

The Weekly Banner

Friday, January 25, 1878.

The city of New Orleans claims a population of 200,000.

The Congressional news of both Houses, is of no public importance.

They have been having a big time over the wedding of King Alfonso, of Spain.

The Banner is under obligations to Hon. D. C. Giddings for Congressional favors.

The Telephone says that the Austin Statesman has gone entirely crazy on the bell question.

A man in Washington, D. C., was fined an even hundred dollars for an indecent exposure of his person.

During the year 1877 the cigar manufacturers of Cincinnati paid the government a tax of \$27,686.

Gen. Sherman is of the opinion that the Indian Bureau is perfectly satisfactory to himself. This doubtless very good news for Tecumseh.

The leading tobacco manufacturers have concluded that the tax must remain permanently as it is or that a drawback must be allowed.

The Pennsylvania House of Representatives have decided to report a bill for an appropriation of \$2,000,000 for the border counties to pay losses by Confederate raids during the war.

There seems to be a diversity of opinion on the proposed reduction of the tobacco tax. The best advised authorities at Washington favor keeping the tax up to its present standard.

The receipts of the government at Washington are even three quarters of a million daily. This amount of money goes down peoples' throats, and is smoked from one day to another.

Here comes a Georgia paper and says that it can't stop immigration to Texas. The Prattville Citizen reports that forty-two white persons will leave Autauga county this winter to settle in Texas, and that many have already gone.

The Waco Telephone shows good sense in saying that Montgomery Blair made a sad mistake in re-opening the Presidential question. It is about time that the war was over, and that nothing more was said about dead issues.

The San Antonio Breeze has just learned that a native of Germany has had the hardihood to marry in New York city on the princely income of thirty-six cents a week. This item has been abroad for the last four weeks. The Hempstead Messenger will catch it next.

There has been entirely too much done in the drumming line in the way of inducing country merchants to buy goods. The ordinary country merchant is not only too ready, but too willing, to buy goods; and the consequence is that he overbuys himself to that extent the drumming system is wrong.

The Washington Star reports the daily receipts of internal revenue which amounts to nearly a million dollars. That amount of money is used up by the ordinary people of the country who do not indulge in the luxuries of the land. They are unable to drink any champagne or smoke any imported cigars.

The Banner has received a long letter from Mrs. F. E. Bohannon of Richmond and claiming that the statement published in the Galveston News does her brother Mr. Claxton an injustice. We were only to say that we published the item as a matter of news without the remotest idea of doing Mr. Claxton any injury and regret exceedingly that we cannot publish Mrs. Bohannon's statement in full. We can and do say that it was not the intention of the Banner to misrepresent any of the parties concerned in the difficulty.

The Dog Tax.

The Rockdale Messenger says that the dog tax has made much trouble in Milan county. It seems that a number of taxpayers have failed to pay their dog tax, and in consequence thereof some three hundred capias have been issued. The law is quoted as follows:

SECTION 3. That if any person shall keep a dog that has been assessed for taxes under this act, and shall fail to pay the tax on the same on or before the 1st day of January next, after said assessment is made, he or she shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof in any court of competent jurisdiction, shall be fined not less than five dollars and costs for each dog so kept, and it is hereby made the duty of county attorneys to prosecute on their own motion all delinquent tax payers under this act.

Upon this the County Attorney filed complaints against some three hundred delinquent dog tax payers, and the consequence is they are having a very lively time in Milan county, and no good feeling towards the officials.

The Insane.

The Waco Telephone has a good word to say in behalf of the insane. But a day or two ago the Banner recorded the fact that the sheriff of Harris county took an insane person to the State Lunatic Asylum, and had to return with an incurable patient. Here in Brenham we have four insane persons confined in the jail for the simple reason that the State is not able to take care of them. The facilities afforded by the ordinary county jail are entirely inadequate to the case of this unfortunate class of people. It usually happens that when a person becomes insane that their relatives are disposed to abandon them. There are now in the county jail three insane persons, and the grand jury would do well to investigate the circumstances under which these persons are kept at the county's expense.

UNTIL Texas ceases to be an exclusively agricultural country we will not have that degree of prosperity that should mark our fine farming location. This county is beyond any doubt the garden spot of Texas. We can and do raise more cotton than perhaps any other county in the State. What we need as a diversity of crops. It is presumed on the part of farmers that they understand their business much better than newspaper men. Perhaps they do. The newspaper man has an every day experience with them. We, as newspaper men, do not propose to dictate to them, but our experience from one year to another proves to us that we, so far as our information goes to show, are right. Whenever there are manufactories established at home we will have prosperous times—not before.

The Brenham Banner is willing to look "prospects" for the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Road at a heavy discount.—Benton Journal.

The Brenham Banner has worked entirely too hard for the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railroad to sell out on any such terms as our respected confrere suggests. We have implicit confidence in the ultimate building of the road. It is to use a vulgar remark, a "ground hog case" with Galveston, as well as with Brenham. The road will be built, and speedily at that.

A Mr. McPherson, while cutting timber near Dallas, fell a tree across a brush pile, stirring up a den of rattlesnakes, which Mr. Mc. endeavored to kill, and in so doing was bitten by one of them. Being his handkerchief above the bite to prevent the "too true circulation of the poison in his system, he made for home. The wound began to swell rapidly and caused great pain. He drank a quart of whiskey without the least sign of intoxication. The wound was sucked by his heroic wife, and the venom was removed. At last accounts he was doing very well, and no fear is entertained of his recovery.

The Dallas Herald is disposed to think that the colored man and brother is as good as a white man provided he behaves himself.

STATE NEWS.

Thieves are plentiful in Dallas. —Sherman has a \$40,000 Methodist church.

San Antonio is to have a public reading room. —Racing is becoming fashionable in and about Round Rock.

"Storm" parties is the latest fashionable sensation at Dallas.

A little negro died of hydrophobia, near Bryan, a few days since. —Uncle Sam's boys in blue were seen at the other end of the street. —Denison has now \$650 of public school funds in the hands of her city treasurer.

It is said that Blind Tom, the pianist, is to make a tour of Texas shortly.

Recent developments in Llano county has had a tendency to increase the mining interest.

A Dallas butcher has been arrested, charged with the theft of five head of beef cattle. —The Austin Statesman reads the Houston Age a well-timed lecture on its contraction principles.

Hurray for Cherokee county. She is not only out of debt, but has a surplus of \$3,000 in her treasury. —A one-legged man has been delighting the San Antonians by walking a tight-rope in that old town.

The Seldin-Irwin combination are playing at Dallas, and the Fay Templeton troupe are at Brownville.

The temperance movement is on the advance in Waco. The Examiner man and the Telephone are much on temperance.

The News says that Flipper will be given the commanding position at the colored branch of the A. and M. College at Hempstead.

The average country newspaper man amuses himself by dunning his subscribers. The paper referred to says it would sue its grandmother, which is certainly a fearful threat.

Waco is a town that claims over ten thousand inhabitants; but still it appears by the Telephone that they have nothing more to do than play the played out game of sniping.

The gamblers of Waco do things on Christian principles. They do not shoot innocent birds, but amuse themselves by shooting at glass balls. The snipes and partridges have an easy time.

Some wise-acre has ascertained that it requires, 5,690 saloons, 12 distilleries, 42 breweries and 118 wholesale liquor dealers to furnish the people of Texas with "something to drink."

Waco has been the victim of a sensation. A young man who was well dressed was roamed that "green" town, and took the boys in. In consequence thereof the Examiner feels a little sore.

No, all ye that thirst for military glory, Now is the time to show your hand. A government recruiting officer has been opened at San Antonio, and patriotic young men now have a chance to serve their country upon the battle field.

U. S. soldiers at San Antonio get drunk, become boisterous, and insult ladies and gentlemen with impunity. The Express says: "Our citizens will not submit to being knocked down and insulted, and our police will use their weapons hereafter when attacked by these ruffians, as was the case Thursday night." —Lumpasas Dispatch: There is a considerable amount of cotton yet to be ginned. Three schools are in successful operation in the town of Lumpasas. More children are taught than ever before. The County Court will be in session next week. Look out for a lively time. We have been imposed upon by our imposing stone maker. He is a fraud and a swindler. Had a fine time last with a serenade. The boys made good music. Have a good run of Galveston advertisements. Trade is usually dull.

Senator Voorhees' Speech.

(St. Louis Republican.)

Senator Voorhees' speech on the silver question took a very wide range. It went far beyond the silver question, and took in the whole money question, with all the phases it presents now and all that it has presented in the last ten years. It foreshadows that expansion of the issue which we shall see take place if the popular demand for silver dollars shall be thwarted by a veto of the bill now before the Senate. Mr. Voorhees brings up that monstrous and indecipherable act of a Republican Congress, the conversion of the five twenty greenback bonds into coin bonds, and denounces it in unmeasured terms. He says of it: "In the whole financial history of the civilized world no parallel can be found to this audacious deed of broken faith, deliberate treachery to the people and national dishonesty. It stands out by itself, towering high above all common frauds, and dwarfing them in comparison with its own vast proportions. It will bear the names of those who enacted it to distant generations, amidst the groans, curses and lamentations of those who toil on land and on sea, and more deeply engraven than any other name will be forever found that of the secretary of the treasury as the author of what he, himself, said constituted the two-fold crime of repudiation and extortion."

Mr. Voorhees, in support of his position, quotes the language of Senator Morton in 1869, as follows: "A combination of stock-jobbers, as destitute of conscience as pirates, and inspired alone by greed for money, successfully 'hounded' at these doors and finally deceived this government into the most stupendous act of bad faith and legalized robbery ever practiced upon any people since the dawn of history."

This is strong language, but it is not stronger than the case demands; it expresses the opinions of a distinguished Republican living Democrat—and it would not be out of the way, perhaps, to say that it expresses the opinions of a majority of the Democrats and Republicans of the country at this day.

Mr. Voorhees demands the repeal of the resumption act, the abolition of the national bank system, and that legal-tender greenbacks be made the sole paper currency of the country, to be issued to an amount indicated by the wants of business, and to be receivable in payment of all debts, public and private, including interest on the national debt and custom duties. These are wild propositions. They embrace the policy of the greenback party, as it is called, and it adopted would bear us away from the safe anchorage into which we have been tending for the last three years, and forces us to try the inflation experiment over again. It is significant, however, that these wild schemes have found a champion in the senate at last. The fact is suggestive and prophetic. It shows the strong popular exasperation which the harsh measures of the creditor classes of the East are inciting, and it indicates the violent and extreme retaliatory forms which this exasperation will exhibit if the senseless provocation shall be maintained.

CHEERFUL WOMEN.—What a blessing to a household is a merry, cheerful woman—one whose spirits are not affected by wet days, or little disappointments, or whose milk of human kindness does not sour in the sunshine of prosperity. Such a woman in the darkest hours brightens the house like a little piece of sunshine weather. The magnetism of her smiles and electrical brightness of her looks and movements infect every one. The children go to school with a sense of something great to be achieved; her husband goes into the world in a conqueror's spirit. No matter how low people annoy and worry him all day, day off her presence shines, and he whispers to himself: "At home I shall find rest." So day by day she literally renews his strength and energy, and if you know a man with a beaming face, a kind heart, and a prosperous business, in nine cases out of ten you will find he has a wife of this kind.

A RESOLUTE WOMAN.—At Deadwood, D. T., Tuesday, Mrs. Elizabeth F. Lovell made her appearance at the Mother Mine and ordered the men at work therein to leave the mine, at the same time drawing a six shooter to enforce the demand. The men withdrew, when she set down the windlass and threw the ore car down the hill. One of the owners of the mine began expostulating with her, when she again drew the revolver and fired, but with no other effect than to convince the miners of the earnestness of her intentions. The miners subsequently had Mrs. Lovell arrested.

PEACE negotiations are still going on between the Turks and Russians. The Russians have the best of the fight so far.

Chappell Hill Locals.

CHAPPELL HILL, Jan. 20, 1878.

The "early" heads were on the war-path generally in Chappell Hill Saturday night, and the consequence was several were "thrashed." None took "snags."

Several parties passed through Chappell Hill on Sunday in search of hungry thieves, horse thieves and thieves generally, who had been tracked nearly here by the party, where their track was lost. The proposition is the thieves took to the north or south, as they were water-bound on the east. The party separated, and each took a favorable course, and are apt to capture the gentlemen.

Chappell Hill now locates and comes to the front with a "military company," which numbers about twenty members. They were discovered in the moonshine the other night going through the usual maneuver incident and preparatory to the siege of Mexico. While double quacking down Main street, the head of the column was attacked by the man who wanted a "bisquit." The captain gave the order, and "eggs" did the balance.

Hempstead Locals.

Tom, Bell was shot and instantly killed here about 1 o'clock last evening by a would be horse thief, Bell was standing by his horse waiting for Robt. Key to come out of a store to go home with him. The thief attempted to steal Keys horse when Bell stopped him, whereupon the thief, stepped back and fired at Bell killing him and his horse. The murderer escaped. He gave his name as Lacy.

RESOLUTION.

Approved January 8th, 1878.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the city of Brenham—

Section 1. That the Poll Tax levied by the City of Brenham, 1877, and this resolution is rescinded, and is hereby appropriated to the School fund.

Section 2. That the City Assessor and Collector be and is he is hereby authorized to credit the amount upon collection to the account of the School fund; and to account for and pay the same over to the Treasurer on account of said fund. Approved January 8th, 1878. J. T. J. O'Riordan, Mayor. Attest: C. H. Carlisle, Secretary.

AN ORDINANCE—Making and publishing a new map of the city of Brenham—

Section 1. That the plot of lots and streets as made by agreement between W. G. Wilkins and others in the case of No. 5107, in the District Court of Washington county, which said plot appears of record in the record of Deeds of Washington county, Texas, Book No. 6, pages 424, 425, and to which reference is here made and made—the same be and is hereby made and recognized by the City of Brenham as far as the limits of said corporation extend at present, or may hereafter be extended by competent authority, as an addition to said city.

Section 2. The names of the streets and the numbers of the blocks and lots as herein made and numbered are hereby adopted; and the said addition is hereby made to the map of the said city of Brenham.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall have effect and go into force from and after its passage. Approved Jan. 8th, 1878. J. T. J. O'Riordan, Mayor. Attest: C. H. Carlisle, Secretary.

AN ORDINANCE amending an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to levy and provide for the collection of license or Occupation tax," approved June 21st, 1876.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the city of Brenham—

Section 1. That section 1 of an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to levy and provide for the collection of license or occupation tax," approved June 21st, 1876, be and the same is hereby amended so as to read hereafter as follows, to-wit:

Section 1. That there be and is hereby levied for the use of the city, for general expenditures, upon every person, firm, company, or association of persons pursuing occupations, upon whom there is a tax levied by the State, an annual occupation tax of one-half of said tax as levied by said Legislature of the State of Texas, entitled "An Act to regulate taxation and to fix the rate of the same," filed in the office of the Secretary of State Jan. 21st, 1876; provided, that where a tax is levied by said Act for each county in which said person, firm, company, or association of persons may do business, then the tax herein levied shall be and is the same as the tax levied in said county as county taxes.

Section 2. This ordinance shall go into force and have effect from and after its passage. Approved January 8th, 1878. J. T. J. O'Riordan, Mayor. Attest: C. H. Carlisle, Secretary.

Notice to Delinquent Tax Payers.—I have received from the Comptroller of Public Accounts at Austin, through the County Assessor of this county, and now have in my possession the list of delinquent tax payers on real estate for the years 1876, 1877 and 1878; and on personal property for the years 1874 and 1875; and in compliance with the provisions of "An Act to enforce the collection of delinquent taxes, on land as assessed since January 4, 1870, I have posted at the public places in Washington County, to-wit: Brenham, Burton and Chappell Hill, a list of all parties who are delinquent on real estate for each year, which list will remain posted at said places for 60 days; at the expiration of which time, I will proceed to advertise and sell said property for the taxes due thereon, unless the same be paid or satisfactory evidence produced showing that it has already been paid. The law does not require the collection of the tax on personal property; therefore all parties who are delinquent on account of taxes due on personal property are earnestly requested to pay the same within 30 days or produce satisfactory evidence that it has been paid, otherwise I will proceed to enforce the same by levy and sale. The prompt attention of delinquent tax payers to the above will save cost and trouble. B. A. HARTIN, Collector. Brenham Tex. Dec. 28, 1877.

AN ORDINANCE.

Levying a Tax for Public Free School purposes.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the city of Brenham—

Section 1. That the tax payable on the 4th day of January, 1877, in the year of 1877, be and is hereby levied for the purpose of maintaining the public Free Schools of the city of Brenham; and the same is hereby levied for the use of the city, in the support and maintenance of the Public Free Schools; for the school year commencing Sept. 1st, 1877, and ending Jan. 30th, 1878, on all property, real and personal, within the corporate limits of the said city, upon which a tax is levied by the State, as an annual direct and ad valorem tax of one fourth of one per cent.

Section 2. The Assessor and Collector shall assess and collect said tax in accordance with the ordinance of said city, and the general laws of the State.

Section 3. That all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance, be and is hereby repealed; and that this ordinance go into effect from and after its passage. Approved Aug. 30th, 1877. Attest: J. T. J. O'Riordan, Mayor. C. H. Carlisle, Secretary.

AN ORDINANCE.

Levying a special tax for Bond and Sinking Fund.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the city of Brenham—

Section 1. That there be and is hereby levied for the year 1877, for the use of the city as a Bond and Sinking Fund, upon all property, real and personal, within the corporate limits of the same, upon which a tax is levied by the State, an annual direct and ad valorem rate of one eighth of one per cent.

Section 2. The Assessor and Collector will proceed to assess and collect said tax in accordance with the ordinance of said city and the general laws of the State.

Section 3. That all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance, be and is hereby repealed; and that this ordinance go into effect from and after its passage. Approved August 20th, 1877. Attest: J. T. J. O'Riordan, Mayor. C. H. Carlisle, Secretary.

THOMAS JEFFERSON, Painter and Whitewasher.

H. FISHER, DEALER IN WESTERN PRODUCE, STAPLE AND Fancy Groceries, WINES, LIQUORS, ETC. Near the Depot. BRENHAM, TEXAS.

CITY RESTAURANT, Mrs. C. McDOVALD, Proprietress. Opposite the Cotton Exchange. Oysters, fish and game in season. Meals at all hours. Board, by the day, week or month.

O. K. Saloon, Ant Street, Opposite Central House, Brenham, Texas.

The undersigned, proprietor of this house, takes pleasure in announcing to friends and customers that he has opened in Brenham's new building, a first class bar, first class room, Everything first class. The finest imported liquors and "Fronch" wine, imported cigars, and Swiss gloves, imported sausage and all other delicacies and substantial things belonging to the lanch department.

Attached to the saloon is a private sitting room, which is at all times at the disposal of my friends. SAM MEYER, Proprietor.

GEBBER'S SALOON, Sandy St. Opposite Banner Office, Brenham, Texas.

E. GERBER, Proprietor. This house is well supplied at all times with the best liquors, wines, St. Louis Ale and beer; also domestic and imported cigars. Agent at this place for the celebrated Stone-well whiskey. A private sitting-room, for the convenience of customers, is attached to my saloon. Patronsage solicited. nov30/78

FURNITURE! FURNITURE! MRS. CAROLINE WITTEBORG has acquired and will continue the business of her late husband, C. Witteborg, at the old stand on Main street as DEALER IN FURNITURE, Such as Bedsteads, Washbasins, Sofas, Lounges, Chairs, Bureaus, and in fact every article desired by housekeepers.

UNDER-TAKING. Undertaking will continue to receive prompt attention. Also, Metallic Burial Cases and Coffin Trimmings on hand at all times. CAROLINE WITTEBORG, May 1st, 1878. dkw11

Confectioneries! A full and complete assortment of Candies, Nuts, Toys, Fruits, &c. Just received and for sale at bottom prices. FAUSTINO BITTOR, nov28/78 Next to Oldlings Bank.

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. Dec 8, 1874.

WILLIAM ZEISS, Baker and Confectioner, Main Street, Brenham, Texas.

Dealer in Staple and Fancy Groceries, Wines, Liquors, Lager Beer, &c. Hot and fresh Cakes and Pies on hand at all times.

H. FRANK, Dealer in Guns, Pistols and Ammunition, and manufacturer of Fire and Bangor Proof Safes, Ant street, Brenham, Texas.

Guns, Pistols and Safes for sale at about notice. Iron doors and window blinds made to order. All kinds of carriage and ammunition kept on hand. Oct 19, 77-ly.

BAYOU CITY IRON WORKS. A. MCGOWEN, Manufacturer of Steam Engines, Boilers, Saw Mills, COTTON PRESSES. Gun Carriages and all kinds of Castings made to order. Houston, Texas.

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 fowls. The Patronage of the public solicited. Oct 3-4

D. G. SMITH, SADDLE-TREE MAKER, Brenham, Texas.

All orders filled promptly at living prices. Patronage solicited. Feb 1976

GEORGE SIMPSON, Barber and Hair-Dresser, Ant street, under the Central House, Brenham, Texas.

Shaving, shampooing, dying and hair cutting done to order. Patronage solicited. Jan 3/78