SHERIFF DICKSON KILLED.

And Two Out-Laws Shot While Resisting Arrest.

Wharton, February 7.—Great excitement exists in our city and a cloud of sorrow hangs like a pall over the hearts of our citizens. News has just come to town that Sheriff Hamilton Dickson was killed above town at 3 o'clock, while in company with Sheriff Townsend of Columbus and Deputies Hope, Heart and Wells. They had located Braddock, the murderer of the constable at Weimar. While entering a thicket on the east side of the river, about three miles below Rancho Grande, Braddock was suddenly discovered. He fired at close quarters upon Sheriff Dickson who was killed instantly. Immediately one of the posse made short work of Braddock. The murderor was shot and killed in an instant.

The body of Sheriff Dickson now lies at the home of Judge Northington, in Egypt. A large number of citizens and friends will leave town tonight. Sheriff Dickson was universally loved, honored and respected and his loss is of note and moment to our country.

Later—Constable Heart has just returned from the scene of the killing and brings the news that H. H. Moore who has been secreting Braddock, the murderer, was met by Constable Heart and Sheriff Townsend a short while after the killing of Sheriff Dickson. The officers demanded his immediate surrender, when Moore, who was expecting arrest, instantly drew his pistol and fired at Heart in close quarters. The officers returned the fire with effect and Moore fell dead

Constable Heart brought in the negro who has been carrying food to Braddock while hiding.

A few weeks ago Braddock was put off the Raymond & Whitcomb excursion train near Weimar. In revenge he fired into the sleeper, but fortunately hit no one. When the train arrived at Weimar the trainmen notified the officers who started down the track and overtaking Braddock arrested him and locked up. Next evening as Constable Townsend, of Weimar precinct, went to give Braddock his supper the prisoner sprang on him and cut him to pieces with a knife. He made his escape and ever since officers of Colorado and Wharton counties have been on his trail frequently nearly capturing him. He was a desperate character, having been arrested for train robbery last fall, but proved an alibi and was released. He openly boasted of having killed two white men and was suspected of other crimes.

MR. CHILDS' WILL.

Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 8.—The last will and testament of George W. Childs was admitted to probate today and letters testamentary granted to the executors, George W. C. Drexel and James W. Paul, jr. The writing is very brief, occupying but one side of a sheet of foolscap paper. The valuation of the property is rather indefinite, as the petition for its probate places the personal and real estate each as exceeding $100,000. In making disposition of the property everything is devised to the widow absolutely, with testamentary disposition of the estate at her death.

MEXICAN MARDI GRAS.

City of Mexico, Feb. 7.—The Mardi Gras celebration in the City of Mexico was a brilliant event. The boulevard of the Pasco de la Reforma was thronged with over 1300 equipages and 50,000 people. Three military bands played at different points along the Pasco and the exhibition of wealth and beauty was as large as ever held in this city.

PREPARED FOR CHOLERA.

Washington, February 6.—Recognition of the possibility that cholera may reach the United States next summer is made in the sundry civil appropriations bill. While no direct appropriation is made, one clause in the bill provides for the use of the large unexpended balance of $700,000 of the $900,000 remaining from last year's appropriation. This, it is thought will be amply sufficient to meet any emergency that may arise. Surgeon General Wyman, of the Marine hospital service considers this ample safeguard, so far as financial precautions can go, against cholera.

WITH A NEW GOLD PEN.

Washington, Feb. 8.—President Cleveland this evening signed the federal elections repeal bill and it is now a law. Representative Tucker of Virginia brought with him to the white house a gold pen especially purchased for use in signing the bill. It had already been used by the vice president and Speaker Crisp in signing the bill, and after the president had used it became the property of Mr. Tucker.

Representative Pearson of Ohio carried the bill from the capitol.

AMERICAN GOODS BARRED.

Paris, Feb. 7.—The Petite Republique Francaise says that General Mercier, minister of war, has decided that canned goods for use of the army shall be exclusively of French manufacture. Hitherto they have been furnished by America, but this change will increase the cost of goods to the government 13 per cent.

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Valuable Information.

Brownsville, Cameron County and the Lower Rio Grande Valley.

CAMERON COUNTY:

Cameron County is the extreme southern county of Texas. It is separated from Mexico by the Rio Grande on the south and has about 100 miles of gulf coast as its eastern boundary. It was organized in 1848, and contains 3308 square miles. Farming and stock raising are the principal industries of the people, the location, climate and soil being admirably adapted for both. The greater portion of the soil is a rich loam, and produces an exceedingly heavy yield of both cotton and corn, the chief farm products. Two, and sometimes three crops of corn, averaging from fifty to seventy bushels per acre, are raised yearly, while cotton will easily yield from one to two bales per acre. Grasses grow all the year, and stock find pasturage without being fed or sheltered during the winter. But the soil and climate of the Lower Rio Grande Valley are by nature best adapted for the production of vegetables and fruits. Vegetables of all kinds grow all the year around, and northern people are astonished to find tomatoes, lettuce, spinach, English pease, etc., served fresh from the gardens in midwinter. This is undoubtedly the paradise of truck gardeners, and so soon as rail transportation is obtained Cameron county vegetables by the car load will be shipped to northern markets during winter and early spring, and will obtain the highest prices, as there will be no competition. This is due to our exceedingly mild climate. Frequently the entire winter passes without a single frost, and there is rarely ever any cold weather before Christmas. Fruit culture has not been attempted in this county on a large scale, but there is one large banana plantation on which this delicious fruit yields most abundantly and in the greatest perfection. Grapes are also raised extensively, growing in almost every yard. They ripen from two to four weeks earlier than in any other section. Many planters here make all of their own table wines. Oranges and lemons also grow in profusion, and this section could easily be made to rival Florida in the production of oranges. Sugar cane is also one of the most important products of the valley. The Rio Grande plantation of Mr. Geo. Brulay and the Rabb Starck plantation produce great quantities of cane, which is all manufactured on the Rio Grande plantation this cane makes sugar which is pronounced by experts to be even superior to the best Louisiana product. Havana tobacco has also proven a success here, Col. J. G. Tucker having made some most successful experiments with it; his samples were classed by New York buyers as equal to the best Havana.

The county is watered by the Rio Grande with its ample flow along the southern boundary, and numerous small streams called "arroyos" and "resacas."

The population of Cameron county according to the census of 1890 is 13,424. Brownsville, the county seat, has a population of about 7000 Point Isabel, the seaport of the county, has about 400 inhabitants and Santa Maria, a growing little river settlement, has about 250.

Improved lands sell for from $5 to $25 per acre, unimproved for from $2 to $6 per acre. The average taxable value of land is $1. There are 32,240 acres of school land in the county. The county has a total school population of 3271, and gives employment to — teachers The average length of the school term is five months. The total tuition revenue received from the State is $13,000 There are a number of public schools in the county, affording ample educational advantages.

Homeseekers are gradually beginning to find their way to this land where farmers can work in the open air 365 days in the year, but it is comparatively undeveloped as yet. With the building of the railroad to Corpus Christi, however, a great influx of settlers may be expected. and they will be heartily welcomed. This valley is capable of supporting millions of people. The Herald will be pleased to furnish any further information regarding the lower Rio Grande valley that readers abroad may desire.

BROWNSVILLE.

Brownsville, the county seat of Cameron county, is situated in the southern part of the county on the Rio Grande, about thirty miles above its mouth, and directly opposite the Mexican city of Matamoros. It has a large trade with small towns along the river for over 300 miles, the extent of steamboat navigation. It has commercial relations with the gulf ports by the port of Brazos de Santiago, with which it is connected by the Rio Grande railroad. It also has communication with the interior by stage to Alice, connecting with the Texas Mexican and the Aransas Pass railways. Another frequent mode of transportation to an from Brownsville is via the Matamoros and Monterey railroad to Rio Grande City, and thence by stage to Pena Station. Brownsville is laid off squarely with streets of good width, and is built up with solid brick buildings, and has a fine city market, where all vegetables, meats, fresh fish, game, etc., are on sale at remarkably low prices The city fire department is well equipped and most effective. There are three churches, Catholic, Episcopal and Presbyterian. The educational advantages of Brownsville are unsurpassed by any town, and unequalled by few of its size The public school building, valued at $30,000, is one of the handsomest and best equipped in the State, and stands as a monument to the progress of the city. It employs fourteen teachers, and about six hundred pupils are in daily attendance. There are three Catholic schools, St. Joseph's College for boys, the convent school for girls, and St. Alosyius' school for boys, both of the latter being taught by the Sisters of the Incarnate Word convent. Another school for girls is the Presbyterian mission school. Among other public buildings may be mentioned the court house, a large and costly building which is a credit to the county, and the custom house, which is one of the handsomest federal buildings in the south. The postoffice in this building is very handsomely equipped There are also many handsome private residences.

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