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Two leading questions just now pique intense curiosity. Is Stanly, the white Pasha, and will the rain keep off till McLennan county can gather in her crops.

Supstrokes are rare enough in Texas but one occurred yesterday in Texarkana in which, one R. Fleming, of London, England, died from a genuine Coup de Soliel.

A "rugged impediment to corporate control" is what the Cleveland and Thurman club of Fort Worth, dubbed Hon. J. S. Hogg in electing him an honorary member yesterday. The title is sonorous and would make pretty initials. Hon. J. S. Hogg, R. I. of C. C. R. I. of C. C. is good, it is also new.

A four foot vein of coal, superior to anthracite of course, has been discovered near San Antonio, and is being whooped up, which leads us to ask, what has become of that wonderful carboniferous deposit in Limestone county to develop which, the city council of Waco was asked to subscribe a million dollars and to which, the committee of fifteen was asked to build a railroad, a glittering bait at which neither council nor committee even nibbled.

An eclipse of the moon takes place next week, Sunday, July 22d. It will be total, a rare occurrence and occurs in the middle of the night and at an altitude largely free from that obstacle which is a bar to observation, namely, a low atmosphere. It is considered an important eclipse among astronomers, and preparations on an extensive scale are being made to observe it in the great observatories. It will also be a treat to common folks as the seats are free. As it is on the night and at an hour when twenty million lovers are abroad star gazing, the eclipse will have a big spectatorship. One point likely to be determined will be whether the moon has a satellite, that is, if the moon has herself a moon.

Kansas must not be judged by Topeka, which seems to be a sort of Mecca for scallawags. There the distinguished adulterers found a sort of amorous Eden, being allowed to occupy a single room in a hotel, and were treated as if man and wife. Attracted by the tenderness of Topeka another eloping couple, W. B. Cowing and Mrs. Effie Somers, of Fort Scott, hid them to Parsons, Kansas, and put up at a prominent hotel to enjoy their stolen joys. They were arrested and begged to be allowed to return to their room under guard till morning, but the sheriff informed them that he was not that kind of a man, and Parsons not that kind of a town. He marched them off to jail to cool their amorous inclinations behind iron begrimed cells, even refusing to allow them the same cell which they begged him to do.

The negotiations between the gallant city of Waco and the coy Arkansas Pass should afford some amusement to the uninitiated spectator. It has been very much of a similitude to the courtship of an undecided young gentleman and a coy and flirtatious young damsel in its fits of alternating love-making, pouting and amorous quarrels. Yesterday it seemed to be in the latter stage where the love letters and rings and things have all been returned and the young lovesick swains don't speak as they pass by. To-day the whole aspect of the courtship seems to be changed and the lovers are billing and cooing with vows of eternal fidelity. In plain English the \$50,000 subscription has been made up, the contract signed or to be with Col. Cameron and grading will probably begin to-morrow. All's well that ends well.

State of the Crops.

The Sleepers are among the largest small grain farmers in the country. Mr. Gid Sleeper to-day gave a reporter a very clear idea of the condition of the wheat crop in his neighborhood, in fact of the county. In spite of the dry weather of a weeks continuance, to-day Mr Sleeper says is the first day in which wheat has been dry enough to thrash. This may seem singular as the heat has been intense while not a drop of rain has fallen for the past seven days. The reason is that while the sun has been hot there has been little wind and wind is far more drying than the sun but the greater reason is that since the wheat was cut the weeds have grown up waist high or as high as the shocks of wheat and hence the wheat shocks stand in a forest of tall weeds which the air can hardly touch. It will take a month of good weather to get wheat thrashed out in the county, and all depends on the weather as to damage to the crop, the damage so far not being great. The main injury so far to wheat and oats is in a little blackening of the grain thus reducing the quality and price. The crop of both is big but to secure it is what is now the matter of anxiety and continued dry weather is a matter of prime importance. The cotton, Mr. Sleeper states, is large and fine, and as to corn nothing was ever seen like it.

Wool is still on the free list in the tariff bill before the committee, according to this morning's press dispatches of congressional proceedings. That the consideration of the free wool clause is final before the committee, and not to be reopened seems conclusive from the following part of the motion: "On motion of Mills, of Texas, the date on which the free wool clause bill will go into effect was fixed at October 1st, 1888." Whatever changes may be yet made in the tariff bill in the committee, it is evident that in the bill to be submitted, wool will be free.

National Convention of Negroes.

P. A. Murray, chairman of the executive committee of the National Press Association, has just completed the call and programme of the next annual convention of colored editors to be held at Nashville, Tenn., Wednesday, August 1, 1888. Among the topics and papers to be discussed will be: "The Colored Press;" "Trades, Homes and Lands for the Negro;" "Surplus and Tariff Reduction;" "The Exodus as a Remedy for Southern Proscription;" "The Present Political Duty of the Negro;" "Does the Word Colored Negro, Afro-American, or Anglo-African, Properly Designate Our People?" "The Labor Problem in the South," etc.

Senor Antonio Flores, president-elect of the republic of Ecuador, who is now in New York, has had the novel experience of being nominated and elected president while he was thousands of miles from the scene of action. Ecuador contains not more than 240,000 square miles of territory. Senor Flores earnestly requested his friends not to nominate him for the office. Nevertheless, as he has not been in Ecuador for the past four years, he is rather proud of his election.

On the night of the close of the Republican National Convention, says the Chicago Times, Gov. Foster and Gov. Foraker, of Ohio, met. Foster openly accused Foraker of treachery to Sherman. Foraker colored in the face, and Foster gave emphasis to his accusation with the remark: "You are a traitor. You have dug a grave for yourself so deep that you'll not live long enough to crawl out of it. I made you what you have been, and I am ashamed of the job." The incident is vouched for by a delegate who saw the meeting and overheard the remark.

The statement is made, on the authority of Postmaster Dalton, of the house of representatives, that more than \$100,000 is now available at the capital to be wagered upon the election of Cleveland and Thurman. Congressman Tim Campbell, of New York, is authorized by a political club in New York city to bet \$25,000 in this manner at odds of 100 to 50. A number of democratic congressmen in the house have also signified their desire to make individual wagers from \$5,000 to \$10,000 at substantially the foregoing odds.

STATE NEWS.

One Hundred and Eighty-Two Bolls.
HEARN, Tex., July 16.—Mr. W. O. Spring manager of the Anderson plantation in the Brazos bottom, brought in a cotton stalk to-day containing 182 bolls by actual count.

Wreck on the Cotton Belt.
TEXARKANA, July 16.—The details of a horrible wreck, on the Cotton Belt line, which occurred this morning about twenty miles east of this city, reached here to-day. A stock train ran off the track, completely smashing eleven cars, fatally injuring the engineer and killing and mangleing several hundred cattle.

Collision at Longview.
LONGVIEW, July 16.—At 3 o'clock to-day two heavy freight trains collided here at the foot of Tyler avenue. The place of meeting was at a curve and high embankment. Both engines are fearfully torn up and resting their main heads together, with cars piled on top and aside. The engineers, fireman, conductors and brakemen were able to jump in time to save their lives.

Railroad Wreck.
TEXARKANA, Ark., July 16.—At Lewiston, twenty miles east of here, on the Cotton Belt road, a cattle train was wrecked at 8 o'clock last night. Cause not known. A brakeman was injured, perhaps fatally. Sixty-five head of cattle were killed outright and two hundred more escaped from the wreck unhurt, and are now at large in the woods.

Heatstroke.
CORSIKANA, Tex., July 16.—The heat to-day has been very oppressive and several cases of heatstroke are known. Mr. Joseph Goodson, Jr., was overcome by heat and fell in fainting fit this afternoon. A countryman, name not learned, died here to-day from congestion caused by being overheated yesterday. Mr. Banks Sutherland is lying ill from the same cause.

A Narrow Escape.
HITCHINS, Tex., July 16.—About 12 o'clock to-day W. R. Carter was attempting to drive a team attached to a reaper across the bridge over Rankin's branch, one-half mile south of town. One of the horses became frightened, and backing, forced both reaper and team over the side of the bridge into the bed of the branch, some ten feet below. Mr. Carter escaped unhurt, but the reaper is a wreck and the fractions horse will probably die from injuries received.

A Pioneer Dead.
GALVESTON, Tex., July 16.—Mr. John J. Hand, one of the old proprietors of the Galveston News, died at 11 o'clock to-night, after a long and lingering illness, 64 years of age. The deceased has resided in Galveston since 1847, and was connected with the News from that time up to about two years ago, when declining health caused him to retire from active service. He leaves a widow and several children.

No Third Party.
PILOT POINT, Texas, July 16.—A grand basket picnic was held at the Skinner school house, three miles south of town, to-day under the auspices of the local alliance. About 2000 people were present. After a splendid dinner had been served to the multitude Mr. J. M. Smith, vice-president of the state alliance, addressed the people upon the principles and objects of the alliance. He expressed himself as opposed to all third party movements and advised the people to labor for reforms within their old parties.

Ben Info.
GREENVILLE, Tex., July 16.—This evening as Mr. W. V. Oden and H. A. Tine, living near Caddo mills, were leaving this city for their homes, the wagon in which they were riding was struck by a south-bound Missouri Pacific freight engine at the crossing on South Wesley street, a curve in the road preventing the engineer from seeing the danger in time to give an alarm. The wagon was demolished and the occupants thrown violently out. Mr. Oden had his collar bone broken and sustained other injuries. Mr. Tine was only slightly bruised. One of the horses was badly crippled in the smash-up.

School Apportionment.
AUSTIN, Tex., July 16.—The state board of education met to-day to make the apportionment of the school fund to the several counties for the support of schools next year. If the estimates of the comptroller are to govern the board a fund not above \$8 90 per capita can be appropriated. It was however decided to refer some items of the estimate to Commissioner Hall with the expectation of raising the per capita to at least \$4. The board is set against making an excessive apportionment, but proposes to conduct the school, if possible on pay-as-you get principle.

Railroad Suits.
Two suits were filed this afternoon against the Santa Fe railway company for \$10,000 each. The facts alleged in the petition, are that Fred Pfeiffer of San Antonio and F. J. Yeaman of Daffu, Erath county, were coming north on the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe railway; that near Joshua, having no tickets, they offered to pay the money to the conductor who demanded their tickets; that they displayed their pocketbooks containing money; that the conductor refused to take their money, saying he did not want it; that they had to get off and he then ejected them from the car; that they had to walk fifteen miles and were detained needlessly for twelve hours at a station where they bought tickets, came on here and filed suit.

Arrested Train Robbery.

DIXON, Tex., July 16.—Train men on No 507 south bound Missouri, Kansas and Texas passenger train, report that is thought to be an attempt to rob the train last night at Gibson Station, in the Cherokee nation. When the train reached Gibson five men were observed on the south end of the switch. All were heavily armed and when the train swept by the gang made an attempt to board it but were unsuccessful on account of the rate of speed the train had attained before it reached them. The train men think it were the same gang who robbed the train at the Verdigris tank some weeks ago. When the men were discovered all hands on the train made preparations to give them a warm reception in case they stopped the train.

A Terrible Death.
BLOOMING GROOVE, Tex., July 16.—A terrible accident occurred about five miles southwest of here to-day near the cross roads, resulting in the death of Sim Sears, a thrifty and progressive farmer. Mr. Sears was running his self-blinder and was engaged with the horses. By some means he was thrown to the ground and the machine passed over him in such a manner that he expired in a short time. Mr. Sears was esteemed by everybody.

In the several precinct meetings held here recently it has been demonstrated that this is a solid Mills community. The people want tariff reform and lots of it and they see no way to obtain it except through the democratic party.

Contesting for a Post Office.
ABILENE, Tex., July 16.—There have been several attempts made during the last four years of Democratic reign to have the Republican postmaster at this place removed and a good Democrat appointed, but without success. Next December his term will expire. There are three applicants for the position, who have long petitions signed by the citizens, and nearly all the names are the same on each of the applicant's petition, making it hard for Congressman Latham to say which is the most popular and the one he should recommend. He has ordered an election to be held, and the one receiving the highest number of votes will be recommended. The Democrats of this place met at the Court House last week to make arrangements for the election. Three men were appointed to be on hand at the polls, and allow no Republican to vote.

THE IRRIGATION IDEA.
Scheme to Make the Valley of the Rio Grande Grow Great Crops.

SAN ANTONIO, July 14.—John Streeton, who has spent some time in Mexico and Western Texas and is well acquainted with the present development of the Rio Grande country, was met to-day by a reporter and in response to a question gave an interesting account of a project which will result in great benefit to a vast extent of country, and will go a long way toward proving the correctness of the assertion that the Rio Grande country possesses great farming facilities, if it could only get enough water. The soil does not require one-half the moisture necessary in the West and Northwest, or the alluvial states of the South, possessing a strange moisture-retaining faculty, which, when once thoroughly soaked, defies the sun to injure its production. It should be said that Mr. Streeton has no connection with the irrigation company, and was merely a visitor in Eagle Pass when he examined the project and obtained data. The scheme contemplates the irrigation of the great length of the Rio Grande Valley by means of an extensive and costly ditch, which will run through the made lands nearly parallel with the river, and wet the soil between Eagle Pass and the foot hills back of it. The preliminary survey, while it developed the fact that the fall of the Rio Grande was not so great as had been expected, proved also the entire feasibility of the project. The civil engineer of the work states that there is no doubt whatever that the ditch will be built this summer and the land thrown open to farmers in time for next spring's crop. The valley which will be placed under irrigation by the completion of this scheme is one of the most beautiful in the world, it stretches from the foothills to the river, a distance of over a mile to run the water from the "mother ditch" over the land. It is about fifteen miles long with only one or two small creeks running across it. The soil is a rich loam, very deep, and the brush and timber on it is thin. The worst grubbing to do would be among the mesquite roots, which always run deep. All along this valley, on the banks of the river, and in some cases right in view, are farms which rely solely on the season, and invariably make good crops. These lands are low, and in dry years absorb moisture from the stream. All vines, such as sweet potatoes, squash, cucumber and melons, grow on these "vegas," as they are called by the Mexicans, in most luxuriant abundance. Corn, oats and barley are also sure crops on these lands. They are at present worked by Mexicans on shares. The men who have put money into the en-

terprise believe that when the ditch is completed the Maverick county "vega" will prove to be the richest farming land in the South.—Globe-Democrat.

Startling Evidence in the "Q." Dynamite Case.

CHICAGO, July 16.—Sensational developments in the trial of the "Q." dynamiters and hope of more startling disclosures brought a large crowd to-day to Judge Gresham's court room, where Commissioner Hoyne is hearing the evidence. If defendants are convicted of carrying and dealing in explosives, which is only punishable by fine, they can schedule out under a poor debtors' act. The United States officials it is said, have decided in view of this fact, to bring a charge of conspiracy, a crime which can be punished by two years imprisonment in the penitentiary, or a fine of \$1,000; or both. The charge it was intimated might be brought to-day. Bowles since confessing, has been kept in the United States marshals' office and allowed to sleep, instead of on a plank, upon Commissioner Hoyne's lounge which was brought in for that purpose. Two pleasant looking women were brought into the crowded court room and given seats behind the desk. One of them was said to be a woman to whom Bowles, thought a married man made love while on his dynamite expedition in Indiana and whose presence in the court was brought about by the prosecution, has more than anything else induced Bowles to confess in order to head off a suit for divorce.

Alexander Smith, of Aurora, the brotherhood fireman who turned informer, was the first witness. He was interrupted at the very outset by Lawyer David for the defense, moving that all evidence concerning informer Bowles be stricken out on the ground that he was not now under investigation. David also asked to have the testimony of informer Kelly and Lloyd nullified because they mentioned the name of defendant, Bowles, and the evidence was therefore incompetent. District-Attorney Ewing contended it would be shown that the dynamite was purchased and delivered by one of the defendants. Informer Smith then started again, when Lawyer Donahoe, for the prisoners, told him he need not answer if he would criminate himself thereby, and that he need not testify unless he so desired. The court confirmed this and then Smith proceeded, unhesitatingly confirming the outline of the case so startlingly given the first day of the trial by District-Attorney Ewing for the prosecution. Smith was retired before the beginning of the afternoon session after having been subjected to cross examination of great length by defendant's counsel. They failed of their purpose to get him to contradict himself, but he did not establish the fact that he knew nothing of the dynamite found on the train when Brodrick, Bowles and Wilson were arrested.

Adjudged Insane.

This morning a jury or commission of de lunatico enquirendo, was summoned by County Judge Evans to inquire into the sanity of a white farmer named E. A. Rouse, who lives in the neighborhood of Axtell. After close investigation the commission decided that the man was of unsound mind and recommended that he be placed in the asylum at Terrell. Rouse has a wife and several children to mourn his sad misfortune. The News sympathizes with the grief-stricken wife and children, and hope that the unfortunate man may soon return to his wife and family restored to sound mind. Rouse will be sent to Terrell as soon as possible.

As the News goes to press the commission is investigating the alleged insanity of J. H. Meath.

Paris Penitentiary.

PARIS, July 16.—Sheriff Gunn arrested a farmer named J. C. Claiborne, living near Petty, in the western portion of this county, last night, on a warrant sent to him by Sheriff Martin of White county, Arkansas. Claiborne is wanted in Arkansas for forgery. He is in jail awaiting the arrival of the officers from White county.

Travis County.

AUSTIN, Tex., July 16.—The opposition, including republicans and independents, are getting up a full county ticket against the democratic ticket selected last Saturday. They will probably not oppose Metz for assessor. The fight will be hotly contested.