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A MORNING'S DRIVE

ACROSS THE ALAZAN—THE STREET RAILWAY COMING TO A FINISH.

Appearance of the Country Beyond Covered With the Refuse of San Antonio—The Mexican Beggar Settlement.

Yesterday afternoon at the invitation of Dr. Viade a LIGHT reporter accompanied him in his buggy across the Alazan creek, for the purpose of inspecting the Prospect Hill street railroad and the condition of the country in that direction. The railroad has been graded for at least half a mile the other side of the creek, while the creek itself has been considerably widened at the point where the bridge is now up, to allow of any great overflow when the floods come on. It is said the bridge is three feet above the highest point the water can rise to. After critically examining the street railway which, by the way, must soon be finished, the doctor told the LIGHT man he would like to show him the uncouth and disgusting appearance of the country beyond the hospital which was erected during the small-pox scare, and which was the outcome of the work done by the scavengers of the city. The spot arrived at, the doctor's words were fully illustrated. In front, behind, at the left, on the right, scattered and blown over a great area, emitting a loathsome odor and presenting a sorry sight were the remains which had been collected in the city for years and deposited with no further consideration across the Alazan. Far and near bits of glass, paper, rags and other refuse, clung to the short grass, while what little road there is was scattered over with old tin cans. Did those in authority never think that this same place might some day become a beautiful suburb of San Antonio, habitations grow up and people go out to live there? Evidently not, and still the same old precept is stuck by through thick and thin, "A present good for a future evil." As a climax to the view several Mexican women were to be seen on their knees, bending low over the piles of refuse and scratching at them with sticks to obtain any thing they could find palatable, anything, anything. Glad to get away from the spot the drive was continued, when suddenly the horse came to a dead stop before what seemed to a unmature village. "This," said the doctor, "is the Mexican beggar settlement." Only on a level with the surrounding mesquite, one would drive right past this abode of filth without having the slightest knowledge of its existence, for it is only those who know of it could possibly find it. The houses, if one may call them so, are built of tin, rags, old clothes and other cast off articles of civilization and about as high as a middle sized man. To enter them you must kneel down and crawl on all fours. A number of young, strong looking men came out (rather an anomoly to call them beggars), but as their homes are on the doctor's property we were treated with the greatest possible civility; the women were most of them cutting of the needles on the cactus, and cooking them, together with lumps of hard black bread, grass and other components, for the midday meal. The children stared with an idiotic, dazed look, unwashed and scarcely clothed, filth and misery everywhere, while in the distance the sun was shining on the churches and fine residences of San Antonio. Time to go said the doctor, and in half an hour the LIGHT man was in civilization again.

DR. CARROLL'S ARRIVAL.

His Meeting With, and Remarks to, the Baptist Church Members Last Night.

Dr. Carroll, who arrived in town yesterday evening, was present at the Baptist church meeting, but as it was too late and the reverend gentleman being very fatigued, after his late journey, he did not preach, but made a few remarks to the following point: That he could scarcely realize his present situation; that just 23 years ago this month when a wild, weary and worn young man he first saw San Antonio, and which sight seemed to throw a magic spell over his mind and body; that his first impression had been deepened by an incident of his early ministry, which was as follows: He dreamt that he was riding along a highway which gradually became more and more familiar. When he arrived at an old stone powder house, and looking up, he discovered that he was again in San Antonio. Here he was overwhelmed with the strongest disposition to dismount and pour out his soul to God for the spiritual welfare of this city. Dr. Carroll then spoke a few eloquent and impressive words upon the 55th chapter of Isaiah, which the leader of the prayer meeting had read a few moments after the doctor's entry into the church. It was, he said, the first scripture he had ever heard read—his mother had read and repeated it to him so often in his earliest childhood that every passage of it had been burned into his memory. After a few more remarks the meeting broke up.

COLORED CONVENTION.

Slim Attendance of the Dissatisfied—Nothing Accomplished.

The call of the dissatisfied colored Republicans for a convention brought out but a meagre crowd last night. The meeting was not called to order until 9 o'clock, with H. C. Smith in the chair. W. M. Dickey was chosen permanent chairman and W. Gaines secretary. Dickey stated that the meeting was called for the purpose of expressing the dissatisfaction of the colored Republican citizens of San Antonio at the manner in which last Saturday's convention was conducted, the colored folks realizing that they had been left and now proposed to take some action. Calls were then made for Mr. Ridge Paschal, but Dave Williams said that as Paschal was a member of the convention and would likely endorse its action he would rather hear some one else first. H. C. Smith took the floor and delivered a tirade against cliques and rings and denounced certain men, who, he said, seemed to think they carried the Republican vote of Bexar county in their pocket. Dave Williams, Shed Porter and Ridge Paschal also spoke and finally somebody asked the pertinent question, "What are we here for?" One wanted to organize on general principles, another wanted to organize and be independent and go with either Republicans or Democrats as they deemed advisable. Somebody else made a motion to adjourn, subject to the call of the chair, and the grand fiasco ended as such things usually do—in nothing.

BELVA LOCKWOOD

The Great American Woman Lawyer as Pen Pictured by a Correspondent.

Editor San Antonio Light:

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 9, 1884.—It was once said by a wag that Washington City contained three of the greatest liars in the United States—Tom Ochiltree being one, and his fraudulency, Rutherford B. Hayes, being the other two; and a lady friend of ours writing to Texas, said Washington City boasted three of the greatest lawyers in the United States—the ruffled and bemuffled Attorney General, Brewster, being one, and Belva A. Lockwood being the other two. It is said that the first necessary element in a great lawyer's make up, is brass; the second, is—"brass;" and the third, is—"brass." If this be true then we are satisfied that Belva is the other two. Let me show you Belva. It is 11 o'clock a. m., scene—Federal court room, Washington, D. C. The accused is before the bar. The court room is filled with witnesses and spectators. The wife of the accused is seated by the side of the spiritual adviser, Doctor Sunderland. All is silence, except the murmur of subdued conversation. The only persons standing are Belva A. Lockwood, Attorney at Law, and the District Attorney, with whom she is conversing. She is about five feet, six inches tall, has a heavy suit of gray hair, rolled back from a broad forehead in Pompadour style. She is plainly dressed in a dark suit of woolen goods, has rather a good face, with a good sized nose and mouth. We said she was in conversation with the District Attorney—by that we mean she was doing the talking, and he the listening—for an occasional nod of the head indicated that he was simply paying attention. She didn't give him a chance to say a word.

"Oh, yes; Oh, yes; the Judge of the Criminal Court of the District of Columbia," etc., etc., cried the Deputy Marshal, and all was silent. Judge Carter entered the room, ascended the steps and seated himself upon the wood sack. You know, Mr. Editor, in these old court rooms the Clerk's desk is in front of the Judge's stand and surmounted by a railing, and when the Judge is comfortably seated he directs the Clerk to call the roll of the attorneys present for motions, and the attorney keeps his seat until his name is called. He then rises and respectfully addresses the court from his place, and he is not expected to address the court until his name is called. But this slow way of doing business didn't seem to suit Mrs. Lockwood; for the Judge had hardly seated himself before she rushed around behind the clerk's desk, propped her elbow on the Judge's stand, and commenced, vigorously, talking in his face. The Judge tried in vain to wave her off, but she held her place manfully. We couldn't hear what she was saying, but finally the Judge addressed the Prosecuting Attorney and asked: "What's in this case anyhow?" The Attorney told him it was the case of a poor colored woman charged with some trivial offense; that she was in jail, about to be confined, and was unable to give bond. The Judge said: "Oh, oh! then let her be released on her own recognizance." So Mrs. Lockwood gained her point. This being accomplished, she dived down into a deep, long pocket and dragged out a bundle of papers and commenced again talking vehemently to the Judge, but this time it didn't work—he ordered the clerk to call the roll, and Mrs. Lockwood was only suppressed by the stronger voice of the Attorney moving for a continuance of the criminal case then before the court. Respectfully,

LAWYER.

Church Celebration.

To-morrow from 12 m. to 11:30 p. m. the ladies of the Episcopal church will dispense an elegant lunch to all comers, in the building formerly occupied by the Waterworks company. Gumbo, ice cream and all kinds of delicacies. As this is for the church, it is the duty of all to attend, if possible, and give their widow's mite.

Set for Trial.

The case of Siever vs. H. Hunt, a suit for rent was continued by consent of both parties yesterday in Justice Adam's court. The following cases are set for trial to-morrow: Gejruzeveski vs. A. G. Fry, a suit on sworn account for painting a house, amounting to about $160; a St. Louis house vs. Schelhagen, a suit on sworn account for merchandise sold the defendant, valued at about $150.

The Music Festival.

The programme for the music festival next week will be printed to morrow, and it can be said in all truth that it embraces a wide range of fine musical selections and the best from the greatest music composers. This festival is much more of an event than is credited to it, and will be attended by a large number of persons from neighboring towns, and San Antonio people should give it a most liberal support.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

THE POLITICAL NEWS ON BOTH SIDES AND DELEGATES ELECTED.

Yellow Fever at Vera Cruz—The Sharon Divorce Case—Destruction of a Nevada Town by Fire—Other News.

NEBRASKA CITY, April 16.—The Republican convention of the First Congressional district elected T. L. Reed and Church Howe delegates to Chicago. Resolutions to instruct the delegates for Blaine were voted down. Both the delegates will support Arthur as first choice.

MONTREAL, April 16.—The low lying parts of the city are under water. At Point St. Charles the people are using rafts. Along Bonaventure street water is waist deep. The river is packed with ice and should the present weather continue it will inevitable bring down the lake ice and cause most serious damage.

ST. LOUIS, April 16.—Late advices from Vera Cruz say that yellow fever prevails there, and that 13 deaths occured in one day of last week. Among the deaths was an American named C. E. Powers, formerly connected with the Mexican Central railroad. The American consul, who had fever, has recovered.

NEW YORK, April 16.—A cocking main between Brooklyn and Jersey City birds took place last night at a Coney Island sporting resort. The stakes were $500 a side and $50 on each battle. Brooklyn won the main with five battles out of nine fought. Three hundred of the sporting fraternity were present and heavy betting prevailed.

TRUCKEE, April 16.—No particulars of the burning of the town of Wadsworth in Nevada yesterday. The fire started under the platform of the railroad depot. A high wind was blowing, and in two hours the whole town, excepting a few private dwellings, was destroyed. Losses, $85,000; insurance $15,000. It had a population of 500.

CHARLESTON, April 16.—The State Democratic convention met here this morning for the purpose of sending delegates to the Presidential convention at Chicago. The convention was called to order at 10 a. m. by D. H. Leonard, Chairman of the State Executive committee. The convention adopted the following resolution: Resolved, That Samuel J. Tilden is our first choice for President.

RALEIGH, April 16.—It was announced that the State Democratic Executive committee would meet to-day. The State convention is called at Raleigh on June 2. A resolution was adopted approving the plank in the platform advocating the abolition of the internal revenue system as onerous and oppressive, and commanding the faithful and earnest Democratic representatives of North Carolina to secure such a result.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., April 16.—In the Sharon divorce suit to-day, Mrs. Fannie M. Sampson testified that Miss Hill told her in March, 1883, that she had been engaged to Sharon, but it was then all broken off and she was going to sue him for breach of promise. Miss Hill asked witness to help her in the case. If she won, would give her $100,000. On cross-examination the witness acknowledged she had received money from Sharon to cover the expenses in hunting up witnesses.

COLUMBIA, S. C., April 16.—The Republican State convention selected the following delegates from the State at large uninstructed: E. M. Brayton, Internal Revenue Collector; W. N. Taft, postmaster at Charleston; Congressman Robert Small and Samuel Lee. The following delegates were selected by the district conventions, uninstructed: First district—J. M. Freeman and E. M. Weber; Second district—Harry Simmons and E. S. Smith; Third district—E. F. Blodgett and R. W. Boone; Fourth district—Wilson Cook and C. M. Wilder; Fifth district—E. C. McCoy and E. H. Debbie; Sixth district—D. T. Corbin and B. H. Deas. Seventh district—T. J. Johnson and George H. Thompson. The convention, after passing resolutions of condolence with General Grant and endorsing the administration of President Arthur as wise, economical and just and without reproach or stain, adjourned.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., April 16.—About 4 o'clock this morning the report of the Credentials committee was adopted and the Strobach ticket from Montgomery was selected. Thomas Walker, colored, was selected as permanent chairman, and the convention adjourned to 10 o'clock. Up to this hour the time has been consumed in speaking. Much dissatisfaction is felt at the result of the Credentials committee vote. The delegates just elected from the State at large are George Turner, C. C. Sheets, G. W. Haxdell and J. C. Duke. The Montgomery district elected Paul Strobach and George Washington. The convention adjourned at 5 o'clock; J. W. Jones (colored) and Arthur Bingham are electors at large. Just before adjournment a banner was hung out on the stand inscribed, "Our Choice, Chester A. Arthur; Second Choice, John A. Logan." The banner will be taken to Chicago. The platform affirms the platform of 1880 at Chicago, endorses the education bill, favors the protective tariff, denounces the convict system of Alabama, and says the extraordinarily prosperous condition of the business of the country is mainly due to Arthur's successful administration. Arthur on the first ballot will get 19 out of 20 votes at Chicago. The nomination of the State ticket is left to the State committee with full powers. George Turner was re-elected chairman of the State committee.

DISTRICT COURT.

The List of Civil Cases Disposed of This Morning.

Several cases were set for hearing on the civil docket of the District court this morning, of which disposition was made as follows: J. D. Rogers, et al, vs. Sam Maverick, continued by consent; Paris A. Hall vs. Mary A. Hall, arbitration suit, dismissed for want of prosecution; Joseph Foster et al, vs. Ursula Castro et al, trespass to try title, Mrs. Ida E. Foster, wife of Joseph Foster, deceased, was made one of the parties plaintiff in her husband's place, and judgment was given for plaintiffs for the premises sold and allowing $70 for improvements on the property; George G. Lester vs. the International and Great Northern railway company, dismissed at plaintiff's cost; Felix Haywood vs. International and Great Northern railway, dismissed on account of failure to comply with the rule for costs; Sarah Collins vs. Isaac Haywood, injunction suit and trespass to try title to land, judgment given for defendant.

It is not known yet when the remaining indictments against county officials will be tried.

Orphans' Benefit.

The third annual orphans' benefit by Sanders & Eberhardt and their company comes off at Turner hall this afternoon and to-night. The programme embraces all the best features of a minstral exhibition, and all who participate are excellent in their roles. Some most excellent singing and music will be enjoyed. The entire Eighth cavalry band composes the orchestra. The performance will be richly worth attending.

New Church.

Work was commenced this morning on the foundation for the Christian church building on Camden street. The building is to be a frame structure substantially built, and judging from the plans and specifications, will be one of the neatest and most comfortable church buildings in the city. The work will be pushed rapidly forward and the building completed at the earliest possible day.

Cleaning Out a Policeman.

An interesting fight occurred just across the San Pedro this morning when Policeman Westmoreland undertook to arrest Eliza Bell and Sarah Lee as being vagrants. These sable hued damsels denied the allegation and proceeded to go for that policeman most vigorously. His hat and clothes showed plainly the signs of the fray, but he finally managed to get them up before the Recorder who proceeded to vindicate the outraged law by fining them $5 or five days each. The policeman will need a new hat.

His Little Scheme to See the Show.

"Ma, did the wicked children say 'Go up, old baldheaded,' to good Elijah?"

"Yes, dear."

"And did the bears come and eat them?"

"It is so told us, my son."

"And would they come and eat me if I said 'Go up, old baldhead,' to pa?"

"Possibly."

"Would they you?"

"Probably not."

"Then, you say it to him and I will give you five cents to see the bears."

Lesson From the Sanctum.

From the Philadelphia Call.

Dairyman—Here is a reply to some strictures of yours on milkman, and I wish you would print it.

Editor (after glancing it over)—Why, this is nearly two columns in length.

Dairyman—Well, you have plenty of room, I guess.

Editor—But it doesn't say anything in particular. All you have here could be condensed into a quarter of a column.

Dairyman—Then you won't use it.

Editor—Certainly not. Before rushing into print you should learn not to water your thoughts.

THE BELIEF IN LUCK.

Some of the Superstitions in Vogue Among Gamblers.

[Chicago Interview.]

"I've seen men who wouldn't sit down to a game when all the chairs but one were full, and then I've seen some who wouldn't take the first seat. Some old cranks wouldn't bet a cent on anything unless they had a stone with a hole in it in their pockets. Then I've seen men who wanted a cat in the room, and some who wouldn't play with a dog near at hand, and they firmly believed it would be bad luck for them to do it. I've seen men sit down in a game and buy a stack of chips, and the next minute get them cashed again—they would suddenly see a man with a finger on his left hand missing and that would settle that game for them. One night I remember there was a big game of poker in progress in a certain place, and several thousand dollars had changed hands. One man was about $8,000 ahead and was betting pretty heavy. The game had been in progress all night, and, as the forenoon advanced, the players became hungry. The porter was called and sent over to the restaurant to order breakfast. Well, when it was ready one of the waiters brought it up to the rooms, and the moment he entered, the winner, an old man, threw down his cards. The waiter was cross-eyed, and the old man was superstitious. This time it seemed as if there was some power in it. His luck changed, and he lost everything he had before he got out of the game, for, my opinion, however, it was simply a scare. He saw the cross-eyed man, gave up for lost, played recklessly and did lose, of course.

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