

## DIRECTORY

### DISTRICT OFFICERS.

District Judge, John C. Russell  
 District Attorney, D. M. Turner  
 District Clerk, Louis Kowalski  
 District court commences on the first Monday in the months of Feb. and September.

### COUNTY OFFICERS.

County Judge, E. C. Forto  
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 Treasurer, Celedonio Garza  
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### COMMISSIONERS.

Precinct No. 1 — Antonio Vazquez  
 Precinct No. 2 — Thomas Carson  
 Precinct No. 3 — Narciso Cantu  
 Precinct No. 4 — Pablo Perez  
 County court meets for civil criminal and probate business on the first Monday in March, June, September and December.

### CITY OFFICERS.

Mayor, Thomas Carson  
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 Attorney, Frank Feuille  
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### SCHEDULE.

#### OF DEPARTURES AND ARRIVALS OF MAILS.

##### DEPARTURE.

For Alice, Texas, daily at... 8 a. m.  
 " Rio Grande City, Monday, Wed and Friday at... 6 a. m.  
 For Point Isabel, daily at... 9 a. m.  
 " Matamoros, Mexico, Except Sunday, at 9:30 a. m.

##### ARRIVALS

From Alice, Texas, daily at 10 p. m.  
 " Rio Grande, Tri-Weekly at 7 a. m.  
 " Point Isabel daily at... 6 p. m.  
 " Matamoros Mexico, at 9:30 a. m.

#### The Serpentine Dance of Old Nile.

A learned correspondent writes as follows concerning the new dance: "Numerous young ladies and gentlemen are claiming the honor of inventing or first introducing it. They forget that it is only a development of Pharaoh's favorite 'hee dance,' still to be met with on the banks of the Nile. It was brought into prominence about thirty-five years ago by Donato, the one legged dancer at Covent Garden theater. The dance wants figure and personal beauty first, and arms rather than legs afterward. The exertion of working the eighty yards of china silk into graceful folds is about equal to the muscular exercise involved in a performance with the Indian clubs, and the foot dancing is necessarily confined to a small space, for fear of entanglement. The serpentine dance would probably be classed as Spanish."

My correspondent may be right enough as to the date to which the dance goes back. I am no Egyptologist. But he is in error as to the date of Donato, the one legged dancer, who must have appeared nearer five and twenty years ago than five and thirty. Time goes quickly enough, to be sure, but speaking from memory, I should have said that Donato was in a Covent Garden pantomime somewhere well down the sixties.—London Truth.

#### Woman and the Confidence Game.

A promised raffle for a gold watch was to have taken place at R. H. Pettit's store Saturday evening, but it never took place. A number of the ticket holders were on hand, but the person who was to give the raffle, a young woman, failed to show up. After waiting some time it began to dawn upon the people who came that they had been well duped.

A number of days ago a good looking young woman, a stranger, who said her name was Miss Clifford, called on Mr. Pettit at his store. She showed him a jeweled gold watch and obtained his consent to have the timepiece raffled at his store. Together with another woman, supposed to be her mother, Miss Clifford went all over the town and sold a large number of tickets at fifty cents each. The last heard of the two women was that they had been seen with valises in hand traveling in the direction of the depot Saturday morning. These women are evidently confidence people.—Sacramento Bee.

#### Will Not Be Smashed.

We hear from time to time that somebody is going to smash the coal combine, but we are unable to learn that somebody's name. Maybe it is the man in the moon. The coal robbers are not going to be smashed. They have got the roots of the public and they are going to milk the public as they please. We might as well make up our minds to that first as last.—Chicago News-Record.

#### Queen Isabella's Dream.

[From the Catalan of Verdague.]  
 Girded I sat with garden green  
 Nigh famed Alhambra's fairy towers,  
 That lately held the Hagarene,  
 But now, my Ferdinand, are ours.

Brodering a robe I seemed to sit  
 Where bright a silvery fountain stirred,  
 And where a branch enshadowed it  
 I marked the flutter of a bird.

He flitted downward to my feet,  
 And ope'd his beak and sang to me,  
 And soothing was his song and sweet  
 As honey of the rosemary.

Then softly from my drooping hand  
 He drew the jewel of my heart,  
 Pledge of the troth of Ferdinand  
 And marvel of Granada's art.

O carol blithe in dale and dell,  
 And flit where'er thy heart is fain,  
 But to the hand of Isabel  
 Restore the jewel thou hast ta'en.

Into the deep of heaven he flies,  
 And with his flight my heart takes wing;  
 Flashing thy fires from azure skies,  
 How brilliant didst thou seem, my ring!

While land endured, by dell and steep  
 I tracked the fleeting, air borne prey,  
 But sadly sat me down to weep  
 Where ocean's billow barred my way.

And strained my vision where afar  
 Melted the splendor fugitive,  
 Like the last glitter of the star  
 That moan proclaims, nor may outlive.

Far where the western waters surged  
 The bright thing sank, and out of them,  
 O miracle like sylphs emerged  
 An isle for every vanished gem.

The splendors of my ring returned  
 In flower and herb and fruit and tree,  
 Where ruby wed with emerald burned,  
 Clasped by the sapphire of the sea.

Radiant with blossoms garlanded,  
 That wondrous bird came winging on,  
 And brightly had entwined my head,  
 But with my grief my dream was gone.

Sailor, in thee the bird I know  
 That spoiled me first, then nobly crown'd;  
 God's envy art thou, sent to show  
 How hidden jewels may be found.

Take, Colon, take my gold, and change  
 My gems for galleys stanch and fleet;  
 For bluebells I the wood will range,  
 And deck my hair with meadow sweet.  
 —R. Garnett in London Illustrated News.

#### Bordered by a Monster Tarpon.

A day or two ago the schooner Flour Bluff, Andrew Anderson, captain, and John Anderson, mate, was passing through Flour Bluff channel some eight or ten miles down the coast from Corpus Christi. Everything was running along smoothly when suddenly the smoothness was broken by a 6-foot tarpon landing on deck.

The big fish at once began making things interesting on the boat, and for a few moments the sailors contemplated seriously leaving their vessel and "taking to the woods." They finally regained control of their nerve and decided to have it out with the fish, so one of them seized an ax and the others handspikes and at the tarpon they went. The struggle was long and fierce, and one of the sailors (there were five of them in all) was knocked overboard by coming in contact with the tarpon's tail. A rope was thrown him and he was pulled back on deck. At last the fish succumbed to the repeated blows of the ax and handspikes and lay along the deck as dead as a mackerel.—Cor. San Antonio Express.

#### The Boundaries of Oxford.

The custom, which is only observed at rare intervals, of perambulating the boundaries of the city of Oxford, England, was followed this year, and was of more than usual importance owing to the fact that the boundaries had been largely extended since the last occasion, when a tour was made six years ago. The mayor and other members of the corporation in their robes left the city buildings at 8 o'clock in the morning, preceded by a band and the city mace bearers.

During the day many amusing incidents took place, some of which might have proved dangerous. At Wolvercote there was a dispute about the boundary, and a clergyman who opposed the city forces was somewhat roughly handled. At the Cherwell punts were used, and the one containing the mayor, the sheriff and several members of the corporation and the mace bearer, with the mace, was upset in the middle of the stream.—London Letter.

#### Profit of \$1,425 from Eight Acres.

J. C. Russell, who owns a large tract of land about two and one-half miles north of Trayer, has nearly completed harvesting his peach and nectarine crop from eight acres on his ranch. There are about five acres of peaches and three of nectarines. From the peaches he has now harvested 13,000 pounds of dried peaches, which, at thirteen cents a pound, the price now quoted, would net him \$1,690. It will cost him \$265 to harvest this crop and market it, which will leave him a net profit of \$1,425, or \$285 per acre. The nectarine crop has done nearly as well, the difference being only in the price of the two fruits. Mr. Russell has hired all his work done, and therefore the expense account is correct and covers everything.—Fresno (Cal.) Advance.

The executors of the late Mr. Bruce, of Kinross, have handed to his son a piece of the robe in which the body of King Robert the Bruce was found wrapped when the stone coffin was opened in 1818.

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