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DEMOCRAT PUBLISHING COMPANY.
April 14, 1890.

THEODORE THOMAS is to be married on the 12th of May to Miss Rose Fay of Chicago, who is of musical taste.

SAN ANTONIO is talking of another hotel—and yet San Antonio has what Fort Worth would call splendid hotel accommodations.

DALLAS is wonderfully interested in West and Northwest Texas, now that those sections have demonstrated their capacity to get along.

IT seems unreasonable to expect Patti to write an essay on voice for $1000, as whenever she makes a vocal essay she receives $4500 from Mr. Abbey.

THE flood situation in Louisiana calls loudly for help for the sufferers. This is a charity that rests its claims on the broad platform of a common humanity.

METHODIST BISHOP JOYCE has been visited by the spirit of prophecy and predicts that the presidential messages of 1893-97 will be written by Robert T. Lincoln.

IF the prodding Senator Quay is receiving does not draw from him some utterance, he will go down in history as the successful rival of Gen. Grant in golden silence.

IN conformity with eternal fitness, an asylum for homeless cats is a flourishing institution in the city of Boston. Massachusetts is said to have a larger percentage of unmarried women than any state in the Union.

THE GAZETTE has received a letter that may or not interest Fort Worth. At any rate, it is intended for the city, but there is no one representing Fort Worth or authorized to speak for it. Fort Worth is not organized.

ERICHHORN, a well-known German tenor, has, through a surgical operation on his throat, become a first-class baritone. A surgical operation on the throats of some people who think they can sing would perhaps be worth trying.

THERE are millions of dollars represented in the acreage property outside the city limits. As a business proposition it would pay the owners of these additions to club together and erect storehouses to the extent of half a million dollars.

THE pan-American delegates do not seem to have caught the touring mania that afflicts delegates to other congresses. The special train that was to bear them went as far as Richmond with only two of the foreigners and returned to Washington and there abandoned the trip.

MR. DANA and Ex-President Cleveland are both to be present at the celebration of ex-Senator Thurman's seventy-seventh birthday. "In vino veritas," and it may be the public will get at the true inwardness of the quarrel. At any rate it will be a touching sight to see these disagreeing brethren meet at the same social board.

IT is confidently asserted that James M. Beck of Philadelphia will succeed Mr. Randall in the Third congressional district. Mr. Beck is a young lawyer who has made himself some reputation as a public speaker on the side of free trade. Should he be elected there will be a complete reversal, as Mr. Beck is a disciple of Roger Q. Mills.

THE assessed values of Fort Worth are $16,000,000 in round numbers. At least $10,000,000 of this property is owned by men who have land to sell or rent. More people and more business mean higher prices for real estate. If these $10,000,000 were taxed ten per cent. and the sum thus realized put into storehouses and residences it would add nearly, if not quite, another $10,000,000 to the value of the property taxed.

A NOVEL sight was witnessed in a Boston court a few days ago. A dog was on trial for his life, owing to one of the curious laws of Massachusetts by which a dog is condemned to death for biting a person. Towser, while too smart to be his own lawyer, so successfully maneuvered that the judge pronounced him a peacable and orderly canine, and gave judgment in his behalf.

THE fling at the South is hardly concealed in the following from the Minneapolis Tribune:

Jefferson Davis left debts amounting to $45,000. It is to be hoped that the sentimental devotion of the South will now take a practical turn. Money talks.

In view of the large and increasing list of war pensioners and the invariable impecuniosity of distinguished Northern men who leave their widows objects of public charity, this comment is in wretched taste.

FEATHERSTONE of Arkansas spoke in his speech in reply to Mr. Allen, of alleged reports of outrage reported to the grand jury of his district that were sworn to by reputable men. Arkansas jury rooms must be as leaky as Washington senate chambers. At the conclusion of his speech, in which he declared that the assassins of Clayton and Neely, known to Governor Eagle, walk the streets unmolested, Mr. Autocrat Speaker Reed went over and shook the hand of this bloody shirter.

AN exchange says: "The proper thing is a very ingenious electrical device which has lately been patented, by which the hands of a clock, set to a certain hour, are made to complete an electrical current connected with the kitchen stove, so that the fire is started when the given hour arrives." Of course it is, or would be the proper thing; but is it true? With such an electrical arrangement as that we do not see why any man should hesitate to marry. If the electricity failed his wife would be there to "make the fire."

WHEN Jenny Lind visited this country in 1852, under the management of P. T. Barnum, Castle Garden was the extreme point of New York, and the battery was the only place that would accommodate the audiences. In 1890 the great showman has had to pitch his tents far up Manhattan island, and after seeing the Castle for many years the headquarters of immigrants, now sees it deserted, with the prospect that the battery will become a beautiful park and be again frequented by those who love to look out upon the bay and its many beautiful features.

THE alliance of Putnam county, Ga., has done a good work. Its co-operative store, which was opened two years ago, with a capital of $3,000, now does a $100,000 business on a $15,000 capital. Prosperity has urged them to improve their schools, and for this purpose they cooperate with the board of education, redistricting the county, furnishing money for improving their school houses, increasing the number, hiring better teachers and providing for longer terms, and there are now twice as many children in the schools than at any other time within the last twenty years.

DR. STARR of London adduces convicting arguments to show that it is impossible to draw from the size or shape of the head any conclusions as to the mental capacity. He shows the absurdity of judging of the brain surface by either the size of the head or the extent of the superficial irregular surface which is covered by the skull, without taking into consideration the number of folds or the depths of the creases, and states that a little brain with many deep folds may really, when spread out, have a larger surface than a large brain with a few shallow folds. The phrenologists are not happy over Dr. Starr's strictures.

THERE are said to be in the model room of the patent office enough corsets to hold the frames of every woman in Washington, and enough bustles to put new springs in the chairs of both houses of congress, and the bulk of these patents were taken out by women. But woman has invented some very useful machines. A New York woman, the wife of a banker, while twisting some worsted, hit upon the idea of applying a little system of her own to a larger field, and she invented a machine for twisting wire rope, which she sold for $25,000 and a royalty upon future sales. Another woman has invented a profitable improvement in excavators and elevators. A Massachusetts girl has invented the best machine for trimming the leaves of books, now used by the leading publishers in this country. A Pennsylvania woman has invented a machine for putting iron hoops on barrels, and another woman from the same state has invented a valuable improvement in stereoscopes and another has patented a useful feature of locomotives. But woman is chiefly noted for inventing jar lifters, bag holders, fish boners, raisin seeders, washing machines, skirt lifters, pie lifters, ironing boards, griddle greasers, dustpans, crimping machines and every kind of device for improved clothes.

CASTING SHADOWS.

Gen. Hogg was born in Texas, he knows all about Texas and would make a good governor of and for Texas.—[Floresville Chronicle.

Hon. George C. Pendleton continues to loom up in the race for lieutenant-governor. He has always been a staunch friend to Huntsville's state institutions, and our people should give him their hearty support.—[Huntsville Item.

Hogg should be the nominee of the Democratic convention for governor. His whole course as an officer has shown him to have the will and ability to protect the people of Texas from both cormorant and commune.—[Lufkin Leader.

Hon. Geo. C. Pendleton, candidate for lieutenant-governor, comes out squarely in favor of the commission amendment. Senator Jonathan Lane, another candidate for lieutenant-governor, is equally pronounced against it.—[Crockett Courier.

The voice of the McKinney Enquirer is for Throckmorton for governor. "Old Throck" appears to have a very strong backing.—[Houston Post.

Yes, this is truly wonderful! "Old Throck" is supported by one of his county papers.—[Marshall Star.

Attorney-General Hogg fired the second campaign gun last Saturday at Rusk. The speech was a masterly effort, and no doubt will be read with great interest throughout the state. As is characteristic of the man he dealt exclusively in law, facts and common sense.—[Flatonia Argus.

Senator McDonald opened the campaign for the governorship at Bonham Saturday. Hogg will follow.—[Hallettsville Herald.

Yes, Brother Lehman, Hogg will follow Senator McDonald up Salt river when the convention meets.—[Limestone New Era.

Attorney-General Hogg's speech at Rusk was a strong one. He knows little of the arts of the rhetorician, but when it comes to marshaling facts and driving an argument home, he is without an equal. His manner of presenting the points of an argument suggests a pile-driver in full operation.—[Crockett Courier.

There are numerous candidates announcing for the state superintendency of public institution, but in our opinion Hon. O. H. Cooper should and will have a walk-over. He has made an excellent official, understands the duties of the office thoroughly, and there is absolutely no need of a change.—[Huntsville Item.

Attorney-General Hogg's political friends say he is all right in the Panhandle, and now comes the Wichita Herald and explains that "all right" in the following terms:

"Should Jim Hogg visit the Panhandle country during his campaign tour, his speeches will have about as much effect upon the people of this section as a "smit fizzle in a cyclone."—[San Antonio Light.

James S. Hogg made his first speech of the campaign at Rusk last Saturday. The speech was a long one and a strong one for Mr. Hogg's side. Mr. Hogg may be nominated by the state convention for governor, but such action will be a drawback to the state's progress; at least, that is what we think about it.—[Corsicana Observer.

The Belton Journal is a very large paper, a regular blanket sheet, and is doing hard work for George C. Pendleton, who wants to be the next lieutenant-governor of Texas. The Journal might as well attempt to galvanize a corpse to life as to attempt to pump enthusiasm into the people of West Texas on the subject of Pendleton. We want nothing to do with him.—[Floresville Chronicle.

That grand old veteran and statesman, J. W. Throckmorton will to-morrow make an address to the people of Bell county at Belton.—[Hillsboro Reflector.

Pray tell us what he has ever done to entitle him to be called "that grand old statesman." While in congress he was chairman of the committee on Indian affairs, and if he ever reported from that committee a measure above mediocrity there is no record of it. Enumerate some of his brilliant strokes of statecraft.—[Crockett Courier.

Hon. G. C. Pendleton of Bell county has announced as a candidate for lieutenant-governor and has declared himself in favor of a railway commission. Mr. Pendleton is one of the ablest men in his section, and like such brainy men as Coke, Reagan and Throckmorton and all our representatives in congress as well as hundreds of other prominent public men, favors the only course left the people of Texas to prevent these corporations from becoming the masters instead of servants of the people. Mr. Pendleton's views are correct, conservative and suit the Review first rate.—[Farmer's Review.

In advocating Hogg's nomination we, of course, oppose Throckmorton, not that we love him less but Hogg more. Those of the ex-governor's friends who feel inclined to bet their money on him, we remind that he opposed Hubbard and locked the convention on him, though the Tyler statesman lacked less than a dozen votes of having two-thirds of the convention. Again, when Throckmorton took it into his head that he wanted to go to the senate, he found his Wellington in Sam Bell Maxey. It is well enough for his friends at this hour to say that he will not lock the convention of Jim Hogg. But if he keeps this promise he will do better than heretofore, because as above stated, Throckmorton's candidacy for governor in the last decade has been used only as a convention "locker." If he will withdraw in Hogg's favor next August when the first ballot shows Hogg in the lead, he can remove the barrier to the people's will.—[Terrell Times-Star.

Attorney-General Hogg made his opening campaign speech at Rusk Saturday. He reviewed his record as attorney-general for the state, said it was straight fact and challenged any one to disprove it. It was a plain speech, full of fact, and showed that he was familiar with the subjects concerning which he spoke. Upon the subject of railroads he favors regulation. His ideas appear progressive enough for the most ambitious citizen and he makes out a clear case in his behalf. Compared with McDonald he is a man with a practical platform, while McDonald is largely a theorist. Hogg does not apprehend that common man is going to take charge of corporation and capitalist and ruin the country but McDonald expresses such a fear directly. Hogg's speech is decidedly more to our liking.—[Itasca Mail.

Very Pleasant.
Corsicana Observer.

The Fort Worth people made the stay of the veterans within the gates of the city very pleasant.

Let It Be Recorded.
Dallas Times-Herald.

Fort Worth will take notice that Mr. Jay Gould has inaugurated gigantic improvements in Dallas, and is here to personally superintend the work. Dallas is the metropolis, and all the world, with the exception of the little patch preempted by the inhabitants of Fort Worth, has "caught on" to the fact.

Fort Worth Gazette.
Texarkana Call.

J. E. Steedman, representing the Fort Worth GAZETTE, is in the city making arrangements to put his paper on sale here. THE GAZETTE under its present management has made itself felt in politics and improvements throughout the country. It has an able corps of correspondents all over Texas, and its telegraphic columns are edited with ability. If you want a good, readable paper buy the Fort Worth GAZETTE.

Ho, for Houston County!
Crockett Economist.

The Palace exhibit is all O. K. if the money can be raised, and this will doubtless be done. Rates have been secured for $50 per carload to Fort Worth, and the car will be ordered to Lovelady next Monday, where the Lovelady exhibits will be loaded, then to Crockett and on to Grapeland. The car will be forwarded to Fort Worth next week and Mr. A. H. Wootters will accompany the same as commissioner from this county, to look after our interests at the Palace. A full write-up of the county will be printed in pamphlet form and several thousand sent up for distribution. We have no doubt much good will result from this enterprise, and we ask the Spring Palace people from all parts of the Union to turn their heads this way. Ho! for Houston county.

No Flies on Denton.
Denton Times.

Mr. D. L. Hill, of Lloyd, yesterday delivered to the Spring Palace committee a sample of Denton county coal. It is bituminous coal and looked to the reporter like it might burn well. Mr. Hill says it is very plentiful about one mile northwest of Lloyd. This exhibit will no doubt attract considerable attention at the Palace.

The Spring Palace committee have quite a number of samples of rock, stone, coal, oats, sorghum, corn, etc., which they are getting in the shape of exhibits to go to the Palace next month.

The board of trade made a very wise decision when they decided to accept Mr. Paddock's proposition in regard to space in the folders which are to be distributed through the Northern and Eastern states. There may be flies on some people, but there are none on Denton's board of trade.

The Jay Gould Cannon Ball
Rockwall News.

Hurrah for THE GAZETTE? It has secured a special service over the Transcontinental from Fort Worth to Texarkana and the first run was made Sunday morning, a distance of 244 miles in exactly nine hours, forty-six and one-fourth minutes. THE GAZETTE now has "an even break" with all rivals, and judging from the increased orders by news agents for that paper, a "break" is liable to occur most any time in favor of THE GAZETTE. THE GAZETTE is certainly worthy of all the honors and favors it receives.

Trinidad (Col) Advertiser.

The Fort Worth GAZETTE is certainly an enterprising sheet, taking rank with the leading newspapers of the metropolitan cities of the East. It advertises a "special GAZETTE St. Louis cannon ball train." THE GAZETTE is proud of Fort Worth and Fort Worth is proud of THE GAZETTE. It is a splendid newspaper, well edited.

ALTAR AND TOMB.

The Gazette's Daily Compilation of Texas Marriages and Deaths.

MARRIAGES.

Mr. William Bell and Miss Minnie Brown, Corsicana, April 20.

Mr. J. C. Hoff and Miss Zora McGriffin, Greenville, April 20.

Mr. F. B. Foss and Miss Lucy Stevenson, Paris, April 24.

Mr. P. M. Ferrell and Miss Annie Earle, Waco, April 24.

Mr. C. R. Stephens and Miss Fannie Cato, Hutto, April 16.

Mr. Joe Perry and Miss Louisa Scott, Denison, April 23.

Mr. Arthur W. Coffin and Miss Margaretta Dyer, Round Rock, April 24.

Mr. Thomas Glimp and Miss Josie Aultman, Burnet county, April 16.

Mr. H. Fowler and Miss Lucy Stafford, Sherman, April 15.

Mr. Thomas Kraischer and Miss Mary Kocurek, Caldwell, April 22.

Mr. S. W. Day and Miss Estella Little, Nacogdoches, April 23.

Mr. D. A. Driggers and Miss Alpha M. Phillips, Nacogdoches, April 17.

Mr. J. W. Leeper and Miss Clay Morgan, Coleman, April 23.

DEATHS.

Mrs. William Cannon, Greenwood, April 18.
Mrs. E. D. Burress, Marshall, April 19.
Mr. W. J. Preston, Marshall, April 23.
Mr. J. M. Riggs, Corsicana, April 16.
Mrs. A. B. Morris, near Clarendon, April 20.
Mrs. J. E. Tysinger, Nacogdoches, April 18.
Mr. Ed Stevens, Sr., San Antonio, April 20.
Mrs. Emma Burress, Marshall, April 18.
Mr. J. C. Heggie, near Marshall, April 25.
Mr. Ambrose Bull, near Brownwood, April 19.
Mrs. L. L. Willard, Hookerville, April 19.
Mr. W. H. McMinn, Coleman, April, 18.
Mr. Crocker, Coleman, April 22.

There's No Exception to This Rule.
Somerville Journal

When the bad boy puts a bent pin in the teacher's chair, he is at least justified in predicting an early spring.

Mrs. O'Shaunacy (wishing to make up a recent quarrel)—Good mornin', Mrs. Flynn. Is there onything Oi kin bring yez from the market this mornin'?"

Mrs. Flynn—Phat do yez take me for—a resayver of shtolen goods?—[Lippincott's Magazine.

"What gender is boy?"
"Feminine."
"Why, Johnny! Next—Tommy?"
"Ain't boy feminine?"
"No."
"Then I dun'now."—[Harper's Bazar.

Read our offer to send Webster's Unabridged Dictionary to any one forwarding two annual subscriptions to the Daily GAZETTE and $20 in cash.

FEDERAL BUILDINGS.

Millions Appropriated—Vetoes Probable in All Cases Where no Absolute Necessity Exists.
New York Herald.

WASHINGTON, April 22.—President Harrison is becoming alarmed at the reckless extravagance with which the house and senate have been, or purpose, appropriating money for public buildings throughout the country. He has sent to the capitol for a complete list of all the bills introduced for this purpose, and it is reported that some of the number may be vetoed in cases where the president believes no immediate necessity for a Federal building exists.

The following is a correct list of the bills showing the amount appropriated where the bills have become a law, the amounts appropriated by the senate or by the house where the bills are in conference, the amounts passed by the senate and reported by the house or reported by the senate and passed by the house. The list, however, does not include the bills appropriating $6,000,000 for New York city, and possibly $2,000,000 were for other localities which have been agreed upon in the house committee, but which have not been reported to the house.

The amount of the bills already passed by both houses is 1,165,000. The amount passed by the senate is about $16,500,000 and the amount reported by the senate is about $1,000,000. The amount passed by the house is nearly $4,000,000 and the amount already reported by the house is about $7,500,000:

City.	Senate.	House.
Atchison, Kan	*100,000	‡100,000
Ashland, Wis	*100,000	*75,000
Altoona, Pa	—	‡50,000
Atlantic City, N. J	—	‡75,000
Amsterdam, N. Y	—	‡60,000
Arkansas City, Ark	—	‡45,000
Alexandria, La	—	*50,000
Allegheny City, Pa	*250,000	‡250,000
Aurora, Ill	—	*75,000
Akron, Ohio	—	‡100,000
Annapolis, Md	*75,000	—
Bar Harbor, Me	—	‡75,000
Baton Rouge, La	*75,000	§100,000
Burlington, Iowa	*100,000	‡100,000
Beatrice, Neb	*75,000	§60,000
Bloomington, Ill	—	‡100,000
Baltimore	—	‡200,000
Beaver Falls, Pa	*50,000	—
Bridgeton, N. J	*75,000	—
Cedar Rapids, Iowa	*200,000	‡200,000
Chester, Pa	*100,000	§80,000
Columbus, Ga	—	‡100,000
Camden, Ark	—	‡25,000
Cheyenne, Wy. T	*100,000	—
Charleston, S. C	—	‡50,000
Clarksville, Tenn	—	‡35,000
Deadwood, N. D	*250,000	—
Dallas, Tex	*200,000	§100,000
Danbury, Conn	*100,000	‡60,000
Dover, N. H	*100,000	—
Detroit, Mich	§20,000	—
Davenport, Iowa	—	‡100,000
Defiance, Ohio	—	‡35,000
Duluth, Mich	—	‡120,000
Emporia, Kan	*100,000	—
El Paso, Tex	*200,000	§500,000
Eau Claire, Wis	*100,000	75,000
Elmira, N. Y	—	‡150,000
Fargo, N. D	* 95,000	‡100,000
Fort Dodge, Kan	*100,000	‡75,000
Fremont, Ohio	*50,000	§60,000
Grand Haven, Mich	*100,000	—
Gallipolis, Ohio	§40,000	—
Galesburg, Ill	—	*75,000
Grand Forks, N. D	*100,000	—
Hastings, Minn	—	‡75,000
Houlton, Me	*50,000	*50,000
Helena, Mont	*400,000	‡125,000
Hastings, Neb	*200,000	—
Hudson, N. Y	*150,000	§75,000
Hoboken, N. J	—	*150,000
Hot Springs, Ark	*50,000	‡50,000
Haverhill, Mass	‡75,000	‡75,000
Houston, Tex	*150,000	‡150,000
Hamilton, Ohio	—	‡60,000
Jacksonville, Fla	*275,000	‡120,000
Jackson, Mich	—	‡40,000
Kansas City, Mo	*2,500,000	‡1,200,000
Lafayette, Ind	*100,000	§80,000
Lewiston, Me	*75,000	‡75,000
Lansing, Mich	*100,000	‡100,000
Lynn, Mass	*125,000	‡125,000
Lynchburg, Va	*50,000	—
Lima, Ohio	‡75,000	‡60,000
Los Angeles, Cal	*850,000	‡300,000
Logansport, Ind	—	‡50,000
Milwaukee, Wis	*800,000	‡200,000
Martinsburg, W. Va	*125,000	‡75,000
Markato, Minn	*150,000	‡50,000
Meridian, Miss	—	‡50,000
Mansfield, Ohio	*100,000	—
Moberly, Mo	—	‡35,000
Madison, Ind	—	‡40,000
Norfolk, Va	*200,000	‡200,000
Newark, N. J	—	*200,000
New London, Conn	*100,000	§75,000
New Orleans	*800,000	—
Newport News, Va	*100,000	‡75,000
Nashua, N. H	*100,000	—
Norwich, Conn	‡100,000	—
Newburg, N. Y	—	‡100,000
Oakland, Cal	*250,000	—
Omaha, Neb	*800,000	—
Oneida, N. Y	—	‡40,000
Oneonta, N. Y	—	‡40,000
Pensacola, Fla	*32,000	—
Pueblo, Col	*450,000	‡150,000
Portland, Oregon	*500,000	‡400,000
Pawtucket, R. I	*100,000	‡75,000
Paris, Tex	‡100,000	*100,000
Paris, Ky	‡100,000	—
Paterson, N. J	—	‡70,000
Petersburg, Va	*50,000	‡30,000
Piqua, Ohio	—	‡40,000
Portsmouth, Ohio	—	‡15,000
Reno, Nev	*75,000	—
Rock Island, Ill	—	‡75,000
Reidsville, N. C	—	‡25,000
Racine, Wis	—	‡100,000
Rome, N. Y	—	‡65,000
Roanoke, Va	*100,000	‡50,000
Rockford, Ill	—	‡100,000
Richmond, Ind	—	‡65,000
Rome, Ga	—	‡50,000
San Francisco, Cal	*450,000	—
San Jose, Cal	*200,000	‡200,000
San Diego, Cal	*250,000	—
Sacremento, Cal	*300,000	§150,000
Stockton, Cal	*85,000	‡75,000
Sterling, Ill	*50,000	‡40,000
Sioux City, Ia	*500,000	‡350,000
Salina, Kan	*150,000	§75,000
Stillwater, Minn	*100,000	—
St. Paul, Minn	*1,500,000	‡800,000
Salem, Ore	*100,000	—
St. Albans, Vt	*75,000	‡40,000
Salt Lake City, Utah	*500,000	‡250,000
Spokane, Wash	*100,000	‡100,000
Saginaw, Mich	*250,000	‡200,000
Seattle, Wash	*500,000	—
Sioux Falls, S. D	*250,000	‡150,000
Scranton, Pa	‡150,000	‡175,000
Springfield, Mo	—	*50,000
South Bend, Ind	—	‡75,000
Savannah, Ga	—	‡200,000
Selma, Ala	—	‡50,000
Steubenville, Ohio	—	‡60,000
Sheboygan, Wis	—	‡50,000
Sherman, Tex	—	‡45,000
Troy, N. Y	‡50,000	*200,000
Tuscaloosa, Ala	*40,000	‡40,000
Taunton, Mass	*75,000	‡75,000
Topeka, Kan	*100,000	—
The Dalles, Ore	*100,000	—
Tacoma, Wash	*100,000	—
Virginia City, Nev	*75,000	—
Walla Walla, Wis	*30,000	—
Wilmington, Del	—	*100,000
Waterbury, Conn	*100,000	‡100,000
Worcester, Mass	*150,000	—
Washington, D. C	—	*1,075,000
Woonsocket, R. I	*100,000	—
Youngstown, Ohio	*100,000	‡75,000
York, Pa	—	*80,000
Zanesville, Ohio	*100,000	‡100,000

*Passed. †Passed and approved. ‡Reported. §In conference.

A Trick at a Masquerade.

A trick that was amusing for the completeness of the deception was recently carried out at a masked party, says the Boston Courier. The dancing was kept up until midnight, and supper was postponed until that hour in order to delay the unmasking. Just as the guests had reached the supper room a couple of policemen presented themselves at the door and insisted upon being allowed to go into the house. Finding the host in the midst of the guests, and the fun of the surprises of the unmasked just at its height, the policemen demanded of him the names of his guests.

"The names of my guests?" the host repeated in surprise.

"Yes, sir; we must make a list of them."

"Make a list of them?" the gentleman repeated again, with growing indignation. "What an insult! I never heard of such a thing."

"Can't help it, sir; we have to obey orders."

The guests were as indignant as their host, but there was nothing to do but to submit, and some very sagely remarked that the simplest thing was to give the man the list and let him go, as no harm could come of letting the police have the names, although of course they had been sent for under a mistake. While the list was being written, and the company were standing about with muttered expressions of indignation and of sympathy with the host, one of the policemen stepped coolly up to the supper table and helped himself to a glass of champagne.

"Look here, my man," the host said angrily, "the law may give you power to come into my house and take a list of my guests, but it certainly does not give you any claim on my wine."

"Why, I thought that was included in my invitation," the policeman responded, dropping into his natural tone and pulling off his wig to disclose the familiar head of one of the friends of the host who had sworn to him that he would come to the party without being recognized. "Of course, if you say so, my dear fellow, I will let it alone."

The confused laughter and exclamations of the entire company answered.

COTTON OIL TRUST.

Objections to Its Reorganization Into the American Cotton Oil Company.

Special to the Gazette.

NEW YORK, April 27.—The reorganization of the cotton oil trust into the American cotton oil company is not to be allowed to be consummated without a protest. It will be remembered that in November last when the trustees of the cotton oil monopoly had perfected their plans for turning the trust into the form of an ordinary stock company one of the minority holders of the stock, one John H. Stockton, began suit in court to prevent the carrying out of the plan. The trustees wanted to drop the name "Trust," because it had become obnoxious and improper, and was a handicap to the combine. They also wanted to scale down the share issue from $46,000,000 to $36,000,000, on the ground that the trust had been over-capitalized and could not pay dividends. Stockton's suit sought to restrain the organization of the trust as the American cotton oil company of New Jersey by injunction and demanded an accounting of trustees, J. H. Flagler and Jay O. Moss, for the wasteful expenditure of the shareholders' money to the amount of $500,000 in experimenting with worthless patents. That suit failed and the transformation of the trust into the New Jersey stock company has been going on ever since. Nearly all the shareholders of trust stock have surrendered their holding to the custody of the Central trust company and agreed to accept new stock on the basis of $8,000,000 reduction. About one per cent of the holders of the old trust stock, however, have refused to assent. There are about eighty of these non-assenting holders. In the name of these gentlemen another effort is about to be made through the courts, so they threaten, to prevent the carrying out of the transfer made. John Proctor Clarke, a lawyer of this city, has written a letter on behalf of some of the "kickers" protesting against the enforced surrender of the trust stock. The claim is made that the laws of New Jersey where the charter of the American cotton oil company was obtained, do not warrant the exchange. Special emphasis is laid on the claim that according to the terms and express language of the original trust agreement, the trust could not be changed into a stock company without the unanimous consent of the holders, and as this has not been obtained further proceedings are illegal. Renewed demand is also made for an accounting of $500,000 that is alleged to have been squandered by the mismanagement and extravagance of the former president and manager. The directors of the company and a majority of the stockholders denounce the threats of a suit as a mere stock gobbling trick.

CENTER.

District Court Adjourns, Leaving Nine-Tenths of the Business Undisposed Of.

Correspondence of the Gazette.

CENTER, TEX., April 26.—After being in session three weeks, the full time allowed by law, the spring term of our district court has adjourned, leaving undisposed of nine-tenths of the business. The presiding judge has ordered a special term to be held on July 14 and to continue seven weeks. Four civil cases, four felonies and a large number of misdemeanors were tried. L. E. Woolley, charged with the murder of James Patterson December 5 last, was tried, but the jury failed to agree and were discharged over the protest of the defendant. Allen McWilliams, a negro, was given seven years for assault with intent to murder. Our people will ask the next legislature to restore to the county court jurisdiction over civil and criminal causes.

The present judge, being a candidate for congress against "Howdy" Martin and having signified his inability to hold the special term ordered by him, the members of the bar here have invited the Hon. Rufus Price of San Augustine to hold the same. There are four murder cases to be disposed of besides a large number of smaller felonies and much important civil litigation.

State politics is quiet here, but the ubiquitous county candidate is making things lively.

Mr. Clarkson has made a second selection for postmaster here, vice W. T. Reggs removed, his first selection having failed to make bond. It causes no comment.

Several of our citizens will visit the Spring Palace.

A Gorgeous Head.
Boston Herald.

An entirely new style of hair dressing is threatened. In Paris the frizzy bang has meekly subsided to give the Javonaise head dresses a chance. Fashion appears to have gone daft on those peculiar ornaments, and the great jewelers of the Rue de la Paix have been ordered to reset the diamonds of more than one grand dame after the pattern of those flat metal ornaments. At the opera a few weeks ago a dazzling light in Parisian society appeared with her hair dressed perfectly flat to her head, on one side, right above the ear, an ornament as large and as flat as an individual butter plate, composed of diamonds and pearls, and medallions as large as an English penny, of the same gems, going around to the other ear, across the forehead just at the line of the hair. How those jewels were kept in place was a secret known only to madame's coiffeur and jeweler, but it was "Javonaise," and, therefore, a beautiful and distinguished innovation on the diamond star and butterfly ornamentations. Such is one of the results of the Paris exhibition, where the fashions of Java dancers were first introduced to Western imitators.

"In remitting for a subscription," writes a Georgia editor, "do not say 'please find inclosed $1.' We are bound to be pleased without the asking; and besides, we have not seen a dollar in so long a time that if we knew it was within six miles of us we would find it blindfolded and with both hands tied behind our back."—[Atlanta Constitution.

"It's strange how a man's profession follows him," said the circus performer, as he brushed away a fly that had disturbed his morning nap. "I'm getting so tired that I can't even sleep without a pet."—[Washington Post.

WHAT BOTANY TEACHES.

The True Difference Between Fruits and Vegetables.
Popular Science News.

Among the infinite variety of forms into which the different parts and organs of plants are developed, we find among our choicest and most valuable food products. The leaves of many plants, like the lettuce, chicory, dandelion, parsley, etc., are largely consumed in salad or cooked as greens. In asparagus we do not eat the leaf, but an abnormally thickened petiole, or leaf stalk, and asparagus heads are the young plants gathered before they develop into branches. It is highly necessary for the preservation of a plant that its seeds should be spread widely over the ground, and we find that the fruity envelopes or seeds of many plants are surrounded by a pericarp of substances attractive and palatable to animals.

In the apple and quince, the outer leaves and receptacle become altered and fleshy, to form the edible part of the fruit. The strawberry is not a true berry at all, for the fruit is not a ripened pistil, but an enlarged and fleshy receptacle, or extremity of the flower-stalk, thickly dotted over with the minute ripened ovaries containing the seed, and usually mistaken for the seeds themselves. The fig, also, consists of such an enlarged receptacle, but it has been, as it were, turned inside out, and the seed-like ovaries are on the inside.