

THURSDAY July 14, 1892.

St. John's, Nova Scotia, has almost been wiped out of existence by fire. Seventy million dollars worth of property was destroyed.

We want it distinctly understood that the HERALD is not here to live on charity. Support it if you think it is worthy of support, if not don't do it.

Houston has received her first bale of cotton. This time it comes from Doyal county, where the country has been parched by drought for months. D. Witt county has carried off the honors for a good many years past, but she has either had too much rain or too much politics and neglected to look after her first bale.

A DISPATCH from San Antonio to the Galveston News, says: Carmen Ybanez, the Mexican revolutionist whose extradition was sought by the Mexican government on the charge of murder, alleged to have been committed at the Tortillas fight last December, was discharged to-day by United States Commissioner Price after hearing all the testimony in the case. Ybanez is out on \$2500 bond to appear before the federal court at Brownsville, to answer to the charge of violation of the United States neutrality laws.

Houston Post: Secretary Lovejoy of the Carnegie Steel company said the other day: "These are our works. It is our right to operate them as we please." The Memphis Commercial answers: Even so, Mr. Lovejoy. But remember this: Your company is a beneficiary of tariff protection, which has made Andrew Carnegie forty times a millionaire. That protection was asked for and given for the benefit of your workmen. You said when you asked for this protection that it was to enable you to pay higher wages. The workmen by their votes gave it to you for that purpose and upon that promise. After you have got it you reduce their wages. You are differently situated from the class of non-protected employers who get no special favors from the government. The government has given you a bounty or enabled you to collect it from the people under promise to pay it over to your employes. You have given no bond, and there is no law to compel you to keep your promise. You have a right to operate the works as you please—to get the cheapest men you can find, to beat wages down to the lowest point, to gobble for yourself all the advantage of 'protection to American labor,' and you do it. Not only will the law not force you to give up the profits taxed into your pockets as a trust fund for labor, but it will protect you in keeping it all yourself. That's because tariff protection, so far as labor is concerned is a fraud, a delusion and a snare."

CHANCE OF A RAILROAD.

With the Pan American building out from Victoria, the Southern Pacific and Aransas Pass at a terminus on a direct line to Brownsville, we cannot help but feel that the lower Rio Grande will have a railroad in the near future. The Pan American has already completed the first ten miles of its road and with their bonus already assured them, together with the amount for which they can now bond the road, they are better enabled to push it to completion more rapidly than ever. The Southern Pacific has seen fit to place on record in Cameron county her \$10,000,000 mortgage bonds which is undoubtedly the intory step towards building in this direction, it looks to us as if we will soon be connected with the outside world by rail. The Aransas Pass, too, must move on from its present terminus, at Alice, which it will undoubtedly do, and with fair prospects of a railroad on the other side of the river, running into the interior of Mexico, being constructed at no far distant day, is every reason to believe that one or more roads will build to Brownsville, the garden spot of the world. And why shouldn't they. A country where two crops can be grown every year, and with a little irrigation, could be grown enough produce to pay for the building of a railroad into its boundary. With a railroad first irrigation will be resorted to and our now barren lands will be a feast for the eye and a land of peace, prosperity and plenty. By all means let us work for a railroad.

The attention of Duval county, which went for Hogz, is called to the fact that when Webb county instructed for Clark a heaven sent rain came dashing down for two hours, soaking the parched earth and making the waste places glad. That is one rain of the Southwest for which the Express claims no credit. It was due wholly to the common sense action of the people of a progressive section.—San Antonio Express.

Cameron county instructed for Clark and shortly after its instruction we had several light showers of rain with fair prospects of a regular root soaker and Irish mowen but unfortunately we have one or perhaps too scintillating Hogz men in this city who have groaned, pawed up the earth, raved and ranted so much about the irregularity of the convention, that the good Lord is bewildered and is in a quandary as to whether this is a Clark and rain county or a Hogz and no rain county.

THE formation of "Francis Cleveland influence clubs" is the latest in politics. Grover will not have it so and in a letter addressed to Mrs. Mary Frost Ormsby, one of the organizers of the club, writes: "It is impossible for us to approve of the use of Mrs. Cleveland's name in the designation of clubs designated to do political work. We trust you will not undervalue our objection because it rests upon the sentiment that the name now sacred in the home circles as wife and mother may well be spared in the organization and operation of clubs created to exert political influence." The clubs are to be composed of wives, sisters and daughters of democrats, to do campaign work.

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