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## ANNOUNCEMENTS.

**FOR REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT.**  
We are authorized to announce HON.  
GEO. T. MOSELEY as a candidate for  
re-election to the office of Representative in  
the State Legislature, subject to the action  
of the Democratic convention.

Two thousand Masons and five  
hundred Knight Templars were in  
Austin at the dedication.

Senator Coke is spoken of as a possible  
candidate for the Vice Presi-  
dency on the Democratic ticket.

The Emperor of Germany is still  
hovering between life and death. He  
will succumb sooner or later to the  
dread disease that holds him in its  
grasp.

England is making preparations to  
re-organize her army and strengthen  
her military defenses. This would  
seem to indicate trouble in the near  
future.

The capitol building at Austin has  
been accepted conditionally, 300,000  
acres of the land grant having been  
retained as security for its proper  
completion.

El Paso has been selected as the  
place for holding the next State  
Editorial Association. San Antonio will  
entertain the next National Editorial  
Association.

The long and wearisome debate on  
the tariff will be brought to a close in  
Congress on Saturday, and the Mills  
bill will probably pass the lower  
House by a small majority.

The San Antonio Express is nothing  
if not dogmatic and dictatorial.  
Its comments upon the decision of  
Judge Townes in the Canfield-Graham  
case are in the usual vein.

The unprecedented floods on the  
upper Mississippi, occasioned by the  
melting of the immense deposits of  
snow in the country around its head  
waters, are inflicting great calamities  
upon the towns and cities along its  
banks.

A tank containing 45,000 barrels of  
oil was struck by lightning recently  
in Pennsylvania. The tank exploded  
and the burning oil occasioned the  
loss of an immense amount of prop-  
erty in the immediate neighborhood  
of the conflagration.

Secretary of State Bayard warns  
the French government against con-  
scripting naturalized citizens of this  
country who may reside there into the  
French army. He says such a course  
will not be tolerated by the adminis-  
tration of which he is a part.

Hon. Marion Martin has announced  
himself squarely as an independent  
candidate for Governor of Texas, and  
says he would not accept the Demo-  
cratic nomination if tendered him on  
a silver platter. The Democratic  
party can stand it if Martin can.

The Galveston News is antagonizing  
Crane, who is a candidate for elec-  
tion to Congress from that Dis-  
trict. Texas has no more brilliant  
representative at Washington than  
the above named gentleman, and that  
chronic fault-finder, the News, cannot  
injure him in the least.

The prospects for Blaine's nomi-  
nation by the Republican convention,  
soon to meet at Chicago, are appar-  
ently good, but we think that Sher-  
man will not yield his pretensions  
without a prolonged and bitter con-  
test, which will result either in the  
nomination of a "dark horse," or the  
disruption of the G. O. P.

The New Jersey Republican State  
convention has endorsed William  
Walker Phelps, her favorite son, as a  
candidate for the nomination for  
President on the Republican National  
ticket. Wisconsin has taken the same  
action in its convention by endorsing  
its favorite son, Uncle Jerry Rusk,  
as a candidate for the same position.

Auslan is now thronged with visit-  
ors from all over the country and in  
point of numbers in attendance the  
dedication has thus far been more  
than a success. It rained Monday,  
but it did not seem to affect the pre-  
vailing jollity of the crowd. Beg-  
gars, gamblers, street filth, pick-  
pockets and sneak-thieves are plenti-  
ful and are working the crowd of leg-  
itimate sight-seers industriously.  
On Monday at least 15,000 strangers  
were in the city, which number has  
been augmented by tens of thou-  
sands. This is a notable week in Texas  
history, and in the history of Auslan.  
All classes of citizens are reaping a  
golden harvest from the huge throngs  
that have congregated at the Capital  
City and many of them will prob-  
ably be able to retire from business at  
the conclusion of the jubilation now  
in progress.

Emerson Shepherd, a negro who  
had been severely if not mortally  
wounded while resisting arrest in Al-  
abama recently, made a statement in  
the presence of four witnesses to the  
effect that the negroes of that State  
had banded themselves together for  
the purpose of carrying on an aggres-  
sive warfare against the whites in  
that section. They are thoroughly  
armed and equipped and a notorious  
ex-convict Robinson, is their leader.  
Since Shepherd's confession forty-five  
arrests have been made and corrobor-  
ative evidence as to the truth of his  
story secured. The organization is  
said to extend into other portions of  
the cotton belt. Much indignation is  
expressed by the leading white citi-  
zens at this uncalculated attempt on  
the part of designing scoundrels to  
stir up a war of races which would  
only result in untold evil to the mis-  
guided negroes who might be led into  
such a course. Kindly intercourse  
should be cultivated between the two  
races whose material interests are so  
inextricably connected with each  
other.

### How's This, Mose!

A young editor of Texas rushes  
into print over his own signature, to  
declare that some one offered him a  
bribe, and that he spurned it. The  
spurning might have been all right,  
but the publication was all wrong.  
No one ever makes anything in this  
country by publicly advertising that  
he was supposed to be purchasable.  
In a case of that kind there are only  
three courses left open to an ethical  
mind: Take the money, lick the  
man, or keep mournfully quiet.—  
Cincinnati Enquirer.

We would mildly suggest that Mose  
Harris should heed the advice em-  
bodied in the above paragraph. The  
Enquirer doesn't know Mose as well  
as do his confreres of the Texas press  
or it might have said more upon this  
subject.

### An Outrage on Civil Liberty.

Many base and despicable things  
have been enacted in semi-civilized  
San Antonio, but the basest, most  
cowardly and contemptible of all—  
save only, perhaps, the mobbing and  
egging of prominent prohibitionists  
last summer—was her apparent sub-  
orning of some one or more of the  
superior officers of Lieut. Ballou to  
coerce him into some sort of a retraction  
of his manly and truthful letter.  
No wonder the San Antonio papers  
are so remarkably chary of referring  
to this subject. Doubtless they re-  
gret that they gave any publicity to  
the matter at all. But it is now too  
late—the fact is well understood.  
And has it come to this that an offi-  
cer, or private, in the service of the  
United States loses his right as an  
American citizen by becoming a sol-  
dier—the right to hold and utter  
his honest sentiments? How long,  
at this rate, before we shall have a  
military censorship of the press and  
people generally?

### A Great Newspaper.

The Free Press has recently made  
an important accession to its ex-  
change list—which is unsurpassed, if  
equalled, by any newspaper of its  
class anywhere. To such great dai-  
lies—aside from the leading ones of  
Texas—as the St. Louis Globe-Dem-  
ocrat, the Chicago News and the New  
York Star, we have now added that  
still more complete and eminent jour-  
nal, the Daily Cincinnati Enquirer.  
We had formerly thought the Globe-  
Democrat almost unrivalled as a news-  
paper (of course, aside from its po-  
litical bias,) but we find the Enquirer  
rising head and shoulders above it.  
In the first place as to size it exhibits  
an equal number of pages, each of  
which has eight and nine columns to  
the G. D.'s seven. In news it is quite  
unexcelled. One of its most attrac-  
tive features are the letters of George  
Alfred Townsend—"Gath"—which  
appear regularly. But the great merit  
of the Enquirer lies in its stanch,  
unsuspecting Democracy. It is now in  
its 50th volume, and its name, not  
only in the Ohio Valley, but through-  
out the Union, during all that time,  
has been a synonym of Democracy.  
At its helm stands John R. McLean,

the son of the veteran editor, Wash-  
McLean. During the present presi-  
dential year the Enquirer will be  
found equally interesting and valu-  
able, and we commend it to the pos-  
sessor of our people. Address the  
publishers for terms of subscription  
of daily or weekly.

### Eloquent and True.

We copy the following passage  
from Robert G. Ingersoll's recent es-  
say on **House Cooking**:

"Above all, the citizens of a free  
nation should honor the brave and in-  
dependent man, the man of stainless  
integrity of will and intellectual  
force. Both men are the Alliance on  
whose mighty shoulders rest the  
great fabric of the republic. Flat-  
terers, cringers, craven time-serv-  
ers, are the dangerous citizens of a  
democracy. They who gain applause  
and power by pandering to the mis-  
takes, the prejudices and the passions  
of the multitude are the enemies of  
liberty. When the intelligent sub-  
mit to the clamor of the many, nar-  
coticly begins, and the republic reaches  
the edge of chaos. Mediocrity,  
touched with ambition, lures the base  
and claims the great, while the true  
patriot, who will do neither, is often  
sacrificed. In a government of the  
people, the leader should be a teacher.  
He should carry the torch. Most  
people are the slaves of habit, follow-  
ers of customs, believers in the wis-  
dom of the past, and were it not for  
brave and splendid souls the dust of  
antiquity would lie unswayed, and  
mountainous error be too high for us  
to ever peer over. Wisdom is a prize  
looked and barred by those who long  
ago were dust, the key of which is in  
the keeping of the dead. Nothing is  
grander than when a strong-minded  
man breaks the chain, levels the walls  
and breaks the many-headed mob,  
like some great cliff that meets and  
mocks the innumerable billows of the  
sea. The politician insists that their  
prejudice is patriotism, that their in-  
ference is wisdom; not that he  
loves them, but because he loves him-  
self. The statesman, the reformer,  
points out the mistakes of the multi-  
tude, attacks the prejudices of his  
countrymen, laughs at their follies,  
denounces their credulities, enlightens  
and enlarges their minds and edu-  
cates their consciences; not because  
he loves himself, but because he loves  
and serves the right, and wishes to  
make his country great and free."

### Bread Among the Chinese.

Wheat in ordinary years in north-  
ern China, says Wong Chin Foo, is  
worth about one dollar per American  
bushel. The milling process is a  
very ancient one by two round, large  
stone wheels, with grooves cut neatly  
in the faces on one side. The upper  
stone is made to revolve by horse or  
mule power, and, among the poor, by  
man power. Three distinct grades  
of flour are made; the lowest grade  
makes a very rough bread and is usu-  
ally the food of the poorest families,  
who buy it for twenty cents a bushel.  
The bread of the Chinese is fermented  
and then steamed. Only a very small  
quantity is baked in ovens. The staple  
articles of food in northern China  
are corn, millet and sweet potatoes.  
Wheat and rice are the food of the  
rich and middle classes, and in the  
southern provinces the entire bread  
stuff is rice.—Good Housekeeping.

### Savings Banks in the South.

In reviewing the needs of the "New  
South," a thoughtful man soon sees  
that a general system of savings  
banks is one of the most important.  
The fact that there are so many new  
ones now in operation shows that the  
prosperity of that section is on a solid  
foundation. While agriculture, and  
that of a special kind, remained the  
chief industry, the scattered popula-  
tion, untrained in habits of thrift,  
felt no need of a savings bank; pen-  
nies and nickles were despised, and  
dimes hardly counted worth noting.  
But, with the growth of manufactur-  
ing, giving regular weekly or monthly  
payments, and with the increase of  
mechanics from the North and East,  
came a demand for a safe place of de-  
posit for surplus earnings. That this  
demand is being met speaks well for  
the sagacity of the men who are lead-  
ing the forward movement in the  
South, but that very much remains to  
be done cannot be doubted by one  
who has looked over the field.—Man-  
ufacturers Record.

### Frightful Railroad Disaster.

A horrible railroad accident oc-  
curred at Fountain, Colorado, on the  
Santa Fe railroad on Monday, the  
14th inst. Train No. 7, known as the  
"Thunderbolt," arrived at Fountain  
at 2:40 a. m. and had only been  
standing a few minutes, when a ca-  
boose and some cars, the brakes of  
which had got loose in some way  
ran down a side track and struck the  
train with terrific force. One car was  
loaded with naphtha, which exploded,  
throwing oil over everything and set-  
ting the train on fire. Train men  
shoved the injured cars back from  
the wreck and were trying to save  
the depot when it was discovered that  
two cars were standing on the main  
track that were not wrecked, the near-  
est one burning, and it was tagged  
"powder." Shortly afterward this  
explosion, completely demolishing the  
depot several dwellings and a num-  
ber of cars. One dwelling and the  
depot were consumed, three persons  
one woman and two men were killed  
by the explosion and some fifteen per-  
sons were wounded, none very seri-  
ously. There is a hole in the ground  
where the cars stood, about thirty feet  
in diameter and fifteen feet deep.  
Two cars were burned and six or seven,  
together with a locomotive, were more  
or less wrecked. It is supposed that  
tramps let off the brakes from the  
cars.

Acting Secretary Elms received a  
cable message from United States  
General Lewis at Tampier, on the 16th  
inst., stating that all questions of  
disagreement between Morocco and  
the United States had been settled,  
as having gained all points contended  
for.

### By-Laws for Farmers Alliance.

To the Editor Free Press:

We, your Committee on By-Laws, beg  
leave to report the following:  
Section 1. It shall be the duty of every  
member to feel and realize the fact at once  
that education is the underlying agency of  
all progress. That in the thirteen dis-  
tinctly Southern States there are 1,250,-  
000 men—voters—who cannot read the let-  
ters they cast—enough to damn a whole  
nation—and that nearly sixty per cent of this  
number is among the agricultural class.  
That an illiterate voting population leads a  
nation, step by step, to corrupt selfish  
government. That illiteracy leads to the  
degradation of labor; the diminution of the  
productive power, and to the retardment of  
the material development of the country in  
which it prevails.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of each  
one to see at once that the main reason why  
the farmer is crushed and oppressed is be-  
cause of the inability of so many to under-  
stand and read the politics and principles of  
political parties who propose to send them  
and that until they can qualify leaders  
among themselves they need not expect  
much mercy from political parties.

Section 3. It shall be the duty of each  
member to see that an illiterate voting popu-  
lation, led by money sharks and political  
asses, and their dupes, shall not dress the  
country in whiskey, while a greater curse  
than all the tariffs and trusts, and fifty Jay  
Goulds thrown in.

Section 4. Each member is expected to  
furnish himself and his children (if any),  
with such books and papers as will enable  
them to be up with other people in general  
information, and that will enable them to  
have an intelligent understanding of parties  
and leaders. That no member shall take  
his children from school to work and then  
go to town three days in the week, lose \$4  
thereby; say he is not able to buy books  
and papers for his children; not able to  
send them to school; then come home and  
sit down by his table with nothing on it to  
read except a patent office report, and then  
curse intelligence for leading him to ruin.  
Any member committing the above offense  
shall be punished by depriving him of to  
be one month, and taking the money for  
said tobacco and buying books enough for  
his children to read 75 cents.

Section 5. Each member shall keep his  
eyes wide open in reference to the promises  
of political parties this year. That he be to  
look with great suspicion on such platforms  
as the late Democratic platform of Indiana,  
which, for the first time, came out in favor  
of the laboring class, and at the same time  
took on a virtual endorsement of Socialism,  
Personal Liberty League and free whiskey.  
That every man who votes against his own  
interest for the sake of party affiliation  
shall be fined not less than \$500 nor more than  
\$1,000.

Section 6. All ridiculous absurdities about  
raising the price of your productions to  
your own idea, and reducing the prices of  
the productions of others to the same stand-  
ard, shall be now and forever wiped out  
from the mind of every member. It shall  
be the duty of each member to know that  
prices of a country's productions, governed  
by one set of men would throw the whole  
commercial status of a country into chaos  
and result in nothing but evil.

Section 7. It shall be the duty of each  
member to do everything he can, honorably,  
to advance his social, financial, moral and  
religious interest, and to remember that  
there is nothing more sublime in the gov-  
erning principles of humanity than the  
"golden rule," and that any Alliance man  
who says "the farmer will take care of  
himself and let all others do the same,"  
shall be considered no better in principle  
or policy than is Mr. Vanderbilt, who said,  
"let the people be damned, give me the  
bonds."

Section 8. It shall be the duty of every  
farmer to take the money he pays out for  
such necessities as cotton, yards and see it  
to feed, clothe and educate his children, and  
to see that the \$700.00 recently paid for a  
yard in the town of San Marcos would be  
sufficient to send all the children of two av-  
erage school communities to school six  
months, and have \$60 left to build churches  
and pay preachers and improve farms; and  
that each one shall see that such yards fos-  
ter the "Trust" idea; take your cotton out  
of competition, and lower the price; give  
dishonest men an opportunity to defraud  
their creditors, and cotton sharks an oppor-  
tunity to make fortunes in bulk.

Section 9. It shall be the duty of each  
one to look with great caution on all "Ex-  
changes" and see that they are not led by  
men who were failures in everything else,  
and also to see that it is utterly impos-  
sible to organize these "Exchanges" so that  
their leaders could not swindle you out of  
part of your money, and to remember an  
agent is only another name for a wholesale  
jobber.

Section 10. It shall be the duty of farm-  
ers to organize thoroughly; to attend the  
meetings regularly; to inform himself and  
his children on local and national questions;  
to keep a correct account of all receipts and  
expenditures on his farm; to see which  
crop pays and which does not; to let the  
great law of supply and demand regulate  
prices; to take the time he consumes in  
talking about "these merchants" in learn-  
ing his boys how to write their names and  
read the Bible, to know that "these mer-  
chants" will not exist any longer than the  
public demands them; to know that all  
great reforms are necessarily slow, and not  
to be effected by beginning at the wrong  
end; to know that the only way to reach  
truth and non-partisanship is through legisla-  
tion, and to know that the crowning curse  
of this oppression is the shameful ignorance  
of this class.  
Respectfully submitted,  
JAMES STEVENS, Sec. Com.

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