

LUMBER EXCHANGE IN HOUSTON.

This City is the Lumber Center of the Southwest - Plans for the Exchange Time Has Arrived for Organization.

From the Southern Industrial and Lumber Review (Austin). The growth of Houston has been unparalleled in the history of the cities of the State of Texas. It has forged so far to the front in the way of railroads and manufactures that it has outdistanced every competitor in these lines.

It would be out of place here to enlarge upon the many advantages of San Antonio, with its magnificent climate, ability to entertain guests, and its wide open Western country; of Austin, as the seat of education and government, with its great dam, charming climate and surroundings; of Fort Worth, the home of the stockman and a railroad center of importance; of Dallas, with its great railroad, manufacturing and commercial interests; of Corsicana, with its oil; Beaumont, with its lumber, and the many growing cities of lesser population.

This journal is in entire sympathy with the aspirations of each city. It believes that the cities of Fort Worth and Dallas will inevitably grow together, and that with the wonderful growth in store for the two great Southern cities, their interests will gradually intermingle until they will one day become one city with two names.

While it is entirely within the bounds of good business foresight to erect in Houston a building for a "lumber exchange" which shall be the equal of any exchange building in the State, it is fortunate that this movement is not imperative at the present time. The Binz building is peculiarly adapted to the requirements of the lumber trade, and it is believed that the building could be practically turned over to the lumbermen and those who are associated with them in business.

Almost every lumberman in the State has a family in the Binz building, and it is one of the most complete office buildings in the State, having 125 offices of about 12x16 feet each, which open into each other if needed in suites of seven rooms in all.

The idea most generally expressed is to concentrate in this building, or in another selected or built for the purpose, all the manufacturers at present in Houston, as well as all the wholesalers and jobbers, the agents for lumber concerns, saw, planing and mill manufacturers and their agents, and all the commercial agents, mercantile and otherwise, who have dealings with the trade; in fact, a homogeneous mass of capitalists, each of whom is interested in some other in a business way, and who will eventually be added the representatives of the great mills in pine and cypress, who would be forced to stay in an active market, the buyers of that material.

This is in brief the gist of the proposition. Who can doubt that if it is entered enthusiastically great good will be effected by the trade and by the city of Houston? Who will answer that Houston is not the city of all cities for the establishment of a "lumber exchange"?

The Review predicts that after this organization is once effected, all the elements particularized above will fall into line, and that with each year the organization will receive accessions from every direction.

Heard Items. Hearne, Texas, May 15.—Miss Leda Cohen left yesterday for Hempstead to spend a few days with friends. The older members of the Catholic church here gave the younger members a picnic yesterday. For some days past arrangements were being made for a grand picnic to be held at the end of the month. It was looked forward to with a great deal of pleasure and there was no room for disappointment, for everything necessary to make the day a pleasant one was provided, and a general good time enjoyed.

THE TALK AT WASHINGTON.

(BY G. A. EDWARDS.)

Washington, May 18.—(Staff Special.)—The peace jubilee business is being worked over time in this country with no peace yet in sight.

The latest candidate for peace jubilee honors is the city of Washington. It will have a peace jubilee on a grand scale on May 23, 24 and 25. Preparations are now going forward and the people of this city are showing much enterprise.

The people here admitted that the peace jubilee business was becoming a little threadbare, but it was decided to have some sort of entertainment going on about that time, so they stuck to the peace jubilee name. The business men here have contributed something like \$25,000 to meet the necessary expenditures for three days.

It will probably not detract from the enjoyment of the average visitor who comes to view this pageant to know that it is given with the sole selfish view in view of "raising the wind." It is purely and entirely commercial, a move of the shop keepers of the Capital City to line their jeans with the shakels of the curious and the sightseers. The reasonable expectation of the business men of this city is that the jubilee will bring to town in three days something more than Buffalo Bill or Barnum carry away after a stay of the same length of time.

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body in their day and generation. A few great philanthropists come to the surface now and then, but these are the exceptions to the rule.

London's opposition to the Sunday newspaper is about as wide of the mark as similar opposition among the many good people on this side to the Sunday prints. It's the Monday paper that the newspaper men would stop, if they could. That's the paper that keeps them from their devotions.

The Cubans are said to be now talking less defiantly and belligerently about the American plans for the island than a few days ago. It is well for them to think twice before they openly oppose the American authorities. A fight would mean a Cuba Libre only in the dim future, if at all.

Received of the Union Congress and Warehouse company \$270 for city tax in full for all years, including 1898, on Bayou City, People's, Houston and International companies.

Now, some one has blundered, and I do not pretend to say where or how it occurred. Of course, City Attorney Stewart does not keep the books, but I submit that the books have been kept by the city, and the company, for it has stood ever ready to pay its taxes promptly, and, in fact, it has paid them promptly to my personal knowledge.

It is not right. Why should a municipal corporation be given so great an advantage over other corporations, or the individual for debt due to them? Why by statute place a bar on the one at two or four years and no bar at all on the other?

TEHUACANA.—There is one case of cholera in the town. CLERDUNE.—Another fine rain has put her crops in splendid condition. SHERMAN.—The Dallas district Methodist conference is now in session here.

PORT WORTH.—Workmen are now putting the roof on the Masonic widows and orphans' home. It will be ready for occupancy, it is stated positively, September 1.

TEXAS DEMOCRAT LEASED. San Marcos, Texas, May 17.—Mr. Palmer of Buda, Texas, has leased from Daniel Watson the Texas Democrat. He will continue leasing it here. He has placed the editorial department in the hands of Judge B. G. Neighbors, who will ably conduct same. The mechanical part of the paper will be in charge of Mr. Palmer himself. Mr. Watson is undecided as to his future.

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TEN PAGES TODAY.

Upon his arrival in New York Wednesday, General Henry, until recently military governor of Porto Rico, had this to say, among other things, relating to that island and its people:

"Porto Rico is the place for a capitalist rather than for the poor man. At present there are thousands of the poor class without employment. The average wage for unskilled labor on plantations is 35 cents per day, American money. The fertility of the land and the warmth of the climate make the demand for labor very small."

These new acquisitions not only create no new demand for labor, but the territory, in each case, is filled to overflowing, so that little chance exists for Americans to take up land and become self-sustaining residents of these islands, even if the white man could stand the climate.

Herein lies the great difference between these acquisitions of territory and that former "expansion" of which the advocates of the new policy speak so glowingly as a "precedent." When the territory was annexed that now embraces many of the Western and some of the Southern States, it was a wilderness, peopled only by roving bands of Indians and comparatively few whites.

The lately annexed territories present totally different conditions. They will entail enormous government expenditures while offering opportunities for profit only to the capitalists. The poor people of the United States will not derive a single benefit from the "colonies," if, indeed, they are not directly injured by the competition of the cheap labor of the annexed islands when American syndicates begin to utilize it!

AN EXAMPLE TO BE FOLLOWED. In one respect at least Andrew Carnegie has set an example that should be followed by rich men everywhere throughout the world—that is, in retiring from business at a comparatively early age, as in his case, or in other cases where it is possible to do so, with an income sufficient to support one's family comfortably.

HOUSTON AS A LUMBER CENTER.

The article on this page showing the advisability of establishing a lumber exchange at Houston is an admirable one, and touches upon a subject that is of vital interest to this city. Editor Newsling of the Southern Industrial and Lumber Review is a gentleman who is thoroughly posted upon lumber matters, and his tribute to Houston as the lumber center of the Southwest can be taken as the statement of an actual fact rather than a flattering sentiment.

As the Review well shows, Houston has become the centering point for the transaction of the lumber business of the entire Southwest. This does not mean that lumber is manufactured here in any enormous quantities, but that the mills of Texas, Louisiana and other States are establishing their sales offices and their wholesale and jobbing departments at this point.

As a result of all this there are today more lumber firms represented in Houston than at any other point in the Southwest. It is Mr. Newsling's plan to organize all these manufacturers and agents into a lumber exchange, in order that the best interests of the trade may be advanced, and with a view of still further concentrating the lumber business of the Southwest at Houston. What would be the benefits of such an exchange is well shown by the article from the Review.

It appears that San Antonio will have its long-talked-of fair in October. The Express promises that it will be an exhibition commensurate with the greatness of South and Southwest Texas. There are few more desirable places anywhere in this country to visit in the fall than San Antonio and the "international fair" ought to be a success in every respect. The Post has always contended that this State was large enough for two or three big fairs every year.

The comment of the American press, East, West and South, would indicate that General Miles is now more popular than he ever was because of the enemies he has made. The American people like a man who fearlessly does what he conceives to be his duty and they are very quick to resent petty persecutions of a man who has committed no crime.

It is suspected that those cabled tales of the soldiers in the Philippines panning gold in the interior of Luzon have some connection with the recruiting offices in this country. Where have the natives been for the past few centuries, to say nothing of the fortune hunting Spaniards?

SHORT TEXAS SPECIALS.

TEHUACANA.—There is one case of cholera in the town. CLERDUNE.—Another fine rain has put her crops in splendid condition. SHERMAN.—The Dallas district Methodist conference is now in session here. ROSANKY.—Work will begin in twenty days on the telephone line from Smithville to this place. RUSK.—The grand jury has adjourned after finding eighty-six indictments, thirty-five of them for felonies. DENTON.—Work has begun on the new Methodist church, which is to cost \$10,000. LA GRANGE.—The measles, measles, or whatever it is, has again become epidemic among the children of our little city. PORT WORTH.—Workmen are now putting the roof on the Masonic widows and orphans' home. It will be ready for occupancy, it is stated positively, September 1. TERRELL.—Will Pierce, aged 29 years, son of Hughes Pierce, was found dead in his field, twelve miles north of here. He was last seen alive Monday evening Thursday.

THE DENTAL ASSOCIATION.

Waco, Texas, May 18.—The State Dental Association was called to order at 10 o'clock this morning. The members visited Baylor university this morning and did not get to the hall until an hour after the time fixed to open. Letters of regret were read from some of the members of the association who could not attend. Dr. T. P. Williams of Houston read a paper on "Near Cuts and Short Roads in Dentistry." Dr. Fife commended Dr. Williams' paper and spoke in terms of praise of the practical suggestions it contained. Other members spoke approvingly, the paper treating exhaustively of the methods of making gold fillings and the use of the various kinds of prepared gold. Dr. Barron of Paris read a paper by Dr. R. D. Griffith of Paris on the "Fracture of Maxilla and Its Treatment." The main point in the paper was its advocacy of the gold bridge as a splint to adjust fracture of the jaw. Dr. Goutas of Waco testified to the efficacy of the splint, as did Dr. Williams and others. Dr. Staples, in speaking to the subject in hand, advocated the use of modeling composition and told of very successful results. The subject was discussed at length and at its close the association went into the election of officers. The following officers were elected: President, O. W. Davis of Mexico; vice presidents, O. B. Love of San Antonio and H. L. Pearson of Waco; secretary-treasurer, J. G. Fife of Dallas; member of the executive committee, F. D. Duff of Greenville. The convention adjourned to meet in Dallas next year.

THE NEGRO KILLED.

Cuero, Texas, May 18.—Henry Anderson, a negro, was shot and killed this evening about 7 o'clock in the alley back of Rice's drug store. Frank Dauter was arrested.