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SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.

TEXAS NOTES.

Items Gleaned From the State Press and Comments Thereon.

MOORE COUNTY.—Daingerfield claims to be the coming town of Texas, and already thinks of putting on city airs and fashions. It boasts that it receives more custom than any other town of its size in the State.

TARRANT COUNTY.—Fence cutting rages in this county. Over six miles of wire fence around the pastures of Messrs. Smith & Thompson was cut, in a total of five days, not a panel left. The fences around other pastures have been cut. No clue to the perpetrators.

ANCHER COUNTY.—Fruit-growers are coming into the county. The county has ordered an iron bridge to cost \$2,500 across the Little Wichita river. The people are opposed to fence cutting. This is one of the finest grazing countries in the State. Ancher city is 25 miles from Wichita. Business is increasing.

SOMERVILLE COUNTY.—A jail is soon to be built at Glenrose. J. W. Wilson's gin was burned last Friday night. Black cattle are demanding good prices. Several cattle buyers in the county are buying all the cattle they can find at fancy prices. Corn sells for 50 cents per bushel and buyers are plenty. Gentleness is a tender, a saddle and a shoe maker. A heavy stable is to be erected soon. Have had several frosts, but weather is warm and pleasant.

KEATH COUNTY.—John Glenn, the noted horse thief, whom the rangers have been trying to capture, was captured by Deputy Sheriff Landis, after a good chase, without firing a shot, although Glenn was well armed. A man in Erath raised a crop of wheat and then put some of the land in tarriaps and has sold \$25 of tarriaps off of half an acre. Sam Robertson and Sterling King were arrested and jailed for altering brands and theft. Hilliers the fence trouble has not been had in this county, but there are symptoms that indicate that it is ready to break out. The Stephensville Empire has a good motto: "The press should be as free as thought, whose herald it is." If it will but set up to it. We suggest that Empire is un-republican, and that another name be substituted. The Empire is a lively and creditable paper. Every county paper should have a directory of the county officers.

COLEMAN COUNTY.—There is only one fence fence in the county which belongs to John Davidson and covers 13,000 acres. Mr. G. W. Mahony, the largest land and sheep owner in the county, has had his fence cut three times, but he says he will put it up again. Coleman City is on a boom; 14 new residences are going up and the sound of hammers is making music all over the town. An opera house is to be built soon and the court house has been let for \$21,000. A Driving Park association has been formed, and they have already a good track. The Fort Worth drummers stormed the town as there were so many that the hotels had not room for them. (Fort Worth has five people in it.) Billy Arlington, the showman, smit 200 persons paid him 75 cents at the door, but he said he was sick and would postpone his exhibition till the next night and retreated to his hotel; but the cow boys suspecting he intended to "skip out" followed him, and after a deal of talking got the money back.

PROSPECT HILL.

Its Location—Its Beauties—Its Present—Its Future.

We had the pleasure yesterday of being driven out to "Prospect Hill" by Mr. Sam Maverick and P. J. Moss, Esq., the two owners upon this hill about 280 or more beautiful residence lots, through the center of which the Prospect Hill street railroad expect to run their line, the right-of-way being already granted. "Prospect Hill" is the name given by its owners and the Street Car company to a tract of high land, lying 700 yards directly west of the International passenger and freight depot in this city, with Main or rather West Commerce street running directly to and through it. On West Commerce street between the depot and the Alazan creek—the creek being the east line of Prospect Hill property—there lies upon both sides of the street, some unoccupied lots, being unimproved in consequence of the property belonging in part to heirs, and being undivided, the minor heirs have preferred to hold, and consequently the property could not be sold and built upon. Had it been otherwise, this space, or such portion as above mentioned, would have long ago improved and occupied. The fact that a large portion of this property between the depot and Prospect Hill has remained for years unoccupied and unimproved, has had the tendency to make buyers believe that this open space was the limit where building property was desirable, and consequently never passed over this blank space to look beyond and see the beauties of Prospect Hill as a residence locality, and which every one who looks for himself will concede, and which is now to be developed and brought to notice, both by the construction of the new street car line and the building of nice residences and cottages, some of which are already contracted for, and will soon be commenced—with others in follow. We will mention, incidentally, at this point, that Mr. Nicholson, the General Freight Agent here at San Antonio for the International railroad, has purchased and already commenced to fence, put out shade trees and shrubbery, ready for the erection of a fine residence, while others of less pretensions are in progress already.

PROSPECT HILL PROPERTY.

commences at the east end nearest to the city line, to gradually rise, and as you go further west and out the view of town continues good from the first and grows better until the west line is reached, so that residents living on any portion of this property may sit in the evening on their galleries, which may all face south or east, and avoiding the hot west winds so generally condemned, have a

fine view of the town, at the same time enjoying the luxury of a shady gallery and the cool, soft breezes from the south and east.

DISTANCES FROM FLAZA.

To those unacquainted with the distance and location from the business centres of the city will say that, by reference to the city map, we find it to be nearer to Main plaza than it has been for 400 years; that it's south nearer than the Soldiers depot; that it's the same distance as Milan square, and it's about 200 yards nearer than East Hill, while it is three-fourths of a mile nearer than Government depot. Take the map if any one doubts, and see for themselves if our reckonings are incorrect.

As soon as the new street car line is built through this property, connecting with Bellin's track at the International depot, residents can take a car from Main or Military plaza, or upon Houston or Soledad streets, or even upon Balkman's Avenue C cars at any point in the city, and ride the entire distance, or direct to their doors on Prospect Hill, the time required from the plaza being from 10 to 12 minutes.

We were shown by Messrs. Maverick and Moss, the property owned by them, and find that Houston, Commerce and Russia Vista streets run directly through it, with Commerce streets on either side. These gentlemen informed us that a limited number of lots would be offered for sale to parties desiring to build on the property, and that the lots would be given lots at much lower prices than after building had rapidly begun.

That "Prospect Hill" will soon become one of the attractive residence places of San Antonio, dotted and even filled with nice cottages and residences, no one will doubt after looking at its many attractions and advantages. Restrictions will also be placed upon all purchasers who build that no shanties, low houses or adobe shall be allowed, and that nothing inferior to a weather-board cottage and painted—even though it is at first but small—will be permitted to be built upon the property. This may at first seem arbitrary, but no one is compelled to buy, the owners have, without exercising any arbitrary powers, the right to select and discriminate as to whom they sell, and the class of buildings to be erected. This they propose to carry out and those who buy a locality where our best people will be proud to live, because all objectionable elements will be guarded against, this being for the interest of both the owners and those who buy and build. A visit to this locality would well repay any one for the first occupied in so doing.

SERMON AND SERVICE.

The states Ajar to Worship To-morrow

Wherever one listens. Elder D. Pennington, of the Christian church, will preach to-morrow at 11 a. m., corner Houston and St. Mary's streets. The West Texas conference of the African M. E. church will meet here on Thursday next. Bishop Cain, of Dallas, will preside. Elder D. Pennington will administer the ordinance of baptism to-morrow at 11 o'clock (3 p. m.) at the Alab bridge opposite the Soldiers depot. Mount Pilgrim Baptist church—Prayer meeting at 6 a. m. Sabbath school at 9 a. m. Preaching at 3 p. m. Covenant meeting and Lord's supper at 5 p. m. Rev. J. W. Williams, pastor. St. Luke's church, Episcopal, corner of Leona and Zavalla streets, near International depot, two blocks from street railroad. Seats free. Service at 11 a. m. Sunday school at 9:30. F. B. Tinkler, residence 421 Augusta street. Cumberland Presbyterian church, Soledad street, to-morrow, Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. At 11 a. m. Rev. M. D. Reynolds, Methodist, will preach at 7 p. m. services by the pastor, Rev. W. B. Pevsler. Services at St. James A. M. E. church to-morrow, Sunday school at 9:30. Preaching at 3 p. m. and 7:30 p. m. by the pastor, Rev. J. C. Embry. This will be the last sermon of the year. The discourse at night will be especially to the young people. Subject: "Outlook and Progress of the Race." A full attendance is earnestly desired. Reports will be read at the close of service. Trinity Methodist Episcopal church, corner of Pecan street and Avenue C. Regular services at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m., Rev. W. S. Falkenberg pastor. Subject of morning sermon, "The Call of St. Matthew." Sunday school at 3 p. m. Social meeting at the close of the morning services. A cordial invitation is extended to all who may desire to attend these services, and especially will strangers be made welcome. Seats free. Let Every Sunday School Worker Read This Notice.

A grand Union Sunday School institute will be held in Trinity M. E. church of this city commencing Monday evening, December 10, at 7:15 p. m. Rev. A. H. Gillett, of Chicago, will have charge of the institute. Mr. Gillett is the agent of the Sunday School Union of the M. E. church, and is on a tour through the South in order to ascertain the needs of the Southern Sunday School work.

He pays his own bills and takes up no collection. No Sunday School worker in this city can afford to miss this rare opportunity of "seeing up" in the modern Sunday School work. Rev. Bishop E. A. Andrews, D. D., is expected to be present on Tuesday.

I hope that a grand audience will greet these grand workers on Monday evening. W. S. FALKENBERG, Pastor Trinity M. E. Church.

A PRIMER STORY.

As Told in This Morning's Issue of the Express.

What is This? It is a Poor Man. He holds a Sack in his Hand. Some Bad Men told him to Hold it. He looks for Salpe to Drop in the Sack. But the Salpe did not drop Worth one Cent into the Sack. The Poor Man gets Sick and Goes home, Spilling Cuss Words. This is A Dime and Shams. P. S. and N. B.—This story is exclusively the copyright of the Express, having been told for the last 200 years.

TELEGRAPHIC.

INDIANAPOLIS BIDDING FOR THE NATIONAL REPUBLICAN CONVENTION.

Pennsylvania Iron Foundries Shut Down and Large Numbers of Workmen Unemployed.

DES MOINES, Ia., December 7.—The State Register will publish a letter from John A. Kasson, declining a re-election to Congress.

NEW ORLEANS, La., December 7.—The grand jury has returned a true bill for murder against Terrell's system for killing Kate Townsend.

BOSTON, Mass., December 7.—The President of the Workmen's association calls for a national convention of the National Workmen's party for nominating candidates for President and Vice President.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., December 7.—The directors of the Southern Exposition have decided to hold another exposition in 1884. The dates will be arranged so as not to conflict with the World's Exposition at New Orleans. An additional \$1,000,000 will be raised.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 7.—Garland has received letters from the officials of the United States and State courts of Arkansas denying the charges of Niles, the separatist, that the colored people are prevented from exercising their rights under the land law.

NEW ORLEANS, December 7.—A Monterey, Mexico, special says: Finera Hernandez has been sentenced to be publicly shot, on December 10, for murder committed two years ago. It is the first execution of the kind in the State since Julianne Quere was shot by order of General Terrell, in 1876.

LINCOLN, Neb., December 7.—Specials to the State journals in all parts of Nebraska show up badly for corn. The yield is smaller than expected, the quality poor, being not well ripened, and the cribbing is slow. The weather is extremely favorable, but there will not be more than half a crop of merchantable corn.

INDIANAPOLIS, December 7.—At a citizens' meeting held to-night, active and energetic measures were taken to secure the holding of the National Republican convention here. From reports on the Committee on Accommodation, it was settled that Indianapolis can take care of the convention, and the Visitors' committee is actively at work, with every promise of success.

BOSTON, Mass., December 7.—The State police are investigating the doings of a New Bedford firm, which, it is alleged, manufactures cotton in the cheapest manner and by means of circular steel broadsides sold them for exorbitant prices to the uninitiated. It is believed the firm has disposed of 250 obligations in the past year at a profit of from \$15,000 to \$20,000.

WASHINGTON, December 7.—The Republican Senatorial committee to arrange the committee of the Senate will give the Chairmanship of Foreign Relations to Miller, of California, and the Chairmanship of Finance to Hill, of California. Senator Bowen is spoken of for the Chairmanship of Mines and Mining. No change will be made in the Chairmanship of the Finance committee.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., December 7.—It is reported that when the freight pool, composed of Sol Wangeheim, M. Waltherman, and others, lost from \$2,000,000 to \$3,000,000 by the heavy fall in rates, Class Spickles was caught to the extent of \$300,000. Another account says that the wheel freight ring is likely to incur losses of from \$2,000,000 to \$3,000,000 by a decline in the freights. It is composed of several smaller pools, and the individual losses will probably be light. Wangeheim or Waltherman will not lose any serious amount, nor will the regular wheat shippers, whose shipments are mainly taken at profitable rates.

PITTSBURG, December 7.—The rail department of the Pittsburg Bessemer steel works shut down to-night, throwing 800 men out of employment. Andrew Carnegie was interviewed and stated that the Edgar Thompson works, at Bradock, which employ 3000 men, will follow suit next week, unless arrangements are effected with the employees to work for a small reduction this winter, or until trade improves. The loss on running at \$15 a ton for steel rails will be, he said, greater than the loss of interest on the money invested, in case of suspension. McKee, Anderson & Co.'s mill, at Beaver, Pennsylvania, closed to-day until after the holidays. The Manchester iron and steel works suspended operations on Monday on account of a scarcity of stock and 1500 men were thrown out. The puddling department of Wokman's Superior mill, which employed 21 weeks ago, resumed on Monday.

GALVESTON, December 7.—Without the slightest warning the supports of John Capner's residence gave way this afternoon and the rear portion fell to the ground, crushing old Jake Johnson, who was beneath it piling wood. The floor had to be cut away to release him. His skull is fractured, but he is not dead yet. Judgments were rendered today in the District court in favor of Le Gierce & Co. for \$15,000, apud D. H. Blum for \$6,000. Attachment liens were foreclosed on the property in Burnett, Daws and McLennan counties and the sale ordered. The newly incorporated city railway will probably build a large pavilion on the beach in case the old company decides not to. Richard Handbold, a well connected young man, reported shot last night, is only slightly wounded. He is married, but has separated from his wife. He was in company with a woman who does not live with her husband. It has been definitely ascertained that she is employed by a prominent family on Broadway, and it was her husband who shot Handbold.

WASHINGTON, December 7.—Charges that there has been a misappropriation of a portion of the \$300,000 provided by the last Congress to reimburse the Cherokee nation for certain lands, have been published recently. The substance of the charge is that in the distribution of the money by ex-Congressman Phillips of Kansas, the sum of \$22,500 was retained by him, and that he (Phillips) mistol

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MONDAY DEC., 10.

C. E. Ford's Comic Opera Co.

Monday, December 10, will be presented for the first time in this city, Mitchell's beautiful comic opera, entitled

THE BEGGAR STUDENT.

Tuesday, December 11, Washington Irving's (revised 1871) of the Orestes, set to music by Philippi, the famous composer of "The Children of Normandy," entitled

Rip Van Winkle.

Wednesday, December 12, Mr. F. C. Burrows' (the editor of Paine's) thoroughly successful operatic burlesque, entitled

Blue Beard; or, the Hazard of the Dye.

The above operas will be presented for the first time in this city, by Mr. Ford's famous and talented repertory, composed of 40 artists.

Prices of admission: Reserved seats \$1.25, general admission \$1.00, gallery 50 cents. Seats reserved at 10:00 a. m., opposite postoffice, Friday morning, December 7.

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to the Cherokee council that he retained the sum to pay two Government officials for their influence in securing the appropriation. It is also alleged that Phillips, when pressed by Colonel Blandin, agent of the Cherokees in Washington, to tell the names of the officials to whom he paid the money, named Secretary Teller and Senator Dawes, of Massachusetts. These charges and statements, said to have been made by Blandin, are authoritatively denied. Phillips says that he has not spoken to Blandin for 11 years, and Commissioner of Indian Affairs Price says that he knows of no deficiency in the fund in question. Colonel Blandin said to a reporter that no statement of the kind alleged had been made to him by Phillips or was ever made, but that Phillips stated to the Cherokee nation that \$22,500 had been paid to high officials at Washington. Secretary Teller and Senator Dawes, who indignantly denied that they ever received any money, intend to find the authors of the charges and hold them personally responsible.

Carlisle the Speaker.

The agony, protracted as it was, over the election of Speaker, having resulted in the choice of Carlisle, of Kentucky, the business interests of the country will continue to flow in their accustomed channels, while Wolfson draws attention of all classes, protectionists and free traders, that their wares can purchase from him at reasonable figures anything in his stock. He has just received a late arrival of ladies' circulars of the latest and most fashionable styles. Also velvets and velveteens, plain and embossed, of assorted colors. Ladies' handkerchiefs, hem stitched or scalloped, together with skirts, plain, colored and embroidered, are selling rapidly and pleasing everywhere. Among his newest goods, ordered by telegraph, is a splendid stock of ladies' and misses' shoes and ties. In the military line the latest and styles are of the latest Paris and New York designs. The finishing and trimming of every woman is under the superintendence of a lady accomplished in this line of work. Wolfson's emporium is complete in every line of goods carried. But this is a trueness of his long established trade which scarcely needs repetition here.

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of the LIGHT will be the finest paper, in its mechanical get up, as well as containing valuable and interesting reading matter, ever issued in San Antonio.