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FROM the rapidly with which land in Texas is being settled, and fenced, public roads are daily becoming more and more important to the comfort and welfare of the people, and it is the duty of the Legislature, in case the existing statutes upon the subject of opening new roads are defective, to amend them so as to adapt them to the exigencies of the times. Public roads are of infinite value and importance as links and outlets as thoroughfares of travel, and as it is hardly possible that they will be sought for, where they are not needed, means should be provided whereby the establishment of public roads may be compelled by appropriate legal process. The bare fact of fencing land, creates an absolute necessity for opening more public roads, means of obtaining private roads over the lands of others (of course, by paying the owner of the land over which they run) so as to reach a public road, should be provided. All matters of this kind should be simplified as much as possible, as well as be made expeditious and cheap.

WE ALREADY notice in several of our exchanges stereotyped letters dated from Washington city, which are really not worth reading. The very same letter is frequently sent to 500 newspapers, and would be sent to 2000 in case there were that number of publications to be established upon among newspapers men. These stereotyped letters are furnished "fair cheap," if their contents are of any interest; but they contain no news at all—they afford no insight into the plots and counterplots of parties, nor do they lay bare the corruption fettering like lead axes in all departments of the Government. Corruption has existed for years in Washington. James E. Westcott, Senator from Florida, in a speech in 1847, while James K. Polk was President, said that if the people only knew of one half of the corruption in Washington, they would march in Washington, and pitch the President, Department and Congress into the Potomac. These Washington letters are perfect cheats and frauds and we regret to see our country exchanges duped into publishing them. A special correspondent at Washington, if a man of brains and reliability, would be invaluable, but such a one would demand quite a high salary. The country papers had but tumbled fraudulent Washington letters into the waste basket.

MR. MILLER, the foreman of the Express, who was shot, is getting well and will be on the streets next week, should no unfavorable symptoms be developed in the meantime. POSTMASTER GREENHAM is suffering with insomnia, which seems to be obstinate. If he will only read the Houston Post, sleep will surely descend upon him. It is a specific for insomnia. THE closing session of Congress is destined to expiate the Democratic ship now sailing under a full head of canvas; the Bourbon of the South will furnish the squall gratuitously and send the life boat adrift. HENRY WATERSON, of the Courier-Journal, has more vim and brains than half his party in the South, but he is deficient in discretion. He is a progressive Democrat handicapped by the traditions of the past. GENERAL ROSS and Judge Terrell are already spoken of as the successor of Governor Ireland; but the former candidate, whom the latter will bring out, will be triumphantly elected, and aspirants would do well to save their wits.

THE best way to thank God for His bounties is for the rich and comfortable to assist the poor, so let them see that such poor families as they happen to know have provisions in their larders to-morrow and wood enough to cook dinner and keep them warm. FOR the past week the appearance of the western sky after the sun has set, has been indescribably beautiful. It resembles a sea of burnished gold. The sunsets of Italy, over which tourists and poets have so often gazed, cannot surpass those of San Antonio in splendor and beauty.

THE Debater Tribune (Texas) copies three articles from the Light, without a particle of credit. This sort of thing must stop. It is just as bad to steal a horse as to steal an article from a newspaper. The Tribune of November 23, does not need to have us specify the articles appropriated without credit. IT IS A MYSTERY to us how the world contrived to get on before the age of patent medicines came in. There are now an hundred infallible cures for "every disease flesh is heir to," and we are puzzled by the fact that people will be such fools as to die when so many specific cures are in reach of them. This may well be styled the age of patent medicines.

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