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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

FOR CONGRESS—EIGHTH DISTRICT.

We are authorized to announce HON. I. W. MOORE, of Lagrange, Fayette County, Texas, as a candidate for re-election from the 8th Congressional District, subject to the action of the Democratic convention.

FOR REPRESENTATIVE, SIXTH DISTRICT.

We are authorized to announce HON. GEORGE T. McGEHEE as a candidate for re-election to the office of Representative in the State legislature, subject to the action of the Democratic convention.

The Democratic National Convention will meet at St. Louis June 5th.

The capitol building at Austin is modeled after that of the United States.

Gen. John M. Palmer is the Democratic nominee for governor of Illinois.

A fine new railroad depot is soon to be built at Austin. Surely "the world do move," albeit sometimes very slowly.

The acceptance of the prohibition nomination by Marion Martin, the "swamp fox," is a puzzle to the "common run" of politicians.

They had quite a disastrous storm or rather cyclone, at Hillsboro Texas, the other day. Considerable destruction of property.

Rev. Lyman Abbott, who has been officiating for some time as pastor of Plymouth church, has been elected as permanent successor of Mr. Beecher by a large majority, although there was some warm opposition.

Gen. Sheridan has recently been threatened with sudden death from disease of the heart. At latest advices he was thought to be some better, but from the nature of his disease is liable to die at any moment.

The National Prohibition convention is in session at Indianapolis. It is conceded that General Clinton B. Fiske will be the nominee for President. The feeling prevailed that the second place on the ticket should be given to a Southern man.

The heart of oak plank goes in and those who don't like it can go out. The above is from Bartow, the notorious anti-prohibitionist, formerly of the defunct Waco Examiner, now of the Victoria Advocate. Mark how he cracks his little whip over prohibition Democrats.

We noticed at the capitol dedication that the swallows were already making nests under the eaves and porticos of the new building. They are irrepressible, and excepting the red ant, are the most industrious and indefatigable workers in Texas. Neither seem to be affected in the least by the alleged "enervating climate."

The boom of Judge Gresham for the Presidency appears to be taking the lead among the Republicans. He is undoubtedly their least objectionable man, and as a lover of our country, we hope for his nomination, so as between Mr. Cleveland and him, we may feel assured of having a reliable president, however the canvass may terminate.

Hempstead appears to be ambitious of following in the steps of Jackson, Mississippi, in the way of murdering editors and general cowardness. The editor there who lately killed a deputy sheriff who sought to murder him for discussing the acts of the sheriff's office, was shot down without ceremony by another deputy. The Governor had to send troops there to keep the peace.

The Austin Statesman, though an anti-prohibition paper, recognizes the folly of the "finality" clause of the so-called compromise resolution at Fort Worth. It says:

The greatest absurdity was to assume that any party could suppress any issue that divides a party or the people of all parties. The issue lives and all men are of one mind.

The San Antonio Express, quoting an eulogy of General Stanley, U. S. department commander of its city, from the Austin Statesman, in connection with the late drill, adds:

He has not shown Austin one half the favors he has San Antonio, not having the opportunity. The Express can say that no town in the state can think a tithe so much of him as the one in which he makes his home.

For instance, may it not have been Gen. S. who put Lieutenant Ballou under arrest and coerced him into a retraction of some unpalatable truths he published concerning San Antonio, under pain of being court-martialed? We have the authority of two San Antonio papers that some military superior of Lieut. Ballou did this thing. We do not assert that it was General Stanley, but if he did, the fact will go toward explaining the gush of gratitude of the Express toward him. Whoever did it, it was a most signal deliverance of poor San Antonio, who writhed helpless under the galling fire of the young lieutenant's pen. While also sees reason to curse the U. S. Courts for holding some of her authorities and leading citizens to a just account in the egg-throwing and riot cases last summer against the prohibition meetings, she has certainly found the U. S. military authorities abundantly docile and obsequiously supercilious in her behalf.

In proof of our statement last week that the so-called compromise resolution on the prohibition question at Fort Worth was like the handle of a jug, all on one side, and that side in favor of the anti, we quote from George Clark, of Waco, the grand fugleman of the anti campaign of last year. On being asked his opinion of the resolution, he is reported as saying:

"The resolution is all I want and is, in fact, all I ever wanted. Our only object was to commit the democratic party of Texas against state prohibition. This is in the resolution, and what we call the heart of oak."

And our own Billy Burges, who last year declared that "whisky is as necessary to run the democratic party as water is to run the Baptist church," is quoted as saying at Fort Worth: "We fixed the thing up beautifully."

Great compromise!
The President is apparently studiously ringing in with the religious denominations. With Mrs. Cleveland he lately made a conspicuous figure at a large Presbyterian convention from both North and South, while about the same time he defied a furious rain-storm to be present at the laying of the cornerstone of the new Roman Catholic University at Washington, where he was seated by the side of Cardinal Gibbons.

We noticed in the report of the Fort Worth convention that our distinguished contemporary, Judge Koebig, of the New Braunfels Zeitung, was called to the stand for exhibition as a sort of curiosity, as the only German democratic editor in the state. What becomes, then, of the loud boast, of which we heard so much just after the vote on prohibition, that the great body of the Germans would be found voting with the democratic party? But then why should they, for their old friends the republicans have gone even further in the advocacy of free beer and whisky, and so the republicans still stand solid with the Germans.

Carl Schurz, the German Republican renegade, has appropriately followed up his eulogy of Emperor William by going to the court of Berlin, where he was received with distinguished consideration by the royal family and Bismarck. His recent flunkeyism only secured this attention to the ex-fugitive from Prussian tyranny. Had he been true to his principles he would scarcely have dared return to his native land, and certainly would not have been smiled on by the same dynasty which drove him into exile in 1848.

We find the following graceless paragraph in the St. Louis Globe Democrat:

When a gentle and prominent New York paper speaks of candidates "stripping for the presidential race," it ignores the fact, manifestly, that Mrs. Belva A. Lockwood is to be one of the runners in that connection.

Served Him Right.

WILLISTON, Dakota, May 9.—W. Grinnell, living in the county, has been in the habit of getting drunk and beating his wife. She warned him if he did so again she would kill him. Yesterday he began drinking and pounding her over the head with a revolver. She fled and he tried to run over her on horseback. Dismounting he attacked her. She threw him down and choked him to death with a watch chain he wore around his neck. She is a half-breed. He was a farmer and kept a saloon and the postoffice.

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WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)
WASHINGTON, May 25th, 1888.

The President and Mrs. Cleveland went to Philadelphia on Wednesday, to attend the 250th anniversary of the Presbyterian church held at Germantown. Mr. Cleveland returned to Washington Thursday, but Mrs. Cleveland will remain in Philadelphia a few days.

The Senate has passed the House bill to establish a department of labor. There were several unimportant amendments made which will necessitate returning the bill to the House for its concurrence.

The Senate committee on agriculture have made a favorable report on the House bill to enlarge the duties of the Department of Agriculture, and make it an executive department. The bill, as it passed the House, provided for the transfer of the weather bureau from the war department to the Department of Agriculture. This has been struck out of the bill by the Senate committee.

The republicans of the House have backed down in a most inglorious manner by declining to accept the proposition made them by Representative Mills to take a vote on the substitute which the republicans proposed offering, and then on the Mills tariff bill, without further discussion or amendment. This action on the part of the republicans shows plainly that they were afraid the bill would pass if they allowed it to come to a vote without further delay. The bill, when taken up again, be considered under the five minute rule by sections. At this stage, amendments will be in order. It is not likely that a final vote will be reached before July.

The Baltimore, one of the new cruisers for the navy, will be launched in Philadelphia, July 4th. It is expected that Mrs. Cleveland will christen the new boat.

A resolution providing for an investigation of the fur seal fisheries of Alaska, by the House committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries, has been passed by the House. For many years there have been charges made against the Alaska Fur Company, a corporation which has a contract with the government that gives it a monopoly of catching seals on the Alaska coast. Up to the present time this wealthy corporation has always been able to prevent any legislation looking toward a Congressional investigation, but now it is to be hoped that the committee will make an exhaustive inquiry into the whole business and methods of the company.

Mr. Springer, of Illinois, has introduced a bill in the House, placing on the free list all articles of merchandise the production of which may be controlled by trusts and corporations. Thursday the corner stone of the new Catholic University in this city was laid. Gen. Rosecrans, Register of the Treasury, was the chief marshal of the procession which was an extremely large one. The ceremonies were very impressive, being participated in by Cardinal Gibbons, about thirty bishops and nearly four hundred priests.

There will not probably be any paper fractional currency issued just now. The Senate committee has reported against the House bill providing therefor. In place of it they have reported a bill reducing the fee on postal notes in sums below one dollar to one cent. The opposition of Secretary Fairchild killed the fractional currency.

Wednesday night there was great rejoicing among the democrats here, when the news of the unqualified endorsement by the Pennsylvania State Democratic convention of the President and the Mills tariff bill was received. It only shows what rapid headway the revenue reform is making among the people of the country.

The Democratic State Convention was remarkably harmonious. It was, in fact, unusually docile and tractable. The platform is significant for its omissions. It eulogizes Mr. Cleveland's administration, declaring that it has redeemed all the pledges made in its platform, and indorses the abstract proposition contained in his message to Congress. But it is dumb as to the Mills bill, which is which is to be the effectual execution of the recommendations in that message.

This singular omission is emphasized by the action of the committee in rejecting, by a vote of 22 to 4, a resolution pledging the Democratic Congressmen of the state to the measure, and this is calculated to impair the chances of the bill's success.

The delegates to St. Louis were instructed to vote for Mr. Cleveland for president, and the unit rule was adopted.—N. Y. World.

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FARMERS' ALLIANCE MASS MEETING.

In Each County in the State, June 9th, 1888.

[Published by request.]

Members of the Farmers' Alliance of Texas: Brethren—Grave and important issues confront us to-day. Unjust combinations seek to throttle our lawful and legitimate efforts to introduce a business system more just and equitable than that now prevailing. Those in the combination have said to us substantially, you can only do your business in our way. This is, in our judgment, more than we are prepared to yield, and more than the manhood of the order will stand. In order that the proof of the existence of this combination may be submitted to you, and that a full, free conference may be had with the brethren, it is most earnestly recommended that a mass meeting be held in the court house in each county in the state, on the second Saturday in June, at which meeting the documentary evidence disclosing facts of vast importance will be laid before you and a plan for your consideration and adoption. Let nothing prevent your attendance; the time is now here when the order has a right to expect every man to do his duty. Posted speakers will meet as many as possible, all are requested on that day to enquire at the post office in the county town for matter addressed to the county secretary. Again urging each loyal member to heed this call, we are fraternally yours,

EVAN JONES, President.
B. J. KENDRICK, State
JOS. SMELSER, Executive
G. L. CLARK, Committee,
C. W. MACUNE, Bus. Manager,
J. B. RILEY, Sect'y Exchange,
HARRY TRACY, Superintendent.

Where the Responsibility Rests.
The Louisville Courier Journal, speaking of the Tate defalcation, says:

Let us confess it. All of us are more or less to blame for this wretched business, and the Courier-Journal is ready to take its full share of censure. If we had done our duty and given years ago the warning which the state of the case—not any distrust of the Treasurer—required, some part, if not all, of the present scandal might have been avoided. It was absurd to go on, term after term, electing and re-electing, substantially without opposition or question, one man to be the custodian of the public moneys; and this the Courier-Journal, with eyes wide open, and the entire consciousness of the wrong to the commonwealth, permitted without a word of protest. Yet we went on year after year singing his praises and keeping him in office. The likelihood is that these defalcations date very far back, and that with each recurring day of inspection he was able to tide them over with temporary loans.

The San Marcos Free Press wants to know if interest shown in a sham battle is not demonstration of a sham civilization. It is a demonstration of the ability of the militia soldier to make a world of noise and do no damage. Nothing else.—San Antonio Express.

A Present for Mrs. Cleveland.
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 21.—The Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Monroe county, New York, has presented Mrs. Cleveland with an elegant Griffith Club microscope and accessories in recognition of her temperance views.

The following from a Missouri paper is good:
We have lately bought a new waste basket and are daily inserting free advertising therein. Those of our friends who desire anything in this line will please rush it in, in order to secure good positions—in the basket. We received a long article from Potosi, puffing somebody for judge of the St. Louis court of appeals, and it filled a long felt want in the bottom of the basket.

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A pocketbook is paradoxical. The smaller the size the greater the sighs.—Goodall's Sun.

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A man who has no pets has no friends.—Judy.

We copy the following gems from the Fort Worth Gazette's convention report:

Last night was a great occasion for young democrats. They had a fine opportunity to learn the history of the party. The changes were rung on the old stock catch phrases and nausium.

The gentleman from Brewster and the gentleman from Potter sat upon opposite sides of the balcony and voted against each other with great unanimity. They are both splendid specimens of wild western manhood.

Senator Bill Pope occupies a prominent position in the Harrison county delegation. He is one of the brightest and most genial men in Texas politics. Senator Burges says Pope is the only man sent to the legislature from East Texas since the war who could count thirty poker chips without dividing them into three stacks.

Many a man who gets caught in the matrimonial knot regrets that he monkeyed with the las-so.—Binghampton Leader.

Martindale.
Yesterday was a beautiful and pleasant day, and every body's heart was filled with joy. But to-day is not very beautiful, as every weed has grown a foot since morning. Poor farmers, we all know how to sympathize with them.

Wheat and oats are as flat as broken merchants. Oats are ready to harvest, and promise a fair yield.

Mr. Jas. Petty, of Lockhart, was over last week, and said watermelons would soon be on market.

Last Saturday night at a Mexican fandango, two Mexicans jumped on another of their race, and soon butchered him up; stabbing him fifteen times, and then knocking him in the head with an ax. Don't know what caused the difficulty.

Mr. Joseph Jennings, a prominent gentleman, and one of Martindale's leading farmers, was married to Miss Ella Dunlap, of Luling, last week. Success to the couple.
Well the old "boss" is hallowing at us to come on and go to picking cotton, and he is old "Billie Dieturner" when he gets a little mad, and so we must go. Adios.

THE RAILROAD BOYS,
May 28 1888.

Tribute of Respect.
Whereas, it has pleased our Heavenly Father to move out of this world the son of our worthy brother, E. I. Iglehart, therefore be it

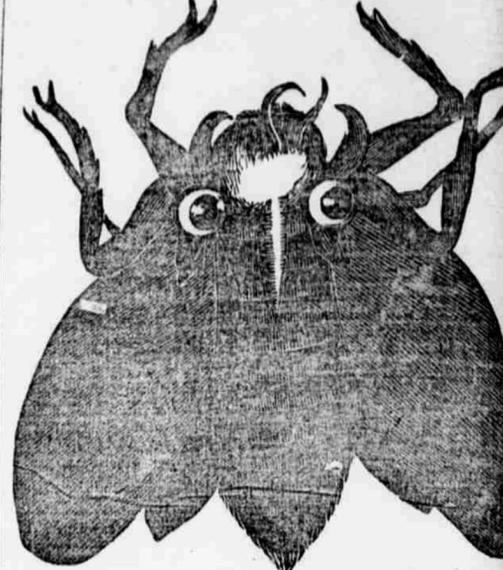
Resolved, by the San Marcos Council No. 10, Order of Chosen Friends, 1st, That we feel that we have lost much in the death of our brother, though we bow submissively to the will of God.

Resolved, 2nd, That we sympathize with his bereaved family and friends in their sore affliction.
Resolved, 3rd, That a copy of these resolutions be published in the Free Press and Hays County Times and that a copy of the papers containing this notice be sent to the family.
C. G. MEAD, Committee.
A. B. DAILEY, Secretary.

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