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D. M. Key, has been confirmed by the senate to be United States judge for the eastern and middle districts of Tennessee.
WHAT is the matter with the mails? It takes a paper a week to reach this office from San Augustine and about the same time from Montgomery and Anderson.
The Kansas state democratic convention sends its delegates to Cincinnati unopposed. Strong friends for Seymour, Hendricks and Tilden are in the delegation.
A DENVER special says a fight occurred between Gen. Hatch's forces and Victoria's band in which the Indians lost from 30 to 35 killed.
The Greenback national convention will meet at Chicago, June 9, when they will probably go through the ceremony of nominating a presidential candidate.
The greenbackers of the third congressional district held a convention at Fort Worth on Thursday. They nominated Jerome C. Kirby, of Dallas, for congress.
In St. Louis the democratic convention adjourned without receiving the report of the committee on resolutions. The delegation is claimed by both Tilden and anti-Tilden partisans.
KALLOCH is victorious in the impeachment case against him. The supreme court has sustained his demurrer and dismissed the case. He will hold the office of mayor until his term expires.
In Virginia the bell punch has registered its last drink; the drinking public and the barkeepers are rejoiced. In Richmond the barkeepers gave a banquet at which they expressed their joy at their deliverance.
It is yet five months before the state election takes place and of the hundreds of men in Washington county who want office not one has yet made a public announcement. In other counties they are not so bashful.
The Mississippi state democratic convention met at Jackson on the 27th and elected delegates to the Cincinnati convention. Delegates are unopposed and there was no expression indicating the preference of the convention.
It seems hardly credible, but it is not yet fifty years since railway travel was inaugurated by the opening of the Liverpool and Manchester railway, which event took place with much excitement and ceremony September 15, 1825. The anniversary will be celebrated with a jubilee in Great Britain.
TROUBLE seems to exist between the express and the railroad companies. Railroads want to do their own express business, but so far all the cases that have gone into court have been decided in favor of the express companies.
A PENNSYLVANIA Molly Maguire found his way to Leadville and the result has been a general strike among miners. It is estimated that 5000 men are participating in the movement while about 300 other miners are remaining quietly at home. All prominent mines are strongly guarded and the excitement is at fever heat.
The monthly meeting of the paper makers association held at Springfield Mass., on the 27th resolved to maintain the present schedule of prices for the various grades of their products. No foreign paper stock is now being imported and manufacturers expect an advance in the domestic stock on that account. They also voted to shut down their mills for three weeks in July and three in August.

Rags.

Rags are quite an important article of commerce, and as is perhaps already well known, they enter largely into the manufacture of paper. In all the large cities there is what is technically known as junk stores, shops where old paper, twine, rope, woolen and cotton rags and all kinds of old metal as well as bottles are bought, though in many places bottles are made a specialty. In the interior of Texas, rags until recently, have been considered valueless. The amount of rags being shipped out of Texas by nearly every Morgan steamer proves conclusively that there are enough rags in the state to keep a paper mill busy the year round, and to furnish at least all the paper necessary for the newspapers of Texas. The subject of a paper mill has been talked of and written about so much that nothing new can be said on the subject. It is an acknowledged necessity and will no doubt be supplied whenever it is made apparent to capitalists that it will pay. In the meantime the BANNER would advise all its readers who have families to keep the rags, they don't take up much room and it will not be a great while before men will be around buying every rag they can see. It is true they are not worth much, but when economy is the order of the day, what is saved is that much made.
HENRY QUARLES, a negro who murdered his wife in Houston some time ago, has been tried, found guilty and sentenced to be hanged; he has appealed and his sentence has been affirmed. The Houston Telegram says that Hon. Gustav Cooke, before whom the case was tried, will place before the governor the transcript of the record of the case for the governor's final decision. This the Telegram regards as wrong and humiliating to the judiciary of the state. It says the governor is simply an executive officer and not a court of last resort. The case is said to be without precedent. The jury and the highest court in the state has said that Quarles should be hung—the decision should be final, unless there is new developments in the case.
The Houston Post of the 26th says considerable excitement prevailed at Bryan on Tuesday over the development there of the fact that the Mrs. Davis reported drowned in the Gulf at Galveston some months ago never met her death, but gave it out as a pretext for riding herself of her husband and going off with a Mr. McCraw. The parties are all residents of Bryan. It was known in other parts of the state long ago, says the Post, that Mrs. Davis was never drowned, had passed through Houston shortly after her "death" a living corpse, and the fact seems to have been a long time finding its way home. It may be remarked that her funeral sermon was preached at Bryan and she was believed to be dead. Her supposed death created great excitement for a time.
At Leavenworth, Kansas on the 27th, Thomas C. Thurston, who was about a month ago acquitted on a charge of murder, met Dr. Anthony, editor of the Times, on the street, and after passing him, turned and fired two shots at him, Anthony was not hit, but one ball struck a man named Douglas, an employe of the Times, and the other passed through the body of Lucien Baker, a lawyer standing on the sidewalk 600 feet away. Baker defended Thurston and cleared him when he was tried for murder. Baker is thought to be mortally wounded.
REPUBLICAN delegates are arriving at Chicago in force. Gen. Bateman, of the Ohio delegation, stated that the delegation from his state would oppose from the outset any attempt at enforcement of the unit rule, irrespective of whose strength it would effect, as they considered the unit rule unconstitutional. Governor Foster is of the same way of thinking. Both repudiate the idea that Sherman would take the second place on the ticket with any man.
If Cincinnati gives us Tilden then good-bye John, says the Telegram. If the national convention gives us Tilden it would be a deal better to go to work for him than to sit down and say good-bye John. Those who go into a battle determined to lose, seldom come out winners.

COTTON COMPRESSES.

THE BANNER has a two-fold object in reproducing the following on "cotton compresses," from Cotton, a weekly paper published in New York and devoted, as its name indicates, exclusively to the cotton interests of the country. It has an extensive circulation among those engaged in handling cotton, and by the republication of the except from the BANNER, Brenham is brought directly to the notice of every cotton manufacturer and dealer in cotton in the entire country. Were it not for the local press, Brenham, as a cotton market, would be comparatively unknown. This publication shows what is accomplished by home papers, and is one of the strongest reasons why the local paper should be sustained. THE BANNER dislikes to parade its private affairs before the public, but cannot help it to say that there are a number of business men in this city who were never known to advertise and who do not even patronize it to the extent of a subscription, and, as a general thing, these same men read the BANNER every day—they borrow it of their neighbors. THE BANNER has been able to stand this kind of patronage for the last four years, because such patrons, it is happy to say, are largely in the minority. A daily paper can only be produced at the expense of much time, labor and money, and every business man of the city is directly interested in its welfare. The paper advertises the town and its business, and in proportion as the paper is patronized it can be made better and more useful.
The second reason for reproducing the article is to show how cotton compresses, at interior points, are regarded at the eastern cotton center.
The compresses which have been going up so rapidly during the past few years at various interior points in the South are of more advantage to Northern spinners than to exporters. Most of the cotton which is thus compressed is loaded on box cars and shipped direct to the mills instead of breaking bulk at the port as formerly. Cotton designed for export must break bulk at the port, so that it is generally cheaper to ship it direct from the primary receiving point to the port rather than incur the double expense of first shipping to the compressing point and then to the port.
Brenham, in Southern Texas, where the new Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railroad crosses the Houston and Texas Central is one of these interior points that is to have a compress in operation in time for the new crop. Of the crop of 1878-9, 41,000 bales were shipped from Brenham, but, owing to the failure of the crop in that vicinity the shipments for the current season will be only half what they were last year. According to the BANNER, which last week published a well considered article on the prospects of the town, fully seven-eighths of the cotton marketed in Brenham is bought for account of spinners and shipped to them direct, and for this reason it is confidently expected that the compress will be of great advantage and will attract attention from points nearer to Brenham than to Houston. THE BANNER believes that Brenham should the season prove favorable, will handle from 60,000 to 75,000 bales.
A NEW YORK dispatch of the 27th reports a torrid instead of a polar wave. The thermometer has ranged from 98 to 103 in the shade. Numerous fatal cases of sunstroke are reported in New York and neighboring cities. On a Jersey road a freight train had to be abandoned on account of the prostration of the conductor and train men by heat. In Boston the mercury ranged from 96 to 101 degrees.
The Waco Telephone says a "Faith Home" has been established in Springfield, Massachusetts. All persons afflicted in body or mind who have faith to believe that they can receive physical or spiritual help are welcome there, and the healing is secured through the prayer, faith, the laying on of the hands, and sometimes anointing with oil. We are waiting to hear of the first cure, before expressing an opinion on this new departure from the doctrines of the "paths."
SAVERS is no sardine, says the Telegram, and in reply to the Dallas Times' question, what has become of the Sayers boom say wait awhile, and you'll see. But it takes an earthquake to make some people understand. It is likely if the Dallas man was well shooed up by an earthquake he wouldn't understand anything at all.

The Silver Unit.

The St. Louis Republican says: Secretary Sherman has sent to the house a letter from the assistant treasury at New York in which he says that his receipts from the silver tax are \$18,000,000 in gold, not in silver, for over \$100,000,000 in present stock weights over \$100,000,000 in silver. He says: "I take the liberty of calling your attention to the matter, as there seems to be no disposition on the part of congress to stop the further coinage of silver. If it go on at the present rate of \$2,000,000 a month, the question of how we are to dispose of it with our present facilities will soon become a pressing one." Secretary Sherman wants the coinage stopped and the silver already coined reminted and made heavier, so as to be equal in value to gold; for, he declares, if the silver coin continues to accumulate at the present rate, nothing can prevent it from taking the place of gold as the standard of values. But congress shows no inclination to follow the secretary's counsel. On the contrary, it is very well satisfied with the condition of things. The silver coinage law will not be repealed; the coinage of that metal will continue to go, the secretary shall be forced to pay it out to the public creditors in interest on the bonds. The secretary has been pretending for two years that he cannot get silver into circulation, but if the accumulation goes on at the present rate for a year longer, the problem will solve itself.
The Toronto Globe, of May 22nd says: It is much to be feared that the democrats will be so led away by the republican blunder as to think they may safely imitate it. If Tilden should be nominated against Grant, the contest will be the meanest and most virulent on record. No great principle can be fought out under two such standard-bearers. The fight will be purely upon personal matters. Belknap and Tilden's income tax, the epher dispatches and Babcock, nephew Pelton and secretary Robeson—these and the spoils will be the persons and matters fought over. A victory gained on such a contemptible battlefield will be equally bad for the reputation of both candidates, while the cause of liberty and good government all over the world will be damaged by the spectacle such a contest will present. It is to be hoped that the democrats will have enough of statesmanship and patriotism to dictate a refusal to join the republicans in what would be a mere seemingly squabble which could only have the effect of permanently lowering the tone of American politics.
JEROME KVARBY, not Kirby, the greenback nominee for congress is a practicing lawyer at Dallas, and stands well with the bar. He is quite young, having been born in Arkansas in 1849. It is somewhat strange that the greenback party always select lawyers, bankers or men who do not labor (in the sense usually understood by the word) for candidates, and yet they claim to be a working-men party.
On the 28th the town of Brackett was visited by the hardest and most disastrous rain ever known in that section. All of the town except that part situated on the two hills was inundated; the water on Main street was from five to eight feet deep. Several men were seen at the mercy of the waves going down the street; all efforts to save them were futile. It is thought that twenty persons were drowned. Property was destroyed to the amount of \$50,000.
The Christian Advocate comes to the defense of Rev. Briggs in a three column editorial in which it takes occasion to pay its respects to the Galveston News in particular and to the secular press of the entire country in general. In general terms it accuses the press of being opposed to religion and in league with the devil. The News while it makes no direct reply to the Advocate, has a short but crisp and able editorial on "Bigotry, Political and Religious." The world is more enlightened than it was one or two centuries ago, and people now think for themselves. Fanatics and bigots are at a heavy discount, no matter what side they may espouse.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Two white men were hanged in Arkansas on Friday last for murder.
The Vulcan iron works, of Chattanooga, Tenn., have been thrown into bankruptcy.
The Austin Statesman thinks that the state democratic convention will be the place for the state democratic convention to be war in the state.
It is estimated that as many as 6000 different kinds of postage stamps are now in use in the civilized world.
In West Virginia the greenbackers have nominated a full state ticket composed of democratic greenbackers.
CHAS. BOLTING, a negro was hanged at Hanover, C. H., Va., on Friday last for outraging a little white girl in April last.
The Galveston News of Sunday contains a four column article on S. F. Austin. Old Texans will read it with interest.
JULIUS STRASSER, cashier for the house of Rothschild at Vienna, has stolen 500,000 florins and has been arrested. He, too, speculated in stocks.
The abuse of the pardoning power at present by the governors of several states is producing a revulsion of feeling in respect to the pardoning power itself.
Is the Whitaker case further evidence has been introduced to show that Whitaker was not venacious; it is maintained that he was the author of the assault upon himself.
A BARREL of coal oil ignited on a ship lying at the piers in Philadelphia, the clothes of several sailors caught fire and two or three of them jumped overboard and were drowned.
The San Antonio wool market is at a dead lock; buyers say they are offering all they can afford and the sellers will not accept the terms, therefore but few sales are being made.
The tobacco crop in Virginia has met with drought, insects, worms by the millions and cold weather, a series of misfortunes which threatens seriously the entire tobacco crop of that state.
We have frequent complaints about the laws of Texas, says the San Antonio Express, but the trouble is the laws are not properly enforced. Enforce the laws and the people will be satisfied.
The Austin Statesman in a labored and elaborate article of over a column in length endeavors to show that public free schools should not be maintained because they were inaugurated by the radicals.
GRAND master Lang addressed the Corsicans on Saturday last. The specials say his speech was the same as delivered in other portions of the state, which goes to show that Lang knows his lesson.
JUDGE L. C. ALEXANDER, is traveling in his own interest for the office of attorney general. He was at Palestine a few days ago. In this immediate section of the state Col. J. H. McLeary is the favorite for the position.
PRESIDENT Hayes is expected soon to write a letter against a third term, which, it is thought will have considerable effect among the people who exhibit patchouli bitters, lightning rods and sheet iron stoves at agricultural fairs.
MAJ. MCGARY, of the Houston Age, says he is not growing old, he is only 27 now and is growing younger every day. He who knows the major and would doubt anything that the major says, would doubt even his own existence.
The committee on Mississippi levees has directed a bill to be reported to carry out the recommendation of the Mississippi river committee. It appropriates \$6,619,000, including \$250,000 for Vicksburg and the same amount for Natchez.
TELEGRAPH poles have been planted and wires stretched along the Santa Fe from Galveston to Rosenberg Junction. Work is progressing this way and by the 1st of July, at the latest, the telegraph line will be completed to Brenham.
MARSHAL MASON, of Parsons, Kansas, attempted to arrest a desperate negro, the negro drew a revolver and snapped it at Mason who in turn drew his revolver. It was sure fire and there was a dead negro in less time than it takes to read this item.

STATE NEWS.

Crops in Austin county are looking splendid.
Weatherford is now a full-blown railroad town.
The Dallas cemetery is in a dilapidated condition.
Belville is trying to organize a military company.
Waller county scrip is now down to fifty cents on the dollar.
Dallas is afflicted with mad dogs; one is killed occasionally.
The Flatonia Argus reports fine crops in all parts of the county.
Sherman is working to have an immense fourth of July celebration.
A consignment of iron from Wales has been received at Houston and put in the bonded warehouse.
The International railroad has settled the depot question at New Braunfels by locating it in the center of the town.
On Thursday 600 Galveston negroes came up to Houston on a picnic, many of them became drunk and disorderly.
A wind rain and hail storm passed over the western portion of Hill county doing much damage to corn and wheat.
The town of Terrell, on Saturday last, was visited by a destructive fire. An entire block was burned out.
Dr. Pilant, of Harrisburg has ninety five trees which were imported from India, the fruit is very large and luscious.
The Flatonia Argus man, who was married a year or two ago has fallen in love with every girl he saw in Houston.
Annie Martin, aged 11 years, was burned to death at Fort Griffin. She attempted to kindle a fire with coal oil.
Two youthful burglars were arrested in Houston, one of them "Smoky" has already served two years in the penitentiary.
Parson Lacy charged with the murder of Swanik in 1875, has obtained a change of venue from Boque to Johnson county.
The district conference for Austin district M. E. church south, will convene at LaGrange on Thursday morning, June 3.
Hempstead and neighborhood had a five hours flood about the time Brenham was having a deluge last Thursday.
Nelsonville, Austin county had a Schutzen fest last week. The justices court had a harvest as soon as the fest was over.
On Sunday in Bell county at Three Forks church, Mont and Charley Winnard fought with knives. Charley was carried.
Water has to be hauled nine miles to supply men at work on the contract, on the Denison and Southwestern railway.
The Flatonia Argus is publishing communications about dancing. If he keeps on at it he will have to enlarge his paper.
The Colorado river was higher on Friday than it has been in many years. Danger to crops in the bottom are apprehended.
Base ball and the fifteen puzzle seem to have run their length. Foot ball is now the game and Denison rejoices in a foot ball club.
The fashion editor of the Waco Examiner says: "A new garment for ladies is called 'solace,' corsets are improvements on light lace."
News has reached Frio town that a man was killed by the Indians on the morning of the 23d on Presidio road, twelve miles west of Frio.
The Sheremans have set their figures at 50,000 they propose having that number of persons at their 4th of July celebration. That is on paper.
Considerable trouble has arisen at New Braunfels over the location of the International depot. Superintendent Hoxie has gone there to settle the matter.
At Denison, George Poff, a lad 14 years of age, was bitten by a copperhead snake. The boy is in a dangerous condition; the snake is well and ready to bite another boy.
The Fort Worth court-house is surrounded with a cuspids that raise one hundred feet from the sidewalk. A fine view of the surrounding country can be had from the top of it.
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Flatonia will soon be ornamented with a handsome block of brick buildings.
Newbury Bros have the largest stock of dry goods and are selling at the smallest possible prices.

Fort Worth enjoyed a sensation; an innocent baby without father or mother was found on a door step and after being junketed about for several hours a kindly family adopted it.

The Waco bar held a meeting a few days ago, and passed the usual town talk, everyone had a theory of his own. Much sympathy is expressed for Maj. Davis, than whom no man is more highly respected.
The Austin Statesman reports that a negro fisherman named George was drowned in the river at that place. He was engaged in drawing his lines and the river rose so rapidly that it carried him away.
Travis county has two fine census takers or enumerators. One is in the colobose unable to pay a fine for being drunk and another one is unable to write his own name. The Statesman puts this in print.
The Sunset Literary association gave a picnic at Harrisburg, and while the sport was going on some hungry thieves rode on the ground and carried off the dinner baskets. This spoiled the best part of the fun.
A number of west Texas wool growers have made shipments of wool direct to northern markets and if satisfactory returns are received more will go forward. At San Antonio buyers and sellers of wool can't agree as to prices.
Chas. Schaffer the proprietor of an Austin boarding house attempted to suicide by hanging himself. He was adjudged to be a lunatic. If a few boarding house keepers would hang themselves the boarders would not be found grumbling.
County Judge Gerald, of Waco met one D. C. Freeman, of Rockdale a land speculator in the court house in Waco and then there administered to him a severe drubbing. The judge was arrested and gave bond for his appearance.
Col. Phil Claiborne has arrived in Austin bearing a petition for the commutation of Williams, who is sentenced to be hung at Bastrop in June. The document is quite formidable, having it is said, about 15,000 signers. If this petition does not secure a commutation there is certainly no virtue in petitions.
McLennan county has a democratic club who are so tough that they have named themselves the "Bullhide Democratic Club," a name that is far more expressive than beautiful. We suggest Alligator-skin as the name for the next club of unterrified democrats.
A number of Belton clerks being unable to obtain employment on account of dull times, went down to the Santa Fe grade and took hold of the shovel and scraper. These young men will get employment while the loading ones will be allowed to sit about the corners and tell the truth.
Col. E. E. Cunningham, whose farm is located on the Gidolo twenty miles east of San Antonio, has one hundred acres in wheat; he has two kinds, the common red, and the Nicaragua. The former will average twenty and the latter (forty bushels to the acre. And yet there are many skeptics who say that wheat can not be raised in southern Texas.
During the rain storm at San Saba on the 27th, the family of R. M. Rountree, took shelter in a cave near the house. Two of his children, boys six and ten years old, were drowned. His wife, little daughter, and a young woman made a narrow escape from drowning.
The San Antonio Express tells of another successful sheep man: Five years ago C. C. Cramer, of San Antonio, failed in business, he went west to grow up with the country locating twelve miles below Fort Davis and starting a sheep ranch. He had several reverses, but has cleared over \$20,000. The unsuccessful sheep men are not reported.
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