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RANDALL is not aching for any Republican support for the speakership.

MAHONEY says he is not dead, but sleepy. Won't somebody please hang a big bottle of chloroform near his couch?

TWELVE degrees below zero in the Northwest states. Go North, young man—go North, and freeze up with the country.

WHATEVER be the issue of the speakership election, there is at least some consolation in the reflection that Kiefer doesn't stand any chance to win.

MR. HEWITT favors not free trade, but freer trade. He drives a big spike and clinches it well. It is interesting to note that the distinguished New Yorker will support Cox first and then Carlisle.

If the Republicans are determined to don a bloody shirt, they should for the sake of decency procure one of a new manufacture, and get one also on which the blood does not bear a strong similarity in appearance and flavor to tobacco juice.

MR. DANA says the old man of Gramercy Park would not accept the Democratic nomination for the presidency, and gives as his authority Samuel J. Tilden. That settles it. The gentleman has never yet been caught in lying.

Why these disputes, among the state press, about the "brand" of this or that paper's Democracy? The public care very little, as a matter of fact, about these contentions. The average Texan has perception enough to discern whether the political tone of the paper he reads suits him.

Not only Carlisle and Cox, but the people want a vice vote in the Democratic caucus. Ochiltree will be in the next congress, and it is feared that under his tutelage, the members may forget to tell the truth about their votes on the speakership.

The sentiment for protection, pure and simple, is having all the starch knocked out of its spinal column. When Randall bolts out upon the Ohio platform and ultra-protectionists everywhere show a manifest knocking of the knees, it is time to begin to get things in order for the political millennium.

MAHONEY waving the bloody shirt and the imbecile administration at Washington ringing in the chorus is a pretty spectacle around which to rally the party of moral principles. Between traitors, corruption, inefficiency, bossism and the long train of vices which characterize the leadership of the g. o. p., the public is likely to become disgusted after awhile.

JOHN SHERMAN says the decision of the supreme court on the civil rights act "undermined the foundation stone of Republican principles." Mr. Sherman is a gentleman of singular candor, but it may astonish some of his brethren to learn at last the truth from their own household—that the foundation of Republicanism is the social equality of the negro.

The reporter of a Springfield, Mo., paper interviewed the leading men of that town, Democrats and Republicans, to ascertain their choice for president. The Democrats divided up, 28 for Tilden, 7 for John S. Phelps (Mr. Phelps is a citizen of Springfield), 2 for Butler, 2 for Thurman, 1 for Pendleton, 1 for Morrison, 1 for McDonald. The Republicans were 8 for Grant, 6 for Blaine, 2 for Lincoln, 1 for each Arthur, Sherman and Edmunds.

THERE are two more terrible atrocious murders to be added to the catalogue of such crimes that the GAZETTE made mention of Sunday. Since then New Hampshire has added herself to the list by the murder of the entire Ruddy family—husband, mother and child—and Mrs. Ford, a neighbor, by a fiend named Samoz; and Indiana distinguishes herself by adding another triple murder to those already accredited to her. The North is facile prin-

cepta when it comes to criminal matters.

ONE of the reasons urged for the election of Randall is that it would silence the clamor of the Republicans that Democracy favors free-trade. If concessions are to be made to suit the ideas of Republicans would it not be better to invite them into the caucus, or in fact go bodily over to them? Those who believe that Republicanism will be found wanting in some pretext to arraign any party which threatens to unloose its grip upon public patronage and power are entirely too innocent and fresh for this world of deceit and trickery.

We print to-day the first pages of our Washington letter reciting the connection of Texas with the founding of the Washington national monument. Subsequent pages of this story will appear to-morrow and the next day. The publication of such historical recitals is calculated to reanimate everywhere that federal patriotism once distinguishing all the people of every section of the Union. We print it, therefore, as an antidote to vices of sectionalism diffused by the devotees of the bloody-shirt.

FREEDOM of speech, as Americans understand it, is not tolerated in Mexico. The town officers of New Laredo recently imprisoned a man who had criticized them some "hat sharply, and refused to entertain a libel motion for his release. If such a thing should occur in this country, how long would it be before the weight of public opinion, not to speak of the operations of the laws, would make it too hot for the big-headed officials, who couldn't bear to be harshly spoken of, to maintain themselves? If we do have star-route thieves in this country, it is still the "land of the free," where a man's tongue may wag, with nobody to make him afraid.

And Texas was pretty well represented at the National Cotton Planter's convention, at Vicksburg, after all. The delegation was not a large one, but what it lacked in quantity was made up in quality. The lieutenant-governor of the state, a practical farmer, and an intelligent representative man he is, too, headed the list. It was not as well as the state might have done, but we shall rest content. It is not to be doubted that Gov. Martin and the public-spirited gentlemen who went with him utilized all their opportunities for observation and gaining information that may be made advantageous to the state hereafter. Texas will do better at New Orleans next year.

MR. ROBINSON, governor-elect of Massachusetts, is now a member of congress, and will fill his place in that body from December 4th until about January 1st, when he will resign to assume the governorship. He will have served not quite thirty days, and will draw about \$4,000 salary, which is at the rate of \$133 a day. This is not so bad as the case of Mr. Sessinghaus of the Third Missouri district, who contested the seat of Mr. Frost, and which a Republican congress awarded to him on the 3d of last March. He occupied his seat one day and drew salary for the full term. In addition he was allowed \$9,000 for the expenses of his contest, which, added to his salary, gave him \$19,000 for one day's service as congressman.

MR. RANDALL has been called a consistent and ingenious man. He certainly was frank when he declared in the last congress, "I am here as a representative of the people of my state, and when I fail to represent my people and my district I hope they will leave me at home." Mr. Randall's "district and people" are largely protectionists. There is no evidence that, if elected speaker, he will not continue to regard himself more as the representative of his congressional district than of the people of the United States. A high-tariff district controls Mr. Randall; Mr. Randall, if elected, will control the committee; and the committee control the tariff legislation of the country. Is one district—one state—to control the tariff legislation of the whole country because of a special and a glorious service rendered by Mr. Randall? Does Mr. Randall, himself, remind his party of his devotion to it? Why not make him president for the same reason?

NO DOUBT the reformed "standard" time is a very good thing for travelers, in that it does away with the confusion of time attendant upon travel across the country east or west; but there is a feature that does not appear to have been thought of, and which will work "confusion worse confounded" to towns on or near the meridian lines where the change of time is made. For example, the 90th meridian, where a change of one hour is made, passes through Memphis, Tenn., and Belleville, Ill. East of this line the 75th meridian time is observed, which is one hour faster than the 90th meridian time, which controls the watches and clocks west of it. Suppose the town of Memphis adopts standard time. The dividing point passes through the center of the city. When it is noon in the western portion of the city the clocks are striking one in the eastern portion. Workmen on the east side of a street are going to

work while those opposite them on the west side of the same street are being called to dinner. You carry Eastern division time, and crossing a street find yourself in the Central division and your watch one hour fast.

OCCUPATION Taxes. Occupation taxes in Texas, for the current fiscal year, aggregate, in round numbers, \$800,000. Some of these days the tax on a great many occupations will have to go. The state will be rich enough to get along on the ad valorem rate and the revenue from fines. As a principle in political economy the occupation tax is not equitable. Avocation that is classed as legitimate and honorable has the right to demand that it be freed from special burdens. Liquor-selling will, no doubt, always be subject to a heavy license tax, and so ought gambling and kindred pursuits. These are vocations that society can never afford to class as legitimate, in the same sense that we view dealing in merchandise, or banking, or practicing a profession. They are evils, and failing to suppress, society regulates them, by means of the occupation tax and license. But there are many lines of business now saddled with special taxes, that merit relief from the burden. The ad valorem tax is the true source of revenue, if taxation is to be equitable, and the state that is able to get along on this and does so has reached a point of prosperity and stable economy that is truly enviable.

MORE HOTEL ROOM WANTED. The lease of the El Paso to the present lessees assures to our city a good hotel, acceptably managed and well furnished, but it does not supply the demand for more room. The capacity of the building is limited, and is not at all adequate to the demands of the traveling public, which crowds the hotel accommodations of the city to its utmost capacity every day of the world. It is a well recognized and admitted fact that first impressions are the most durable and exercise the greatest influence upon the stranger looking for a field for location or investment. It is, therefore, advisable that Fort Worth be supplied with more and better facilities for the entertainment of visitors and travelers, who are zealous, condemning or praising the accommodations they find at every stopping place in their travels. A hotel with one hundred, or even a greater number of rooms, would be a paying investment to the town and to the proprietors. No cessation should be permitted until Fort Worth is supplied with a hotel building commensurate with the demands of the place, and in keeping with the spirit of enterprise which characterizes the city and its people.

THE Driving Park Association. The success which attended the first meeting of the Fort Worth Driving Park association was almost phenomenal, but was in harmony with every enterprise in which the city has engaged. It was not only the largest meeting in the circuit in point of attendance, but was more skillfully and satisfactorily managed, the pools sold were largely in excess of those at any other point, and the best time ever made in the state was made on its tracks. The association, by the help of the public-spirited citizens who contributed to the purses, was enabled to discharge every obligation against it, and leave a small surplus in the treasury. The benefits to the city derived from the assemblage of so many people is almost incalculable, not only from a financial standpoint, but from the credit and reputation that will be given the city abroad.

A spring meeting is in contemplation, which will exceed in point of excellence the one just finished. The city should encourage and sustain the association and strengthen them in their efforts. It is suggested that with the expenditure of a few thousand dollars, and the co-operation of the public, a North Texas state fair could be given on the grounds next November in connection with the fall races, which would eclipse any gathering of the kind ever given in the state. The people of Fort Worth should interest themselves in the matter and enable an early announcement of the programme. Fort Worth is interested in every enterprise which brings strangers within its gates, for from these come new accessions to its wealth, population and prosperity.

DENIES THE Charge. The Dallas correspondent of the GAZETTE reported, November 4th, an interview with George Hawkins, a well known colored man of Dallas, in which the latter said in substance that J. N. Johnson had been instrumental in bringing about trouble between whites and blacks. Hawkins called specifically that Johnson had called meetings of ignorant negroes around Austin and Hempstead and elsewhere and endeavored to raise money from them to go on to Houston and Washington and fix the supreme court decision so that negroes would be as good as anybody; that Johnson did get money enough to go to Houston, and went, but failed to get money enough to go to Washington. Hawkins further said Johnson was a bad man.

Yesterday the GAZETTE received a letter from J. N. Johnson denying in toto the accusations and statements of Hawkins, and saying: "I shall in due season prove that I have not left the vicinity of Bryan since the 30th of September, and that I have not called a meeting in the state of Texas since last June, and that was a primary to elect delegates to the Colored Men's State convention, held last July, in Austin. I never held a meeting near Austin or Hempstead in my life. I did not attempt to collect a cent from anybody on the civil rights matter or any other matter, except as it was due me as an individual. I will prove all these things by white citizens of Bryan, Austin and Hempstead."

The GAZETTE takes pleasure in giving publicity to the statement made, and the presumption is that injustice was done an innocent party. The GAZETTE of its own knowledge is ignorant of the truth of the matter, but having been made the vehicle for Hawkins' statements, is glad to have a denial from the party most vitally concerned, and repeats that the presumption is that injustice has been done Mr. Johnson.

Fence Cutting Again. A new face is put on the fence cutting business. It is suggested that many of the fence-cutters may be cowboys, who have been thrown out of employment by the use of fences. The more fences there are the less herding there must necessarily be, and, it appears, the more lawlessness.—Austin Statesman.

There are causes and causes for fence-cutting, but whatever the cause, it is a crime per se, and should have been denounced as such by every person in Texas from the beginning. The encouragement given to this crime by newspapers has been largely instrumental in extending the operations of the clipper from the West to the East. Crime is crime and there can be no condonation of it without hurt to law and order. While the nippers confined their operations to the "big pastures," newspapers, which knew next to nothing of the underlying causes of this outbreak of lawlessness, proclaimed it a war between agriculture and live stock raising, and in their eagerness to serve the farmer and vent their ignorant spleen at the "cattle king," they justified crime and encouraged criminals. Thus abetted, the evil spread, and the fences of farmers in Hunt, Delta, Fannin and other purely agricultural counties went down before the nippers as did the fences of cattlemen in the extreme West. The fence around the graves in Montague was shown no more mercy than that of the widow in Coleman; a fence around the farmer's fifty acres was as obnoxious as that which enclosed the thousands of the cattlemen. Prejudice against cattlemen, combined with demagoguery, did its work and continues to do it. With each new outbreak we were treated to new dissertations on the causes of fence-cutting, and we were gravely told by one philosopher that when it rained the criminals would cease their nefarious work. The wanton destruction of farmers' fences in purely agricultural sections has probably dissipated the absurd notion, that this thing was a war between farmers and stockmen from the minds of all but the most benighted; but the papers which encouraged crime because the sufferers were cattlemen, can now amuse their idle moments by telling their readers why farmers' fences are cut, why fences around graves are cut, etc. Fence-cutting is a crime, and exemplifies itself in most outrageous instances of it, and it should be treated as a crime. Nor should the provocations to its escape the attention of the law-making power. Two wrongs never yet made a right—and the justification of a crime because of a wrong has strengthened that crime until it has become outrageous in its wantonness. The blind prejudice against "cattle kings" of the West did much to sharpen the nippers for the destruction of farm fences in the East.

A STRICKEN COMMUNITY. A wicked man once shot a thief. A thief, and that for only stealing; And great was then the general grief, And loud and long the general wailing. "They might have captured him" was cried; "Oh shame! why should a thief be shot?" If crimes like this we can abide, There's something in this state that's rotten. And so they built a monument Unto the poor, unhappy martyr, Untimely up to heaven sent, Where goods and things no man can barter.

TABOR of Colorado will build a tomb for himself of barbarous magnificence. THIS is sometimes called an "iron age," but, more properly speaking, it is an age of brass. WHALEDONE has gone up from \$2 to \$4 a pound, owing to a bad season in the North Pacific.

CALEB FISHER of Warwick, Pa., makes a living by catching and turtles for the Philadelphia. WHEN the Dallas vigilance committee goes on the trail the migration of the gamblers will commence. SULLIVAN promises to break the jaw of a prize-fighter he expects to encounter in San Francisco with the very first blow.

CHINA is sending out letters to foreign powers setting forth that no blame can attach to her if war occurs with France.

A GREAT deal is said of temperance movements, but in any case exist where whisky has yet been moved, they have gone unreported.

A "PUMPKIN pie social, with literary exercises and a fish pond," has been among the recent maddening society events in Rochester, N. Y.

FOUR German tourists have just ascended the famous Mexican volcano of Mount Popocatepetl. It is nearly 15,000 feet above the sea level.

QUEEN VIC. is in a sorry condition. About the only thing she is capable of doing is to eat and sleep and read poetry concerning the late lamented John Brown.

THE more money spent in elections the more stealing must follow to get even. Even the ignorant voter will discover in the course of time that honesty is the best policy.

OCHILTREE announces that he is abundantly able to do his own lying and doesn't need any newspaper assistance. Paragraphers will please make a note of this.

THE Philadelphia Press puts it thus: "Matt Arnold is the only living Englishman who can come over to America and get \$2.50 a minute for reading his old magazine articles."

THE old lady shouldn't handle the post so roughly. A little childlike yawning is not unparadigmatic, and then the News must remember that once upon a time it was young and fresh itself.

THE News and the Post are quarreling about their respective Democratic principles. Glancing back a twelve-month or more, we are tempted to inquire, "Who would have thought it?"

ANDREW McLELLAN is the name of a jolly old centenarian in South Carolina who recently married a charming widow of twenty-seven. The gay groom is only 115 years old and is as spry as a kitten.

AT San Antonio, Herr Lasker, a member of the German Reichstag, addressing a social club, said: "The brain power of the people is the distinguishing feature of the United States." The people are all right, but what about the mental caliber of the politicians?

BLYNIE, an eccentric San Francisco millionaire, left a pretended widow, while a girl from England was imported as a daughter by his first wife and coached to weep over the coffin at the funeral. The real relatives, a sister, nephews and nieces, have just been heard from in Wales.

THAT was an ingenious plea of a Texas murderer who urged both insanity and self-defense in extenuation of a crime. The verdict, of course, was not guilty. Any lawyer who would fail of acquittal with two such loopholes of escape would be guilty of unparadigmatic professional inability.

If the following definition of "a mean man" be a true picture, every town has its champion: "He recognizes no human being as his equal, but considers all either his inferiors or superiors. Superiors are all who have wealth or title; inferiors, all others. To the former he is obsequious and sometimes sycophantic; to the latter severe and contemptuous, domineering."

THE ups and downs of political life are sadly exemplified in the career of the late lamented Mr. Mahone. But yesterday he wiggled the administration and through it the party and the nation. Now it seems he will have to be buried in the potter's field. Sad, indeed, but there is "No anion here with traitor hearts 'That hath not here an end."

A VERY well-dressed young man, blonde as to hair and eyes, was found Tuesday morning lying by the railroad, near East St. Louis, with a bullet in his head and a revolver by his side. There was nothing to indicate his name or home. A note, written in a good business hand, was found near the body. It reads as follows: "Any man who may happen to find it will confer a great favor on this corpse by just digging a hole and covering it up. God will pay you for your trouble."

MRS. DANIEL BAILEY of Locust Grove, L. I., who eloped two weeks ago with her husband's partner, returned Thursday night, the picture of abject woe, and was turned out of the house by her own mother, who was preparing supper for Mr. Bailey, and followed her erring daughter out doors with a kettle of boiling water. The poor wretch was found shivering in the cold outside soon after midnight, and Mr. Bailey brought her in and warmed and fed and forgave her.

ON writing military titles in the West, a San Francisco journalist is reminded of the visit of an English lord to Sacramento during a session of the legislature many years ago. His lordship put up at the Orleans. His chaplain introduced him to Colonel J. Y. McDuffy, General Wright, Commodore Farragut, Colonel Giff, General Allen, Adjutant-General Drum, Colonel Kewen, Major Jack Stratman, Colonel Bowie, General James A. McDougall, and so on, when his lordship asked him, "Lad, is this a hotel or is it a bloody old fort?"

IN France November 2nd is "The day of death." Everybody visits the graves of dead relatives or friends, and the crowds at the cemeteries are so large that gardeners are stationed to keep the people in line. Friends leave cards at the tombs of the friends so the families may know who has visited the last resting place of their loved ones. The custom of leaving cards is observed through the entire year. Most of the graves are as vaults, with a little room or house over them. The door is an iron grating. Cards left there are protected from the weather, and when the family visits the place they take them and send return cards by mail, thus acknowledging the kind remembrance.

THE Houston Post is too good a newspaper to keep a political label at the head of its editorial columns. The people of Texas are not fools. If the utterances of the Post are satisfactory to its readers, no label will help that excellent journal. If its utterances are offensive, no label will sugar-coat them. What should a newspaper of the Post's metropolitan proportions care for the comments of the Bangtown Recorder, or any other hide-bound political puppet? The Post is a great newspaper, and has no need of a label on its utterances. A label is, indeed, the confession of the need of one. The Post is known all over Texas as a first-class Democratic newspaper, owned and edited by men who need no label to prove their loyalty and usefulness to the state. That label is a mark for the pack to bark at. We are surprised that men capable of making such a newspaper as the Post is ad-

mitted to be should consider it should ever have considered to blow the name of their own dogs on a bottle from which the odors of the pure old wine.

TEXAS STATE NEWS. The new jail at the ready for evil-doers.

A genuine woolly lion out on the plains frombourne in December.

The various days of will unite and give a between now and the holiday.

Mr. Lev. Bang of his week. Fifty-three men supper.

Over fifty car loads of road for track repair during cent month.

Two greyhounds belonging to Children's J. Fort have recently caught a deer on a square run.

The Banders Bugle says a town running a line for the Sunset railroad.

The council refused to pay the Penn's tabernacle to preserve while he was preaching it.

Dr. L. M. Colburn of his ripe peaches now on the of May, and he has had guests since.

Judge Sterling Fisher has nominated a Sequin to fill the vacancy in the legislature since the resignation of Representative McBryde.

Mrs. Belle Sumner of Hays county, Texas, will be grateful for any information regarding the whereabouts of her son, Harlan, aged fifteen years.

In Palestine some of the property owners have not paid taxes for the year, and the publication of the delinquent list is looked with interest.

Capt. Whip-supposed to be a younger brother of John—administered the punishment of sixty lashes to three boys of county who stole sheep, which was a sheep camp.

A Mexican named Ramon broke into a Chinaman's store and stole a trunk of clothing and gold and silver coin. The trunk was found in the Catholic where the thief had hid it.

In the Grayson county Johnson and wife, persons of recovered (damages of \$600) T. & P. R. Co. for refusal son's wife admission to the aside for her sex holding like.

The shipment of cattle from Abilene, Sweetwater, Colorado and Toyah is immense. It is visible for shippers to groan at the necessary cars to carry the market. The railroad company the cars but the locomotives necessary to move them.

At a colored mass-meeting resolutions were passed which are untrue the reports of the of the negroes of Washington county, and stating in emphasis that they are willing at all times to defend the honor of the state and the lives of all citizens in lington county, irrespective of color, political or religious views.

Sunset Scenes in Georgia. (Macon Telegraph.) The rosy heels of the day down the western turnpike, greatly admired by the ladies.

Put on a Suit. (Cincinnati Enquirer.) Lieutenant-General Sheridan left the army under command orderly sergeant and gone to Chicago.

Boston Fashions in Mourning. (New York Graphic.) The latest and most thing in Boston mourning the use of black beans only days, in the case of a death in the family.

Let Us Be Dismissed. (Cincinnati Observer.) The Fort Worth GAZETTE has formed a mutual aid society. It is with joy we Loving conduct here boys.

How to Entice the White. (Bowling Green (Ky.) Gazette.) The colored folks will find a crib full of big-eared negroes will bring white folks a laugh when they sit alongside of the theater.

The Coming Epoch. (Atlanta Constitution.) The next innovation in probably be knee breeches dress. When a young man to go along the public high his hair banged and a collar his ears, while his legs wigged of skin-tight, striped trousers is allowed to live, there is arouse a just public indignation.

His Esteemed Contem. (Las Vegas (N. M.) Gazette.) It is not generally known county, but for the hundreds of readers in the would announce that the established Golden Era as a sheet is issued there called the coln County Leader. The dirty-faced, juice-squirting tarantula essence of Coln the Frenchy name of Col upon the establishment of analyzed more than a owing to the large circulation whole page salutory in Alis valedictory would have long ago if he could have borrow enough italics to subject justice.