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SATURDAY MORNING, May 30th, 1876.
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DEFENDING THE SCHOOL TAX.
The Galveston News presents the
question in a very grave aspect, one that
promises trouble to the State, and prob-
ably great expense, growing evidently
out of two partisan decisions of the
Supreme Court on the subject, one by
the Republican Supreme Court, the
other by the Democratic Supreme Court.

The Legislature, April 24, 1871, passed
a law, levying a tax of seven-eighths of
one per cent. for support of public free
schools. The act was thought to be un-
constitutional and payment was resisted
in different sections of the State. The
then Supreme Court, when the cause
came up for a hearing before it, held
that the law was in accordance with the
constitution and that the tax must be
collected.

A number of suits were instituted in
Galveston county, under ruling of the
Supreme Court, by District Attorney
Greenham, and the sum of \$74,909.94
collected and paid into the county treas-
ury. DeCoursey, who was Superintendent
of Public Instruction under administration
of Gov. Davis, brought suit to get
possession of the fund that had been
collected, but only a part of the collec-
tion passed through the hands of the
directors or trustees of the schools.

Of the whole amount paid into the
county treasury by the District At-
torney, \$74,909.94, Col. Patton,
one of the trustees, expended in support
of the schools \$6,420.67.

The balance, \$68,489.27, was expended
by Gen. Waul, who was President of the
Board of School Directors, and Col.
Kane, who was one of the trustees of the
schools for Galveston county.

In March, 1875, the present Supreme
Court decided against the constitutionality
of the law of April, 1871, and no
collections for account of the school tax
of seven-eighths of one per cent. have
been made since that decision was ren-
dered, and no money from this source was
expended after the decision of the
old court was reversed.

The News says that an effort will, no
doubt, be made during the present ses-
sion of the Legislature to get the amount
paid under the first decision of the Su-
preme Court refunded. It is a matter
that can only be done by legislative
action, and it remains to be seen
whether it can be obtained.

For some time, and men of moderate
means, generally paid the school tax,
and hundreds of thousands of children
got the benefit of it. The risk, especially
the corporations, have not paid it. The
question is full of mischief and injustice.

The white owners of Louisiana and
Mississippi may succeed in carrying
their States into the Presidential election
by their present tactics, but they are
making it "rough" all over the South
for the coming summer at St. Louis,
Texas fight with the negroes, in which
great numbers of the latter are killed,
while hardly anybody is hurt on the
other side, how can it be so well un-
derstood through the country to decide
anybody.

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Commons Van derbilt is getting well
again. The other day the report was
circulated that he was about to die.
A Herald reporter went to get the truth.
He called for Van derbilt, so as to avoid
disturbing the commodore, should be
really ill. While the lady was on her way
to the reception room the well known
voice of the commodore came rolling
down vigorously before her, saying, "Tell
the gentleman from the Herald that even
my slight local disorder is now about en-
tirely removed; that my doctor says that
I shall be rid of it in a few days, that I
am better than I was when he called be-
fore; that even if I were dying I could
knock all the truth that there is in the
wretches who start these reports out of
them, and that, as vigorous as I am at
present, I would, were they within easy
reach, knock all the lies for hereafter out
of them, thereby causing the biggest job
for the undertakers that both Wall and
Broad streets have afforded for a very
great number of years."

WAR IN CENTRAL AMERICA.—The Pan-
ama Star, of May 1, says fighting has been
going on between the troops of Guatemala
and Salvador, and the two of both sides
is heavy. The army of Guatemala, under
Gen. Barrios, has been successful in every
quarter, having driven the Salvadorians
before them from every field. The ship-
of-war General Barrios has landed a large
force in the rear of the City of La Union,
who attacked the place, completely rout-
ing the Salvadorians and planting the flag
of General Barrios upon the Custom House
and public buildings. The victorious
army pushed on to the interior, driving
the enemy before them, capturing many
prisoners and causing the utmost demor-
alization within the ranks of the Salva-
dorians. At early dawn on the 19th ult.,
the city of San Miguel was captured,
whereupon the President of Salvador sent
a flag of truce, and asked that they be
allowed to make peace offerings. It is
understood that Barrios would not treat
with him upon any other terms than an
unconditional surrender.

SILVER AND CURRENT.—Down here in
Texas it is hard to get the people to be-
lieve that currency is as valuable as sil-
ver, and the banks absolutely refuse to
believe it, giving about 90 or 100 silver
dollars for \$100 in currency, say at Wash-
ington, the authorities are residents of a
farther fall in the value of silver. The
possible action of the Dutch Government
in proceeding with its gold exchange, and
withdrawing its silver from circulation,
will give a considerable addition to the
surplus of silver coin in the market. It
appears that, according to the quotations
recently, the projected new dollar piece
is already worth less cost than the
present dollar. The Treasury has now
on hand about \$2,000,000 in silver coin,
the proceeds of the sale of the surplus of
the silver coin authorized under the
act of 1870, and is subject to the pro-
visions of that act. This sum the Treasury
proposes to put into circulation, which
will have the effect of creating a very con-
siderable depreciation, caused by the
small amount of small change.

The Houston Telegraph of Tuesday
last says that the Company mean
business now, and intend to finish the
road to the Rio Grande rapidly or it can be
built. The line has all been bought, the
building of the road contracted for and
work commenced. Fifteen hundred tons
of iron have been bought, all of which
will be used in a month's time, and a part
of the work will be completed to-day, and
there is no doubt but that the locomotive
will be whistling in the Brazos bottom
before the summer begins to fade in
autumn. The people of Fayette, Bastrop
and Comal counties are anxiously await-
ing the New Orleans, and they can take
heart now, for it is coming.

CONNECTION has strongly followed
the example of Texas in electing a Re-
publican politician to the United States
Senate in preference to a national statesman.
The Philadelphia Times says that the re-
cent election in Connecticut was an em-
phatic endorsement of the advanced, lib-
eral views of that State in the Democracy
of which it is a faithful exponent.

He voted for emancipation, and on
every public measure has gone as far as
the most progressive man in his party.
His election to the United States Senate
shows, therefore, how he followed the
triumph of the Democracy as its only
logical sequence. Indeed, at this juncture
State elects William H. Burroughs, and will
now have two Republicans in the Senate to
represent the majority of their constitu-
ents.

The sentiment of the Belton Journal,
as quoted by the Galveston News, is ap-
propriate to this locality. The Journal
properly rebukes the levity and heartless-
ness with which the Austin Statesman
mentions the fatal accident by
which a lady of Bell county lost her
life in endeavoring to save the lives of her
children. This slipshod and unbecom-
ing way of dealing with the most tragic
events in real life is not confined to a
single paper, and is a disgrace to the age
as well as to the press. "Reform it al-
together!" There are matters enough
for just without seeking it in human suf-
fering and death.

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FACTS BY WHICH DECIDE.
In these spacious but insignificant advertisements of C. Pratt & Co. they en-
deavor to convince the public that our STAR OIL and PEERLESS are identical
in name, which they know, even better than we could ever attempt to convince them,
is NOT THE CASE. For by no means one of the inferior grades of oil, it is in
every respect equal and full up to the actual standard (not the advertised) of Astral,
and is like the latter 13 degrees below the burning point of our STAR OIL. Now we
propose to furnish the Peerless, guaranteed equivalent in every respect to Astral, at
one dollar a case less than our STAR OIL, which we sell at the price of Astral,
although our STAR OIL is 10 degrees better, hence better, and consequently has the
preference of the consuming public.

Our certificates, formerly published, (originals of which can be seen at our
office) from our local, disinterested chemists, Messrs. Geo. H. Kaitzer, A. Netto and
E. Dreiss, who tested both oils, and declare our Star Oil

TRADE MARK
by 13 degrees better than Astral.
In addition to the certificate alluded to, we herewith annex a certificate from
Chemist Theo. Odet.

Certificate.
At your request, I have tested the samples of Star Oil taken from the store of
George DeLong, and find the flashing point at one hundred and thirty-three (133)
degrees Fahrenheit, the burning point at one hundred and forty-four (144) degrees
Fahrenheit. Astral oil, taken from the store of E. Kotula & Co., the flashing point
at one hundred and twenty-one (121) degrees, and the burning point at one hundred
and thirty-two (132) degrees Fahrenheit. I am of the opinion that the Star Oil is by all
means the best and safest oil.

THEODORE ODET,
Ex-Proprietaire de Physique et de Chimie à l'Académie des sciences de Lyon.

DESIRIOUS TO KNOW.
Will the firm of this city please publish the results of the test made with
a case of our Star Oil, sent to New York for that purpose, a few months ago.
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEES SALE.
Whereas, T. T. Teal, to secure the pay-
ment of a certain joint and several prom-
issory note, given by T. T. Teal and
W. H. Williams, for six hundred dollars in
current silver coin, in favor of Thomas F.
Brady, dated July 7th, A. D. 1875, at six
months, did convey unto Wm. H. Young,
Trustee, by Deed of Trust duly recorded
in Book Vol. No. 3, page 371 and 372, of
the Records of Bexar county, all those
certain tracts or parcels of land lying
and being in the said county of Bexar,
State of Texas, and more particularly
known and described as lots Nos. nineteen
(19), containing ten and 93/100 (1092/100)
acres, and No. twenty (20) containing nine
and 7/100 (97/100) acres, of the subdivi-
sion of what is known as the Danahy Sur-
vey, according to a plat of the same made
by Girard, Surveyor, April 8th, 1870,
which said plat is duly recorded in Book
V, No. 2, page 669, of the Records of Bexar
county, to which reference is hereby
made, being the same two tracts of land
conveyed to said T. T. Teal by J. A. and
M. V. Farish, administrators of A. S. Dan-
ahy, deceased, by deed recorded in Book
V, No. 1, page 668, of the Records of Bexar
county, to which reference is hereby made; and
Whereas, There is still due and unpaid
the principal of said note, to-wit: six hun-
dred dollars, and the interest thereon ac-
crued, to-wit: ninety-nine dollars,
amounting in the aggregate to six hun-
dred and ninety-nine (\$699.00) dollars,
silver, in payment of which said T. T.
Teal and W. H. Williams have made de-
fault.

Now, therefore, I, said Trustee, hereby
give notice that by direction of said Thom-
as F. Brady, I will sell the above described
property of public outcry, to the highest
bidder for cash in silver coin, before the
Court-house door of Bexar county, between
the hours of ten and four o'clock, on
Tuesday, the 6th day of June,
A. D. 1876.

In accordance with the terms and stipula-
tions contained in said Deed of Trust.

Wm. H. Young,
San Antonio, May 12, 76.

REMOVAL.—Ludwig Liebs has remov-
ed from his present residence to the new
room formerly occupied by C. Rosy,
where he will be glad to see his old
customers and others who desire good
beer at reasonable prices. Admiration

HORSES FOR SALE.
Four hundred head of horses for sale at
a bargain. These horses were all raised
near the city, and are good stock. Per-
sonal inspection at the residence of
Mrs. J. S. Fisk, or the Express office.
May 1876.

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