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**GOVERNOR WOULDNT SEE IT.**  
 In Spite of Petitions and Representations,  
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 Drainage, Lanham Would Do  
 Nothing.

Hon. James B. Wells, of Brownsville, spent several days in the city recently. Mr. Wells' visit to Austin had nothing of politics in it, but was in the interest of the drainage law for which there is a crying need all over the State. There are some serious defects in the law, and it was with the hope of getting these defects cured by the special session that he came to Austin at this particular time. He laid the matter before Governor, showed him how there was a strong demand all over the State for a good drainage law, and asked him to submit the matter to the Legislators, now that they were here. Even in Mr. Wells' own section there are thousands upon thousands upon thousands of acres of rich lands that are only awaiting the correction of the drainage law to be put in cultivation, and a similar condition exists in various other portions of the State and which means millions to the people. These matters were all laid before the Governor, but he refused to submit the question to the special session on the ground that he would be breaking a promise should he ask the Legislators, with whom he had made contract, to consider anything but bleeding section 120 of the election law. Petitions were then circulated in the Senate and House asking the Governor to submit the drainage law for correction, as the Legislature was now in session and the correction could be easily made, while the people, from one end of the State to the other, were demanding it. The petitions were signed by a majority of the members of both Houses and the petitioners absolved the Governor from any promise he may have made or any contract into which he may have entered. But the Governor could not realize the importance to the people of the matter, and the petitions were turned down, perhaps because there was naught of politics in the movement to do something of real benefit to the people and to the State. The Legislature was in session, called in a way that was in violation of the spirit of the Constitution, to be true, and to consider a matter of but little import to any one save a few politicians; still it was in session and could easily have made the correction that would have given the State a drainage law of incalculable benefit, had the Governor possessed the ability to realize the great importance of such a law and submitted it for the consideration of the Legislators, not one of whom would have voted against the corrections. It is unnecessary to state that Mr. Wells, as well as other prominent gentlemen who came here to urge the Governor to submit the drainage law for correction, went away sadly disappointed and thoroughly convinced that State Topics was not far wrong in its estimate of the present State Administration.

**Letter to Rodolfo Herrera.**  
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**HISTORY REPEATED.**  
 Hot Flaming Death Sweeps Down From  
 Vesuvius, Almost Equaling Destruction  
 of Pompeii.

Naples, April 11.—The mighty volume of smoke, flame and lava which last night was being vomited from the throat of Vesuvius, continues in slightly diminished fury this morning. The old story of the destruction of Pompeii and Herculaneum is being repeated, and the town of San Guiseppe is being destroyed. The people are fleeing from the fiery deluge, only to be overwhelmed by the devouring element. The bodies of two hundred and fifty refugees have been taken from a church and hundreds are lying in the streets where they fell when the torrent of molten lava overtook them. The dead are mostly old people and young children left to pit their feeble strength against the torrent of death poured out by the quaking mountain. In the town of Nola ashes lie fourteen feet deep. There are a hundred and thirty injured persons from Nola alone in the hospitals here. Great numbers are missing and are probably dead. Practical chaos reigns, and it is impossible to accurately estimate the number of the dead or the extent of the ruin wrought by the mightiest destroyer with which man ever contended. The roof of the general market in this city, eight miles from the crater, collapsed this morning from the weight of ashes. Two hundred people were caught in the collapse. Sixty-five injured and twelve dead have been taken from the ruins. Vesuvius is probably the most noted volcano in the world. All through known history it has at frequent intervals burst forth with fury on the surrounding country. The story of the total obliteration of the cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum, A. D. 62, is a close parallel to the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah, and is familiar to all. Science and observation show a sort of sympathy or connection between volcanoes the world over. Disturbances in one are quickly followed by eruptions in other parts of the world. This being so, and this being the most violent outbreak of Vesuvius for centuries, we may expect volcanic phenomena from craters long passive, in Mexico and other sections of the world.

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**B. G. STREGMAN, Manager.**  
 The Japanese are rapidly becoming wearers of knitted goods.

**ELECTION LAW NOT AN ISSUE.**  
 Although Some of the Blanket Primary  
 Advocates Are Trying to Force Issue  
 in Governor's Race.

As Austria dispatch says:  
 The decision of the Supreme Court of Illinois a few days ago declaring the primary law of that State unconstitutional on account of its inequalities and for various other reasons, may have an important bearing upon future legislation of that character in Texas. At the recent special session of the Texas Legislature the blanket primary men gave their support to an amendment which provided that in the smaller counties the holding of primaries for county officers should be left optional with the respective executive committees of such counties. This amendment was defeated along with the majority-blanket primary amendment. The Illinois primary law contained a provision of the same import and it is held to be unconstitutional by the Supreme Court of that State. On this point the court says:  
 "This act provides that the county central committee of each political party shall determine whether the county officers shall be nominated at the primary election, and also whether the candidates shall be nominated by a majority or plurality vote. If the committee decides that a majority shall be necessary that is to be the law, but if it decides that a plurality shall elect the candidate is to be chosen by a plurality vote. The provision amounts to a delegation of legislative authority to county central committees to determine what the substantial features of the law shall be, and it is therefore void."  
 "It is the opinion of good lawyers that there are a number of features of the existing general election law which would not stand the test of the courts, and an election or two more under it is likely to develop an opposition to its operation that will lead to its repeal. It provides for cumbersome and expensive machinery in elections and is too difficult for the average voter to understand. A few of the blanket primary leaders are trying to force that question as an issue in the present State campaign for Governor. The anti-blanket primary people would probably welcome the fight. All that is needed to defeat the proposition is a free discussion and careful thought on the subject. It is likely that the legislative candidates will be confronted with the issue, but it will hardly be brought into the campaign for Governor. The delegates to the State Convention from the various counties may be instructed for or against the proposition and the question will doubtless come before the platform committee of the convention. According to advices received here the demand for a blanket primary comes from a coterie of politicians. Almost every blanket primary agitator is a candidate for office. The Democracy of Texas will not give their support to a proposition that means the destruction of the unity of counties. That is what the adoption of a blanket primary would mean."

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