

The Weekly Banner

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First was visible at Marshall and Texarkana on the morning of the thirtieth of April.

Miss Schurz, who is a Washington belle, has brown hair and large brown eyes.

It is said that ex-Gov. Noyes, of Ohio, has received the appointment of minister to France.

The wheat crop in the neighborhood of Fort Worth is said to be the finest ever raised in Tarrant county.

The cattle drive this Spring from Western Texas will be about 150,000 head against 250,000 head last season.

Major Edmund and lady, spiritualistic lecturers, have arrived at Austin, where they are to give a series of lectures.

When a man is said to be Simon pure, it is not to be understood that it is intended to compare him Simon Cameron.

A terrible wife murder was recently committed in Milledgeville, Georgia, by a man named Shaw, who is now in jail.

FARMERS are leaving northwestern Iowa in great numbers, the soil of fifteen counties being alive with the inchoate hopper.

The question of levying a tax in the State of Louisiana in aid of the New Orleans Pacific Railroad, is to be submitted to a popular vote of the people.

In New York, last week, the Paducah and Memphis Railroad was sold under foreclosure of first mortgage bonds for 105,000 dollars.

The Victoria Advocate very truthfully remarks that the six-shooter, ready loaded, in the pocket of the young man, is the coward's incentive to violence and murder.

FREIGHT rates on the Sunset Route are so high that many of the San Antonio merchants are having their goods shipped via Cairo and thence to San Antonio by ox carts.

GIN HOUSE BURNED.—The gin-house of Mr. A. G. Dabney, residing on Kentucky Ridge, was struck by lightning night before last, and burned. Two buggies, a wagon, plow gear and other farming implements were burned at the same time.

MR. R. A. VAN HORN, editor and proprietor of the Corsicana Observer, died at his residence in that place, on Thursday evening last. He was a genial gentleman and an excellent newspaper man. Peace to his ashes.

The Philadelphia Record thinks it preposterous to suppose that the Southern Democrats would vote for a Republican speaker in the next Congress out of gratitude for the Hayes policy concerning Southern affairs.

The Globe hotel, the great centennial caravansary, which cost \$200,000, was sold at public auction in Philadelphia yesterday, and was knocked down at \$3,475. The frame building containing the greatest soda fountain in the world, and which cost \$12,000, brought only \$175.

The Daily Galvestonian is becoming a great favorite with the people of Brenham, and its circulation in Washington county is rapidly increasing. It is a live paper and merits a general patronage throughout the State. The Democracy of Dan McGary, its editor, is seldom panned, and unquestioned.

A BIG LAND CLAIM.

In 1836 Mrs. Harrington, owning the league of land where Brenham stands, made a deed of gift to 200 acres of land to her daughter, Lydia Lee, and Margaret Lee, her grand daughter. One half of the tract was specified to be held in trust by Abner Lee for his daughter Margaret, and that he was to have a life interest in it, and at his death was to revert to her. In 1843, when Texas was a Republic, Ab. Lee petitioned the Probate Court to order a partition of the land. The Court appointed Commissioners and the partition was made; the east one half of the tract adjoining the Walker league, being set apart for the old lady, and the west half towards the courthouse for Margaret. As soon as the land was divided, Mrs. Lee, joined by her husband, executed a deed to B. R. Thomas for 100 acres, her share. Ab. Lee, guardian for his minor daughter, then petitioned the Probate Court, "supported by the affidavits of three good and lawful citizens," as the proceedings read, for an order of sale of the 100 acres belonging to his daughter. The Court granted the petition after complying to all the forms of the law, and it was sold at the courthouse door to the highest bidder for cash in hand. The clerk of the Court then made the deed to the purchaser, and it has been in the hands of his legal assignees ever since.

Ab. Lee died a few weeks ago and now the attorneys for Margaret, now grown with several children, claims the 100 acre tract on the ground that the title did not lie in her until after her father's death, and that the proceedings of the Probate Court were illegal and therefore void. This is the hitch. Did the Court have power to order the sale for Margaret's share? The tract is 1666 2/3 acres long, nearly a mile, but only 337 1/2 wide. It corners a little over a mile from the courthouse, near the Independence road, N. W. from the city. The east line runs near the colored school house at Campdown, and the South-west corner is in the middle of the colored grave yard, not far from the oil works. The most of the residents on the tract are industrious colored men, who have built comfortable houses, but the majority hold warranty deeds from responsible old citizens, who will have to defend their titles.

The whole tract lies about half a mile East and North-east of the courthouse. Mrs. Stamp's old homestead is near the West line, and all of Wiley Hubert's land close to the East line. Theodore Stamps, Kavanaugh's place, Butler's and Baker's houses, about ten acres of the West side of Hirschberg's field, and all the houses laying within in the claim, being about forty defendants. It also takes about 20 acres belonging to J. D. Giddings on the North side of the Independence road. Hirschberg holds a warranty deed from C. R. Bredelove, and several others from prominent members of the bar of this county, and they will doubtless contest the claim to the best of their ability. We will await further movements. F. W. Chandler of Austin, is the claimant's attorney.

GEN. BANKS thinks the action of President Hayes in regard to the South Carolina and Louisiana controversies not inconsistent with the interests of the Republican party; that the course of events had placed the party in relation to those States in a wrong position, and it was therefore necessary to withdraw from the attitude in which the Government had been placed.

The Austin Leader says the four prisoners brought in from Webb county last Thursday are the most villainous looking set of ruffians we have seen for a month's age.

HAPPINESS

Every one of any reflection would be apt to come to the conclusion, after bestowing a little thought on the subject, that the being, end and aim of life was happiness, even if it had not been told so by the old English writer. Happiness is one thing coveted by all—the wise and the simple, the learned and the ignorant. It is one of the leading objects of every man's and of every woman's ambition. When it is conceded that this a common platform on which all mankind stand, is it not inexplicably strange that we are so parsimonious about extending a little aid to the happiness of each other?

A homily on what constitutes happiness, is not what we started to write about. But we must say that many men—and women too—kick out of their paths almost daily that which is capable of conferring rational gratification. Amid the active duties of life, there is scarcely a day passes in which every one, with the least sacrifice, cannot contribute something either by a kind word or a small act, to the advancement or gratification—and consequent by the happiness—of others.

If a party were to start on the overland route to California to-morrow, would it not be better to assist one another, rather than throw impediments in the way of each other? Would not he be considered a despicable churl, who would fail to contribute as much as an encouraging word to his weary and perhaps overburdened fellow traveler?—Well, we are all travelling, it not to California, at any rate to some goal, a pacific coast let us hope, and often need the aid and comfort of an encouraging word and a kind act. These cost the giver nothing. And yet they are like mercy, twice blessed, blessing him that gives as well as him that takes.

WORTH LOOKING AT.

There is a picture of Judge R. E. B. BAYLOR in the law office of Bredelove & Ewing, painted by H. A. McArdle, whose painting of "LEE AT THE WILDERNESS," is the admiration of all who have enjoyed the pleasure of seeing it. The picture of Judge Baylor, which has been ordered by the members of the Brenham Bar, is intended to be placed in the courthouse, where those who knew the original will at a glance recognize the manly, intellectual lineaments of one, who in life was the deserved object of their profound admiration. As a work of art, the picture would place its author, Mr. McArdle in the front rank of artists, even if he had not achieved that distinction by numbers of other triumphs in his professional career.

We learn that it is contemplated by the Brenham Bar, many of whom profited by his wise instruction, to have a picture of Judge R. T. Wheeler executed by the same artist, and placed in the courthouse, where the two pictures will be an ornament to the temple of justice, and an honor to those whose grateful recollections of the originals, have prompted the thoughtful and considerate design, which reflects credit on the living as well as the dead.

HARD TIMES are beginning to be seriously felt by the newspaper fraternity, and some of our interior exchanges have found it necessary to curtail their dimensions somewhat. The Victoria Advocate and La-Grange Record, both heretofore thirty two column papers, have reduced to twenty-eight columns. It takes money and a good deal of it too, to run a newspaper; and, unless the "kale seed" can be had, newspaper men will have a rough time of it "bridging over" the dull season.

The firemen's celebration at Marshall was a brilliant affair, over three thousand persons being present and participating in the festivities.

THE COTTON TAX.

We alluded some time ago to the fine opening there was for doing an act of justice to the South by the refunding of this unjust and illegal tax. If this money is refunded, and it certainly should be, if justice is meted out, the sum that would come to Texas, would be at least seventeen million dollars. The tax was collected on the crops of 1855, '66, '67 and '68. The tax for two of these years was \$15.00 a bale. For the remaining two years, the tax was ten dollars a bale. For the four years named, the crop of Texas would each year average 350,000 bales, and the average tax would be twelve dollars and a half per bale. This would make the sum little sum of \$17,500,000. As it is not likely that this sum can ever reach the pockets of those from whom it was fled, and to whom it rightfully belongs, it placed in the State treasury, it would at a bound, relieve the over-taxed people from a burden under which they are groaning, and provide such a school fund as would place the means of education in the hands of every child, white or black, in the State.

We hope that Southern Congressmen will not let the matter rest, until justice is done their constituents, on this question.

LOVE AND SUICIDE.—A German named T. Weiss, in the employ of a farmer named Gerloff, residing three miles east of Cypress, proposed marriage to his employer's daughter, to whom he had been paying attention for some time, and was rejected. "Let every thing go to the devil," was his reckless reply. Early in the morning Miss Gerloff was awakened by a fearful blow struck her by Weiss, with a piece of iron. A struggle ensued, and Weiss after leaving her for dead, went to his room above stairs. Miss G. recovered and went to a neighbor's for assistance. Several men went to the house, where they found Weiss in his bed, saturated with blood, who had attempted suicide by first shooting himself in the forehead with a revolver, and as that did not finish the job, he made two cuts at his throat. He was not dead, but it was impossible for him to survive.

Miss Gerloff's wounds are not fatal, and she will speedily recover. Her father and mother were absent at Houston.

STATE FAIR.—The eighth annual State Fair opens at Houston, Tuesday the 22d instant, and continues five days. We alluded to this once before, but there is no harm to mention it again, especially as we see in the papers that there will be many exhibitors from abroad, who will show fine stock, among other things. We know that many of our people will attend, and we know some in our county and in Austin, who have stock worth exhibiting, and which would stand a chance for a blue ribbon. There will be an immense concourse of people assembled from every direction, and visitors may confidently count on a pleasant time. Let Washington county have a large delegation.

BRIGHAM YOUNG, the great Mormon chief is in trouble again. The United States Government, it is said, is about to enter prosecution against him for complicity in the Mountain Meadow Massacre. The dying confessions of Stephen D. Lee, accused Brigham of being implicated in the slaughter, and there is no doubt but that sufficient proof can be obtained to convict, if the case is properly worked up, especially if Brigham's various mama's-in-law and Ann Eliza are placed upon the witness stand.

PENNSYLVANIA elects, in November, a Supreme Court Judge, who is to serve for a term of twenty-one years. The Philadelphia Union Banking Company has busted.

DEMOCRATS, stand to your colors!

Never since the formation of any party on this continent has there been witnessed such tests as the Democratic party has been placed under for the past twelve years, and yet she stands. Time has certainly left the impress of its iron heel upon her most vital principles. Here and there disintegration and confusion have worked infidelity in its most corrupt form. Among the chosen leaders in times of sorest need her principles have been abandoned—the glittering gewgaws of office and the flattering allurements of proud ambition have clouded the wisdom of some of our trusted standard bearers, and anon the escutcheon of your once grand old party has been defiled by the incontinency and corruption of passing events. But the heel of the despot no longer pollutes your civil rights—his yoke no longer galls your necks—his boasted balance of power, the black vote, has proven a sword in the hands of a David to be turned unsparingly upon the arrogant and lordly dictators. By the black vote alone we, the South, have a representation of thirty additional votes in congress, whereas under the ante bellum, or slaving "three fifths" rule, we would have now only eighteen. Then it is clearly our duty to protect the negro in his vote. We feel assured that our gallant congressman elect—the Hon. D. C. Giddings, our present standard bearer, will demean himself in the coming contest as he ever has in the past, for—

And his deeds that cannot pass away, And his name that cannot wither. HIS SPAN OLA.

ANOTHER KILLING.—At Groesbeck, as we learn from the Galveston News, about 2 o'clock, the morning of the 5th inst., a crowd of disguised armed men took the keys from the jailer of Limestone county, and forced the jail, shooting and killing Wade Trammel, brother of the notorious Merrick Trammel. They also shot and killed another negro, Tom Reed, a so called preacher. They wounded one Harry Conoly, and mortally wounded Hog Willis, both negroes.

Willis was one of the murderers of Mr. Applewhite, an inoffensive old man who was shot down and murdered like a dog, some years ago. A colored boy, confined for obstructing the railroad, has disappeared, and is not to be found. He probably escaped while the shooting was going on.

The best of fasts—last asleep.—Ee.

That may do very well for occasional employment, but for steady work we would prefer to hold a belle fast.—Hempstead Messenger.

Both are good enough in their way, and as you have got ahead of us Captain on the belle question, we will have to compromise on a good break-fast.

At Giddings, on Friday evening last, a difficulty occurred between Mr. Hugh McKeown and Sheriff J. M. Brown, in which the former was shot and instantly killed. It was the sad termination of an old feud, and is much regretted by the entire community.

The city of Hempstead is out of debt. What other corporation in Texas can make the same showing.—Courier.

Why Brenham, of course. She does not owe a nickel, and has money in her Treasury besides.

The President issued his proclamation the 5th inst., convening congress in extra session the 15th of October. So the congressmen will not have to swelter in the national capitol during dog days.

A TERRIBLE rain and hail storm passed over Rio Grande City the 5th instant. It must have been fearful, as one mule was killed, and hundreds of dead sheep strewn the plains.

The Dallas Commercial says the wheat in that section, stories of devastation by grasshoppers to the contrary notwithstanding, never looked more promising.

"Whiskey bloom" is the latest name applied to the "red noses" of local option reformers.

The Courier states that gamblers are thick in Hempstead—too thick to be either useful or ornamental.

The Courier represents corn as being waist high in Waller county, while the cotton crop is well advanced.

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Estay Notice.

Taken up by J. S. Lauderdale, and estrayed before T. O. Byrnes, J. P. Precinct No. 3, Washington county, on the 28th day of March, A. D. 1877, two horses described as follows, to-wit: One a gray horse about ten years, branded (55) on the left shoulder, and about 15 and 12 hands high; The other a sorrel with a star in his face and about ten years old, about 12 hands high, has been advertised (19) for his brand, but it is so blurred that the brand is not readable, but looks like E. P. Both valued at \$45 00.

Taken up by P. H. Barnhill, and estrayed before T. O. Byrnes, J. P. W. C. on the 12th day of March, 1877, one Ox, brown and white pided, marked crop and under half crop in each ear, and upper bit in the right, branded JF in a circle, the JF connected, on the hip.

One Cow, brown and white pided, marked split in each ear, branded on the hip but cannot be read, with a call red and white. All appraised at \$23. ap13

FURNITURE!

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