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THURSDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 1.

This is a great country. Alaska is a solid chunk of ice and Florida a paradise of orange blossoms and alligators.

Mr. Proctor Knott, the Democratic governor of Kentucky, has presented President Arthur an elegant fishing rod. This is a snave way of hinting at 1885.

The Coleman county fence-cutters might have had gallantry enough to have let Mrs. Day's wire fence alone. She may be rich, but she is a woman and that ought to go a long way with true men.

Like the state, the penitentiary management seems to be gradually accumulating a cash balance. It is not a large one, but enough to show that the penitentiary board is applying economy and a thrifty policy to its handling of convict labor.

Though Canada has never been burdened with the expenses of war on its own hook, it carries the largest national debt in proportion to population of any country in the world. If "a national debt is a national blessing," the Canucks are in an ecstatic state of blessedness.

It is expected that the ensuing congress will legislate the standard silver dollar out of existence, then the holders of such expectations are pretty certain to be disappointed. The Democratic party made the silver dollar and has never had cause to be ashamed of its creation. The trade dollar, the Republican party's bastard, is the only thing to feel disgraced about.

When Tom Giffree got to Galveston the band played, "Hail to the chief." And the red-headed ranger received the devoirs of his admiring constituents with graceful complacency. What does Gov. Bill Sterritt think of substituting the name of "Ochiltree" for the city beside the sea? It banks on T. O. more than anybody else in this wide, wide world.

The Houston Age recalls Representative John Hancock's back pay vote when in Congress several years ago. Let-by-gones be by-gones, Uncle Dan! This is a year of forgiveness and reconciliation in Texas. If a man made a error, don't keep it standing charged against him, especially if he has believed enough of usefulness to more than counterbalance his mistake.

Perhaps, if a distinguished medical gentleman, whose name commences with R., had been appointed by Governor Ireland to a certain position, connected with state health affairs, the Statesman would be able to view the governor through rose-colored spectacles, rather than green. We don't wish to be unjust to the Statesman, but memories of some old episodes will come up as we read its frequent hard hits at the governor.

Gov. Ireland did his whole duty by the state when the Louisville exposition was pending, but the legislature snubbed him. He pocketed the snub, and will do his whole duty again when the extra session meets, in recommending steps for representation at the cotton centennial and world's exposition at New Orleans. If he is snubbed again it will be a cold day when some of those legislators get back to Austin—as law makers, at least.

Our esteemed contemporary, the Waco Examiner, ought not to criticize the GAZETTE's sermons without reading the text. The GAZETTE provokes no man, bears no malice, envies no one, but it never turns the other cheek. Life is too short to waste in envy of our esteemed contemporary, but we are never in such a hurry that we can't stop to hit back. The GAZETTE measures to others as others measure to it—no more, no less. That courtesy others show to us that courtesy we show to them.

The Free-thinkers, in their convention at Waco last Sunday, appear to have been more conservative and dignified in their utterances and declarations than some other gatherings of a similar nature. In a country like this

there is no need that any man should complain of abridgement of his right and privilege to think just what he pleases about religion. There are fanatics and malcontents, religious and irreligious, but they are not numerous; and the constitution of the land, supplemented by the common-sense and fair-play of the people will always secure all the religious liberty needed by any man or woman.

When Postmaster-General Gresham moves against the patrons of the lottery, he will have taken a long step forward in the right direction, and all good citizens will bid good speed in his efforts to break up the iniquitous thing which robs without mercy its dupes in all parts of the country. Having forbidden the use of the mails to the lottery companies, he now intends to proceed against the patrons of the lotteries. It seems that the law against lotteries has a penal clause attached to it imposing a fine of from one hundred to five hundred dollars upon anyone who knowingly deposits or sends by mail any letter or circular pertaining to lotteries. Mr. Gresham holds that a letter asking for lottery tickets is a violation of this law, and that anyone corresponding with the lottery companies on the subject of the lottery is equally subject with the company to its penalties.

If the Democrats elect a tariff man for speaker, and declare against a tariff in the national platform next year, what will the people say?—Fort Worth GAZETTE. Now you have struck it! But, the national platform next year will not declare against a tariff, and then what will the GAZETTE do? Is the GAZETTE so blinded by its free-trade headache that it has forgotten that neither the Democratic party, nor any other party, has ever yet declared against a customs tariff?—San Antonio Express.

Do not beg the question. Suppose Randall is elected speaker, and in 1884 the national platform demands a tariff for revenue only and nominates a candidate in sympathy with its demand, what will the people say? Of course, if the Express knows that the Democracy will practice one thing in congress and profess another thing in a presidential election, that settles it, and we can only wait the defeat that has come with quadrennial regularity from just such "mistakes," as Grant calls them. When the Democratic party is brave enough to demonstrate the courage of its convictions we may expect success, and not before.

Our Presiding Grace. The American people are just beginning to have their eyes opened to the true value of their president. His varied accomplishments, hitherto modestly concealed from public knowledge, are beginning to get noised abroad, and we are justified in feeling real proud of a man who can unite the graces of the highly finished gentleman with the dignity of the chief magistrate of a mighty nation. One of his whimsical pot-companions, who, before Conkling took it into his head to humiliate John Sherman by elevating the lately-dismissed port collector of New York to the vice-presidency, was cheek-by-jowl with the amiable gentleman, gives the public an idea of the nature of his accomplishments. "The president," says he, "a long time ago, when only collector of the port of New York, was one of the most favored and expert pupils at the banjo school of Debon Bros. in New York. But let me give you a pointer Mr. Arthur is a more expert jig-dancer than a banjoist. He took lessons when I was at school at Leonard's. Mr. Arthur was a scholar for three-quarters. In that time he learned the various steps and twists and turns completely, and when lessons were over, frequently out-danced some of the best hands in the business."

"This Government Mule." "Let this mule be kept and well cared for as long as he lives," is the latest gushing order emanating from the war department. This right on the heels of the decision in the civil rights cases is just too much to stand. We don't object to the mule's being "well cared for," only it reminds us that the Republican party never gushes over anything but a "nigger and a mule," or something of the kind. This accounts for the fact that the "grand old party" has always been the victim of the unrequited love. In the mind of that party, these animals are always uppermost and inseparably connected. The party originated in a fanatical love for the "nigger." After the war, the government contractors, after burying all the dead soldiers they could find, placed grave-stones over the dead government mules, and drew their pay for the same. Then they promised each nigger "forty acres and a mule."

Of course the country understands that the party want all of their old mules "well cared for as long as they live." This was seen in the effort to "pension Grant," and the late "order" is only an effort to keep their "hand in." We suggest that the government buy "this mule" a Texas ranch of ten thousand acres, supply him with a couple of government tents, government blankets, a camp kettle and body servants, "as long as he lives." And when he is "gathered into his fathers," erect over him a suitable monument, and detail a corps of sentinels to watch over his mortal remains until Gabriel blows his horn.

Too Much "Strict Construction." The Houston Age, discussing the question of an appropriation by the legislature to have Texas represented at the New Orleans exposition, quotes a constitutional provision, as follows: "The legislature shall not have the right to levy taxes or impose burdens upon the people, except to raise revenue sufficient for the economical administration of the state government." And then the Age proceeds to say: "The Age is not, neither is Governor Ireland, the keeper of the conscience of any member of the legislature. But such members swear to support the constitution, and it requires no very strict construction of that instrument to see that a vote to appropriate money collected from the people by the tax-gatherers, to pay for the exhibit of Texas products at New Orleans, is a vote against conscience."

Will the Age kindly explain how it is that a legislature, subsequent to the adoption of the constitution of which the above is a part, established a high court (the commission of appeals) not provided for in the judiciary article? That court was declared by many persons to be unconstitutional, but the supreme court decided that it was not. But perhaps this additional tribunal was essential to the economic administration of the state government. It was certainly needed in the administration of justice and law, and we will let it pass. There are other features of expense, however, now allowed by legislatures every year (and not incident to the administration of the state government) that should not pass muster with the strict constructionists. How about the money, small amount as it is, appropriated for the fish commissioner, the gentleman who looks after the distribution of the German carp? And how, above all things else, about that \$5,000, appropriated at the last session, to purchase those sets of works published by the Southern historical society? and the \$20,000 for the purchase of the Alamo? These are not large matters, we grant, and one and all they are worthy measures, especially the Alamo purchase. But they certainly go to show that the rutabaga constitution, iron-clad and wonderful instrument that it is, has yet at times been found elastic and malleable enough to be stretched or welded to meet the views of legislators who may be fairly presumed to have had at least some degree of conscience, moral and political. Did the Age and the strict constructionists protest when these measures were inaugurated? And has the supreme court ever declared these extra appropriations, in no wise connected or even germane to "the economic administration of the state government," unconstitutional? Common sense, the needs of the time and a spirit of progress all endorsed them. The most eminent expounders of constitutional law have all declared that constitutions are not intended to hamper the progress of a state or people in the path that leads to advanced civilization or enlightenment—always provided that the taxpayers are not subjected to unnecessary or severe burdens in instituting essentially progressive measures. It is civilization, and of the most advanced and beneficent type, that impels people to set on foot these great industrial and scientific exhibitions and displays, such as we have witnessed at Philadelphia, Atlanta, Denver and Louisville within less than a decade, and such as the exposition at New Orleans will undoubtedly be. The GAZETTE confesses to an earnest desire to see a Texas exhibit, of first-class merit and extent, at New Orleans next year. And we hold that it is the right and the duty of the legislature to provide, by an adequate (but not extravagant) appropriation, for such an exhibit. The amount needed will be but a bagatelle compared with the resultant returns of the expenditure. The governor is credited with having some conception of the real spirit and limitations of the constitution. He desired an appropriation for the Louisville exposition, and he will urge the propriety of representation, at the cost of the state, at New Orleans. It is our belief and hope that he will have the co-operation of all men who have the progress and development of Texas at heart. The GAZETTE will certainly take care that the subject is not permitted to languish, and hopes that the Age, too, will see its way clear to a more liberal construction of an instrument that has too often been an obstacle to the best interests of Texas and Texans.

BILLY JONES of Thompson's corps, Entered through the barroom doors; Drank until he could drink no more; Fell down upon the barroom floors; Fell and made his head quite sore; Fell till he could fall no more; Says he will do so no more; But will join the temperance corps.

MANY Boston women have husband to support.

The telephone is now used extensively in the Alps.

SOME Illinois college students are wearing knee breeches and silk hose.

SOLOMON SCHISGAL, a youth of St. Petersburg, has invented an electric watch.

IT WOULD be a brilliant camp for Uncle Dan's Age to interview Charles Stewart.

"I go to join my patients," said the good old doctor as he passed peacefully away.

GILDEN and Hendress clubs are being formed in nearly all the leading towns of Illinois.

STAGE-ROBBERIES every week in Texas. This thing is becoming as monotonous as fence-cutting.

An Exeter (N. H.) lady recently received a letter which was mailed in Washington four years and nine months ago.

The Courier-Journal tells of a dog in Jessamine county, Kentucky, that crows in imitation of a rooster every time he hears one.

There is a silver lining to every cloud. It is reported that Sergeant Bates has abandoned his contemplated tramp through Texas, carrying the flag.

The Tyler Democrat predicts that Jack Evans will get the judgeship. Too much reason to fear the Democrat's a true prophet, morn's the pity.

JAMES HOGAN, eighteen years old, of Newcastle, Pa., didn't know it was loaded, but the ball from the old pistol killed the six-year old boy at whom he pointed it.

Five months ago there was hardly a cent to be seen in Winnipeg. They advertised for flies, and they have them like unto the times when the grasshoppers overrun the West.

The latest invention to torture the public and protest-street railway companies from the dishonesty of their conductors is a registering turn stile, which is being tested on Philadelphia cars.

ON paper China has an army of 800,000 men. In reality, her well-armed and properly disciplined troops number only about 120,000. Every Chinese officer is required to be an athlete.

The wife of an Ohio man isn't half so pretty as she was before he carelessly left two pounds of powder on the kitchen table. He tries to soothe her by telling her that powder is only skin deep.

The shoemakers of San Francisco, 600 in number, have organized themselves into a ruler Democratic club, to work for Benjamin's nomination by the Democracy for president. This is the first club and is likely to be the shoemakers' last.

It is said the word "masher" was introduced into this country by Irish immigrants, it being derived from the Gaelic maise, pronounced masher, and signifying fine, handsome, and was originally applied in derision to a dandy who ogled ladies.

The grand worthy secretary reports the Good Templars in Maine in a flourishing condition. The order now has in the state about 15,000 live members, and 25,000 on its records, in 305 lodges. The next annual session will be held at Bangor, in April, 1884.

According to a bird-fancier of Harrington, Pa., no deformed pigeons are ever found, except those trained by a gun. The reason he gives for the fact is that as soon as the eggs are hatched and a deformed "squab" puts in its appearance, the old birds kill it.

DAVID ADAMS, sixty-five, died in Washington county, N. Y. It is alleged that he starved to death. Fifteen thousand dollars in securities were found hidden in the house, and his relatives are looking for \$30,000 more. His wife starved to death ten years ago.

The editor of the Hillsboro Mirror has been summoned to work the roads. What is to become of the boasted usefulness of the press, if this practice is kept up? The idea of a Texas editor putting in his time working the roads, when the great question of the speakership election is to be settled yet!

There is a story abroad that Mine, Nilsson will soon marry an American merchant. Her last husband was a business man, and if the maiden marries again, says the New York World, her choice will be an amiable, appreciative American journalist, a man who doesn't know what it is to spend other people's money.

Sixty-four Germans arrived at Brenham last Sunday to settle in the county.

A lot has been purchased near Temple and a city cemetery will soon be started.

Pecans are coming into Brownwood quite freely, and selling at \$2.25 per bushel.

Denison was left in total darkness early Friday night. The gas wouldn't work.

An effort is being made, with prospects of success, to endow Baylor university.

The pecan crop about Graham is plentiful and the citizens gather them on Sunday.

The contract has been signed for the new school house at Albany, which is to cost \$2,324.

Baird wants another lumber yard. The growing trade of that thriving town demands it.

Last week 1,120 head of beef cattle were shipped from Tom Green county to Eastern markets.

Several large herds of buffalo have been seen recently on Spring creek in Tom Green county.

The ice company of Brenham are talking about adding a pork packery to the establishment.

The Episcopalians of Graham are making arrangements to build a \$1,000 church in that place.

A man under a plug hat created a profound sensation on the streets of Comanche the other day.

The small grain crop in Grayson county now planted is largely in excess of any previous year.

Brownwood now has a glass front drug store, and will soon have another building with a glass front.

The Abilene postmaster's lady took the first premium at the Austin fair as the handsomest in the state.

Somerville county shows an increase of \$200,000 in assessments over last year. Little, but prosperous.

Buffalo Gap is not satisfied with result of the election which cost county to Abilene, and legal votes were polled, and the legal votes were polled, and the legal votes contained more than the desired ballots in excess of the total of the county.

The most destructive fire known to the oldest inhabitants of Rockwall county last week destroyed crops worth over \$100,000. The fire was caused by a lightning bolt striking a tree in a field, and the fire spread in it narrowly escaped.

The Brownwood Banner has a steam paper folder.

Mr. Noel Wells has purchased the job office of the Cleburne Telegram. On the first of December the paper Times will be enlarged to four columns.

The Waco Evening Day is a thoroughly edited paper.

Rev. H. J. Harris has withdrawn from editorial connection with Camp County Express.

The San Antonio Evening Light is one of the best conducted newspapers in the whole country.

The Baird Chronicle is one of the best exchanges, and its editorial shears are always sharpened for the news when it comes to hand.

The Abilene Reporter got out an illustrated edition last Saturday. Reported is an excellent work, and has done a great work for the news when it comes to hand.

Messrs. John B. Linn and J. H. Taylor, editor of the Waco Examiner, have signed their positions.

The Tom Green Enterprise has been presented with three four-page editorials and a twelve-page editorial raised in that county.

On account of failing eyesight, A. W. Riley has leased the Point Local-Chronicle to Henry Lier and J. H. Riley, and returns the paper.

"Elder Jones" who has been feuding Christianly amidst the Unitarians in the Denison territory, turns out to be the local editor of the Herald-News, himself an evangelist.

Policeman Bell of Waco recently scolded Capt. Jack Elgin, reporter of the Examiner, on account of an article against the city government which appeared in that paper.

The editor of the Abilene Reporter Quill claims no merit in the removal of the county seat "outside of Abilene," but since the victory he throws up his hat and gives three cheers for the winning side.

It is Progress. (Orange Times.) Fort Worth wants a public library. The Fort is progressive.

Or Not Enough. (Orange Tribune.) All our congressmen are themselves interviewed. Some will talk too much if they are not careful.

No, It Isn't. (Martin Hall.) Peter Smith of Fort Worth is most prominent name in the list. The gubernatorial bees are buzzing in bonnet.

A Puff for the Post. (Houston Age.) The Democrats of this city need the Post now as correct in its positions. The Age adds its comment.

Given to Enterprise. (Waco Evening Day.) The Fort Worth GAZETTE office and state bureau in Waco is an enterprising move, and GAZETTE is given to enterprise.

You Are Mistaken. (Honey Grove Independent.) Somebody said there was a fair held at Austin, but they don't believe it. The report was started as a slander on Austin. To think of it, we believe the WORTH GAZETTE is responsible for the canard.

Sullivan's Say. (Card in Galveston News.) But I do not appreciate the criticism with which the Statesman, wit, that he favors the election of Randall, the nomination of McDen and regards Mr. Rogers would be political boss and his state commences bill in an entire foreign light from that of a gushed step-father.

Received of the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, \$30,021.00. (The Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, \$30,021.00 and interest, dollars, insurance on the life of Jackson L. Leonard. S. J. Adams, Executor of Estate of J. L. Leonard.)

DALLAS, TEXAS, October 28. To Those Whom it may Concern: I would say that I believe the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York is one of the strongest and most reliable institutions in the world. I have confidence in it, and I can carry \$30,000 insurance in it, and prefer it to all others, and I fully recommend it to all who are good substantial life insurance holders in making their insurance well as securing their insurance. Very Respectfully, SAMUEL J. ADAMS.

Received of the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, amount of policy on life of brother, O. D. Page. E. R. Page, Adm'nistrator.

J. E. Baker, special agent, ping at the Masonic house, can one wanting insurance can best policy in the world.