

Raise hogs for the Fort Worth pork packery.

Galveston is to have a million bushel grain elevator.

Gov. Hovey of Indiana died the 23, inst.

Several Virginia editors came to Texas a few days ago.

Washington D. C. has suffered the effects of a severe storm.

It takes \$20,000 to run one large ocean steamer across the ocean.

The Burnet Bulletin claims that the Llano gold mine is in Burnet county.

Good fences are great helps to the farmer. They save time also save stock.

Last week Pres. Harrison went fishing, and Gov. Hogg went hunting.

People should be careful how they talk about other people's business.

The Llano extension must get to work if it is to be completed by April the first.

The Alliance convention at Indianapolis failed to agree with reference to the Sub-treasury.

The Gov. might call for a reconsideration of the law regulating the payment of teachers vouchers.

Many large business houses, rich firms and banks are failing. This causes the News to feel a little uneasy.

It is about time the Worlds Fair committee was getting to work. Lets make an effort, and see what is to be seen.

If Texas would just sling up a few factories around at convenient places. What a powerful state she would be soon.

Why is there an effort to enforce the Text book bill? Perhaps some of its advocates can throw some light on the subject.

When the Gov. calls the special session, we might have another meeting of the Agricultural and Livestock association.

It is said that the Capitol at Washington is to be refurbished throughout with span clean and brand new furniture.

Editor Hagau of the San Saba News is a whole team when it comes to getting up a live local paper.—Austin Statesman.

It generally rains here every District court. We know however that in this case the rain is not produced by great explosives.

The Republican national league is pulling to get the national convention for New York, and Blaine for nominee. Benjamin is not it.

West Texas contributes more to the school fund than East Texas, and East Texas get more out of the school fund than it contributes.

The first Thanksgiving in United States was celebrated by the Pilgrims in 1622, in commemoration of the good crops they had raised.

The convict lease question and the present law regulating the payment of teachers vouchers should be reconsidered at the special session.

William Frizzell, the wife murderer was hanged at Abilene last Friday. L. Porroz was granted a seven days respite, he will hang to-day.

Fine stock pays better than scrub stock. There is already lots of fine stock in our county and improvements are gradually being made.

Arrangements have been made for the coinage of some new silver 50 cent, 25 cent and 10 cent pieces. The 25 cent piece will be the first to appear.

The News beats the world, the world goes in one direction, from West to East, while the News goes North, South, East, West, and in all the sub directions.

It should be in Every House.

J. B. Wilson, 211 Clay St., Shreveport, La. says he will not be without Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, that it cured his wife who was threatened with consumption after an attack of "La Grippe" when various other remedies and several physicians had done her no good. Robert Barber, of Cookport, Pa. claims Dr. King's New Discovery has done him more good than anything he ever used for Lung Trouble. Nothing like it. Free Trial bottles at Tom M. Gray's Drug Store. Large bottles, 50 cents and \$1.00.

The bodies of two men were found floating in the Rio Grande river. They were supposed to be two brothers murdered by the Mexicans.

The executive committee of the Republican national league has appointed Feb. 12 1892 as the day for the different states to hold their conventions on the presidential question.

A good way to cut a hay stack is to drag 3 or 4 hundred yards of barbed wire through the stack. We don't guarantee this but would like to hear from the experimenter.

The Fort Worth and Denver railroad refuses to haul lumber under the rates established by the Railroad commission. What will be done is yet to be decided.

State geologist Trumble who has just returned from his European trip, gives a highly pleasing report of the test made of Texas iron and coal. Texas will some day supply the world.

Mills will get there. Then when Cleveland is elected the Democrats will kinder have a corner on Congress. We are strictly opposed to monopolies, but we would not care if the Demos. monopolize congress.

If the Gov. would just leave out the Text book bill, and devote the time to improving and regulating the convict lease system, it would doubtless prove a time worthy act. As the Text book bill is at present in its best condition.

If San Saba county depended upon a railroad we might under the present circumstances feel sad. But we by no means depend upon a road. All that is needed is to fix up a little for our needs, pleasures and comforts and we will all be happy any way.

The Governor says that the issues upon which he will call the special session of the Legislature are, the Alien Land law, Reapportionment, Constitutional Amendments and Text Book bill. We trust the 30 days will expire before the Text Book bill is reached.

Some are urging an early democratic convention in 1892, while others are in favor of deferring as long as possible. We think the most acceptable time will be just after the adjournment of congress. But it does not matter much as Cleveland will get there all the same.

It is secretly whispered that the New York delegation will support Crisp for speaker. But is New York so mighty big that she must say who is to be speaker and who is to be president. Texas is mighty big too as to area. In fact if New York was just in a good climate and a convenient place Texas might rent it for a garden spot.

We hear of another sharper who borrowed from a rural inhabitant \$100 and gave as surety a check for \$5000 on the first National bank of Dallas. When the check holder went to present his cheque, he found there was no such bank, he then went to find the sharper, but the sharper was too sharp and could not be found. It is strange that people will bite at these tricks.

If some people would devote as much time to their own business and in hunting for their own error that they do to their neighbors business and to hunting their neighbors errors. They might in course of time be able to reach the limit of their own ignorance and discover a host of errors of their own.

While Texas is trying to get relief on the freight rates. How would it do take the money allowed the railroad commissioners combine it with the amount expended on freight and establish some factories in the State, and by that means save freights on raw material sent from the state and on manufactured articles sent into the state. A few factories in this state would beat the commissioners all hollow saving freight.

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Athens, Greece.

Special to San Saba News.

Ed. News.—Since I last wrote you, we have been taking in the sights of this place. While Athens is quite a noted historical town, and was once noted as the seat of learning for the eastern world, it is not so large nor so beautiful as Rome. It was founded about 1682 B. C. by the Egyptians who taught and instructed the citizens in art and science. Then the Phenicians came in and instructed the inhabitants in agricultural developments, and perhaps organized a farmers alliance. But the people seeing that art and science could be learned with less manual labor than farming, turned their talents to the study of Fine Arts and Science. Hence Athens soon became famous as a seat of learning, and even to-day its name is synonymous with that term. Since we are here, in this classical town we have had several discussions, principally pertaining to education.

The Doctor, says there is a vast difference between education, and that which is commonly called education. All things taken into consideration the educational advancements and developments have not kept pace with other advancements and developments. The mechanical arts are far superior to the arts of the ancients, but a mans wisdom, learning, oratory, his skill in painting and sculpture, his ability as a lawyer or legislator, etc., are all considered perfect only in as much as they approach that degree of perfection which the ancients had attained.

Lawyer; Yes, Doctor, I think your opinion is just a little too severe. I believe that the mental capacity of man is to day vastly greater than ever before. But that the ancients gained a reputation in their days for some insignificant achievement, which to-day would not be noticed. And besides they had not the difficult problems to solve that the men of to-day have. Their politics were simple, the will of the ruler. But to-day our politics are troublesome. What one man may think good another man of equal calibre may think bad. Then the wise solons on both sides disagree and a third party, a kind of political scrap-basket springs up, and catches all the fragments that won't fit any where else. And the free-coinage, high tariff, and sub-treasury and railroad commissions, etc., all combine to make politics very troublesome. If the wise-heads of ancient times, those noted for oratory, political sagacity, those looked upon as intellectual giants; if they could be brought back and have all these difficult questions placed before them, and discussed in their presence by our nineteenth century orators, they would be so ashamed of themselves that with tears of sorrow they would blot out their names from history, and sigh and wish they had never been born.

The Professor; this question of mental excellence, and educational superiority is indeed a question worthy the considerations of the ablest thinkers, and one that should be scientifically adjusted. Science always has for its origin and its basis some primary principle, and the investigation of truth and research must follow by degrees from some primary principle following from scientific study depends upon our acquaintance with the principles involved, and we are practical in our education only in as much as we are capable of applying our knowledge. Animals are improved by careful and prudent breeding. For this reason both sexes should be carefully educated. In ancient times only a very few became educated, hence it was but an easy matter for those few to become noted the world over, but now education is provided for all, hence it is more difficult for any one to so far excel the others as to gain a world wide reputation. But even in this day and time there are men in every profession and calling in life standing at the head of their chosen calling, noted and famous not only in their own nation, but over the entire civilized world. Hence the mental excellence or perfection is to-day far superior to that of ancient times. But it is not as it should be. The mental attainments have not kept pace with the other improvements. It is easily accounted for. There is a demand for what is commonly styled

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"Practical education." What this is I am unable to explain as I maintain that all education properly instilled is practical. This practical education however seems to mean a kind of off-hand parrot fashion of getting at things, and really means the application of rules and principles without ever knowing what the rule or principle is. To meet this demand colleges, or rather humbergeries, have been founded where it is proposed in 6 weeks, 2 months, 6 months, or even 12 months, to make lawyers, doctors, teachers, to give a mastery of Latin, mathematics, languages, etc. Thus the students are educated with a few smart things, given their diplomas and started out on the parade as full fledged educated people. And some of these stuffed individuals become teachers. They walk into the school room, and apply their patent training of stuffing the mind of the pupil with a few inconsistent facts, and by a systematic course of patent nineteenth century humbergeries lead the pupils and patrons to believe they are just doing wonders in the educational fields. About the first thing these "Practical" (parrot) teachers, these manufactured articles do, is to discard the use of text-books. They propose to give, spontaneously out of their heads a better system of problems, of examples, of orthography, etc., etc., than men who have devoted an entire lifetime to the study of one branch, then that branch revised and remodeled especially for a text-book, and these teachers of six-weeks, or six years as to that matter, to lay aside these books; and give out of their poor little minds a better system of education. How ridiculous! How absurd! The same holds good in all professions, and in all businesses.

Batchelor; I have been carousing around, going to theatres, sociables, buggy riding etc. I am therefore owing to mental dissipation as completely unable to give an intelligent opinion upon these points in consideration as pupils who do likewise are unable to recite a decent lesson at school. My observation and experience is that parents who allow their children while they are pupils to participate in social dissipation such as party going, buggy riding etc., are often disappointed in the progress of their children, and imagine that the teachers impose upon their children and scold and abuse them unjustly. When to place the blame where it just belongs it is with the parents because they allow their children those innocent social pleasures, the child's mind is then not in proper condition to receive an education. The child goes to school, misses its lesson and the trouble begins. But parents sometimes say they oppose these things but can not control their children. Then how could the teacher be expected to control. But he must control and there the again war begins. Social dissipation, such as company keeping, party going, promiscuous, and buggy riding, and education can not thrive together. The one must exist at the expense of the other.

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And yet he is the man who was out here in Texas last summer, and organized a law and order league at Houston, then went back and now tells such a joke as that. But as he is one of them, I guess he knows as much about it as any body else.

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