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POTATOES AND BEANS.
The Brenham correspondent of the *Houston Age* writes: "It looks as if beans and potatoes were not, after all, going to prove a source of revenue to our farmers." * * * "It looks at last as if cotton was the farmer's only reliance."
The "bed rock" facts are, the season was very unfavorable. Just at the time rain was most needed to make potatoes, the weather was dry, and in some instances, the Colorado potato bug damaged the vines. We have not the exact date of the first shipment, but are satisfied that it was late. Beans, although not damaged by bugs, were also late, on account of the dry weather. Some few farmers, who got their beans in early, done very well with them, and express themselves as well satisfied with the result. There is no denying the fact that the crop, potatoes and beans, taken as a whole, has proved a failure this season. But the failure should be attributed to the true cause; late planting, and an unfavorable season. We entertain no doubt but that both potatoes and string beans can be raised as a paying crop in this section of the country. In order to make them profitable, they must be in market early. Potatoes, up to the 1st of May, were a good price in St. Louis; not less than from \$4 to \$5 per barrel; sufficient to leave a good price for the producer. The shippers from here made a very serious mistake in shipping small potatoes, which are wholly unmarketable and spoil the sale of the lot. In shipping new potatoes to the northern markets, none under an inch and a half in diameter should be put up. Market gardeners east of the Mississippi, especially those on the coast below New Orleans and in the vicinity of Mobile, have been for years extensively engaged in the business of shipping early vegetables, and have made it very profitable. The cardinal point is in reaching the market early. But in order to obtain good prices, the articles must be in good order; damaged vegetables rarely pay the freight and charges.

This season's attempt to raise potatoes and beans should be regarded more in the light of an unsuccessful experiment than as an absolute failure. Gardeners in the vicinity of Houston have heretofore been successful, in this business. It is one attended with great risk, and requires experience in handling to be made successful. The general cause of failure has been the bad condition in which the articles reached market, and this is not infrequently brought about by delay in transportation. In addition to this, shipments were made from here long after the St. Louis market was glutted with potatoes and beans.

As regards cotton, there is no doubt but that it must, for a long time to come, remain the chief reliance of the farmers of this section of the State. If, however, a few dollars in ready money can be made between cotton crops, they will not come amiss to most producers of the "king." From experiments made this season, it seems that wheat can be successfully raised in this county. Of the wheat crop we shall have something to say in the future.

A Waco special of the 30th ult. to the *Galveston News* says Lang arrived on the evening train, being received by the Central City Guards, etc. He spoke nearly two hours. He said: "I have never authorized anyone to announce me as an independent candidate. I am a Democrat. I confirm to the usages of the Democratic party, and shall submit to them. Will accept the nomination for governor if nominated by the Democratic convention. Will abide by its decision and support the nominee." The report says, on the whole his speech was very pointless and very offensive. Lang said positively he would not be a candidate for lieutenant governor.

PRECINCT MEETING.
As will be noticed by a call in another column, there will be a precinct meeting of the Democracy held at the courthouse on Saturday next, the 8th inst. We have heretofore urged the importance of a full attendance at the primary meetings. They are the most important in all political campaigns, as upon their action depends the choice of delegates to the State convention, the county convention, and also, the congressional and senatorial conventions. It is of the utmost importance that every Democrat in the precinct attend. Let us have a full and free expression of opinion. The precinct meeting is the time and place for its expression, as the delegates to be elected are expected to reflect the opinion of the people, and coming as they do, direct from them, they should represent their wishes. At this meeting it should be determined what action shall be taken at the convention in regard to the nomination of a ticket for county officers, and whether it is desirable that nominations be made at the convention or whether they be postponed until a later period. It would, in all probability, be better to defer nominating a county ticket until along towards the beginning of autumn.

From the best information we can get, the Republican camp of this county is in a state of insurrection; they are disorganized and very unharmonious; there are three or four "bell-wethers," each of which is trying to lead the other's flock to his pasture. So far, none of them have been successful. By waiting patiently it may be that a good many of the dissatisfied Republicans can be won over to the Democratic ranks. The expediency of this idea can only be determined by consultation, and that should be done at the primary meeting, where all can be present. Due notice of the meeting is given, and there should be no excuse for non-attendance.

The meeting will be held with open doors, and the "bell-wethers" of the Republican party who advocate Star Chamber and Secret Conclaves are respectfully invited to come in and take seats on the mourners' bench.

The *Marlin Ball* published at the home of Capt. Lang and supposed to speak by the card says: "Capt. Lang is perfectly willing to submit his name to the Democratic State convention if it adheres to Democratic usages, one being the retention of the two-thirds rule. If the two-thirds rule abrogated he will not submit his name to go before the convention, but if adhered to he will support the nominee." Capt. Lang is satisfied that he cannot get a majority of the convention over Hubbard or Throckmorton and hopes by the enforcement of the two-thirds rule to be nominated as a compromise man. The State convention should consult Capt. Lang before abrogating the two-thirds rule.

The *LaGrange Record* of the 29th May exposes its eagle to the breeze and immediately under the aforesaid eagle announces Hon. John Hancock as its first choice for Congress, subject to the action of the District convention. Editorially it gives Hon. John Hancock a flattering endorsement. It does not appear whether the announcement is made by request or simply as a matter of preference. So far as the *BANNER* is concerned, we are able to learn the sentiment of the Democracy of this district. Seth Shepard is the favorite and we entertain no doubt but that he will be the almost unanimous choice of the convention. In point of ability Mr. Shepard is the peer of any man in the district. Simply because Mr. Hancock has been to congress is no reason he should go again.

EDITORIAL BREVITIES.
The Potter committee has commenced work at Washington. Anderson had the distinction of being the first witness before the committee.
In the Senate Morgan's amendment appropriating \$5000 to investigate the history and habits of insects injurious to the cotton plant was passed.
OWING to the drought prevailing in Chihuahua, Mexico, corn is worth \$6 per bushel. The *San Antonio Express* thinks corn can be shipped there from western Texas.
The Alabama Democratic State convention nominated R. W. Cobb, for governor; W. W. Screws, for secretary of state; J. H. Vincent for treasurer and Willis Brewer for auditor.
EDWARD WEBB, a negro, was hanged at Mansfield, O., on Saturday last. The intention was to hang Webb privately, but the mob broke down the barriers, and the execution was public.
CULBERTSON'S bill for an additional judicial district in Texas passed the House. It provides for a term of court at Austin, Galveston, San Antonio, Brownsville, Tyler, Jefferson, Dallas, and Graham.
The Bannock Indians, of Idaho, having been supplied with arms and ammunition because they were good Indians, have gone upon the war path and propose driving off the settlers.
A SPECIAL to the *Galveston News* reports Escobedo on the Mexican side of the Rio Grande with a force of 150 men taking things right and left. He has captured Presidio Rio Grande, Moria Mordos and Saragosa.
The *Mexia Ledger* exclaims, "Throckmorton, Hubbard and Lang!" Here is a trio, not one of whom the great mass of Texans at heart want for their Chief Executive. It wants an acceptable man, but does not name the "dark horse."
The *Huntsville Item*, Phoenix like, arises from its ashes. It has a picture of a Phoenix in its title. The said Phoenix in a homemade rooster, whittled out with a jack knife and is an excellent likeness of the proprietor, Item George. The *BANNER* wishes the *Item* many years of prosperity and usefulness.
B. M. HOBBY has been sentenced to the penitentiary for six years on two different counts. It seems that A. M. Hobby is about to escape scot free. By legal technicalities he is likely to escape though there is scarcely any doubt but that he is equally guilty with his brother Barney.

The *Waco Examiner* insists that its nomination of Lang for governor, without the usual conditions attached, was implied, though not expressed. Perhaps it was, but it did not so appear. The *Examiner* says: "This, the only objection, being thus removed, we hope to see the *BANNER* unfurl next week with Lang for governor." The *BANNER* does not unfurl that way. It has no favorite to urge or axe to grind. It will be satisfied with the nominee of the convention, whoever he may be.

The *Galveston News* referring to the *BANNER*'s statement that Throckmorton will not receive three-fourths of the votes polled in Washington county asks: "What dark nag has old Washington staked out now?" The *BANNER* does not claim that Washington county has any particular favorite. As between Hubbard and Throckmorton, public sentiment is about equally divided with, perhaps, the balance in favor of Hubbard.

When a paper starts out with the express purpose of filling "a long-felt want," it fills it from one to four months, besides filling the editor with disgust and pocket-book with patent medicine orders, and then the end.—*Norristown Herald.*

STATE NEWS.
—Precinct No. 3, Brazos county is for Lang.
—In Victoria county the ladies go coon hunting.
—Throckmorton is said to be the first choice of Walker county and Lang the second.
—The Falls county convention met on Saturday, at Marlin, and nominated Col. Lang for governor.
—The Johnston Guards, of Hempstead, will soon receive forty stand of improved Springfield muskets.
—Work on the Brazos bridge near Hempstead was suspended on Wednesday on account of high water.
—The chinch bug has made its appearance near Wealden, in Gonzales county, and has destroyed a small patch of corn.
—On Saturday last a negro was taken from the Helena jail by a mob and hung for an outrage committed upon a white woman.

—The *San Antonio Express*, of the 26th ult., reports two coal oil explosions. A Mexican girl, aged 14 years, was severely burned.
—C. Karsch, a Houston bookbinder, was found dead in the pest house on the bayou near Houston. Bad whiskey killed him.
—A black buck negro entered the chamber of a young lady in Houston and choked her nearly to death. His object was robbery.
—Dr. Jett Pincard should be under everlasting obligations to the *Victoria Advocate* for its advertisement of him as a first-class dead beat.

—In Gonzales county the county convicts are hired out at 10 to 15 dollars per month. During two years only two convicts have escaped.
—Mr. E. M. Fly, whose farm is near Gonzales, has an orchard in which is growing apples, pears, peaches, plums, quinces, figs, mulberries, grapes, etc.
—A. M. Hobby whose case has been on trial several days in the criminal district court at Galveston, was at 1:05 o'clock on Friday acquitted by the jury.
—The *Houston Telegram* gives a lengthy account of the Fort Bend county fair at Richmond. Over one thousand persons were on the ground. The fair is a success.

—The *Austin Gazette* says Capt. Lee Hall and his men have gone to Corpus Christi for re-organization, the means having been raised for keeping them in the field.
—Mr. J. L. Goforth, who lives on Bear creek, eighteen miles south-west of Fort Worth, has 400 acres in wheat. The *Standard* says Mr. G. will make from 8,000 to 10,000 bushels.
—At Hempstead last week there was rumors of trouble in the vicinity of Crawford's rancho. A constable and posse proceeded to the scene of the supposed trouble, but found everything serene.

—The *Denison News* learns that during the hail storm in Lamar county last week, the ground was covered with hail one-half foot deep. A child was killed by hail and one man severely injured.
—The First National bank of Dallas suspended on Thursday afternoon. The suspension was caused by the withdrawal of \$20,000 deposits since Monday and inability to realize at present upon assets.
—A stock man was robbed of \$1040 in greenbacks near San Patricio. Some suspected Mexicans were captured and hanged a little bit. They told where the money was and it was recovered.

—Col. Wash Jones made a speech at Austin on Saturday to a large audience. He was severe upon the press, but gave the *Galveston News* credit for fairness. Judge Hadcock was bitterly criticized.
—The *Mexia Ledger* says crops in its section of the country were never in a more prosperous condition. If a good rain comes about the middle of June corn won't be worth more than 15 or 20 cents a bushel in the fall.
—The Travis county convention met on Saturday and elected delegates to the State convention. Both Hubbard and Throckmorton claim the delegation. The former claim 17 out of 23 votes and the latter seeks to regard their chances good for a bare majority of the delegation. The *Austin correspondent* of the *News* says, as between the two, Hubbard appears to have a clear majority.

Common Sense in Advertising.
We notice in the leading newspapers of late a good deal of sensible talk on the subject of advertising. Much of it is contributed by leading advertisers themselves, who have had large and expensive experience, and have kept such a careful and intelligent record of the costs and results of the various kinds of advertising that their testimony amounts to a practical demonstration. They have tried all methods, from the stereopticon and the street-car placard, to the big white painted letters on fences and the periodical hand-bills stuffed with advertisements, and showed under the doors or into the pockets of people who never open them. The testimony of all these experienced men enforces the conclusion that, for genuine, effective advertising medium, which is sure to bring a prompt and liberal return for the money invested, there is nothing comparable for a moment with the columns of a live, interesting newspaper, to which the intelligent and well-to-do people of a community look for news and opinions upon current events. We venture to say that every business man in Cleveland, who has made a trial of the various methods of advertising under discussion, has reached the conclusion. The day of illustrated placards, almanacs and "advertisers' directories" is past in this country. The business has been overdone, for times been wasted in it, and the barrenness of results from all such outlays has prejudiced some classes of business men against the whole subject of advertising. The subject is, however, but limited and temporary, and the tide of intelligent opinion is settling back to first principles—that is, in favor of fresh, well-written and attractive advertisements, frequently changed in form and inserted in the leading newspapers of the community that the advertiser desires to reach.

Money judiciously expended in this way is never lost, and it often brings a return of ten, twenty, or fifty fold. The influence and range of the newspaper is broadening and deepening day by day. The journalism of the United States has ripened and improved in tone and character more during the past ten years than it had done in the previous fifty. We are a busy people, and have little time or taste for long stories. The increased range and variety of the newspaper are trenching upon the domain of the book publisher, the pulpit and the lecturer. More and more, year by year, the daily and weekly journal is furnishing almost the sole reading matter for a large portion of the people. For exactly this reason its value as an advertising medium is increasing day by day. We say this from no merely selfish motive, but because it is true, and it is to the interest of the businessmen who are preparing to spread their sales to the spring breezes of returning prosperity, that they bear it in mind. Money spent in advertising may be wasted or bring back golden fruitage, according to the degree of intelligence with which it is dispensed. Put it into a good, live, popular newspaper, which will carry your advertisement to the counting-rooms, the breakfast tables, and the fire-sides of the people who have wants to be met, and with money with which to meet them. This is the whole precious secret of successful advertising.—*Cleveland Leader.*

Some one threatens to start another paper in Belton. The *Journal*, in the following chaste and beautiful language, extends an invitation to the party to "sail in."
The *Journal* has been threatened by two or three individuals this week with an opposition paper. It has attended more than one newspaper funeral during its twelve years' existence, and if those who differ with its course would like to try us a whirl, just let them lift the hoodwink from the "Eagle's Eye" that it may take an obsequial at the situation.

The *DAILY BANNER* contains more reading matter than is to be found in any other daily paper published west of the Brazos, excepting the *Statesman* and the *San Antonio dailies*. It rarely has a long-winded editorial and devotes itself to news in variety.—*Austin Statesman.*

Home Adornment.
A farmer's residence should be surrounded by trees, shrubs and vines, all carefully pruned, and the walks, roads and paths should be kept scrupulously clean and in perfect repair. The odds and ends of the lumber pile and all trash should be removed to some more distant and less frequented locality, if it cannot at once be forever destroyed.
Nothing around the farm house should offend the senses. Trees should not be a welcome at every step. Fruits should please the taste and flowers should delight the eye. The very air of such a home should impart a feeling of peace and contentment to all who live within its magic circle. Such a home makes its inmates feel content with their calling. No unsatisfied longings for something beyond reach should ever vex or annoy.
Such homes we have seen. They are somewhat rare, it is true, but as the farmer improves his opportunities and educates himself, we feel sure that their number will multiply, and when they do, the sons and daughters in these homes will be content to remain, instead of gratifying an unhealthy longing for new and untried scenes and pursuits.
Farm adornments are so inexpensive and the necessary labor so light that the wonder to us is that comparatively so few attempt even the most primitive efforts. Bare walls stare at us from the roadside and disorder and decay are often too often conspicuously prominent.
Let our Grangers take up this matter, and by offering premiums create a healthy emulation which in a few years, will change the desolate appearance of our farm houses and their immediate surroundings to something beautiful and attractive.—*Home Journal.*

It is said by one who knows that Wash Jones is the Republican candidate for Congress, and that he has tackled the Greenback attachment on to the tail of his hobby-horse, in order to dupe a few sore-headed Democrats.—*Brenham Banner.*

While we are disposed to discredit this opinion, it is true that he is playing into Radical hands by another process. He may render the election of Edmund J. Davis possible as a third candidate in the race.—*Austin Gazette.*

A Houston hide buyer went to Hockley a few days ago and bought a lot of hides. While they were being put in order for shipment, Mr. Roberts, an extensive stock owner, appeared upon the ground and asked the privilege of examining them. It was granted, and Mr. R. found 30 hides with his brands. The cattle had stolen. The Houston hide man left, refusing to have anything to do with the lot.
A rope walker collected \$7 from a crowd that gathered in Cleburne, Pa., to see him perform. He spent the money in a bar-room, and was drunk when the time came for his feat. The rope was stretched across a street from the roofs of two houses. He started unsteadily, reached the centre, and fell. His recovery is improbable.

CONVENTION FOR THE FIFTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT.
To the Democracy of the Fifth Congressional District of Texas:
A convention of delegates from the several counties comprising the Fifth congressional district will assemble at the city of Brenham on Wednesday the 7th of August, 1878, for the purpose of nominating a candidate for representative in congress from said district, and for the discharge of such other duties as may devolve upon it.
Organizations of the Democratic party in the different counties will take such action as may insure full and fair representation in the convention.
Papers throughout the district friendly to the cause are requested to publish this announcement.
THOMAS M. JAMES,
Chairman Democratic Executive Committee, Fifth Congressional District.

COUNTY CONVENTION.
A Convention of the Democratic party of Washington County will convene at the City of Brenham on SATURDAY, JUNE 15TH, 1878, for the purpose of selecting delegates to represent the County in the State Convention to be held at Austin July 17th 1878, also in the Congressional Convention, to be held in Brenham August 7th, 1878, and in the Senatorial District Convention for the 20th Senatorial District, to be held in Brenham, Saturday the 10th of August, 1878, and to take such other action as they may deem advisable.
In order that the Democratic sentiment of Washington County may be fairly and impartially represented in this Convention, I most respectfully urge upon every Democrat in the County to attend the primary meetings, which may be held in his precinct, and thus secure such action by the Convention as will meet the hearty endorsement of the party.

M. W. THOMPSON,
Chm's Dem. County Executive Committee.
SENATORIAL DISTRICT CONVENTION.
A Convention of the Democratic party of the 20th Senatorial District, composed of the counties of Austin, Burnet and Washington, will convene at Brenham on SATURDAY, AUGUST 10TH, 1878, for the purpose of nominating a candidate to represent the District in the Senate of the 16th Legislature of Texas.
W. THOMPSON,
Chairman 20th Dist.

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Highest cash price paid or same delivered at my warehouse.
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PREACHER
was with below. When taken to the State prison, his ability to sell of the charge.

The largest and best attended meeting ever held in Bell county took place at Cedar creek. Great enthusiasm was manifested in favor of the Santa Fe railroad and large additions were made to the subscription list. Bell county is determined to have the road.

The State Savings bank of Dallas is a badly bursted institution. According to the schedule published in the *Herald* the liabilities of the bank is \$51,641,50, exclusive of the capital stock; its assets \$41,000 composed of bills receivable and overdrafts. It will pay from 25 to 33 cents on the dollar.

There was a professional war in San Antonio. One professor had threatened to cowhide another. They met; one on horseback and the other on foot. The pedestrian, seeing the enemy approach, had gathered a hand-full of stones, and pelting the equestrian, managed to escape the cowhiding.

At the criminal district court in Galveston, B. M. Hobby was convicted of forging and uttering City railroad stock and his punishment assessed at three years in the penitentiary. He pleaded guilty to forging land certificates and was assessed three years on that count. The case A. M. Hobby is pending.

The *Galveston Citizen* of the 29th ult. says a train on the G. C. and S. F. railroad yesterday brought in three car loads of cotton, one of sugar and one of general produce. Six cars will be sent up next week for cattle. When the bridge is completed across the Brazos the advantages of this road will be apparent to all.

Collin county appoints 150 delegates to the State convention and 31 to congressional convention. The two-thirds rule is condemned. Throckmorton was unanimously and enthusiastically endorsed. The delegation when they all get to Austin should start an encampment under the name of "Throckmorton battalion."

Fred Robinson, a negro 22 years old, was hanged at Groesbeck on Friday last. He was convicted of having committed a rape upon Mrs. Levi Whitley, a white woman, on the 7th of November last. The penalty is death. Upon the gallows Fred said he was guilty and felt that justice had been done him by the court and jury. The execution was public; between three and four thousand persons were present.