ROM THE STATE CAPITAL

arson-Sewall Company of Houston Has Been Incorporated.

VESTIGATORS WERE NOT IN SESSION

nsurance Permits Renewed—Reports on Land Sales and Leases—Notes of the Departments.

Austin, Texas, February 28.—The following charters were filed today:

Carson-Sewall company of Houston. Capital stock $200,000. Purpose, to carry on a general wholesale grocery, cotton factorage and commission business. Incorporators. P. R. Carson, E. W. Sewall and T. B. Chew.

Hafner Jewelry and Music company of Waxahachie. Capital stock $10,000. Incorporators, F. A. Newton and W. T. Covill.

The Chronicle Publishing company of Wills Point, Van Zandt county. Capital stock $5000. Incorporators, C. E. Gilmore, E. Owens and B. W. Bruce, all of Wills Point.

Cascade Oil and Storage company of Beaumont; capital stock $85,000. Incorporated by James V. Polk, Harry H. House, Roger W. Griswold, John M. Conley and Homer E. Jones.

Locomobile Routes Suggested.

Austin, Texas, February 28.—Colonel John B. Armstrong, the well known rancher of Cameron county, is agitating the question of putting a locomobile on the stage line between Alice and Brownsville. The distance between these two points is 85 miles, and it requires two days and a night to make the trip under present conditions. The stage contract was just let a few days ago and Colonel Armstrong is now in correspondence with the new contractor regarding the purchase of a locomobile for the old stage line. He figures that it would be a saving to the contractor as he will be compelled to buy horses, harness and two ambulances, and as horses are changed every ten miles it requires a number of them and a locomobile would be cheaper in the long run. Another point in favor of the horseless carriage is that it would make better time, and would average fifteen miles an hour on the route, including the fifty-mile strip of sand which has to be traversed between Alice and Brownsville.

Land Sales and Leases.

Austin, Texas, February 28.—Land sales and leases for the month of February as reported by the State treasury department are as follows:

School land—	
Interest	$33,526 20
Principal	90,000 00
Lease	24,964 64
University land—	
Lease	2,898 65
Interest	71 10
Principal	869 11
Deaf and dumb asylum land—	
Interest	101 91
Principal	18 00
Blind asylum land—	
Interest	38 88
Lunatic asylum land—	
Interest	69 45
Principal	2 25
Orphan asylum land—	
Principal	3 11
Total	$152,550 06

Insurance Permits Renewed.

Austin, Texas, February 28.—The following insurance companies filed their annual statements today with the commissioner of insurance, paid their taxes and fees and are entered to do business in the State during the ensuing year:

Continental Casualty company of Indiana of Chicago, amount of tax, $630 63; agents certificates, $7. Texas business in 1901 as follows: Risks written, $4,246,058; premiums received, $63,108.62; losses incurred, $44,249.45; amount at risk December 31, 1901, $3,128,125.

National Grand Lodge of the Order of the Sons of Herman of the United States of America, headquarters in Austin, Texas. Business in 1901 as follows: Policies written, $875,90; policies in force December 1901, $1704.38; losses incurred $107 50.

The Supreme Camp of the American Woodmen of Denver, Colo. No business nor losses incurred in Texas in 1901.

Department Notes.

Austin, Texas, February 28.—The comptroller today registered an issue of $276,000 Galveston county refunding bonds.

Insurance Commissioner Johnson stated today that the title to the experimental station grounds near Troupe had been straightened out and that work would be begun on the new station before long.

The State purchasing agent will open bids tomorrow for electric lamps for all state institutions.

Chief Clerk Keeble of the secretary of state's department has returned from a business trip to Waco.

The governor is being bothered a great deal these days with applicants for pardons. He has no less than eight or ten visitors every day on missions of this character.

The receipts of the secretary of state's office for the month ending today aggregated $23,256, as compared with $11,284 for the corresponding month of last year.

No Session of Investigators.

Austin, Texas, February 28.—Chairman Henderson of the legislative investigating committee is still out of town and there was no meeting of the committee this morning.

Representative Shannon is still at work on the quarantine department and says that he has no idea when he will get through.

News Notes.

Austin, Texas, February 28.—Sanitary Inspector Schneider reports the death of twenty-nine horses during the month and a majority of them starved to death. Their owners are not known and could not be learned when the dead animals were discovered from time to time.

Some time ago the water and light commission passed an order requiring all city water takers to buy meters. This action on the part of the commission has caused a great deal of objection among the citizens and a mass meeting is talked of to protest against the order.

Mr. G. J. Kapner of Houston, who is here attending the university, has returned from a trip to Mexico. He reports having a fine time and says that all mechanical operations are fast becoming Americanized.

S. O. Cloud, aged 65 years, die yesterday at his home in South Austin. He will be buried tomorrow. He was an old Confederate soldier.

County Judge Masterson of Brazoria county and District Attorney S. J. Styles of Hempstead are here today on business.

Mrs. A. E. Kelly died yesterday at the family home on Canteburry street and was buried this morning.

DR. B. F. M'CUISTION KILLED.

A. W. McComas Fired Both Barrels of a Shotgun.

Paris, Texas, February 28.—Dr. B. F. McCuistion was shot and instantly killed a few minutes after 8 o'clock this morning. A. W. McComas is in jail, charged with the killing.

The killing took place in a saloon. McComas had gone into the saloon with a shotgun, which he secreted behind a side door. He was standing talking to the bartender when Dr. McCuistion came in. The doctor walked up to the bar and invited McComas to take a drink. He refused the drink, and, walking to where the gun was secreted, he picked it up, and, leveling it at the doctor, fired. The doctor started to run about the time the shot was fired and the load went wide of the mark. A second shot was fired as the doctor started to the side door. The entire load took effect in the right side. The doctor walked a few feet and fell. He expired in a few minutes without uttering a word.

McComas went through the front door after firing the last shot and was placed under arrest immediately. When seen at the jail he would make no statement further than that he felt justifiable in the killing and that it was caused by a family affair.

The examining trial will be held Monday.

HEAVY DAMAGES PRAYED FOR.

Minnie E. Jones et al Sue Because of Killing of W. W. Jones.

Greenville, Texas, February 28.—A $50,000 damage suit against the Missouri, Kansas and Texas was filed in district court yesterday by Minnie E. Jones et al. This is the same case that was pending before the district court at Sulphur Springs this week and was dismissed after the trial was begun, because the father of deceased had not been made a party to the suit. Plaintiff sues to recover on the death of her husband, W. W. Jones, who was killed at Sulphur Springs on August 17, 1901. It will be remembered that he went from Greenville on that day in company with R. W. Anderson to repair a damaged car and while at work on a sidetrack, a freight train backed in and shoved the car across his body, causing instant death. Deceased was 22 years of age and had been married only a short time.

NEWTON COUNTY COURT HOUSE.

The Contract Has Been Awarded by the Commissioners.

Newton, Texas, February 27.—The commissioners court awarded the contract to build the new court house yesterday. The contract price is $21,947, which is for the building complete, without furnishing. The building is to be completed within nine months and work will be begun at once. The brick used in the building will be made here, as there is as fine brick clay here as anywhere. The building is to be two and a half stories high and will be a modern, up-to-date building in every respect. There were four bids submitted.

JUDGE REAGAN IMPROVING.

Probable He Will Be Out in a Few Days If No Change for the Worse Occurs.

Palestine, Texas, February 28.—A telephone message received this evening from the residence of Judge Reagan reports the judge improving, though still confined to his room. If no change for the worse, he will be out in three days.

SHERIFFS' DEPARTMENT.

Bay City, Texas, February 25.—Escaped from jail, Sam Harris, a black negro about 23 years old, weight about 135 or 140 pounds, 5 feet 7 or 8 inches high, medium build; has scar between thumb and first finger and one above right ear in edge of hair; has small moustache; had on black pants, light colored hat and coat; patch in back of coat, where it had been burned; came from Gonzales county; likely to have gone west; walks a little stooped; $5 reward in any jail in Texas. I hold warrant for swindling. Address J. M. Sims, sheriff Matagorda county, Bay City, Texas.

Three Deaths in One Family.

Kaufman, Texas, February 28.—On Thursday morning the wife and babe of Mr. Powers of Irish Ridge, died and before their coffin was out of sight his 12-year-old son died. They all had pneumonia.

Oakville, Texas, February 27.—T. J. Anderson died here last night of pneumonia. He was well known and well liked. Leaves a wife and children. Lived on the George W. West ranch.

Dowe in Charge at Port Lavaca.

Port Lavaca, Texas, February 27.—Judge S. F. Dowe of Cotulla, Texas, has arrived here and is now in charge of the custom house as deputy collector for this port. He succeeds Mr. Jacob Hirsch, who was removed from office by the new collector of customs for this district. Judge Dowe will shortly move his family to this place to live.

To Stop a Hypnotic Exhibition.

Hillsboro, Texas, February 28.—The town is worked up over a hypnotist, who proposed to put a lady to sleep and bury her and raise her on the third day. The council has been called together upon petition of many citizens to devise means of stopping it.

Do not leave home on a journey without a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. It is almost certain to be needed and can not be procured while you are on board the cars or steamship. It is pleasant, safe and reliable. For sale by all druggists.

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BAILEY APPLAUDED

For His Stand by the Democracy of Texas.

Dallas, Texas, February 28.—The following telegram, which was forwarded to Washington today, explains itself:

Hon. J. W. Bailey, Washington, D. C.

Dallas, Texas, February 28.—Your splendid triumph is ringing throughout all Texas and our hearts are with you in pride and love. You have made the United States senate again worthy of its memories of the great Triumvirate.

James B. Wells,
A. J. Bell,
Frank W. Kibbe.

State Chairman Wells is one of Senator Bailey's closest personal and political friends.

THE OIL FIELD WIDENED

Materially During February, the Month's Most Notable Feature.

THERE ARE NOW 174 PRODUCING WELLS

The Wild Gusher Has Been Gotten Under Control—Stocks of Oil Companies Are Higher.

Beaumont, Texas, February 28.—The month of February has perhaps been more notable through the widening of the proved area of the oil field than for any one thing as regards this field. True, much has been done in other directions, but the bringing in of three wells that added a slice for each to the proved area has made many thousands of dollars worth of gusher land.

More tankage has been completed during February than any other one month, though the number of barrels completed is not at hand. About twenty big steel storage tanks were made ready for the oil, however.

The way in which shipments have increased has also made glad the heart of the oil man. With one day's shipments not reported, the total number of cars for February is 3839, which, with the addition of a day's shipments, will be about 4000 cars, or an increase of 1000 cars over the January shipments.

While not as many spouters were brought in during February as in some other months, that feature of the industry has by no means lagged, and there are now 174 spouters in the field.

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The Detroit-Beaumont Oil company has received notice of the arrival of an oil steamer at Port Arthur next week, which that company will load with 10,000 barrels of oil for a New York manufacturing concern, which has discarded coal for Beaumont oil, though the oil costs now about $1 delivered in New York.

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R. L. Cox & Co. brought in a first-class six-inch well yesterday on block 36.

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The Cox well, which broke loose at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, was closed at 7 a. m.

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At the end of February stocks of nearly all companies are higher than at the close of last month. In some cases the gains have equaled 30 or 40 per cent. There is a decided belief that stocks will show further gains during March, for a number of companies will get on a dividend-paying basis during that month.

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Following are the closing quotations on the oil exchange:

Name—	Par value.	Bid.	Asked.
Acme O and F	$1 00		75
Beaumont O	50 00	$25 00	$40 00
Beaumont P and G	1 00		50
Bunn's Bluff	1 00	25	35
Columbia	1 00		75
Glover			25
Heywood	100 00	93 00	105 00
Higgins O and F	100 00	78 00	83 00
Keith-Ward	50 00	15 00	28 00
Manhattan	1 00	62½	65
Queen of Waco	1 00		1 25
Texas and New O	1 00		
Spangler Oil	1 00	10	25
Seaboard Oil	1 00	08	15
Isabella Oil	1 00		1 00
Zemita Oil	1 00		50
Am O and R (new)		04⅝	05
Anglo-American	1 00	01⅝	02
Atlantic and Pac	1 00		04
Alamo	6 00		9 00
Alamo City			30 00
Beaumont Geyser	1 00		12½
Beatty (old)	1 00		25
Beatty (new)		01½	01¾
Beaumont and El P	1 00		
Beaumont and L A	1 00		
Beaumont and P S	1 00		
Beaumont O and R	10 00		
Beaumont Consd		14	17
Beaumont and Sara	10 00	4 00	10 00
Buffalo		07	08
Creole-American		15	25
Chicago Crude	1 00		75 00
Consolid O and P L	10 00		75 00
Citizens Consolid	100 00	10 00	17 00
Drummers	1 00		75
Drillers	10	05¼	08
Detroit-Beaumont		1 00	1 25
Domestic		10	11
Eureka	1 00	80	75
Enterprise	06	06	09
Empire State	1 00	03½	
Federal Crude	1 00		
For Red (new)		4 25	6 50
Fort Worth	10	07⅛	09
Gulf Refining Co		35 00	45 00
Ground Floor	1 00	1 30	1 65
Garrick		08	
Globe			02¼
German-Am (old)	100 00		
German-Am (new)		11	12
Grace	10	03½	04½
Gober	1 00		10
Gladys of Galv	10	07	10
Gladys of Beau			10
Gold Eagle		10	10¾
Home	1 00		50
Independence		02⅝	02⅞
International		01½	02½
J M Guffey Pet Co		86 00	95 00
Lone Acre	50 00	51 00	65 00
Lone S and C (com)	1 00	55	70
Lone S and C (pref)	10	73	80
Lucky Dime		07⅛	07½
Mo Kan and T	1 00		10
(Madeline Consolid	1 00		50
Madeline			03
Mercer County	1 00		12½
Merch and Mech	1 00	01½	02
National O and P L	1 00	34	35
Peoria Crude			50
Palest and Beau	1 00	26	35
Palest Oil and Dev			02½
One Penny Oil Co		01	01⅛
Queen City	1 00	19	25½
San Jacinto		08½	10½
Sour Lake	100 00		10 00
Spindle Top	100 00	30 00	43 00
Silver Dime		09	14
Texas Geyser	1 00		
Texas Western	1 00	1 50	2 95
Trenton Rock	1 00		
Vesuvius			06
Victor (old)	10		
Victor (new)		02	06
Young Ladies	10		05
Yellow Pine	100 00	107 00	120 00

SALES.

The following sales were recorded at the oil exchange today:

Anglo-American, 34,902 shares at 2c.
Anglo-American, 20,000 shares at 2⅛c.
Anglo-American, 35,000 shares at 1⅞c.
Detroit-Beaumont, 750 shares at $1.
Becky Sharp, 10,000 shares at 4½c.
Becky Sharp, 1000 shares at 4¼c.
Beatty (new), 1000 shares at 1¼c.
Rex, 11,560 shares at 10c.
Domestic, 4350 shares at 10c.
Gold Eagle, 5400 shares at 10c.
Independence, 3500 shares at 2⅝c.
German-American, 100 shares at 12c.
German-American, 3000 shares at 11c.
Grace, 1000 shares at 3c.
Grace, 1000 shares at 3½c.
Lone Star and Crescent (pref), 100 shares at 75c.
Lone Star and Crescent (com), 100 shares at 69c.
Lucky Dime, 1000 shares at 7c.
Lucky Dime, 2000 shares at 7⅛c.
National Oil and Pipe Line, 100 shares at 34½c.
National Oil and Pipe Line, 100 shares at 35c.
Palestine Oil and Development, 10,000 shares at 2½c.
Beaumont Confederated, 300 shares at 14c.
Keith-Ward, 1 share at $20.
Gladys of Galveston, 500 shares at 6½c.
One Penny, 15,000 shares at 1¼c.

Alvin Well Not Abandoned.

Alvin, Texas, February 27.—The machinery used in boring the well for the Galveston Land, Oil and Gas company's well on the Themas farm has been shipped to Beaumont and will be used in operating in that field. This does not mean that the well here has been abandoned as a dry hole by any means. Mr. E. B. Thomas, owner of the land on which the well is located, in conversation with The Post correspondent yesterday said that he was in a position to say with absolute certainty that the well will be finished to the contract depth of 2000 feet and that the work on the well will be resumed inside of thirty days. Mr. Thomas also says that an experienced driller has already been engaged and work would be resumed as soon as more machinery could be gotten on the ground. This is good news to the people of Alvin, as a great many are firm in the belief that oil will be found if the well is sunk deep enough.

TYLER COUNTY PROSPECTS.

Nothing Has Yet Been Developed but Quicksand.

Colmesneil, Texas, February 27.—Oil prospecting throughout Tyler county is almost at a standstill just now. However, if reports are true there will be a slight revival in that line soon.

The Beaumont Oil and Transportation company tried to sink a well on the Ben Burch survey, five miles from Emily on the Town Bluff road, and got down with four-inch casing to a depth of about 800 feet, when the pipe got stuck in quicksand. It is announced that Mr. Frank Smith of Beaumont, member of the board of directors, has assumed the management of the company's field affairs, and will within a short time begin sinking another well near the first. A quantity of pyrites of iron were found at various depths in the old well, which created a sensation among the natives, who at the time supposed it to be gold.

The well sunk by Rice Brothers at Hyatt, near their saw mill, reached a depth of about 600 feet when the pipe, getting fast in quicksand, caused the temporary abandonment of the well. They used a cable drill and it is said that they have ordered a rotary drilling plant and propose prospecting further in that locality soon.

The Crystal Oil company's well, about six miles northwest of here, is said to have reached a depth of over 600 feet, but the owners and employes of the company are very uncommunicative as to their progress or findings. They, too, are using a cable rig. They are said to have passed through a stratum of blue mud and shale, such as is regarded by experts as being indicative of oil. Mr. David Russell is manager for the company.

A GUSHER AT JENNINGS.

Bailing on the Well Will Be Completed Today.

Jennings, La., February 28.—When the valve was opened at the Southern No. 2 this morning a solid stream of oil gushed to a height of about forty feet. The drillers claim they are having no trouble with the sand and that when the bailing is finished, which will be sometime tomorrow, the well will flow.

The Southern Oil company people believe they have a good thing. They have decided to construct a pipe line from the Jennings field to town, which will be a great help to the oil users; they also contracted for the drilling of No. 3 and 4 wells this morning which will be located near the No. 2 well and will be completed in sixty days.

Sales at Galveston.

Galveston, Texas, February 28.—The sales at the oil exchange today were as follows:

Manhattan, 50 shares at 63c.
American Oil and Refining company, 200 shares at 4c.
Anglo-American, 6000 shares at 2c.
Becky Sharp, 3000 shares at 4½c.
Merchants and Mechanics, 1000 shares at 1½c.
Naskemp, 300 shares at 15c.
Victor (new), 1500 shares at 2¾c.

Work Resumed at Lockhart Well.

Lockhart, Texas, February 27.—Owing to an accident by which the manager of the Cardwell oil well was seriously and very painfully injured, there has been but little progress on the well during the past week. Work has now been resumed and will be pushed as rapidly as possible.

WEATHER AND CROPS.

Yoakum, De Witt County, Texas, February 27.—Planting of corn has been progressing rapidly in this section this week.

Greenville, Hunt County, Texas, February 27.—Another light rain fell here last night, but water is still scarce. The outlook is somewhat brighter for farming now.

Tehuacana, Limestone County, Texas, February 27.—A very good rain, accompanied with a rather strong wind, fell here last night. Farmers are well up with their plowing and a large number have planted corn.

Wortham, Freestone County, Texas, February 27.—A light shower of rain fell here last night, but not enough to do much good. Oats in bunting is under good headway and the entire crop will be planted this week.

Forney, Kaufman County, Texas, February 27.—The drouth continues and people are in need of water for both man and beast. Farmers have had an excellent time for preparing their lands and have made good use of it.

Anderson, Grimes County, Texas, February 27.—A number of farmers are through planting corn, being about four weeks ahead of last year. Prospects were never brighter for good crops than this year and most all the farmers are feeling pretty good.

Grapeland, Houston County, Texas, February 27.—A fine rain fell here last night which puts the ground in fine condition for farming. It was accompanied with some hail, but no damage was done. Farmers are getting well up with their work. A great deal of corn will be planted next week.

Marlin, Falls County, Texas, February 28.—Portions of this county west of the river have been visited by good rains the past few days and there is now much better cheer among farmers and stock owners. Farmers were unable to plow and stock water was almost exhausted. Rain is greatly needed in other sections of the county.

Lockhart, Caldwell County, Texas, February 27.—Corn planting is going on throughout this section, but it is so excessively dry through the protracted drouth that the farmers have but little hope of its coming up until it rains. The acreage of corn and feedstuffs will be largely increased in Caldwell county this year, and the acreage of cotton will be correspondingly decreased.

KILLED BY A SWITCH ENGINE.

Professor J. V. Curlin Was Run Down at Lufkin.

Lufkin, Texas, February 28.—Prof. J. V. Curlin, superintendent of the public school of this place, was run down by a switch engine today and instantly killed. He was on his way from town to his home in the northern portion of the town and was walking along the railroad track when the switch engine was backed upon him.

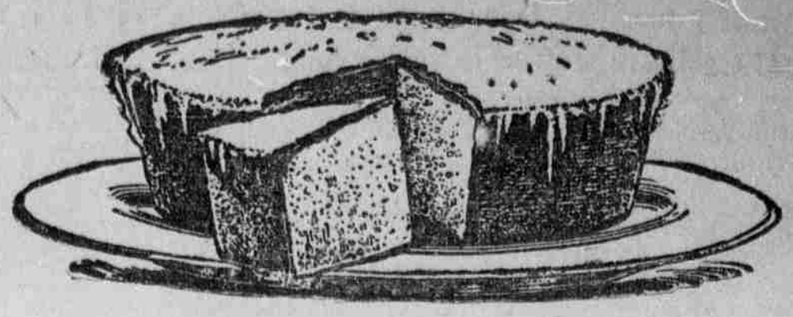
It seems that the engineer gave several whistles for him to leave the track and as he had plenty of time to do so it was thought that he would, but the supposition is that he failed to hear the whistle, as other noises counteracted the signal.

Prof. Curlin moved to this place several years ago from Missouri and was highly esteemed by the citizens.

Hurt in Jumping from a Train.

Hillsboro, Texas, February 27.—Clarence Biggers of Mertens returning from Dallas last night jumped from the train at the Cotton Belt crossing and broke his leg so badly it will have to be amputated.

Another young man named Deesen, who jumped at the same time, was also badly hurt. He claims to be from Cherokee county.



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ISLAND CITY NEWS ITEMS.

Considerable Interest Is Being Displayed in the Bond Election.

AN AMPITHEATER IS TO BE BUILT

Will Be Used for Convention Purposes. Eggs Are on a Boom—People Pleased at Committee's Action.

Galveston, Texas, February 28.—There are now something over 2300 names on the list of qualified voters for the bond issue election which will take place March 29. Quite a number have called upon the board of inquiry and had their names enrolled in order to get an opportunity to call before the board adjourns March 14. The entire list will be published Sunday and the public will then have an opportunity of seeing exactly who are now on the list. Any man whose name does not appear on the list and who knows that he is qualified to vote at the election may then call at the office of the board of inquiry and have his name enrolled. The Sea Wall club has already commenced an active canvass for votes for the proposed bond issue and there is very little doubt that the measure will be carried successfully.

The bond subscription committees continue to work energetically and with some success. Until the entire town has been thoroughly and systematically worked the committees will not cease their labors. The amount received today was $9400. This brings the total amount subscribed up to the present time to $758,700. There are subscriptions promised, however, which will swell this amount to slightly over $1,000,000.

Place for Holding Conventions.

Galveston, Texas, February 28.—The Galveston business league, which was recently organized in this city, proposes to erect an enormous ampitheater on Bath avenue and O, just two blocks from the beach. The ground upon which the building will be located has been donated by John Sealy, who has also contributed liberally toward the erection of the building. It will be used during the coming Southern Pacific celebration and will also be at the service of the State democratic convention, which will be held here July 15. During the summer season the Galveston business league proposes to bring attractions here which will furnish entertainment for both the home people and visitors from the interior. The very best attractions that can be secured by the league will be induced to come here and with a public building like the one proposed better terms can naturally be offered than if attractions had to pay rent. The place will fill a long felt need in Galveston and will also be the means of contributing to the pleasure of many interior people who come here during the summer. The auditorium will have a seating capacity of 2500.

People Are Pleased.

Galveston, Texas, February 28.—News that the next State democratic convention is to be held in Galveston has created a great deal of gratification in this city. It is not only the fact that the convention will bring several thousand people here, but the further fact that the selection as the place of holding the convention indicates a desire on the part of the members of the executive committee to assist this city. It is believed that the members who attend the convention will also be convinced after visiting this city that it is deserving of further aid from the State. The matter of allowing the appropriation of taxes toward the filling of the city and such further assistance in this enterprise as may be thought proper will no doubt come before the next session of the legislature. During the convention the citizens here will have an opportunity of impressing the members with the importance of the work.

Will Attend to Freight Rates.

Galveston, Texas, February 28.—The election of a secretary of the chamber of commerce engaged the attention of the board of directors for two hours last night and they finally adjourned without having made a definite selection, though the committee previously appointed to offer the position to Tom Finty, Jr., was instructed to take the matter up with another man posted on freight rates and when the committee is ready to make a report a special meeting of the directors will be called to receive it. It seems that it is the intention of the chamber of commerce to turn its attention more in the future toward attaining the very best freight rates possible for Galveston. It is with this end in view that they desire to secure a man thoroughly posted on such matters.

The Federal Court.

Galveston, Texas, February 28.—The session of the United States court today was taken up in the trial of the two cases of the American Well Works vs. the Acme Sucker Rod Company and the Acme Supply Company. The plaintiffs allege infringement of patent by defendants and ask for an injunction preventing further infringement and for a judgment for damages in the amount of profit reaped by the defendants from the use of said patent in violation of the rights of the plaintiff. The well boring appliances involved are used extensively in the oil fields of East Texas.

Dredge to Be Completed.

Galveston, Texas, February 28.—The light draft dredge H. M. Robert was brought over from Texas City to Galveston last evening and docked at pier 10. The dredge is being built for use in this district. The machinery was installed at Texas City, but the cabin and deck work will be done in this city. The dredge was named for General H. M. Robert, a retired United States engineer who has been very friendly to Galveston in the past. It will be finished some time in June. The cost of the dredge will be $65,000.

Eggs Are High.

Galveston, Texas, February 28.—For some time past the price of eggs in Galveston has been extremely high. During the early part of this week eggs were quoted at 35 and 40 cents per dozen and were sought at any price. Some of the local merchants predict that they will be as high as 50 cents per dozen before the end of March.

Postmaster Griffin Reappointed.

Galveston, Texas, February 28.—Postmaster H. A. Griffin has been notified of his nomination for reappointment to the position of postmaster at Galveston. The appointment has not yet been confirmed, but will likely be in a few days. His commission under his present term expires March 1.

Louisiana Postoffice Robbed.

Patterson, La., February 28.—The postoffice at this place was blown up by dynamite last night and the place robbed by burglars. The safe and the entire building were wrecked by the terrific concussion. The robbers escaped with about $700 worth of booty, including money and stamps. Two strangers, who refuse to give their names, have been arrested at Franklin.

DIAZ ON THE FRONTIER.

Has Gone Hunting to Escape the Brass Bands.

Eagle Pass, Texas, February 28.—President Diaz, traveling in his special presidential train from Mexico City to the frontier, stopped last night at a siding on the Hacienda de Soledad, about seventy-five miles from Eagle Pass, and spent the day on that ranch resting and hunting. Mounts were provided for the president and party. He comes to meet his sister-in-law, widow of the late Mexican minister to Austria, who is expected to reach here either tomorrow or Sunday evening. Meanwhile the president prefers being out on the prairie beyond the reach of brass bands and reception committees. It is understood his stay at the frontier will be very brief. The Soledad hacienda is one of the late C. P. Huntington's Mexican properties.

Woodall Arrested.

Marlin, Texas, February 28.—The white man, Charles Woodall, who is charged with killing Charles Hackberry, colored, at Lott, this county, Wednesday, February 26, was arrested a few miles from the scene of the killing by a deputy sheriff yesterday morning.

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