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The papers South and West report that the rains of the last two weeks have been quite general, and give promise that good crops will follow.

The Mexican Central road will be open for traffic on the first of April, and Pullman Palace cars will run through to the City of Mexico after May 1.

The City of Mexico has not yet sent in the nominations for Judge, Marshal and District Attorney for the Eastern district, as has been frequently stated of late.

Major Dreyer reports that he has about \$2,000 on hand towards the Schiefelbusch monument, and that the committee will soon select a model and award the contract for a proper monument.

The News says, "John Ireland is not the permanent man of Texas politics by a long shot." But it looks powerfully like he has the pole that will reach the Democratic permanent of the State convention.

Mr. Henry Watterson asserts that if the Morrison bill on the tariff question is not endorsed by the Pennsylvania Democrats, that the party is in peril, and its failure means the defeat and possibly the dissolution of the Democratic party.

A campaign has been commenced in the East and South against swinging signs as being extremely dangerous and unsafe in any kind of windy weather. The latter is of the opinion that the best swinging sign is a good advertisement in a popular newspaper.

The Express says it was the "only paper in the State that persistently denounced Ben Thompson's lawlessness while he was alive." Ben is very dead now. But when the Austin correspondent of the Express was chased all around that city by the late Mr. Thompson, he endeavors failed to see a single sentence in the editorial columns of that paper in the defense of the correspondent.

The Democratic leaders in the House at Washington are in a very much mixed condition as regards the Morrison bill, and with Hamilton's threatened blunder it looks like the usual Democratic blunder is to be made. The tariff question is one on which that party is most positively divided, and while the free trade wing will no doubt carry the Morrison bill in the caucus, it will be done at the expense of a large number of party followers.

The Petersburg, Va., Index-Appel, speaking of the statement that the majority in the lower house of Congress needed a leader, says: "The majority in the House needs a Democrat. Any genuine Democrat brave enough to announce his Democracy would instantly become a leader, not only in the House but in a larger place. It does not matter from what section he comes—whether the East or West, or South, so that he has sense to understand and courage to proclaim what is really Democratic, he will find recognition."

"Five persons comparatively," says the Cincinnati Times-Star, "are indifferent to the shafts of ridicule. If his claims are allowed, Congressman Tom Ochiltree is one of the few. He says 'the boys' are at perfect liberty to 'have their fun' with him. This gives evidence that the great Texas has a large supply of every day philosophy which brings cheer amid the cares and vexations incident to the pursuit of politics. But Tom draws the line at fun making. His philosophy stops there. He intimates strongly that if any man calls him a 'd-d fool' there will be a funeral. Prince Bismarck, as well as the crowd indefinitely termed 'the boys,' should take notice."

The general expression of newspapers and public men is that the completion of the Mexican Central to the City of Mexico will greatly increase the trade between the two Republics. The value of precious metals exported by Mexico to the United States in 1883 was about \$10,000,000, and during the same year she exported to England gold and silver amounting to about \$10,000,000, while the value of merchandise sent to the

United States and England was \$10,000,000. Under the provisions of the reciprocity treaty all kinds of machinery, vehicles, agricultural implements, tools, etc., manufactured in the United States will be admitted into Mexico free of duty; and it is safe to say that such imports will be of a most extended volume, and will be the means of the rapid development of that Republic.

The New York Times says: "Prince Bismarck has invited Minister Sargent to dinner, and what is more, the Minister has accepted the invitation. Possibly the fact that Mr. Sargent consents to dine with the 'Iron Chancellor' may dispense some of those eminent publicists who will be satisfied with nothing short of the Minister's sending a challenge to the Chancellor. Nevertheless, as an invitation to dine is always considered as a flag of truce between combatants and a probable leading up to a composing of existing difficulties, we may hope for peace between the United States Minister and Prince Bismarck. The bliftest of fools may be adjusted over a good dinner, and it is likely that Bismarck has made up his mind to call off his dogs, forget his statistics and behave like a jolly good fellow, who can make himself agreeable when he will."

The Washington correspondent of the Boston Traveler writes an elaborate letter, giving it in his views that President Arthur is now by far the most probable nominee. After discussing the various candidates, their points of strength and weakness, he reviews the diluted and universal strength of General Arthur in nearly or quite every State, and sums up by saying: "There is no denying the fact that President Arthur's candidacy grows stronger every day. The leaders of the party are beginning to see that he is the only man who can enter the contest next fall backed by a solid following of the rank and file of the organization. Against the other candidates exist objections that they represent some peculiar clique or stripe of Republicanism, but the fact that none of these objections are, or can be, applied to the President makes him tower above them all as the safest, wisest and most judicious selection that can be made for a National standard bearer."

Judge Binkley, of Sherman, is the most prominently spoken of candidate for the Republican race for Governor of any other Republican in the State. He is thoroughly identified with the interests of the State, and while he may, in some respects, lead a forlorn hope, yet much could be accomplished, in a party sense, with him as the leader. The indications now are that he will have more than the party following in the northern part of the State by reason of his wide acquaintance and great personal popularity, and among the number mentioned undoubtedly takes the lead. On the subject the Corsicana Courier says: "If a perfected organization desires it, Judge Binkley will certainly accept the nomination and make a spirited canvass, as he is perfectly able, financially and intellectually, to do. With all the Republican, Independent and disaffected elements of the State united on Judge Binkley, his well-known personal integrity and pleasant public relations with every one, he would make a respectable showing in this presidential year, when Republicans never waver. Another thing is, perhaps, in his favor. The cattle men have been somewhat alienated from the present administration, and Judge Binkley is on the most friendly terms with the leading cattle men and could count on a good support from them, a great many of whom are themselves strong Republicans from the North. One thing is certain: The Republicans of Texas, white and black, are ready to unite on Judge Binkley; the other things (conjectures) are yet to be worked out. The colored Republicans all over the State are getting thoroughly organized, and they are solid for Binkley. Next month will settle the ticket, and then the party will get down to work."

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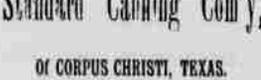
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