

the plaintiff had no existing debt against the company, all of the money, saving his own, established by payment by the company, judgment being against the evidence, it is reversed and the cause remanded.

**Galveston, Harrisburg & San Antonio Railway vs. Schwartz**, from the county court. In both justice and equity, the plaintiff recovered judgment for the board of laborers and services rendered. He sued upon the contract in accordance with article 2591 Revised Statutes. Appellants claimed a counter claim in justice for balance on a hand-car delivered through negligence of appellee's action foreman. This counter claim was not taken into consideration in the county court was stricken from the ground that appellant did not deny under oath the justness of plaintiff's demand. Appellant's verified account was admitted in evidence over defendant's objections. Held:

Appellants' counter claim was not admitted and should have been struck out, because he had the right to plead it, without denying under oath the plaintiff's verified account.

Appellant's claim does not come within the meaning of an account as in art. 2266, R. S., and the court refused to admit it in evidence. Reversed and remanded.

**Galveston, Harrisburg & San Antonio Railway vs. McTeague**, from the county court. Appellee recovered judgment for services in the construction of the railroad. See former report in this case, W. & W. Con. R. S., pp. 2266, 2267. The services involved were performed by appellee for McTeague, the contractor, and it is well objected that the plaintiff was without a necessary party. It is now well settled

in this character of cases the contractor is a necessary party. 59 Tex. 276. It is only by the virtue of the rule (R. S. Appendix p. 4) that a contractor or laborer has his action against the railroad company for enforcement of the statutory lien. The statute alone creates the privilege of sub-contractor, his employees on the railroad, and in suits against the railroad, the original contractor is a necessary party to establish complete privity. Again, the plaintiff, being a personal one is injured, for the laborer has no right of action for a mere personal judgment against the railroad. Reversed and remanded.

**Wells & Burgess vs. Mrs. Edwards et al.** from Milam county. See former report in this case. 2 (Will) Con. R. S. 276. The instrument sued on was as follows: "Rockdale, Tex., Aug. 20, 1885. \$716.68. Ninety days after date I promise to pay to the order of H. Edwards, administrator, seven hundred and sixteen and 68/100 dollars, to the order of the parties, the privilege of making payment on account until maturity. Signed, W. Wells & Burgess, agents." Two objections arise: 1. The instrument not containing or setting out the names of the parties for whom R. purported to act as agent, and whom he intended, does it bind other parties named in R. 2. Does the evidence sustain plaintiff's allegation of ownership of the right to recover? It is a general rule that no party can be charged as principal upon a negotiable instrument unless his name is thereon disclosed. The rule is also stated thus: "The party who is chargeable on a negotiable instrument is the person whose name is disclosed in some way disclosed upon the instrument. 1 Dan. Neg. Inst. § 303. Appellant's name not being on the instrument would not be bound to it as a negotiable instrument, but as a condition in the note, 'with the privilege of making payment on account until maturity,' destroys its negotiable character. The evidence does not affirmatively to the second objection raised. No material error is apparent. Affirmed.

**Rockdale et al. vs. O. Crawford**, from the county court. Appellee sued in justice for \$72.15 for services and damages for maliciously withholding payment. The court sustained the claim for the \$72.15 damage claim and ordered judgment for the \$72.15, that having sustained the exception to the claim for damages, the court should have dismissed the case for want of jurisdiction, it being apparent that the claim for damages was not the subject of the suit for no purpose other than to invest the court with jurisdiction. Reversed and remanded.

**Rockdale et al. vs. the State**, from the county court. From the judgment final rendered against the appellants in this case they perfected their appeal to this court by entering their notice of appeal after new trial was refused, and by filing appeal bond, which was approved. The cause was entered at its proper place on the docket of this court, but when the same was reached and called for trial the appellants made default, appearing neither by counsel or brief. Dismissal of the appeal for want of prosecution is the one course for the case to take. Appeal dismissed for want of prosecution.

**Smart vs. the State**, from Grayson county. Under an indictment charging him with murder, the appellant was awarded a term of ten years in the penitentiary as punishment. The indictment charged that, with a deadly weapon, the appellant of his own free will and malice aforethought, did kill and murder one ——. Held, sufficient to charge the offense. The evidence was ample to support the verdict and the charge was unexceptionable. Affirmed.

**Lena Steptow vs. Laura Martin**, from Mitchell county. It is provided by statute that when a husband or wife dies intestate, leaving no child or children and no separate property, the common property passes to the survivor charged with the debts of the community, and no administration thereon is required (R. S. 2165). Under this statute, however, such community property is charged with the debts of the estate only so far as it may be subject to forced sale. If exempt from forced sale under the constitution, it cannot be subjected to the payment of debts but vests absolutely in the survivor. To have entitled appellee to maintain this action, she should have alleged that the community property in this instance was subject to the debt sued for. The defendant's demurrer should have been sustained. Reversed and remanded.

**Johnston vs. Price**, from Callahan county. The petition alleged that the contract was to be performed by J. who lived in R. county in Callahan county. The contract, which is set out *in hac verba*, contains no such stipulation. Exception was taken that the petition showed on its face that C. county did not have jurisdiction, which exception was overruled. Held, error. The want of jurisdiction, being apparent, could be availed of by special demurrer, and it was not required of defendant to plead his privilege under oath. (R. S. 1265; 51 Tex. 460.) Reversed and remanded.

**Jim Anderson vs. the State**. The indictment under which this conviction and its correlative, a term in the penitentiary, were had, charged that the appellant did fraudulently and feloniously take, steal and carry away from the possession of one — a certain horse, the property of the —, without his consent and with the intent to deprive the said

of the value of the said horse and to appropriate to his own use and benefit. Held, sufficient to charge the offense. The charge of the court responded fully and correctly to every issue raised by the evidence, which in every respect was sufficient to establish the taking of the animal by the defendant, and the criminal intent with which he took him. The judgment is affirmed.

**Brooks vs. Duty & Holmes**, from Falls county. Notwithstanding he has assumed the expense, and gone to the trouble of perfecting his appeal from the judgment rendered against him in the court below, the appellant has failed to appear either by counsel or brief, to present his appeal to the final hearing in this court. The appeal is therefore dismissed for want of prosecution, and the costs in this behalf expended are taxed against appellant and the sureties on appeal bond, which order will be certified below for observance. Ordered accordingly.

**Vaught vs. Potter**, from Cooke county. The appellee in this case submits his motion to strike out the statement of facts and the bill of exceptions brought up in the record. Inasmuch as it appears that both the statement of facts and the bills of exception were filed in the court below more than ten days after adjournment, the motion prevails. The case then being submitted on briefs for both parties, and upon suggestion of delay by the appellee, it is taken upon final hearing, and record showing that the sole purpose of the appeal is to secure delay, the suggestion is upheld and the judgment is affirmed.

**Green vs. Sams, Merritt & Merritt**, from Bastrop county. The appellant in this case files his motion to withdraw the transcript which he filed in this court upon perfecting his appeal. Such motions are ordinarily granted, subject to the payment of such costs as have accrued, matter of right, the appellant or plaintiff is not entitled to his transcript so long as he is not in arrears to the officers of the court. Upon his payment of the costs that have accrued in this behalf, the appellant has authority to withdraw his transcript. Ordered accordingly.

**Williams vs. the State**, from Grayson county. The appellant in this case was convicted of murder in the first degree and his punishment was assessed at confinement in the penitentiary for the term of his natural life. The case cannot be considered by this court upon its merits for the reason that the court below failed to pass the sentence upon him in accordance with the verdict of the jury, as is required by law. For the reason stated the assistant attorney-general's motion to dismiss the appeal is sustained. Appeal dismissed.

**Porter vs. Byrne**, from Hays county. The judgment rendered below was at a previous day of this term affirmed by this court without a written opinion. The appellant dissatisfied with such disposition of the case has filed his motion for rehearing. The motion, however, fails to present any legitimate question which could be considered in the case, which was not passed upon on the original hearing, nor does it point out wherein this court erred in the decision rendered. The court adheres to its previous disposition of the case, satisfied of the correctness. Motion overruled.

**Cohen vs. State**, from Dallas county. The statute controlling the subject prescribes imperatively that, as a condition precedent to appeal to this court, the accused, upon conviction, and upon his motion for new trial be overruled below, shall give notice in open court of his appeal to this court, which notice shall be entered upon the minutes of the trial court. It is also required that the transcript to this court shall show affirmatively that such notice was given and that it was entered upon the minutes. This transcript having failed in this particular, the state's motion to dismiss the appeal must prevail. The appeal is dismissed.

**Mahona vs. the State**, from Travis county. The appellant in this case was convicted of the offense of burglary, and was awarded a term of two years in the penitentiary as his punishment. The state filed a motion to dismiss the appeal upon the ground that the appeal bond misdescribed the judgment. The ground, however, is not sustained by the record, and the motion is without merit. The indictment charges every element of the offense, and to the evidence, which is ample to support the verdict of the jury, the court pertinently applied the law of the case. Affirmed.

**Bacon, alias Perkins**, from Travis county. The conviction in this case was for an assault with intent to commit rape. The grounds relied on by the appellant for a reversal of the judgment are that the indictment did not properly charge the offense, that the charge of the court was erroneous in various particulars and that the evidence was insufficient. Neither ground is well assigned. The indictment properly charged the assault and specifically that it was made with intent to rape. The evidence was conclusive as to the assault and equally so that it was made with intent to rape, and the charge responded to every issue in the case. Affirmed.

**Smith vs. the State**, from Howard county. The appellant in this case was convicted of manslaughter under an indictment that charged him with murder. It is shown, in support of the state's motion to dismiss the appeal, by the affidavits of the proper officers that, pending his appeal, the defendant effected his escape from the custody of the officers, and that his return to that custody was the result of his capture, and not his voluntary act. By making his escape the accused himself ousted the jurisdiction of this court and must take the consequences. Appeal dismissed.

**Irby vs. the State**, from Cherokee county. The conviction in this case was for the theft of oxen, the property of one Irrel. The penalty imposed by the verdict was a term of three years in the penitentiary. The confessions of the defendant having been made after he was duly cautioned of the consequences, relieved the case from being one of circumstantial evidence, and it was not, therefore, necessary for the court to charge the law of circumstantial evidence. And in any event the evidence was sufficient to support the verdict. Affirmed.

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**LOCAL EVENTS.**

**A Wholesale Poisoning, Caused by Eating Canned Meat—Another Version.**

**Communication From a Third-Warder on the Sanitary Condition Thereof.**

**Wholesale Poisoning.**

During the progress of the celebration at the driving park on Saturday afternoon large numbers patronized the lunch counter, and among other edibles exposed temptingly to view was a large dish of canned corned beef. Of this quite a number partook, all of whom, so far as a reporter was able to learn yesterday, had suffered more or less from the effects of lead poisoning.

At about 6 o'clock the members of the band went down to this lunch stand and of the entire number eight partook of this poisonous meat and with very serious results, as it was thought for a time that some of them could not recover.

Mr. Capera of Capera Bros. was another to partake of this dish, but timely antidotes relieved him with no serious effects.

By far the most serious case, however, was that of Dr. H. W. Moore, whom it was thought could not recover. Drs. Beall and Adams spent the night with him, and it was only by the prompt and efficient action of these gentlemen that he was yesterday pronounced out of danger.

Another case was that of a negro boy who goes by the name of Zulu. He was carried to the engine house last night and suffered intense agony before a physician arrived and administered something to relieve him. His case, together with a number of others, were pronounced Saturday night nothing more than cholera morbus, but the fact developed yesterday that all were clear cases of lead poisoning and traceable to the same common cause.

**The Other Side.**

**Fort Worth, Tex., July 5, 1885.**

**Another Citizen.**

**Our Sanitary Condition.**

**Will Locate.**

**Mr. A. Hellmich**, for several years past emigration agent for the state of Arkansas, was in the city several days last week on business connected with his office. Col. Hellmich informed a reporter of THE GAZETTE that he would return home to-day to wind up his business affairs, when he will come back to Fort Worth at an early date with the view of locating permanently. He will certainly prove a valuable acquisition to this section of Texas, and particularly to Fort Worth. No man in Arkansas has done more good towards the advancement of that state's interest than the above-named gentleman.

**Glimpses of the hotel:** J. A. Odenheimer, San Francisco; W. I. Ganson, Marshall; L. A. Steen, Decatur; C. F. Collins, wife and child, Wichita Falls; J. W. Kelley, Galveston; P. M. Yen, Jr., Montgomery, Ala.; Lillie Emanuel, city; Lewis Silverstein, Big Spring; C. W. Word, Kansas City; A. P. Gumbourgh, St. Louis; B. A. Aldrich, city; Thos. L. Richardson; A. J. Olds, Louisville, Ky.; J. A. Burt, Gatesville; Gen. G. Brown, Los Angeles; Cal. W. R. Harris, J. S. Ligon, St. Louis; A. O. Harris, Atlanta, Ga.; J. S. Saunders, Bonham; Robert M. Hutchins, C. C. Pettit, Galveston; Saml. L. Day, Jr., Sinell; Henry Charley, Longview.

**Whitehead O. N. ranch:** C. H. Gilbert, Texas; W. R. Chick, Jacksonville; J. B. Atkinson, city; R. C. Cheatham, Chicago. Pickwick: Geo. W. Roder, New York; A. N. Spencer, Ennis; H. V. Sanders, Louisville; C. P. Shumate, Paris; J. H. Hancock, Paris; Abe L. Brown, San Francisco, Cal.; H. E. Markham, New Orleans; Ike T. Pryor, Austin; M. L. Elzey, St. Louis; W. R. Butler, Bridgeport; C. Work, Kansas City; J. G. Williams, city; A. L. Derrington, Memphis, Tenn.; F. S. Port, Galveston, Ill.; N. W. Givens, C. N. I. T.; W. J. Williams, St. Louis; Annie Gossier, Dallas; A. J. Ross, Solado; L. H. Atchinson, city; T. M. Hegan, San Saba; J. E. Morgan, Lampasas; M. G. Bush, Solado; J. A. Kemp, Wichita Falls; D. C. Malloy, Palestine; C. D. Fox, M. L. Sanguinet, New York.

**Mansion:** H. J. Hatch, Dallas; Mrs. Smith, Wichita Falls; B. B. Benton, Bonar; John Collier, Mansfield; J. A. Darnell, Seymour; Chas. A. Taylor, W. L. Morris, Clarksville; W. H. King, city; J. L. Jandrem, Bowie; F. H. Beall, Sweetwater; Sam P. Darnell, Decatur; John Walker, city; E. R. Habens and family, Wichita Falls; Wyatt Lipscomb, Cameron; Mrs. B. Donahoe, Atoka; I. T. Frank Houston, Terrell; D. Bronson, city; J. R. LeBosquets, J. A. Ghem, Galveston.

**THE GOVERNORSHIP.**

**Mayor R. L. Fulton, an Anti-Monopoly Democrat, May Be Heard From.**

**Correspondence of the Gazette.**

**LAMPASAS, TEX., June 27, 1885.**

**Whether by accident or design, dependent sayeth not, but all the same there has been, during the present week in Lampasas, considerable political gossip occasioned by an occasional conference of prominent public men here, from different parts of the great state of Texas, and the drift of opinion appears to be that it is in the interest of Mayor R. L. Fulton of Galveston for governor in 1886.**

Meeting Mayor Fulton on the street with his seven-year-old daughter, Nellie, we undertook to interview him upon the subject, but he expressed himself as unwilling to say, at this time, whether he would or would not be an aspirant for governor a year hence.

"I presume," he said, "that I am as generally known as almost any public man in the state. I am known, too, as an anti-trust and anti-monopoly man. Having been elected mayor of Galveston three times, by large majorities, on this platform, and never having deviated from the principles it involves, the people of the state, who believe as I do upon these and kindred subjects, may indicate when the time comes a preference for me as their standard-bearer for the high office of governor in 1886."

"I think, however," he continued, "that it is altogether premature to discuss this question at this time, and I would prefer not to be mentioned in connection with it, as I am not now a candidate for the office in the common acceptance of the term."

"But you must not forget, Mayor Fulton," we ventured to remark, "that it is the early bird that generally catches the worm."

"Well," replied the mayor, "I think that theory in politics has had its day. My late re-election in Galveston indicates this. It was well known in that city that I did not desire a third term of the mayoralty and that I only consented to make the race after it was made manifest to me that the welfare of the city demanded my candidacy."

"The Galveston News opposed you," we remarked, "for the mayoralty and will, in all probability, do so for governor in the event of your candidacy."

The mayor laughed, and in the utmost mood of good humor went on to remark: "Well, I would hope so. In fact, I should scarcely feel at home on the political stage as the hero of the play, unless the Galveston News would agree to take its usual part of 'heavy villain' of the play. In truth, I believe about the only thing that could 'down me,' were I to enter the race, would be the unqualified support of the Galveston—or Dallas, as the case may be—News. The great mass of the people, the great honest multitude of Texas, has no kind of doubt of my fidelity to their interests as against 'rings and hydr-headed monopolies,' but the moment the News would pronounce in my favor, I fear I should begin to distrust myself, and, of course, could not therefore blame others for suspecting that there was some kind of a 'bug under the chip.'"

"There may be, however, one good reason," continued Mayor Fulton, "why I should not furnish the use of my name as a candidate for governor. It is this: The Galveston News has been useful to those in Texas who believe in honest methods in government, since they have learned to estimate it at its correct value. They have at last found that to go exactly opposite to what the News advocates is the surest criterion of ascertaining the right from the wrong in political and official affairs. And so long as the News so completely fills the measure of this 'long-felt want,' it would be a pity to drive it out of the state."

"Well," inquired the scribe, "what would your election as governor have to do with driving the News out of Texas?"

"Well," laughingly replied the mayor, "judging of the future by the past, it might have much to do with it. I supposed that every newspaper man in Texas knew that since the News was so ignominiously defeated in my late re-election to the mayoralty, that it is preparing to go to Dallas. Now, if it should come to pass that I am elected governor of the state of Texas, what assurance will we have that the News will not again 'strike tents' and flee to Chicago, in spite of Logan and Carter Harrison?"

With another hearty laugh and grasp and shake of the hand, Mayor Fulton, with his little girl, made for a street car that was wending its way to "Camp John Ireland."

**BONHAM.**

**Special to the Gazette.**

**BONHAM, TEX., July 5.**—A revival meeting has been in progress at the Baptist church here for the past week. Rev. Potts is an earnest and interesting preacher and is well liked in Bonham.

**MOODY.**

**Special to the Gazette.**

**MOODY, TEX., July 5.**—The barbecue yesterday at Halstead's crossing, on the Leon river, seven miles from Moody, was a grand success. About 4000 people attended. Addresses were made by Messrs. Hinman, Dunn and Smith. Forty carcasses were barbecued.

**WILLIAMS' RANCH.**

**Correspondence of the Gazette.**

**WILLIAMS' RANCH, TEX., July 4.**—The Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe railroad has failed to secure the right of way, by purchase or donation, through several tracts of land in this part of the country, and legal proceedings to condemn will soon be had.

**MORGAN.**

**Correspondence of the Gazette.**

**MORGAN, TEX., July 4.**—The summer session of Maj. Corruith's school terminated yesterday with an examination. Last night a concert was given by the school and the hall was crowded. The programme was most interesting and well carried out. At the close of the entertainment the major made a brief talk.

The protracted meeting of the Baptists, under the auspices of Dr. Rufus Burleson, began to-night.

**DENTON.**

**Correspondence of the Gazette.**

**DENTON, TEX., July 4.**—A suit was filed yesterday in the district court by Messrs. Dullig & Little, attorneys for plaintiffs, against the Missouri Pacific Railway company in favor of the children of Charles Magnus, who was killed in a wreck at Denton in March of 1883, while in the company's employ. Actual damages to the amount of \$20,000 is claimed, also exemplary damages.

The third quarterly meeting of this year for this station commenced to-day at the Methodist Episcopal church, South, under the direction of Rev. W. F. Esterling, the presiding elder.

**SNYDER.**

**Correspondence of the Gazette.**

**SNYDER, TEX., July 3.**—The election for deciding whether ten cents on \$100 valuation should be levied for free-school purposes in district No. 1, which includes the whole county, passed off quietly. At this box the vote was unanimous for the schools. No other precincts have been heard from. The general supposition is that the tax carried all over the county.

Messrs. Dunn and Trammell of the Trammell Land and Cattle company are surveying their lands just west of town. They will fence their lands, and when fenced they will have the largest pasture in the county, nearly 100,000 acres.

Rev. Moore, Baptist of Sweetwater is delivering a series of sermons at the Baptist church and will continue for several days.

**A Metropolitan Blaze.**

**NEW YORK, July 5.**—Building No. 63, Broadway, where are situated the offices of the Baltimore & Ohio Express and Telegraph companies, was gutted by fire to-day. The loss foots up to about \$50,000 and is fully covered by insurance.

**Chicago Labor Troubles.**

**CHICAGO, ILL., July 5.**—Mayor Harrison has written letters to President Jones of the West Division Street Railway company and to the president of the Car Conductors and Drivers' association, suggesting that each side to the present dispute select an arbitrator, and that between them they select a third, making an arbitration committee of three, whose decision with reference to the strike and its antecedents shall be final.

**Gen. Grant's Condition.**

**MT. McNEER, N. Y., July 5.**—Upon the arrival of Dr. Sands yesterday he proceeded at once to Gen. Grant's room and there the two physicians examined the patient's throat. Having seen this a consultation took place in the presence of the general, no other person except the sick man and his medical men being in the room. The conditions of his throat and neck were plainly stated to the general. There had been no special change since the last consultation with Dr. Shradley.

The point of importance was found to be the more noticeable and growing weakness of the patient and he was again informed by both physicians what Dr. Douglas has during four months predicted, that exhaustion would doubtless be the final result.

Dispatches from Simla, India, state it is estimated that the expenses of the preparations for war against Russia amount already to \$20,000,000.

**SAN ANGELO, TEX., July 4.**—Geo. F. McAllister, the murderer of W. C. Campbell, who escaped from Paint Rock jail last week, was captured by a ranchman by the name of Geo. Bird near his ranch to-day.

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