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Friday, January 25, 1878.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Ex Gov. JAMES B. GROOMER has been elected United States Senator from Maryland.

Gov. HENBARD has perfected arrangements to keep Captain Hall's command in the field.

IOWA, says the Fort Dodge Times, is the proud possessor of forty-seven defaulting county treasurers.

Gov. GEAR, of Iowa, was duly inaugurated at Des Moines. In his address he warmly urged remonetization and resumption.

The negroes seem to preponderate in all the Southern penitentiaries. Virginia has 1,163 convicts, of which 935 are negroes.

The BANNER does not wish to be profane, but it does seem as though the newspapers were having a h-l of a time on the hell question.

CORNELIUS VANDERBILT wants the dollars of his daddy, and wants them bad.—Dallas Commercial.

Who or what's "daddy?"

The last case against ex-Gov. Pullock, of Georgia, has been disposed of, resulting in his acquittal. This ends all prosecutions against him.

GEN. JOHN S. WILLIAMS has been elected United States Senator from Kentucky to succeed Thomas C. McCreery by a vote of 126 to 11 for Boyd, Republican.

DISPATCHES from Rome give a full and concise account of the funeral obsequies of the deceased king, Victor Emanuel, which were very imposing and impressive.

The passage of the silver bill and repeal of the resumption act will have a tendency to knock the stuffing out of bankers and speculators in gold, hence their stubborn opposition to the measure.

The Marshall Herald entertains doubts as to the propriety of Col. W. W. Lang becoming a candidate for Governor, yet admits that he has a perfect right to run. Then turn him loose and clear the track.

COMMODORE GEO. N. HOLLINS died in Baltimore on the evening of the 18th inst., aged 79 years. He commanded the sloop-of-war Cynne, which bombarded Greytown, Nicaragua, in 1854, and served in the Confederate army during the late war. Peace to his ashes!

It is stated that in many of the Northern States great interest is manifested among mechanics, farmers and laboring men in regard to Texas, and it is highly probable that the tide of emigration to the State this year will be greater than ever.

SO FAR as we have seen the Houston Age is the only newspaper in Texas that does not heartily approve of and fully endorse the masterly speech of Senator Voorhees. In the estimation of the Age all the newspapers of the State are astray on the financial question.

The famous \$50,000 cow which created so much talk in this country a few years ago, has found a rival in point of proportionate pecuniary worth in a \$502 rooster. The English Agricultural Gazette is responsible for the assertion that a game cock was recently sold for the above excessive price.

A MEXICAN was held in New York, at which the following trades unions were represented: Bricklayers, plasterers, machinists, blacksmiths, carpenters and cigar-makers. Resolutions were adopted asking that Congress at once abolish the national banks and pass the Bland Silver bill without amendment, and also repeal the resumption act.

Houston's Texas Western Railway is in much the same condition as another railway that the Houston papers delight in poking fun at. The old board of directors of the T. W. R. are waiting for the new purchasers of the road to do something, and the new purchasers are waiting for the old board to do something, so both of them are waiting.

A MEETING of the Board of Directors of the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railroad was held in Galveston on Friday evening. Several bids were presented to construct the road to Brenham and Belton, one of which was incomplete, and at the request of the party further time was given, and the board adjourned to the call of the President.

A WRITER in the Houston Age complains that railroad companies sell immigrant tickets to principal points like Galveston, Houston and Austin, and that after the immigrant arrives at such place he is compelled to pay regular local fare at the rate of five cents a mile to reach his ultimate destination. This, the writer thinks, is wrong, and asks that Texas railroads remedy the evil.

The Houston Telegram regards the passage of the silver bill as a forgone conclusion, and remarks, by way of parenthesis, that gold has sunk to 101½ in New York, the lowest point for many years, and this, too, despite the hues and cries of the moneyed oligarchy of the North, who would have the dear people believe that the remonetization of silver would but result in a higher premium for gold.

A WASHINGTON special to the Galveston News, dated January 19th, states that the Secretary of War reports Confederate army records in print to the end of 1871, and recommends the publication of all in possession of the government entire, and as rapidly as possible, so that they may be made available for general historical use. He asks an appropriation to continue the arrangement of these and of Federal records, and that an extra number be printed and sold at a nominal price.

The Vicksburg Herald says: There are several persons in this city affected with Texas fever, and every day we have calls for papers from that State. It thinks that all who contemplate moving to Texas should thoroughly inform themselves of the situation and know exactly where and what they are going to do when they get here. Texas has plenty of room for all comers, provided they are ready and willing to work on farms. Adventurers and idlers had better stay away.

As AN EVIDENCE that advertising pays, it is stated on good authority that Dr. Tutt, whose pill ad. appears in the BANNER and nearly every other paper in the State, paid the newspapers over \$100,000 for advertising last year. He has, of course, sold pills enough to pay for all this, and has a handsome surplus. The idea of the enormous quantity of pills that have been swallowed, makes one feel a kind of a weakness in the epigastric region.

The British Parliament met on Thursday. The Queen in her message, says the Russian successes convinced the Porte that he should endeavor to bring the war to a close. She will spare no effort to bring the war to a close. Hitherto, in the war, neither of the belligerents has infringed the conditions on which her neutrality is founded and she willingly believes that both are desirous to respect them so far as it is in their power.—She expresses thanks that the famine in India is ended. Her relations with all foreign powers continue friendly.

A WINK is as good as a nod to a blind horse. The Galveston Citizen could print a better paper.

Institute of Learning for the Blind.

We have received the annual report of Dr. Frank Rainey, Superintendent of the Texas Institution of Learning for the Blind at Austin, for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1877. Dr. Rainey calls special attention to the fact that this institution is not in any sense an asylum, as the blind are not received here simply to be taken care of by the State, but that it is nothing more or less than an "Institution of Learning" or a "Free School for the Blind," where these unfortunate are educated at the public expense, the same as seeing children are at the ordinary free schools. A strong appeal is made in favor of the blind, who are particularly helpless. At this institution they are educated and learned a trade or profession by which they are made self-supporting.

The buildings have been put in a fair condition of repair. The ordinary branches of a common school education are taught; also, music. The boys are learned broom, pillow and mattress making, the girls bead work, sewing, cutting, etc. The progress of the boys is wonderful as compared with the advancement made in other schools. During the past session sixty-five pupils, twenty-eight males and thirty-seven females, were admitted. There are forty-five blind children of suitable ages in the State, who are not in school. The Legislature from an oversight failed to make an appropriation to enlarge the buildings. The total expense of the institution for the year was \$16,921.99. There are many interesting features in the report.

Congressional.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—Senate.—Hovey of Wisconsin introduced a bill to punish forcible obstruction of inter-State commerce by railroads. Referred to the Judiciary Committee. This bill grows out of the strike troubles of last summer.

House.—A bill granting pensions to the surviving officers, soldiers and sailors of the Mexican, Creek, Florida and Black Hawk wars was reported and ordered printed.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—Senate.—Unimportant business occupied the morning hour. Mr. Matthews' silver bill was taken up. Mr. Merriman, of North Carolina, spoke in favor of it. Mr. Maxey, of Texas, also spoke in favor of the bill. He said he would vote for the pending resolution cheerfully, because he believed the welfare of the people imperatively demanded it. Adjourned to Monday.

House.—The political disabilities of Charles L. Scott, of Alabama, were removed. An hour was spent on private bills, and eulogies were pronounced on the late Senator Morton, after which the House adjourned to Monday.

BEX HILL, of Georgia, having come out in opposition to the silver bill, his constituents have concluded it nothing but fair that they should come out in opposition to him. The Savannah News, in referring to Mr. Hill, says:

Not only have Mr. Hill's peculiar financial views, as expressed in that interview, been almost universally repudiated by our people, but leading Democrats have successfully controverted them in unanswerable arguments, while the press, with scarcely an exception, has repudiated his course on the silver remonetizing question, some going even so far as to invite him to resign a position in which he misrepresents the sentiments and opposes the true interests not only of his own immediate constituency, but of the great mass of the people of the country.

Woon & Low.—We take pleasure in calling attention to the new ad. of this firm, who keep constantly on hand a large assortment of sash, doors, blinds, flooring, ceiling, lumber, wagons plows and agricultural implements.

Now is the time to get married, the BANNER has just received a fine lot of wedding note paper and envelopes to match, also wedding cards.

Turkey Satisfied.

A special to the London Standard from Constantinople says many rumors are current in regard to the attitude of the Grand Powers. It is said the Grand Vizier assured the German Ambassador that the Porte had determined to make peace with Russia, leaving any power which objected to the conditions to settle the matter with Russia. The instructions of the Turkish plenipotentiaries are such as to make the conclusion of an armistice absolutely certain. The Turkish press is enjoined to show the greatest moderation, and is enjoined from attacking the Czar.

An official account of the capture of Shipka Pass states that of the Pasha's, 280 officers, 25,000 prisoners and 81 guns were captured. The Russian loss in killed and wounded was 5,464 men.

The Marshall Herald adverts to the fact that our present judiciary system is very defective. We have entirely too many courts, and their sessions are too frequent. It is court every month in the year, and sometimes every week. Courts are expensive luxuries, besides it takes valuable time from persons called upon to serve as jurors. It was expected that the last Legislature would have amended the law, but they neglected or failed to do so. The Herald says: "Let us see it a more intelligent and creditable Legislature than the last cannot be elected." Those are our sentiments.

The Houston Age is of the opinion that it is not contraction that is playing such havoc in commercial circles, and causing almost countless failures, but it is rather inclined to attribute it to a want of confidence, dishonesty and rascality. Very rarely does a business house close on account of the stringency of the times. It is the dishonesty of failing debtors that does the mischief. This dishonesty begets a general want of confidence on the part of monied men, and capital is looked up. When the rotten concerns have been destroyed, when integrity is again a general business quality, capital will gain confidence, failures will cease, and business will revive.

Corn is a dull sale in Bastrop at twenty-five cents a bushel, says the Advertiser. This shows the disadvantage of not having railroad connections. In Illinois, a State that has more miles of railroad than any other State in the Union, it is doubtful whether corn is sold as cheap as twenty-five cents a bushel. Here in Texas we can raise almost as much corn to the acre as can be raised in Illinois, Missouri, or yet they produce corn as a paying crop, on much about the same plan as Texas farmers raise cotton. South America is a large consumer of corn. Large quantities are shipped from New York and Baltimore, and there is no reason why we should not be able to compete with the Northern States in the production of this staple commodity.

A Special dispatch to the Galveston News of the 22d inst., says there was a large and influential meeting in favor of the silver bill. About a hundred members, mostly from the West and South, were present. Buckner, of Missouri, presided, and said the repeal of the resumption act and the remonetization of silver, together with the destruction of the national banks, is a matter of prime necessity.

The Williamson county Sun is in a very bad way. It wants to know where his correspondent, Florence, has gone. We rather suspect that Florence is all right, and it will only wait he will find out that the "gal" is sound.

It seems that all the interior papers of Texas are hell-bound.

STATE NEWS.

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The Old Cemetery.

BRENHAM, Jan. 19, 1878. EDITOR BANNER.—Have been waiting for some weeks to finish work on the "old graveyard" before announcing the fact. Sickness and other misfortunes have kept me from finishing as early as I would have done. On the 13th of December we enclosed the yard. After doing this I found that other improvements might be made, and commenced clearing off the "yard" of underbrush, briars, etc., removing old, tumble-down "private yards." Spent one week at this. Found a great deal to do in the way of pruning trees, clearing off briars; in fact, in places almost equivalent to clearing land in woodland. There are still some funds on hand, which we propose to spend on the yard, improving the appearance of it as much as possible. The looks of the "old graveyard" will be very much improved by the nursery that will be planted on three sides of it by Mr. Wibusch, he having recently bought the land adjoining the grounds. Thus, you see, Mr. Editor, there will be but one string, the front, exposed, and that I propose having whitewashed shortly. Respectfully submitted.

J. E. RUCKER.

A CARD.—I have this day received of F. A. Egelke, agent for the Royal Insurance Company, nineteen hundred and eighteen dollars and thirty-five cents cash, in full payment for loss by fire on my dwelling house and furniture.

Wm. Lockridge, Brenham, 19, 1878.—d&wt

"We call the attention of our readers to the advertisement of Simmons' Liver Regulator, which appears in to-day's paper. This standard remedy does not deserve to be classed with the many patent nostrums so liberally advertised throughout the country. It is one of the very best preparations of its kind in use; and is recommended by the regular practitioners of medicine. It has a large sale in this city, and can be found in all our drug stores, a bottle or package should be found in every family, as its judicious use is almost certain to prevent a bilious attack, if taken when he symptoms first show themselves." Purchasers should be careful to see that they get the genuine, manufactured only by J. H. Zeilin & Co., Philadelphia.

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I. B. McFarland, Bates McFarland, McFarland & McFarland, Attorneys-at-Law, Brenham, Texas.

Office—Upstairs in Alcorn building north side of Public Square. juel&wf

Seth Shepard, C. C. Garrett, SHEPARD & GARRETT, Attorneys-at-Law, Brenham, Washington county, Tex.

Seth Shepard, N. A. Bector, SHEPARD, GARRETT & BECTOR, Attorneys-at-Law, Giddings, Lee county, Texas.

N. B.—Business for Leo county should be sent to Giddings office; for Washington county to the office at Brenham. juel&wf

J. T. Norris, M. D., L. B. Creath, M. D., Brenham, Rocky, Austin co. DRS. NORRIS & CREATH, Physicians and Surgeons.

Office their Professional services to the citizens of Brenham and vicinity. Office Wood & Co. Drug Store. May 14th 1874. juel&wf

J. F. MATCHETT, M. D., Surgeon and Physician. Brenham, Texas.

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Shaving, shampooing, dyeing and hair cutting done to order. Patronage solicited. Jan 20th

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BRENHAM CARDS.

D. G. SMITH, SADDLE-TRIE MAKER. Brenham, Texas. All orders filled promptly at living prices. Patrons solicited. Feb. 12/78

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B. ELDRIDGE & CO., WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALERS IN Groceries and Provisions, Brenham, Texas. A full and complete stock always on hand, for sale at BOTTOM FIGURES FOR THE CASH. Give us a trial. Oct. 18, 1874

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Guns, Pistols and Safes repaired at short notice. Iron doors and window blinds made to order. All kinds of cartridges and ammunition kept on hand. October 19, 77-78.

MRS. D. PETERS, Dealer in Fancy Groceries, Fruits, Nuts, Cigars and Tobacco, Crockery, Glass and Queensware, Under Central Hotel, Brenham, Texas. Cash paid for butter, chickens, eggs and domestic fruits. The Patronage of the public solicited. Oct 3-7

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GRAND MILLINERY OPENING Of the most superb stock of Millinery Goods, Of the latest styles of Parisian patterns Hats and Bonnets, will take place on Monday, the 15th inst.

Also a complete assortment of French and American flowers, and plumes of the latest design. Ladies are invited to call and examine. Respectfully, J. H. JEFFREY & S. W. BAZZ

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