

SILVER RESUMPTION.

The St. Louis Republican says the difference between resumption in silver and resumption in gold is just this: Resumption on a single gold basis means two per cent. addition to all existing debts, while on a gold and silver basis it means four per cent. deduction from all debts. A greenback dollar is worth about 98 cents in gold at this time, while the quantity of silver necessary to make a dollar is worth about 94 cents, so that as near as an estimate can now be made the greenback dollar is worth about 4 cents more than the quantity of silver the law defines to be a dollar. This is only an approximate statement of the exact relations of the three kinds of dollars, silver, paper and gold. If silver was re-coinetized, resumption would be an accomplished fact. Taking silver as a measure of value, as it should be, the paper dollar, then, is really passing current among the people to-day at \$1.04, and it is perfectly plain that there would be no rush to the treasury to exchange greenbacks for silver dollars, if it were announced that on and after to-day silver dollars would be exchanged in any sums wanted for greenbacks. There is no idea of dispensing with paper money, and no one imagines we are going to abolish all paper currency to use silver. We want only enough silver dollars to enable anybody to pay debts in silver if they want to, and when that is the case everybody will prefer gold, so that it will take a very small amount of silver to back resumption.

The Papacy.

The election of a successor to Pius IX will attract universal attention. The papal throne is the ambition of nearly all the cardinals. It clothes him who occupies it with absolute power over the consciences of millions. There are more than 250,000,000 Roman Catholics in the world, and presents him to the eyes of his subjects as the viceregent of God. His edicts cannot be resisted by the church. The college of cardinals will soon elevate one of its number to that lofty position. The probability is that an old man will be elevated to the position, as by that means a new election will be rendered necessary in a few years. The cardinals will not permit a young man to obtain the throne, and thus destroy the hope that all have of obtaining it for themselves.

No Penitentiary.

A few States have no penitentiaries. Georgia is among the number, and her people are entirely content to remain without one. The convicts are hired out for what they will bring. The present price is \$11 a year, the person hiring being bound to feed, clothe and guard the prisoners. At present about eleven hundred convicts are employed on railroads, farms and mines. The labor of convicts in the majority of States does not yield as much, the convicts being a dead expense to the State. The problem in most States is to make their penitentiaries self-supporting. When this is accomplished it is considered that a great point has been gained, as it relieves honest people of the burden of feeding, clothing and guarding a class of persons who should be made to earn their living.

G. C. & S. F. RAILWAY.

The directors of this corporation hold a regular monthly meeting in Galveston on Monday evening. The regular quarterly business was transacted. Col. E. S. Jamison, of New York, was appointed as agent to negotiate the first mortgage bonds of the company. Mr. Kopperl, president, was granted indefinite leave of absence on account of ill health. The contract for construction was not let.

FAT CATTLE AND HOGS.

The Dallas Herald says the farmers have money in their pockets and plenty in the barns, cotton sheds and houses. This state of affairs it may not be amiss to remark is brought about by a diversity of crops. In Northern Texas the farmers, in addition to making a crop of cotton, raise wheat, oats, rye and barley, with of course the usual crop of corn. The consequence is that they have something saleable on hand at almost any season of the year. In Southern Texas, where cotton is the chief, if not the only crop, the majority of farmers are "hard up" on an average of about nine months in the year.

We notice in many of our exchanges that farmers in this section of the State are beginning to pay attention to raising cattle for beef, and are feeding them on corn, hay, etc. A farmer residing in the neighborhood of Nelsonville, Austin county, a few days ago sold fourteen head of fat cattle, realizing a handsome price. The Giddings Lone Star of last week reports the sale of another lot of fat cattle, probably light weights, at an average of thirty-one dollars a head. The Columbus Citizen reports that over a thousand head of fat beefs are now for sale in the neighborhood of Weimar. In Victoria county a large number of cattle have been sold for shipment to New Orleans and Havana. Fat cattle are in demand at all seasons of the year, and always command ready cash. In Washington county we raise a large surplus of corn, which, because of the excessive railroad tariff, is not worth more than twenty-five or thirty cents a bushel, and when shipped neither the producer or the merchant shipping it realizes any profit. The railroad gets most of the proceeds for transportation. Recent improvements in packing houses in the northern cities now enable them to kill and cure pork in mid-summer as well as in the winter season. Many of the packers kill the year round. In consequence of this arrangement there is always a demand for fat hogs, and farmers market them as soon as they are in order for the slaughter pen. The day is not far distant when the tariff on railroads will be reduced, so that hogs can be profitably shipped from this part of the State to St. Louis and Kansas City.

More War.

The Eastern question is becoming quite interesting at this time. The latest dispatches say that England and Russia are virtually at war, and that Austria is daily becoming more dissatisfied. The Press Association says it is understood Admiral Hornsby has been instructed to force the Dardanelles with, if necessary, his whole fleet of front class. The British Cabinet held a long council, Grand Duke Nicholas has telegraphed the Porte the Russians will enter Constantinople, if the British fleet enter the Bosphorus. From present appearances the prospect for a gigantic war are imminent. England has assumed a position from which she can not recede without humiliation. Should a war between these great powers ensue the Turco-Russian war will dwindle into insignificance.

A BITTER PERSONAL DISCUSSION.

TO PLACE in the House of Representatives between Mr. Hewitt of New York, and several Southern members. Everything was amicably settled. The embezzling teller of the Bank of North America, New York, when arraigned declined to plead guilty, having, he said, conscientious scruples about putting the county to expense. "STRAIGHT from Chicago to a Texas hell," is the heading of an article in the Chicago Tribune. If there are any worse hells in Texas than there are in Chicago, it will be news to Texans.

MR. SANKEY, of the firm of Moody and Sankey, used to be a patent medicine vender. He sold on the street corners playing the most horrid of all musical instruments—an accordion and singing.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Wells has been released on \$10,000 bond. RETURNING BOARDER ANDERSON'S motion for a new trial is still pending.

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STATE NEWS.

Bonham is to have a town clock. It is to cost \$475.

A good shoemaker is wanted at Jacksboro.

Williamson county boasts of woman who weighs 337 pounds.

Fairfield, Freestone county, wants a good, steady shoemaker.

There are 502 pupils in attendance at the Denison public schools.

A horse died of hydrophobia in the neighborhood of Round Rock.

Several cases of pneumonia are reported in the neighborhood of Fairfield.

Beaumont has a merchant who is the habit of giving short weights to his customers.

Round Rock had a very small fire. A wooden house, costing about \$250, was destroyed.

Schulenburg is rapidly improving. A number of new residences are under construction.

One hundred and thirty-three marriage licenses were issued in Lee county during the year 1877.

A company has been organized for the purpose of building a railroad from Georgetown to Round Rock.

On Elm street in Dallas, there is a place called the "Keg Saloon." It is a favorite resort of low negroes.

The Fairfield Recorder says \$2,000 of the amount required to be subscribed for the railroad are yet wanting.

Col. John D. Logan, the founder of the San Antonio Herald, died at the residence of Col. Bennett, in Reagan, on the 10th inst.

Col. W. L. Shelburne, of Nelsonville, Austin county, died on the 2d inst. He had been a citizen of Texas since 1838.

Two convicts were shot by the guard while attempting to escape from a saw mill, near Phelps. They were not seriously wounded. Both were recaptured.

Charles F. White, late Assessor of Galveston, has been sentenced to the penitentiary for two years for collecting \$175 which he failed to pay over to the treasurer.

Jack Duncan, the detective who worked up the Hardin case, was shot by his mistress at a bagnio in Dallas, on Sunday morning. He is supposed to be mortally wounded.

Mr. Fred. Turner, son of Judge Turner, of this judicial district, was lately married to Miss Lizzie Easley, of Williamson county.

The Denisonians were treated to an excursion over the Denison and Southwestern railroad, which is now completed to Trans-Continental, thirteen miles.

Four prisoners confined in the county jail at Laredo overpowered the jailer and escaped to Mexico. One of them was Manuel Benavides, a murderer.

An old negro man was murdered near Waderville, Navarro county, last week. Two negroes have been arrested on the charge of having committed the deed.

The Schulenburg debating society discussed the subject: "Should the resumption act be repealed?" We have no doubt they settled the question, but Congress is still hard at work on it.

The Clarksville Banner says a citizen of Red River county has invented a cotton-planning machine; that if it does half that is claimed for it will, undoubtedly, be one of the greatest labor saving instruments that has been invented for a long time.

Gregor Heiss, an old citizen of Houston, took his shot gun and paid a visit to his brother-in-law, John W. Miller. Miller retreated to the house, and getting his gun came out. At this time Heiss fired, and landed a load of duck shot in Miller's carcass. Miller received a painful, but not dangerous, wound. Heiss was arrested.

CONGRESSIONAL.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—Senate.—Several petitions for and against the silver bill were presented. The consideration of the silver bill was resumed.

Mr. Voorhees introduced a bill authorizing the Secretary of War to issue ordinance stores and equipage for the use of students in colleges where military instruction is given.

House.—A number of bills and resolutions were introduced.

WASHINGTON county court has only fifty-four divorce cases on hand.—Denison Herald.

This is a gross exaggeration. We have only seventeen cases set for trial at this term of the court, and as this is more divorce cases than any other county in the State can show, there is no special occasion for reporting more than there really are.

PROGRAMME B. L. S. at Eldridge Hall this evening: Reading—Miss Mary Dwyer, Mrs. B. H. Bassett, Mr. Shepard, J. E. Kirby. Music—Miss Kate Arnold, Miss Smith, Miss Portie, Miss Dashiell, Dr. Lulu.

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