops of Gray & Sons, with 300 bales of cotton. Parker & Hoffer's foundry was also burned.

FOUR towns in Central America have been destroyed by an earthquake. In one town alone several thousand lives were lost, and those alive are homeless.

THE floods and overflows along the Mississippi river still continue to an alarming extent. It is impossible to conceive or estimate the privation of the people, loss of stock, crops, etc.

THE Dallas Herald will begin next Sunday the publication of a 56-column paper, to be issued every Sunday, and they say they intend making a special feature of the Sunday Herald.

JAS. A. BUTT, a prominent hardware and machine supply merchant, at Norfolk, Virginia, fell, March 13th, from the fourth story of his warehouse through the elevator hatchway, crushing his skull.

Mrs. Sparks, of Indiana, is near 100 years old, and states that she has twelve children, eighty-five grand children, about 160 great-grand children, and a few great-great-grand children. A regular Vesuvius of sparks.

IN order to give all editors ample time for the meeting of the Texas Press Association and the proposed excursion to California, Mr. Hal Gosling, president of the association, has postponed the meeting until April 26th.

LARGE amounts of railroad iron are being shipped by vessel from New York and Philadelphia to Puget Sound, Washington Territory. This iron is to be used in the construction of the Northern Pacific Railroad, which road will be pushed forward during the coming summer.

WHEN Tennessee editors can think of nothing sensational to furnish their readers, they engage in a street fight for the amusement of the public. A scene of this kind occurred in Knoxville last Saturday. No blood was shed and they will, doubtless, be on friendly terms in a short while.

THE sentence of Sergeant Mason, who shot at Gaithe, is a dishonorable discharge, with loss of pay and allowances, and to be confined in the penitentiary for eight years. His friends are circulating a petition, to be presented to President Arthur, asking that he be pardoned. The reasons assigned for asking executive clemency are that the deed was committed under excitement and that he has received punishment sufficient to meet the demands of military discipline.

Judge Thurmond, of Dallas, Shot and Killed.

Last Tuesday, at 1:50 p. m., a terrible tragedy occurred in the county court room in Dallas. The parties this time were Mr. Robert E. Cowart, a prominent young lawyer of that city, and Judge James M. Thurmond, also a prominent lawyer of Dallas, which resulted in the killing, instantly, of Thurmond from a pistol shot in the hands of Cowart. We extract the following portion of the proceedings in the coroner's inquest from the Dallas Herald, which will best explain to our readers how the affair came up and terminated.

"The immediate cause of the altercation, or rather the cause of the two men being together and in conversation, is not known; nor could it be learned by our reporter. That they had retired to a private place for conversation but a few minutes before the fatal occurrence, is positive. What took place after they had finished their conversation in private is best given in the evidence taken before the coroner's jury, which appears below:

"The following are the facts elicited before the coroner's jury:

D. M. PAYNE, a witness sworn, says: I was present in the county court room, in the building of the county of Dallas, on the 14th day of March, 1892, about 40 or 50 minutes before 2 o'clock p. m., and saw J. E. Cowart kill James M. Thurmond, once they had been in a room; Cowart came out and sat down by the table in front of me, and Thurmond said: 'You will not dare,' and then Cowart said to Thurmond: 'I will do it.' Thurmond said: 'You will not—you have not got the nerve; when you do it I will be ready for you.' Cowart said: 'I will—you will see.' Thurmond said: 'You have slandered me and my family.' Cowart said: 'I have not slandered your family.' Thurmond said: 'You have,' and changed his stick from his right hand to his left and started around in front of the bar, and said: 'If you will do it, now get ready,' and passed round inside of the bar. As he came round behind the bar he put his right hand behind him, about his hip, and J. E. Cowart went to Thurmond and said: 'Don't do it, and something else, I don't recollect; Cowart got up, and as he got up, he drew his pistol and passed around the end of the table, and got out of the way. Cowart shot; I saw Thurmond with his pistol in his right hand and his stick in his left, in the act of presenting, or he was stretching out his arm toward Cowart, who then fired; Thurmond fell; that is about all I know about it.

Thurmond had a nickel-plated pistol in his right hand when he fell, and behind him, about his hip, a pistol in his hand, extended towards Cowart, and nearly got his arm straight out when Cowart fired; Thurmond advanced upon Cowart before he got up from his seat.

(Signed) D. M. PAYNE. The grand jury, on the 15th, returned a true bill against Robert E. Cowart, charging him with murder in the first degree for the killing of Thurmond. But this is considered a mere matter of form and that Cowart will have no difficulty in establishing a clear case of self-defense. He is out on a \$200 bond. Many of our old citizens will remember Mr. Felix Thurmond, formerly a lawyer at Belle Plaine, but now of Sweetwater, who is a brother of the Judge; he is now at Dallas.

Total Depravity.

A hellish attempt was made on Thursday of last week, by a demon, to throw the north-bound passenger train on the Houston & Texas Central road off the track, which came near having that effect. Some ties were laid upon the track, upon the trestle-work about a mile south of Palmer, which ties were chained down and placed in a sloping manner, so that they would cause the engine to slide up off of the rails and tumble down below and drag its precious freight with it. The engineer saw the obstruction and put on breaks, but the pilot struck the ties and was up on them when he got the train stopped. About forty passengers were on the train. W. W. Johnson has been arrested and taken to Waxahachie, charged with obstructing the track. He has been bound over for his appearance at the district court in the sum of \$500. A negro is said to have been an assistant in the foul deed.

Organization.

County by county is falling into line and we trust the work will go on until every county in the grazing region has its stock association. In this way only can thorough unity and complete harmony between live stock raisers be accomplished. There is need of unity and harmony in the work; in many localities in Texas this is a new thing yet; but in every locality there are more or less men who appreciate the value and the necessity of organization. Will such men not bestir themselves to action? Co-operation and organization are the protection of the weak and the individual. Let the counties, each, organize its local association. —Stock Journal.

To the Texas Press.

On the first inst. I issued a call for the annual meeting of the Texas Press Association on the fourth day of April next; since then I have received a final and positive answer from the Southern Pacific road, in which the trip to San Francisco is tendered. I, therefore, will exercise the authority, given by the Executive Committee, and postpone the date of meeting to the 25th of April, 1892, at 10 a. m. This is done to give full time for preparation to all, and at the request of the local committees of the city of Houston, at whose hands the editors of Texas have received so many kindnesses.

HAL L. GOSLING. Pres't Texas Press Association, March 11th, 1892.

What Invention May Do.

The possibilities of science when applied to the industrial arts are so very great that careful people hesitate to state them for fear of exciting ridicule. So, in articles which have been recently published in London, as well as in New York, a humorous yarn has been given to some of the possible results of invention in these days.

Were an Englishman of the time of Elizabeth to have been told that water would be supplied to every house by means of pipes, that a combustible gas would be distributed in a similar manner from a central reservoir, that messages would be sent across continents and under oceans in a few minutes, he would have set down his informant as a lunatic, or, at best, the very wildest of dreamers. The man of to-day would be quite as incredulous if told what inventions and applications of science may do for the people of 1981.

One writer ventures to predict that in the twentieth century electricity will accomplish marvels which now seem too absurd to seriously set forth. Chops and steaks will be cooked by electric sparks so as to make the Frenchman's *coquille a la minute* a reality. The fruits of the earth will be multiplied enormously by the use of electric light behind colored glasses. Fruits and vegetables will be grown all the year round, winter and summer, day and night, so that the field of any product will yield ten thousand. We now cook our food, but take our air and water raw, and through these two elements come all the disorders and contagions which afflict humanity. In the future water will be distilled and prepared for human use, and thereby purified from all germs of disease, while air will not be breathed by human beings until it has been cleared of all noxious qualities, after which it will be admitted to the glass-covered streets and dwellings in which the man of the future will live. Houses and places of business will be inclosed in immense inclosed edifices, the air of which will not only be rendered wholesome, but delightful to the sense of smell. Summer and winter, so far as extreme cold or extreme heat is concerned, will be abolished, as the temperature can be controlled, and all parts of the globe will become equally inhabitable. Day will have no attractions over night, for the artificial lights will be more pleasing than any which the great luminary of day can give us. Then, of course, the air will be navigated, which will help to change the appearance of the surface of the earth, for the great cities will then be situated on the headless hills, instead of the insalubrious plains below. With the great mountains shortly to be discovered, huge mountain chains, which obstruct man's progress in any direction can be leveled, while the ice caps around the two poles can be liquified and made navigable.

All this seems wild enough, but no doubt very great changes will occur. If food can be produced by improved methods, with less cost, the problem of poverty is solved. If machinery continues to replace handwork, the hours of labor must be shortened and its value increased; but to accomplish this a social revolution is needed, by which labor-saving machines will be worked for the benefit of the laborer and not in competition with him. —The Hour.

A Favorable Report on Eads' Bill.

Mr. Vest, from the committee on commerce, Wednesday the 6th, reported to the senate a bill incorporating the Inter-oceanic Ship Railway Company, generally known as the Eads bill, which was accompanied by a report from the committee recommending its passage. The committee has considered the testimony taken before the house committee, and fully indorse the statement that Tehuantepec is the American route, and that a transit way should by all means be located there in preference to any other point on the isthmus. The committee say they do not consider it necessary to go into a discussion of the various provisions of the bill; it has been carefully considered, and under it the United States, they think, is amply protected against any ultimate loss by reason of its guaranty, and the government aid provided for is the least with a view of securing the construction and control of an isthmian highway, which, in the opinion of the committee, is a final solution of the much discussed question of isthmian control. The report concludes as follows: "Believing that the commercial interests of this country will be largely benefited by the construction of a ship railway; that it will have a tendency to infuse new life into our now languishing commerce; and that it is essential, if our government would retain the respect of its own people and of foreign nations, that it should now practically demonstrate its determination to forever discourage foreign control upon this continent, the committee report back the bill favorably, with certain amendments, and with the recommendation that it pass."

Greenbackers.

GREENBACKERS, it is time you were beginning to roll the ball.—Er. Yes, gentlemen, tumble to your work.—Quill.

How's this, does the greenbacker have to do all the dirty work? Greenback, isn't it.

What is the difference between an old tramp and a feather bed? There is a material difference. One is hard up and the other is soft down.

Over The State.

Another case of small-pox has been discovered in Fort Worth.

There are several cases of small-pox at Segoville, thirteen miles southeast of Dallas.

The election at Hillsboro for prohibition passed off quietly, prohibition being defeated.

Hill, Hopkins and Harrison counties will all vote upon the question of local option soon.

Heavy rains have fallen throughout the state. Farmers in every section are greatly benefited.

J. B. Hyndman's grocery store, at Fort Worth, was burglarized on the night of the 10th inst.

Two highly respectable (B) ladies of Fort Worth lodged in a first-class club night the other day.

Dallas is being infested with a series of burglaries. Three one day and one the day before.

There are five murder cases on the docket at Hillsboro to be tried at the next session of court.

The interior of the dry goods house of John & Quinn, at Dallas, was burned out on the morning of the 14th inst.

A wreck and a bridge washed out on the Central railroad prevented any trains from running last Sunday between Koss and Dallas.

Thomas Locke was arrested on the evening of the 11th inst., at Fort Worth, at the St. Charles Hotel, for the theft of a watch and diamond pin.

An election has been ordered by the county judge of Brown county, to decide whether Brown county is to remain as she is or be incorporated with Dallas.

Three men, Bookser, Switzer and Vogt, were caught in the act of slaughtering stolen cattle, at Fort Worth, in Cunningham's building, on the 14th inst.

The county commissioners' court, at Palo Pinto, last Friday, passed an order for the building of a courthouse at that place, to cost between \$25,000 and \$30,000.

John Burke, a noted stockman of La Salle county, was killed at Fort Worth on Saturday the 4th inst., in an encounter with Stewart, a merchant of that place.

Ten thousand dollars have been appropriated by the commissioners' court of Tarrant county for the building of bridges over the various streams in the county.

M. Strickland, of Galveston, who contracted small-pox at New Orleans a short time since, died on the 13th inst., and with his death, the last case of small-pox in that city disappeared.

During the thunder-storm of the 7th, the telegraph line, one and a half miles west of Carrollville, was struck by lightning, and about twenty yards of wire burned completely up.

The ladies of Fort Worth have organized a Woman's Christian Temperance Union in that city, and seem to have been doing some good work. They have also established a reading room.

De Witt and Gonzales counties are said to be virtually in the hands of thieves and desperadoes, and a call has been made for state troops to assist the law-abiding citizens in the recovery of their property.

Dave Steele, a brakeman on the Texas & New Orleans railroad, was run over by a freight train, at Dayton, and had a leg severely injured. He was taken to a hospital at Houston to be cared for on the 11th.

The power press, type and material of the Dallas Daily Gazette, the Detroit Free Press, and the New York Tribune, were sold last Saturday by the sheriff, under execution, for \$10,000.

John J. Jennings, of Henderson county, has skipped the country. He is charged with altering a statement of fees and was indicted by the grand jury. He has raised money to enable him to recapture and bring back.

Ex-Mayor J. M. Thurmond, of Dallas, was killed in the center of the city on the 14th inst., by a shot from a pistol in the hands of R. E. Cowart, one of Dallas' most popular attorneys. The shot was fired in a moment of passion.

The Dallas Car and Agricultural Implement Manufacturing Company, had a charter on the 15th inst. for a capital stock of \$100,000, having for its object the manufacture and repair of railroad cars, wagons, buggies and agricultural implements.

The treasury general, through the Land Commissioner, that certificates to several million acres of land have been issued and sold to parties in other states, and there is no demand on them to locate and certify. The Attorney General knows of no law relating to the state of responsibility in the matter.

Two men, John-onard and Mayfield, have been arrested by Deputy Marshal Garrison of Fort Worth, as being implicated in the attempt to wreck the north-bound train, near Palmer, on the Houston & Texas Central railroad. It is claimed that there is sufficient evidence to convict both, and there is strong talk of lynching them.

News comes from near the Llano county line giving the particulars of a terrible crime. Mrs. A. B. Benson, a woman with two small children, having been left alone in a house, were found buried to death and the house burned down about a week ago. A team was also missing, showing that it was the work of murderers and robbers.

Reports from La Salle county are to the effect that at least a number of residents are in a state of panic, and that the condition of the county is very bad. The landowners of the county are very much alarmed, and the office was declared vacant. Notwithstanding other such efforts to put up the money, land was raised, because they were not.

W. Lancaster, whom many of our readers will remember as an inmate of our county jail for several months, and who was let on parole on J. B. Sherrell in an attempt to escape, last last week caught up with and with, in all probability, go to Huntsville to reside in several years. Lancaster, together with four other thieves, was recently taken in at Junction City, Kansas, and sent to a hard labor in the state prison.

At Trinity, about 7 o'clock Saturday evening, three masked men, well armed, entered the office of the Trinity and Dallas Railway and Cable Co., and tied Murphy a contractor, and five men with ropes. They then ordered them to open the safe at that moment a negro came along, and, before he could be caught, he ran away and gave the alarm. The robbers tried to shoot at the fleeing doctor, but missed their mark and escaped.

One of the results of a recent high wind in California was the destruction of the famous "Gold of Ophir" rose tree, in Grass Valley. It had a reputation throughout the country. The stem was 26 inches in circumference, and the limb itself had grown over and around an oak 50 feet high, only stopping in its upward progress for lack of something to climb upon. When in bloom nothing could be seen but a towering mass of golden flowers, forming an object of wonderful beauty.

A MAN named Kendrick, a brakeman on the Indianapolis and St. Louis railroad, who for several weeks, went to where she was staying the other night, at Grant station, near Cincinnati, and killed her by deliberately shooting her two or three times.

There are over 1,000 blacks in Georgia penitentiaries to 115 whites. Whether the latter are better or harder to catch than the colored brother is the question naturally suggesting itself.

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