Bean Estate Claims.

Jacksonville. Ills., June 30.—F. T. Comment, of the Suffolk bar is collecting evidence in a suit to determine the disposition of $2,000,000 left by a man who died in an obscure Texas town five years ago, and which a Texas court once awarded, in the absence of the true heirs, to some people in Virginia and the District of Columbia. Since the decision was rendered the real heirs, most of them living in the back woods of Maine, heard, by accident, of the death and wealth of their kinsman, and lawyers for the past three years have been hunting up the facts to prove their claim. In 1819, a boy was born to the wife of a tough old backwoodsman named Bean, in Hartland, Maine. The boy, Thomas Chosley Bean, lived home until 17 years old, then went into the Kennebecds lumbering. The boy was frugal and saving, and in time had a snug sum due him in wages. One day his father appeared at Bangor and collected this money, whereupon the young man angrily vowed never to see his father again. He worked his way to Boston on a coasting vessel. After living there until about 1840, Thomas started westward. He was next heard of in 1884, when his relations heard that he had died two years before in Bonham, Texas, leaving an unclaimed estate, of 85,000 acres of land, $500,000 in government bonds and mortgage and money in the bank, the whole valued at $2,000,000. He lived and died a bachelor and left no will. It appeared however, that the estate had been claimed recently. Howards, of Alexandria, Va., and the Darrs, of Washington, claiming to be the children of two sisters of Thomas Bean, had claimed in a Texas court the dead man's millions and get judgment uncontested against the administrator. The counsel for Maine claimants say the evidence of the other claimants make them only nephew and niece of another. The man was even a relative of the Bean family, and they further claim to be able to prove that the latter never had a sister. Which side is right will doubtless be determined by the decision in a suit by the Maine claimants which is set for trial the coming August in the district court of the Texas. All the Maine claimants are in moderate circumstances.

It is said that Sam Jones is a man of courage. The impression that Jones can punch heads, as well as pray, makes him an object of much interest to that class of people who usually frequent free minstrel shows with fake attachment. This may be true, but so far as I know he has never done anything to prove it except to show fight when a weakling at Palestine assaulted him.—and then he had no opportunity to run. The most craven dunghill rooster that ever crowed will fight if cornered as Jones was. Ever scince he struck a smaller man with a club, Jones has been posing as a "dangerous man." Ever since his insults, offered to better men at Houston, provoked a shower of rotton eggs—instead of a ride on a rail—he has been doing the act. Jones is a bully, and a coward. No true man ever boasted of the persecution he had endured for the Master. Braggadocio and bun-

come are the great staples of Sam's stock in trade. And this is the man who assaults George Clark from the pulpit. It is this little sacred-circus clown, who sells his song books and peddles his pictures, that has come to Texas to teach our people their political duty! It is this intellectual giant, this retailer of obsolete anecdotes and auto clovi n jokes, who pops up in the pulpit and tells the people that if they elect a patriot has been tried in peace and war and never yet found wanting, they are pitching their tents in the pathway to hell! When Christ visited the temple and found even the proches polluted by the money-changers he scourged them forth in anger; What in God's great name, would he do should he return to earth and find such a four-ply fraud as Sam Jones delivering a partisan harangue from the pulpit in Old Texas Iconoclast.

The rains have again played havoc with Illinois and Iowa lowlands, the inundations being quite destructive of crops, and in some instances of household property as well. A deluge in this part of the vineyard would indeed be a rarity. —San Antonio Light.

The killing of three negro fiends who entered the house of a respectable white woman at Colmesneil, Texas, and victimized both mother and daughter is an occurence, no doubt, when Gov. Hogg would feel called upon to suppress mob law. Although every law abiding citizen believes that lynching is unlawful, yet where is the man who can control the just indignation aroused by such acts as these. Talk about the poor humble negro. Every man knows—and none better than the negro citizens themselves—that so long as they lead honest and worthy lives, they receive the respect and consideration due them. But it is past all endurance that great black brutes should at will attack and outrage defenceless white women, and a thousand Gov. Hoggs could not control the rage of every honest white man at such deeds.

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