

NATIONAL AFFAIRS.

The President at Work on His Annual Message—The Speakership of the Fifth Congress.

Preparations for the Convention of Congress—The New Process of Making Sugar Successful.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 10.—The president's rule not to receive visitors except upon purely official business and at the tri-weekly afternoon receptions goes into effect to-morrow. He proposes to devote his principal attention from now until congress meets to the preparation of his annual message, and will not be bothered about appointments.

PREPARING FOR THE CONVENTION OF CONGRESS.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 10.—Mr. Randall, chairman of the house committee on appropriations, is expected to arrive here on the 15th inst., to get things in readiness for the meeting of his committee which takes place if a quorum can be brought together on the 23d. Among the members who are confidently expected are those composing the sub-committees on the sundry civil appropriation bill, which measure it is said to be Randall's purpose to have in readiness to be reported to the house at the opening of the session. The estimates are now in the hands of the printer. It is said, though not by official authorities, that their aggregate is slightly below the total of last year's appropriations.

A NEW SUGAR PROCESS.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 10.—The following telegram has been received at the department of agriculture:

FORT SCOTT, KAN., Nov. 8.
Commissioner of Agriculture:

We finished boiling eighty-three tons of Louisiana cane to-night and made nearly 19,000 pounds of sugar. A weighed portion run into a centrifugal gave 54 per cent of dried sugar. This will be more than 120 pounds of first sugar per ton. The cane juice had ten per cent of sucrose and eight-tenths per cent of glucose and 144 per cent of total solids. It would have made only eighty pounds by the old process and we have increased the yield fully forty pounds per ton of sugar of fine quality.

(Signed) WILEY, Chemist.

This dispatch is regarded by the authorities at the agricultural department as a fulfillment of the promises of important results given by the first incomplete experiment in the diffusion process as applied to sugar cane. The process was developed in Europe for application in the manufacture of beet sugar and has been several times tried in this country upon sugar cane, but without decided success, owing to the imperfect machinery and the necessity of considerable modifications to meet the difference in the material to be worked. In 1883 experiments in the new process were begun on a small scale in Washington on sorghum, and after a time such a measure of success was attained that the commissioner determined to put the process into operation upon a large scale. To this end a plant was established in connection with a sorghum-sugar-making establishment at Ottawa, Kan., and the new process has been carried on under the supervision of Prof. Wiley with marked success.

Meanwhile the sugar-cane growers of Louisiana have become deeply interested in the process, and have anxiously desired to learn whether it could be made applicable to their products. To test the matter the commissioner has decided to undertake the experiment in Louisiana on a scale of sufficient magnitude to determine its practicability. but as a preliminary test he caused a train load of sugar cane to be shipped from Louisiana to be worked up in the Kansas sorghum mills and it is the result of this experiment which Prof. Wiley announced in his telegram. Prof. Richardson, the assistant chemist of the department, says the analysis of the cane juice given by Prof. Wiley shows that the cane, which had been some time on its way from Louisiana, was of rather inferior quality or in bad condition. He believes the new process within a few years will push itself into universal use, since an increase of 50 per cent in the yield of the cane sugar crop by means which are but a trifle more expensive than those in present use will be a motive which the most conservative planters will be unable to resist.

CONGRESSMAN WELLBORN INTERVIEWED.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 10.—Representative Wellborn of Texas, who is one of the ablest and most experienced parliamentarians in the house, was asked by an Associated Press reporter to-day what effect the contest over Mr. Carlisle's seat, should there be a contest, would have upon his candidacy for speakership of the house. Mr. Wellborn replied: "Such a contest would furnish no reason whatever why Mr. Carlisle should not be speaker of the house in the fifth congress. Rule ten of the house of representatives is: 'Unless otherwise especially ordered by the house, the speaker shall appoint at the commencement of each congress the following standing committees.' The list includes the committee on elections and all standing committees. The rules of the present congress by their own force fix the methods of procedure in the subsequent congress. Nevertheless by an unbroken usage a new house as preliminary to its permanent organization adopts the rules of the prior house. Such, I take it, will be the course in the next house and rule ten will thus control the constitution of the committees in the fifth congress. Should there be a contest over Mr. Carlisle's seat the house itself will in some suitable way select the committee on elections and, thus Mr. Carlisle will be relieved of any possibility of embarrassment on that score. To hold that Mr. Carlisle's contest with Mr. Carlisle disqualifies the latter for speaker, conduces to a result illogical and absurd. If such holding were followed, the influence and power of a chosen leader of the dominant party in the house would be effectually crushed at any time by springing a contested election case, no matter how absolutely void it may be of merit."

INTERNAL REVENUE COLLECTIONS.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 10.—The total collections of internal revenue from the time the present system was organized, July 1, 1862, to June 30, 1885, were \$3,453,390,455. "The aggregate receipts from internal revenue," remarked an officer of the treasury to-day, "were sufficient to have paid the entire public debt at its highest figure, \$2,756,431,371, and leave a balance of \$681,858,584 if they had been applied to that purpose."

ENTERTAINED THE JAPS.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 10.—Prince Komatsu, uncle of the mikado of Japan, called at the white house to-day in company with the Princess Komatsu and the members of their suite and paid their respects to the president. They were received in the blue parlor. The presentations were made by Secretary Bayard. During the reception, which was quite informal, Mrs. Cleveland entered the parlor and the visitors were individually presented to her.

WACO.

Rev. M. A. Daugherty Denies that He Preached Politics From the Pulpit.

WACO, TEX., Nov. 10.—Two weeks ago Rev. M. A. Daugherty, pastor of Trinity M. E. church in this city, delivered a sermon which created a great deal of talk at the time, it being alleged that he had gone into politics and made reflections of an unkind nature on members of the M. E. Church South, in this city and the South generally. Dr. Daugherty has denied that there was anything in his sermon to call for such severe criticism, and to-morrow he will publish an open letter to Rev. Horace Bishop (formerly of Fort Worth), pastor of the M. E. Church South, asking permission to occupy Mr. Bishop's pulpit next Sunday night and deliver identically the same sermon that was delivered in Trinity church, and let the Southern Methodists judge for themselves whether he abused them. In return he proposes to let Mr. Bishop, on the Sunday night following, occupy his (Dr. Daugherty's) pulpit and reply to the much-talked-of sermon.

The executive committee of the Texas state alliance is holding a reunion in this city to-day. President Dunlap of the state alliance, is present, also a few members from subordinate alliances, who are privileged to attend these reunions. The members state that the meeting has no special significance.

DENISON.

All Arrangements Being Made for the Water Test on the 15th.

DENISON, TEX., Nov. 10.—At a meeting of the citizens held at the city hall on Tuesday night, for the purpose of taking measures in connection with the city council and the Denison Water Supply company for providing for the reception and entertainment of guests on the 15th inst. to witness the formal test of the water-works, ex-Mayor T. B. Hanna was called to the chair, and D. Webster chosen secretary. The chairman was authorized by vote of the meeting to appoint a committee of eight citizens to act in conjunction with the council and water company in arranging for a programme, the execution of the same, and to receive and provide for the entertainment of the invited guests. The following citizens were named as said committee: F. M. Robinson, A. R. Collins, R. S. Legaré, I. M. Standifer, J. T. Munson, Dr. Nagle, J. H. Nolan and J. B. McDougall.

On motion of John R. Carr it was declared the sense of the meeting that the mayor should call an extra session of the city council to provide for the cleaning of streets and alleys and to secure music for the occasion.

A TEXAS VETERAN DEAD.

Judge Ferguson Who Fought for Independence Dies at Houston.

HOUSTON, TEX., Nov. 10.—This afternoon at 4 o'clock Judge William Ferguson, an old and respected citizen of Houston, dropped dead at the Union depot. Judge Ferguson came to Texas from New Orleans in 1830 and located in Houston. He fought for the independence of Texas in 1836. He has held several judicial positions and was loved and honored by all Houstonians. He leaves several children. Mrs. J. O. Knappe, Mrs. Charles Dunham, James T. and Alex Ferguson, the latter postmaster at Palestine and a son-in-law of Judge J. H. Reagan. Deceased was about eighty-seven years of age and was apparently in good health up to the time of his death.

SPORTING.

Wasn't Knocked Out.

NEW YORK, Nov. 10.—A fight took place early this morning in the neighborhood of this city between Charlie Illingsworth, ex-amateur champion fencer, weight of New York state, and Jimmie Hogan, the 120-pound champion of Philadelphia, who beat Tommy Danforth at Clark's theater. Nichle Golden was referee and Mike Cleary time-keeper. There were four rounds. The fighting was very severe, and, in the opinion of those present, Illingsworth had the best of it, but as Hogan was not knocked out the referee decided the contest a draw.

Revising the Turf Rules.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Nov. 10.—The American turf congress met in session at the Gibson house to-day and spent the day in revising rules. No decisions were arrived at, the work being divided among committees, which will report to-morrow.

Notes from Jefferson.

JEFFERSON, TEX., Nov. 10.—The county court of this (Marion) county met on Monday and counted the votes, and on Tuesday and Wednesday all of the county officers gave bond and entered on the discharge of their official duties.

On Monday evening Mrs. D. C. Howard of this city, died after a lingering illness. She was buried on Tuesday evening in our city cemetery, Rev. J. B. Ardwick officiating. Her bereaved husband, Mr. D. C. Howard, has been for years the confidential clerk and manager for Clark & Boice's lumber business. Mrs. Howard was beloved by all who knew her, and leaves several children and a devoted husband to mourn her loss.

Nearly 1000 members of the Farmers' alliances from Cass, Harrison and other counties, have contracted to do their cash trading here. This makes things very lively; brings daily lots of cotton from far-off places to Jefferson, and consequently makes our merchants feel happy.

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OFFICIAL RETURNS.

Ballots Thrown Out and Several Counts Threatened in Harris County Returns from the Panhandle.

Several Ballots Thrown Out in Bowie County, Defining Candidates who Previously had Majorities.

Fisher County.

Correspondence of the Gazette.

ROBY, TEX., Nov. 9.—All the election returns are in and counted, and show that 160 ballots were cast in the county, which is a gain of about 30 per cent. over the vote of last spring when the county was organized. Of the state ticket, Wheeler leads the race with 159, Ross 150, Hogg 146, Gaines 144, Hall 150, McCall 150, Lubbock 151, Cooper 150, Lanham for congress got 150, Brownlee for legislature 150, Cockrell for district judge 150, and W. B. Houston for district attorney 151.

The following county officers were elected: W. J. Thomas, county judge; R. C. Crane, county attorney; William Tuggle, county and district clerk; C. E. Roy, sheriff and collector; J. F. Collett, assessor; W. L. Harrell, treasurer; J. P. Pickett, animal and hide inspector. In the race for surveyor there was a tie between J. P. Bagley and W. C. Bradlow, each receiving seventy-five ballots, and a re-election has been ordered for the 30th inst.

Rustling to make bonds is now all the rage. The election excitement having passed over, and the defeated candidates having betaken themselves to the shilleries to make other arrangements.

Menard County.

Correspondence of the Gazette.

MENARD COUNTY, TEX., Nov. 8.—Menard county polled 273 votes, as follows: Ross, 261; Wheeler, 259; Hogg, 259; Gaines, 260; McCall, 259; Hall, 259; Lubbock, 259; Cooper, 258; J. D. Sayers, for congress, 263; R. H. Burney, for state senator, 261; W. M. Yandell, for representative, 124; G. W. Baylor, for representative, 116; A. W. Mourrain, for district judge, 183; A. D. McGinnis, for district judge, 67; W. W. Martin, for district attorney, 117; G. W. Walters, for district attorney, 103.

The following were elected county officers: A. B. Wyatt, county judge; T. A. Gay, sheriff and county clerk; R. R. Russell, sheriff; James Callan, assessor; W. Lewis, treasurer; F. M. Kitchens, surveyor; M. D. Chastain, animal and hide inspector; E. V. D. Stricken, C. G. Burkbank, O. Streigler and J. A. Chastain, commissioners; B. F. McCarroll, T. M. Chastain and John Eutach, justices of the peace; Josh Rose and Rufus Winn, constables; John Alex Smith, county attorney.

Young County.

Correspondence of the Gazette.

GRAHAM, TEX., Nov. 8.—The official vote of Young county is: Ross 620, Cochran 39, Dohoney 3, Wheeler 627, McDaniel 42, Hogg 623, Johnson 51, Gaines 629, Burkhardt 13, Hall 629, Zadek 42, McCall 629, J. M. Brown 42, Lubbock 631, Frank Cleaves 48, Cooper 630, Kline 42. For congress—Lanham, 502; Barnett, 148. For representative, Forty-first district: T. A. Fuller, 470; J. B. Dabney, 146; scattering, 32. For district judge—P. M. Stine, 32; O. E. Finlay, 367; B. F. Williams, 232; W. B. Plemmons, 2; James R. Robinson, 41. For district attorney—H. L. Miller, 536; L. L. Wittich, 14; Walter Somersell, 112. H. D. Williams is elected county judge. W. M. Matthews, assessor. A. T. Gay, district and county clerk. M. D. Wallace, sheriff. J. W. Wadley, treasurer. A. J. Gibson, surveyor. P. A. Martin, county attorney. J. D. Short, inspector of hides and animals.

Reeves County.

Correspondence of the Gazette.

PECOS CITY, TEX., Nov. 8.—The election returns are all in and the official count given. Baylor, for legislature over Yandall, 75 majority; Dean, for district attorney, majority over Clark, 66; J. M. Brown's majority for county judge over G. M. Frazier is 33. The other county officers elected are: Kynette, county and district clerk; Kirk Turabo, sheriff; Thomas Beauchamp, treasurer; E. S. Hale, surveyor; W. D. Casey, hide animal inspector; county commissioners, Geo. A. Reichert, J. E. Woodyard, Jepp Clayton and Jacob Morris; Auditor, of the Pecos Valley Star, justice of the peace of this precinct.

Jones County.

Correspondence of the Gazette.

ANSON, TEX., Nov. 9.—The official count shows the vote of Jones county to be: Ross 381, Dahony 11, Mullins 7, Hogg 387, Gaines 387, commissioner of the general land office, Hall 386, Hogan 6; comptroller, McCall 385, Hall 6, Lubbock 384, Ager 6; congress, Lanham 387; representative, J. V. Cockrell 359; A. J. Nichols 35; district attorney, W. B. Houston 359.

Somervell County.

Correspondence of the Gazette.

GLENNDALE, TEX., Nov. 8.—The following is the official vote of Somervell county: Ross, 517; Dohoney, 33; Wheeler, 521; Mullins, 24; Hogg, 535; Gaines, 521; McCall, 521; Hall, 520; Lubbock, 523; Jackson, 520; Yoakum, 1; Hall, 525; Hogan, 21; Cooper, 525; Aton, 29; for congress—Lanham, 369; Barnett, 144; for state senator—Franks, 338; Davis, 145; for representative—Wm. M. Smith, 289; W. L. McGeary, 287; J. B. Barry, 387; I. N. McGee, 42; for district attorney—Geo. P. Miller, 369; J. P. Estes, 177.

Limestone County.

Special to the Gazette.

GROESBECK, TEX., Nov. 10.—The election returns have just been counted, giving a majority for the Democratic nominees. The vote was several hundred less than last election. Ross only got 1776. Mills, for congress, has a majority over Rankin of 193. The Prohibitionists scratched the straight ticket.

Cooke County.

Special to the Gazette.

GAINESVILLE, TEX., Nov. 10.—The county commissioners' court to-day finished canvassing the vote of Cooke county with the following result: Ross, 3230; Dohoney, 319; Cochran, 344. Ross' majority, 2857. Wheeler, 3269; Mullins, 255; McDaniel, 348. Wheeler's majority, 2764. Hogg, 3501; Johnson, 348. Hogg's majority, 5013. Gaines, 3556; Burkhardt, 349. Gaines' majority, 3007. Hall, 3566; Zadek, 347. Hall's majority, 3018. McCall, 3317; Yoakum, 215. Brown, 349. McCall's majority, 3658. Lubbock, 3209; Cleaves, 449. Lubbock's majority, 2760. Cooper, 3514; Kline, 341. Cooper's majority, 2973. For congress, Fifth district—Hare, 1032; Pickett, 1538; Mack, 1056. For florator, Cooke and Grayson counties, Bell was elected by about 2000 majority.

For representative, Cooke county—Boyd, Democrat, 1726; Hargis, alliance, 2016. The vote is less by several hundred than it was two years ago, the Democratic and Republican vote both having decreased. Cooke county will have eleven votes in the next convention.

Baylor County.

Correspondence of the Gazette.

SKYMOOR, TEX., Nov. 8.—The election returns of Baylor county were to-day opened by the commissioners' court. The following county officials were elected: L. R. Darnell, judge; Mart H. Stark, county attorney; D. L. Kennan, county and district clerk; A. L. Board, sheriff and tax collector; W. M. Bevers, tax assessor; Wear Benge, treasurer, and W. E. Bailes, hide and animal inspector.

McLennan County.

Special to the Gazette.

WACO, TEX., Nov. 10.—The official count of the vote of this county was made by the county commissioners to-day, and the result tallied to a nicety with the figures already telegraphed to THE GAZETTE. The newly-elected county officials will be installed on December 13.

The Panhandle.

Special to the Gazette.

FORT ELLIOTT, TEX., Nov. 10.—The election returns are not in yet from Greer county, but sufficient is known by the returns from Oldham, Donley and Wheeler to say that Willis is elected district judge and Miller district attorney. The count of Wheeler district is: Ross, 410; Cochran, 56; Lanham, 257; Barnett, 59; Browning, 471. The county officers are: Dubbs, judge; Arrington, sheriff; Lord, Cochran, Hill and Banks, commissioners; Street, surveyor; Locke, clerk; Long, treasurer; Ed Thompson, assessor.

The Danglefield District.

Special to the Gazette.

DANGLEFIELD, TEX., Nov. 10.—Election returns for this representative district have just been received. They show the election of Mr. W. F. Hodgins of Bowie, Democrat, and Capt. W. M. Skinner of this county, Independent Democrat. Hudgins' majority over Skinner was seventy-two. Skinner's majority over Moore of this county, Democrat, was about 550.

Archer County.

Special to the Gazette.

HENRIETTA, TEX., Nov. 10.—A statement of the official vote from Archer county was received at this place, and it shows 70 for Silas Hare, 26 for G. B. Pickett, 22 for H. C. Mack, and 1 for S. W. Hart for congress of the Fifth congressional district.

Bowie County.

Special to the Gazette.

TEXARKANA, TEX., Nov. 10.—The commissioners' court, which has been hard at work for two days and one night, concluded the official count of the vote of Bowie county last night. For reasons satisfactory to itself, and which your correspondent is informed were some irregularities, the court threw out Dally Springs and Sand Hill in precinct 4, and Waggon's box and Ward 8 in precinct 1. This changed the complexion of things most woefully. The vote for the state ticket as officially declared is as follows: Ross 1095, Cochran 743, Dohoney 93; Wheeler 1098, Mullins 100, McDaniel 684; supreme judge—Gaines 1172, Burkhardt 678; treasurer—Lubbock 1092, Cleaves 57, Jackson 84; comptroller—McCall 1107, Hall 64, Brown 90, Hall 8; commissioner land office—Hall 108, Zadek 689, Hogan 101; attorney general—Hogg, 1136; Johnson, 688; superintendent of public instruction—Cooper 1097; Aton, 98; Kline, 682; for congress—Culbertson, 1085; Fleming, 740; McCaffrey 2; Neal, 3; for state senator—Armistead, 1654; Hearne, 101; for representative—Hudgins, 979; Moore, 770; Zachery, 302; Skinner, 484; McCaffrey, 463; for district attorney—Shepard, 1702, no opposition.

The following county officers were officially declared elected: County judge, S. H. Smelser; county attorney, J. J. King; sheriff, B. F. Hargett; county treasurer, C. M. Akim; collector, William Arbuckle; tax assessor, J. E. Mills; county clerk, J. Washington; district clerk, Lewis Alexander; surveyor, G. D. Lewis; public weigher, W. L. Lawrence; justice of the peace, precinct No. 1, L. S. Roach; constable, W. T. Parker; commissioner, Charles Moore.

In the race for county judge, before the four boxes were thrown out, Leary was ahead, and he has filed a notice of protest in the county court.

In the race for assessor, Holloway was ahead until said boxes were thrown out, and he has also filed a protest.

Hudgins and Moore, Democrats, carried this county, but Judgins, Democrat, and Skinner, Independent, are elected to the legislature. Hudgins received a handsome majority all over the district, but Skinner beat Moore in the other counties. Hence, one Democrat and one Independent will be our representatives.

Donley County.

Correspondence of the Gazette.

CLARKENDON, TEX., Nov. 8.—The official vote of Donley and attached counties opened before the county commissioners to-day is as follows. The Children's county returns were not accepted because of informality, and those of Hale county did not arrive. Ross, 135; Lubbock, 134; Cooper, 135; Gaines, 135; Lanham, 137; Barnett, 6; representative Forty-third district, Browning, 136; judge Thirty-first district, Frank Willis, 110; W. H. Gugsby, 20.

Archer County.

Correspondence of the Gazette.

ARCHER CITY, TEX., Nov. 8.—The commissioners' court met to-day and made an official count of the election. The county voted 138, a decrease since the last election. The Democratic nominees for state officers received 93 votes; the Republican nominees for state officers received 43 votes; Hare, for congress, received 70; Pickett, 26; Mack, 22.

There was one vote each cast for the nominees of the Prohibition and Anti-Monopolist tickets.

Harris County Election.

Special to the Gazette.

HOUSTON, TEX., Nov. 10.—The official returns of Harris county show a decrease of 118 votes as compared with the returns of 1884. Certificates of election were issued to the following candidates by the commissioners court to-day nearly all qualified: County judge, W. Conders, Democrat; collector, S. S. Ashe, Independent; sheriff, George Ellis, Democrat; county attorney, J. K. P. Gillespie, Democrat; county clerk, Alex. Erickson, Democrat; district clerk, Sam Williams, Democrat; assessor, E. B. Schmeider, Independent; county surveyor, J. J. Gillespie, Democrat; hide inspector, Walter Harris, Democrat; county treasurer, Judge Alex. McGowan, Independent. Dunham precinct, which gave E. H. Yasmer, Independent candidate, a majority of 5 votes, was thrown

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out on a technicality, which left Williams, Democratic nominee, a majority of two votes thereby securing him the certificate of election. Vasmer claims besides Dunham precinct, 89 votes in the Fifth ward thrown out on a technicality. The same ballots having been voted and counted in every other precinct in the county, the Vasmerites are red hot over the action of the commissioners.

The election of Williams will be contested. It is claimed that if the Fifth ward ballots containing the Democrat and People's tickets as headings on the same slip are illegal those of a like kind cast in other precincts are also illegal and should be cast out. If this is done a number of the defeated candidates will contest.

ON WALL STREET.

The Stock Market was Active and Strong, Closing at Best Prices of the Day.

COMMERCIAL RESUME.

Special to the Gazette.

NEW YORK, Nov. 10.—Railroad bonds to-day sold as follows: Fort Worth & Denver City at 93; Texas & Pacific at 93; Rios at 71; Houston & Texas Central 1's at 104; Galveston, Harrisburg & San Antonio at 94; Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe at 124; Missouri, Kansas & Texas 5's at 91; 6's at 101.

Stirling