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The Express has discovered a "horizon of memory." Its editorial staff must be afflicted occasionally with an aurora borealis of forgetfulness.

FORT WORTH is afflicted with another epidemic. Last week half the town wanted to suicide; now they're rushing for the divorce courts. Five suits for divorce were filed there yesterday.

The news that the Hotel Maverick is to be enlarged is gratifying. Increased hotel accommodation has long been needed and this the Maverick will partially supply. Besides that fact the Maverick is one of the best hotels in the State.

GENTLEMEN of the Legislature swathed many of their pet schemes in funeral vestments to-day and sadly sat down to explain to their constituents that early adjournment had precluded the possibility of all the legislation desired.

THE time novel problem confronts the New York Legislature. It is worthy of consideration by the Legislatures of all other States. Cheap works of fiction of the demagogical kind are productive of more pernicious effects on the youthful mind than anything else to which its attention is attracted, and the authors of the works, the publishers and the men who sell them are responsible for a large proportion of the crime and vice of the land.

PLANNING news of the Neuces Valley railway enterprise has arrived. A meeting of the stockholders has been held at Corpus Christi, and Mr. N. Gassett elected President; John Wosner, Vice President; Thomas Hickey, Treasurer; G. R. Scott, Secretary, and W. P. Caruthers, Assistant Secretary. The election shows that the stockholders intend business. In selecting officers they paid a deserved compliment to Mr. Gassett, to whose efforts the promotion of the scheme is mainly due. It is understood that the company will at once apply for a charter for railroad and telegraph lines.

The Siftings investigation resulted as expected, in a general white-washing. The Committee of Investigation—Messrs. W. F. Sharp, J. D. Parsons, John A. McAlpine and R. E. Steele—reported to the lower branch of the Legislature last evening "that the evidence adduced before them in said investigation does not establish any dishonorable conduct against any member of this House; and further that it does not justify the inference or even suspicion that any of the members thereof voted on the questions pertaining to the penitentiary leases which have been recently considered in said House otherwise than upon his honest convictions in respect to such questions." No other decision was thought possible. The investigation was made by the Legislature because of charges against the Legislature and for the avowed purpose of disproving that anything wrong had been done by the Legislature. The Legislature was judge, jury and prosecutor. In view of these facts conviction was highly improbable. Even had full information of criminal circumstances been in possession of the Legislature and the public, no one would have expected else than a

verdict of exoneration. But aside from all this there was no ground apparent upon which to base a charge that direct bribery was practiced. It was generally known that the penitentiary leases were "keeping open house" for all members of the Legislature, but no one has been found to testify that they had open purses also. The conduct of the lessees and the honorable members, however, was not marked with that regard for the semblance of honesty which is a characteristic of lobbyists and experienced politicians in States where the disposal of political patronage is studied as a science, and though not a dishonorable thought may have entered their minds, the suspicion will remain that all things at the State capital were not what they should be.

A WAVE of pulchritudinal morality is passing over the country. Thus far its force has been spent mainly in the causes of prohibition, of gambling and of traffic in liquor, of Sabbath observance and of a preservation of the purity of the ballot-box; but it may go further, and circumstances indicate that it will. It arose a year or so ago and first appeared in all its might in the State of New York, where prosecutions for violations of the Sunday law became numerous. Then it spread to Missouri and Kansas, in each of which States Sunday laws were for a while enforced and questions pertaining to morality were excitedly discussed. In Kansas a prohibitory liquor law was more strictly enforced than ever before and Sunday laws were brought to light which had long ago been generally forgotten. In Missouri the public energy was mostly directed to gambling, and the practice was finally made a penitentiary offense. Subsequently the Legislature of Tennessee enacted a similar law and drafts for one have been prepared in Kentucky, Mississippi, Georgia and several Northern States. In Louisiana and Virginia attempts were made to punish persons for violations of election laws and in Virginia they were successful. Such proceedings the ward humors of Virginia and Louisiana had not thought possible. Ohio and other States are now endeavoring to institute reforms and even Texas has given some attention to the subjects engrossing public attention elsewhere. The wave, after traveling over many States, returned to New York, where meanwhile its effects had become less noticeable than formerly, and there, with renewed strength, again took possession of the public mind. Its presence was made manifest by the passage of a law imposing severe penalties on railroad companies for giving free passes to State officials. The example it set was followed by Pennsylvania and other States are thinking of doing likewise. But it is questionable if the reform movement has been productive of more than the semblance of reform, if we have not assumed the eternal beauty of virtue alone. Though we have passed laws for the observance of Sunday, prohibiting the sale of liquor and for other good purposes the columns of the newspapers are as full as before of reports of crime and no diminution of vicious practices is perceptible. Nevertheless the movement will prove beneficial—by removing temptation if nothing more—and, though men will continue to get drunk in States where the sale of liquor is forbidden and to sell goods surreptitiously in states where Sunday laws are in force, their number will steadily decrease as long as energy is directed properly to enforcement of the laws.

The Resurrection Flower. There is a rare flower, found only in the East, that has excited a great deal of interest on account of its mystery. Botanists have found it difficult to classify it, because it has properties belonging to different classes. It was brought to this country by Dr. Deck, who procured it from an Arab, to whom he had rendered medical aid in upper Egypt. As a compensation, the Arab handed him a stem which held what seemed to be two bulbs of dried seeds. The Arab said he had taken it from an Egyptian mummy, and that the flowers were very highly esteemed.

The peculiarity of the plant is that though apparently decayed and worthless, after being immersed in a glass of water for a moment, it expands slowly, but steadily, and a beautiful star-like flower appears to view, something between a passion-flower and a sunflower, but more beautiful than either. After the flower has remained open for more than an hour its petals close just gradually as they expanded, and then nothing is visible but the dried-up bulb.

Dr. Deck says he saw the same flower go through this process at least a thousand times, and each time with the same result. He presented one of his flowers to Baron von Humboldt, who considered it one of the greatest marvels in the vegetable kingdom. Professor Torrey owned a specimen, and Bishop Wainwright obtained two during his tour in Egypt.

A Skaneateles Wedding Gift. From the Cuba Observer.

Frank Smith, of Skaneateles, was married to Miss Della Stock, at the home of the bride's parents. A large company was present. Among the wedding presents was a fine large pig, alive, in a nice little box, and when the dance was in progress the music was reinforced by the pig, which would sing every time its tail was pulled, which was quite frequently. The pig was presented by the brother of the groom.

Ten Ohio farmers live on farms that join each other, and each farmer has a new baby—making to farms, to farmers and to babies. A committee is to be appointed at once to determine what shall be done with the babies.

Dying Because Peter Cooper Died.

From the New York Sun. On Wednesday when Patrick Taaffe, who had been employed in Peter Cooper's glue factory in Maspeth avenue, Brooklyn, heard of the death of the latter, from whom he had received many kindnesses, he quit work despondent, and went to his home in Maspeth avenue, near the factory. He told his sister of Mr. Cooper's death, and said that he was broken hearted. He refused to go to bed, and insisted, in spite of his own poor health, in sitting up all night in his chair, with his elbows upon his knees and his head between his hands. In the morning he was found dead in this position.

The British steamship Austral, of 5800 tons, and valued at nearly \$1,000,000, which was accidentally careened and sunk a few months ago in the harbor of Sydney, Australia, has been lifted into shallow water and successfully floated. It was a fine piece of submarine engineering.

A cow living near Syracuse was run over by a railway train and uninjured, except that one of her hind legs was cut off below the knee. Her owner, a skilled surgeon, amputated the limb at the knee joint and healed the wound, and now the cow stumps along comfortably on a wooden leg.

Miscellaneous.

To My Friends And Enemies.

For reasons best known to myself, I have this day discontinued the printing of the Evening Light for the Evening Light Printing and Publishing Company, and herewith present to the good people of San Antonio the first copy of the "SAN ANTONIO LIGHT," which appears under the proprietorship of Gifford, Johnson & Winter, and will be continued in its present form and style until the new press and material, which has been ordered, arrives, when it will be enlarged to a seven column paper, and the new management will at all times endeavor to make it the best and brightest local paper in the city; free from all personal bitterness and old time grudges, with an earnest endeavor to merit whatever patronage and good will may be extended to it by a generous public.

Very Respectfully A. W. GIFFORD.

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A. W. GIFFORD, T. H. JOHNSON, W. L. WINTER.

San Antonio, Texas, April 3, 1883.

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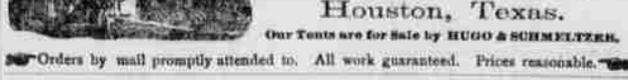
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