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THE thermometer recorded 61 degrees below zero at Butte, Montana, recently.

TEXAS built more miles of railroad last year than any state in the Union except Iowa.

SEVEN HUNDRED bushels of white potatoes were raised on one acre of Whatcom county, Washington Territory.

A SOLID bit of gold that weighed 152 ounces was found at Happy Camp, near Yreka, California, some time since.

CALIFORNIA put up 600,000 cases of canned fruits in 1882, a large increase over the preceding year, and the crop of 1883 will be still larger.

BOTH Ohio and Illinois out rank Texas in their record of crimes. This does not include the lies uttered by the *Inter-Ocean* concerning Texas.

THE law imposing a heavy fine upon persons who sell the *Police News* and *Police Gazette* has been decided by Judge Cook, at Galveston as unconstitutional.

WILLIAM GHAMAM, at the age of fifteen years, has become a member of the Cartersville, Georgia, bar. He probably is the youngest lawyer in the United States.

NUMBER TWO, volume one, of *The Sunbeam*, a little two-column, sixteen-page monthly, edited and published by Miss H. Martindale, at Dallas, is before us. We gladly exchange.

MARSHALL POLK's name was originally Marshall Tate. He was a relative of President Polk, and the president adopted him into his family for the purpose of educating and making a man of him.

IT is stated that there will be a change in the run from New York to San Francisco of a reduction from 80 to 35 hours, making the journey in four and a half days instead of six days as now.

THE mint at San Francisco is the largest in the world—twice as large as the one in Philadelphia, and three times the size of any in Europe, and has \$24,000,000 worth of coin and bullion stored away in its vaults.

MILLIONAIRE James McMillan of Detroit, Michigan, has bought and will present to the Michigan University the Shakespearean library of E. H. Thompson, of Flint, Michigan. The Thompson library is said to be the most complete private collection of Shakespearean literature in the world.

ONE of the queer things about the Mexican mail service is that if you post a letter in that country addressed to any postoffice in Mexico, it costs you twenty-five cents; whereas you can send a letter from any part of the United States to the same office for five cents. For instance, you mail a letter at Paso del Norte for Chihuahua and you pay 25 cents postage; if you post it at El Paso, it goes for five.—*Lone Star*.

A NEWSPAPER is a business enterprise and must be conducted on business principles. Men are constantly asking favors from newspapers, which mean sacrifice of space representing money, who would never dream of asking lawyers to take cases without fees, or the doctors to take their pay in thanks. The dead-heads are disappearing from other departments of business life, and the newspaper dead-head, distinguished though he may be, must follow. Newspapers being business enterprises, must live in a business way.—*Nolan County Record*.

THE defaulting treasurer of Alabama is described as a man of middle age, was a Confederate soldier, has a wife and two children and was popular. He was for many years resident in chancery of Chambers county and was private secretary to Governor Baylorn of Alabama from 1874 to 1878, being elected treasurer in the latter year and re-elected in 1880 and again last year despite a popular opposition to third-termism. His honesty was his strong point as his ability was only moderate. His salary as private secretary was \$1,500 and he lived modestly. As treasurer he got \$2,100. There was a marked change in the style of living when elected treasurer, but it was reported he had made some lucky deals in futures and he was supposed to live on that. His style of living has even been luxurious. He has kept a carriage and fine horses, has bought diamonds for his wife, silver for his table, a house to live in, and furnished it handsomely. He lived in all respects as the upper ten. He was an amateur of some pretensions as a poker player. The knowing ones shook their heads, but the public went on in the blind faith that he had means.

Letter From Anderson County.

The following very interesting letter received here by a lady, we have been permitted to publish. As will be seen the writer is temporarily away from home, but will soon return:

BRUSHY CREEK, TEX., Feb. 6.

MRS. L.—
DEAR FRIEND: Many weeks have passed since I left Baird for the east. I promised to write to you and other friends, but have delayed it longer than I intended. I am reminded of my promise this wintry morning, as I sit enjoying the comfortable glow of a good, wood fire, looking out at the earth, the forest, and everything out doors, wrapped in a mantle of snow, I am thinking and sympathizing with the friends I left behind me, and congratulating myself that I did a wise thing in seeking more comfortable quarters for the winter. I appreciate highly the friends and acquaintance I formed during my stay in our little city, and do not wish to be forgotten by them. My home and children being there, of course my thoughts are there every day, and I feel much interested in the place and citizens.

The weekly visit of the *CLARENDON* affords me much pleasure, and as soon as it is read I pass it around that the people here may see what Callahan county can do, and that she can already afford a first-class county paper. I was pleased with the manner in which the county seat question was conducted from first to last. It was open, manly, dignified and considerate. I sympathize with our good friends of Belle Plain in their seeming loss, and hope it may prove a blessing in disguise. That beautiful, quiet place for residences, churches and schools, its wealth and intelligence, should be our pride, and in time it will be well supported by its schools and colleges and other institutions that will be located there.

I stopped over in Weatherford a few days, on my way out. Was much pleased with the city; found a larger place than I expected; saw many nice residences, all with neat yards, filled with shade trees, shrubbery and flowers, which was refreshing, and reminded me of our homes in the "old country." Court square is very pretty. The avenues are broad, well laid out and in good condition, which cost the city a good, round sum. The court house, though not large, is a handsome one and an ornament to the city. When the time comes for our people to build a court house, that one will be a good model.

From Weatherford I went to Thorp Springs and stayed three weeks. That place was once a great place of resort for invalids, but like many other watering places it has had its day in that respect. The town was originally built on rugged ground around the spring, but recently the greater part of it has been moved one-fourth of a mile west of the spring. The location of the new town, or Add Ran, as it is called, is a beautiful level plain with plenty of live oaks and other shade trees. It is being rapidly improved. The residences are neat and comfortable, and all have gardens attached to supply their tables with fresh vegetables for their boarders. Add Ran college is located there; has nearly six hundred names on its roll call; is a mixed school, in a flourishing condition. Rev. Addison Clark, president. There is a Commercial college there which is well attended by young gentlemen and young ladies, preparing themselves to be useful and self-sustaining. The college buildings there would be a credit to any city. From my room door I could see three of them. The Granbury college building was in sight five miles away; it is a large flourishing conference school, presided over by Prof. D. S. Switzer, an old friend of mine, and a more efficient teacher no where to be found. There has recently been located an orphan's home near the Spring.

Just before Christmas I came on to the rapidly growing city of Palestine, found many improvements had been made during the few months of my absence. She is justly proud of her fine business blocks, hotels, schools, churches, library, temple, city halls, fire companies, water and gas works, ice factory, fruit farms, etc., all of which I hope Baird will have long ere she is half as old as Palestine. I find many here who would like to go West could they dispose of their lands without sacrifice. Since the great rise in the price of cattle people are turning their attention more in that direction and many of them own from fifty to two hundred head and the western cattle men here, though offering good prices, are not meeting with the success they have heretofore. Some will ship their cattle at the proper time, others will drive West in the spring and go in the business on a large scale.

Now, I have wearied you & you may not even wish to see me when I come, though I may bring with me the spring time and the roses. Remember me kindly to my friends. M. J. W.

JAMES ROBIN, of Chicago, one of a commission appointed years ago to estimate the damages to citizens of Texas from Mexican marauders and cattle thieves, is in Washington and is to be heard by the foreign relations committee. The commission in question estimated the damages at \$19,000,000, and there is also a claim for constructive damages of several millions more.

Legal Advertising.

The Brenham *Banner* makes a few pertinent remarks upon legal advertising, which it would be well for our legislators to read and profit by the wholesome instruction given. It says: "Previous to the meeting of the last legislature the matter of the publication of legal advertisements was thoroughly canvassed by the press of the state. The general opinion was that all the forced sales of real estate should be advertised. In a majority of the states of the union the law requires all sheriffs' sales of real estate to be published in a newspaper for three weeks or in a daily for twenty consecutive days. Such has been the case for many years, and the law is found to work well and satisfactorily, otherwise it would have been repealed long since. Why Texas, should be behind her sister states in this respect is hard to say. During the last session of the legislature, in which there were several newspaper men, a bill was introduced requiring all sheriffs' sales to be advertised, but after it had been amended, it amounted to absolutely nothing. It was finally laid 'on the table, and figuratively speaking, it lies there yet. The ground for refusing the bill was a purely economical character, the wise men of the legislature contending that the unfortunate man's property which was to be advertised for sale would be eaten up by the printer's fee for advertising it. Under the existing law in this state the sheriff is required to post one notice in the court house and two other notices in two public places in the county; the consequence is that only those who make a business of attending sheriffs' sales know that property is to be sold, or when the sale is to take place. When such sales are to be made, only a few, sometimes only one or two bidders are present, and the property is frequently sold for merely a nominal price; land worth \$1 an acre sometimes selling for ten cents an acre. So far as the established newspapers are concerned they have got along in the past well enough without legal advertising, except in the few instances now required by law, and are in splendid condition to get along well in the future. A majority of the papers who have urged the necessity of having sheriffs' sales advertised, have done so from a sense of duty to the public."—*Bastrop Advertiser*.

The School Lands.

Mr. Gibbs, of Dallas county, has introduced a bill in the legislature providing for the sale and lease of lands set apart for the benefit of the public school fund, and to provide for the investment of the proceeds. In the first place the bill provides for the classification of this domain into grazing, agricultural, and timber land, and that the disposal of the same shall be placed under the control of a special branch of the general land office. After the classification has been made the land commissioner shall determine what lands shall be leased and what sold. The tracts to be leased are not to contain more than thirty sections nor less than five in one body, and the lease to run not less than ten years nor more than fifteen. They are to be rented to the highest bidder, the annual rental not to fall below six cents per acre per year, payable semi-annually in advance. No corporation is to be allowed to become the lessee of any of this land, and no person or partnership is to be interested in the lease of more than the maximum stated in the bill.

The lands to be sold shall not be deeded for less than \$2.00 per acre for unwatered land, \$2.50 for land having fresh water or bordering on running streams, and not less than \$5.00 for land classed as valuable for timber. Actual settlers are to have the preference in purchasing, and the sale is to be conditioned upon the actual settlement and partial improvement of the same. After the price has been agreed upon the purchaser shall pay into the hands of the county or district surveyor one-twentieth of the amount, and shall execute his obligations for the remainder due for said land, payable to the governor of the state of Texas, and his successor in office, on the first day of January of each year, each obligation to be for one-twentieth of the entire value of said land, with interest at the rate of five per cent. per annum from date until the entire amount of said obligation is liquidated.

The ownership of all minerals on all lands hereafter sold shall be reserved, and shall remain in the common schools; provided, that the discoverer of any minerals on a section, except salt, salt springs or lakes, shall have the right to acquire twenty acres as a premium. Parties working such mines shall pay a royalty of not less than ten per cent of the net proceeds into the general school fund.

If, upon the first day of March following the maturity of any payment, the interest on money due has not been paid, the land commissioner shall notify the delinquent that in case he fails to make payment within ninety days his purchase shall be forfeited and again offered for sale. Such lands are to be subject to taxation from the date of the first payment. That the net proceeds arising from the sale of these lands are to be paid in the common school fund, the principal to be invested in the United States or state bonds, or as may be provided by constitution and law, and the interest arising therefrom and rental money from leased lands, are to be applied to the use of the common schools as part of the available school fund.

OVER THE STATE.

Farmers are at work in earnest all over the state.

Business was suspended to a great extent during the cold snap.

A farmer in Stephens county made \$370 clear of all expenses last year on a one horse farm.

A Coleman county man claims to have cleared \$50 per acre on the products of his farm last year.

Henry Bachelor, of Dallas county, sold two of his blooded colts last week for one thousand dollars.

There were three hundred and twelve advertised letters in the postoffice at Fort Worth on the 2d instant.

The Texas Investment Company sold to Taylor Maudling, of New Mexico, two thousand head of fine stock cattle at twenty dollars per head, last week.

The house of Mr. James Sandford, in Comanche county, was shot into one night last week. The guilty parties are jailed, and no doubt will receive the law justly.

Twenty-five thousand dollars in Mexican coin passed through the (Bellevue) Custom-house one day last week en route to El Paso. The packages weighed 5000 pounds.

The Comanche Chief says. The time has come when shade trees and ornamental shrubbery can be planted to advantage. An hour every day devoted to this work will soon make our home a lovely spot.

On Friday night of last week while the Sherman letter was being sent in transit from the postoffice at that place to the depot, it was taken from the wagon and the contents rifled. The guilty party has been jailed.

The citizens of Jones county are social, intelligent, law-abiding and church-going people, and next to the church, the school is the greatest divinity, and has the most effective adjunct and supporter of all constitutional law and order.

A hold robbery occurred last Saturday about 7 o'clock near the corner of El Paso and West Overland streets. Mrs. Stern, wife of the bookkeeper at Berliner & Co's., was met by a man who threw his arm around her neck and robbed her of her pocket-book and door-key. The villain then made good his escape, going in the direction of the Santa Fe depot. The officers, however, have a description of him and it is altogether likely he will be taken in. This is the boldest thing that has ever occurred in the city, and it is hoped that the daring robber will be caught and brought to justice.—*El Paso Lone Star*.

Big Land Purchase.

James W. Clark, of Syracuse, New York, is a member of a syndicate which is said to have bought 4,000,000 acres of land in Texas. He is associated with Farnsworth and Woolcott, of Minneapolis, Cochran and Newport, of St. Paul, and others. According to a St. Louis paper, from which this information is derived, the land lies in blocks of whole townships in the counties of Castro, Lamb, Hooker, Gaines, Tom Green, Andrews, Martin, Dawson, Presidio, Pecos and El Paso. These counties lie chiefly in the western tier of the state and near its center north and south. The whole 4,000,000 acres bought do not form a continuous body, but lie in large bodies not far apart. One solid tract of the lot contains over a million of acres.

The land was bought of the state and is to be held for a rise. "All involved in this purchase," Mr. Clarke said, "are engaged in handling real estate, and we are so fully aware of this fact that all desirable low-priced land is being rapidly absorbed in Texas and elsewhere. We are also aware that Texas is the only state in the Union where such lands can be obtained in such large lots at such rates, and that they will soon be off the market. In fact, the sale just consummated absorbs all the large solid blocks in the market." Further talk brought curious information of great land purchases in Texas as due from this overtopping exploit. Mr. Clark himself sold a tract of 1,000,000 acres in that state on the 26th of September, the purchasers in this case being an English syndicate, Mr. Lefebvre, brother-in-law of Mackey, the bonanza king, lately made a purchase of 1,000,000 acres from Rust. Of larger sales outside of Texas, within the past year one accomplished by Mr. Clark ranked high, being the transfer to a company of 800,000 acres of land in Oregon last June. Of sales of under 1,000,000 acres in Texas, one of the most notable was that of 700,000 acres to Franklin, who paid for the land \$1.75 per acre, or \$1,225,000 for the tract.

Large purchases of from 40,000 to 50,000 acres have been of common occurrence in Texas, these being made chiefly of wealthy cattle men, who realize that heretofore they must own the lands upon which their herds now graze, or else go out of the business.

There is a large and increasing demand for blocks of one, two or more townships, and these, when purchased, are usually enclosed by a wire fence. Hon. R. E. Lane recently purchased of the New York and Texas Land company a tract of 60,000 acres, at an average price of \$2.25 per acre, to be so enclosed and to be used as a large sheep ranch. The English are quick to realize an opportunity afforded to secure fine estates, and have been in the field in Texas for some time. Among the speculators in that state from abroad was Viscount Terbat, eldest son of the Duke of South-land, one of the largest land owners in Great Britain. He was reported as making investments for both himself and his father. Such investments have been numerous of late, because it is generally felt that the time for making them on any large scale is practically at an end. The prodigious sale just accomplished will hasten this end, though, as already intimated, this tract of 84,000,000 is opened for settlement now, or at any time.—*Ex*.

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