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Friday, June 2, 1876.

Unite the Forces of Opposition.

Something like the bickering in the Democratic ranks of Texas, caused by the late election of United States Senator, and now so much deprecated by a portion of the press which was most active in promoting it, is taking place in regard to the National Democratic Convention. The party press on both sides begins to show how greatly preferences for men may embarrass the discussion of measures. The papers are not satisfied with extolling the merits of their own favorites, but are equally active in disparaging those of rival candidates, and, in some cases at least, the war within the party is about as bitter as the contest between the conflicting parties. Such controversies, however mischievous when carried too far, are not only unavoidable but proper within their sphere. A fair statement of the qualifications and claims of the persons proposed for nomination is eminently in order; and so is a fair showing of their weak points and the objections which the opposing party will urge against them in case that they should be nominated. But invective and vituperation may very well be left to the opposing party. Healing dissension in its own ranks is always among the most difficult works of a party; and there are few Democrats who do not believe that if their real forces could have been united in the last two presidential contests their ticket would have triumphed. The News will not here repeat the epithets which are hurled at various prominent Democrats by Democratic papers, with the aim to defeat their nomination at St. Louis. The fact is that the real cause of dissension lies deeper still, and relates rather to measures and questions of policy than to men. Among these the currency question is perhaps the strongest; and it would seem but fair in the press to discuss the question on its merits, rather than to denounce the supposed representatives of the so-called contraction and inflation sides of the issue. Ridiculing prominent Democrats, calling nicknames, and a resort to denunciation and threats to disrupt the party will do but little good. These things, and the want of prudence and tact in some other respects, have already lessened the confidence which was felt by the Democracy some months since, and unless their ranks can be united and a hearty effort is made to overthrow the present corrupt national administration, with the hope of reform and a cheaper government, a repetition of the results of the last two presidential contests may be anticipated.

It should be the study of every sincere opponent of the present party rule head of the shameful system of politics known as Grantism, to allay dissension in the Democratic ranks and consolidate all the forces of opposition, no matter how various, in the coming campaign. An intelligent and honest majority of the American people are undoubtedly in favor of a change of administration; but it is plain that, if this majority remains dispersed and distracted on such issues as "hard money" and "soft money, or still worse, on issues connected with incidents and lingering fears and animosities of the war, the election of the Republican ticket, headed by such a man as Conkling or Morton, will be assured, and the country will appear in the light of indorsing an administration which it has found to be a failure, and perpetuating a rule which it knows to be corrupt and fearfully pernicious.

Kindness to Animals.

Through indefatigable and highly-praiseworthy efforts of a popular young lady of Augusta, Miss Louise W. King, the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals has gained a foothold in Georgia. A distribution of prizes for the best kept horse or mule, driven and attended by its owner, came off in Atlanta the other day, Miss King being present. There were twenty-four entries in the contest, which was for four prizes, ranging from $10 down to $2 50. The lady members of the society tied badges to the horses and mules, which were drawn up in a line, and submitted them to the inspection of a committee of gentlemen, who awarded the premiums. The winners of the prizes were all colored men, most of the owners of animals entered being colored.

This was certainly a very clever device for promotion of a worthy cause, doing as much credit to the fair ones originating and carrying it into effect as Miss King's generous enterprise for the erection of a public fountain in Atlanta, which we have heretofore noted. The fountain is to supply plenty of cool water for beasts of burden driven in its neighborhood and be a constant reminder of the duty of those having charge of stock to treat them with kindness. Who can doubt that such a monument would rekindle a spark of better nature in the breast of even the most hardened fellow? Miss King is actively seconded by Miss Nellie Peters, daughter of a wealthy, enterprising and influential citizen of Atlanta, and is encouraged by a host of friends to her and her cause.

STATE PRESS.

The *Comanche Chief* is after the scalp of Lieutenant Governor, soon to be Governor Hubbard. The *Chief* recapitulates the points in the charge some time since made by an interior paper, that a citizen of Anderson county had bribed the Lieutenant Governor of Texas to secure his interest in passing a bill through both branches of the Fourteenth Legislature, relieving the said citizen of liability upon a certain bond, and closes by saying:

> In behalf of the people who elected him to the office he occupies, we call upon Governor Hubbard to ask the Senate for an investigation of the matter. If he fails to do this, we demand of the Senate that it take proper action at once to remove the odium attached to it by the alleged criminality of its presiding officer. We do not propose to let this matter rest until something is done with it. We are unwilling to believe that Texans have lost all pride for the purity and honesty of their governments. We are unwilling, as yet, to believe the Lieutenant Governor guilty of this crime, and shall await his action before forming our judgment upon him.

The Waco *Examiner* thus tersely disposes of the question of Lynch law:

> The laws fairly administered are amply sufficient to meet all the requirements of society in restraining the lawless. Mob law incites disorder, no grounds upon which to work, and those who resort to it are themselves lawbreakers.

The Mount Pleasant *Patron* wants the people of the counties of Red River, Titus, Franklin and Morris, and several others, to make arrangements for having a Fourth of July celebration at some point in one of the counties to be agreed on.

The Hempstead *Messenger* begins to be impatient and says:

> From the windy-woshy, shilly-shally character of the present Legislature, we are more than ever convinced that "new men" are not desirable material of which to form such bodies.

The Clarksville *Times* is more considerate:

> Every man knows who knows anything about Legislatures or their workings that for several weeks after the meeting of such bodies little or no work is done outside of committees, and while members of bills are introduced, yet time for the consideration of their merits must be given. Owing to this fact very few bills are passed until the session has advanced several weeks. However, the present Legislature occupies a peculiar position, and one which should screen it in great degree, at least for a time, to shield it from such unjust criticisms. It assembled just after the adoption of a new constitution, which makes great changes in the different departments of the government, and especially in the judiciary. The existing laws must be expunded and modified, and new ones passed, in order to bring the machinery in complete harmony with the constitution. This requires much labor and thought, for such measures should not be passed hastily. You must think before they give vent to such feelings.

In another article the *Messenger* uses the language of the ensuing paragraph:

> As soon as the pay dam changes from five to ten dollars, each member will hastily throw into the ladle a calf on his own pot indigent, and the whole will be stewed down into a broth as nauseating as that concocted by the witches in Macbeth; then the members will return to their respective homes, where, if the prayers of a disgusted people avail anything, they will remain to the close of their natural lives.

The Dallas *Herald* denies that it is "a Tilden organ:"

> The *Herald* conceives that the position of President is tacitly remitted to some prominent Northern Democrat and that until he be announced with a nomination it is free to canvass any presidential aspirant as it chooses. It seems to be conceded that the Democratic nominee for President will be taken from among Northern men. Why do not the Bourbon journals of Texas raise a howl about this truckling to Northern sentiment and urge some Southern firewater for this position? They are missing a fine opportunity.

Messrs. Wm. A. Fields and Joe W. Hill are now editors and proprietors of the Comanche *Chief*.

The *Messenger* can find consolation under the greatest disappointments. Thus:

> We should be thankful that Divine Providence so rules it that our sky, no matter how dark, is never without one bright spot. Though Texas is not represented at the grand Centennial Exhibition, Dutch Dem Fodire did not visit Hempstead, and though our City Fathers are so dilatory about erecting those street lamps, Stanley-Stanley, the great discoverer of Dr. Livingstone—is "lost in the darkness of Central Africa," and in all probability will never be heard of again.

The *Messenger* wants the Legislature to establish a house of correction for young offenders, to be managed as are such institutions in the older States, and says until she do so, she is but educating and increasing a class already too proficient in their nefarious profession and by far too numerous—that is by sending them to the penitentiary along with old offenders.

Texas editors had a bad streak of luck last week. Some one stole a pair of dark-blue cloth ribbed pants, containing keys, pocket-knives, composing rule, etc., from Brother Leader, of Jefferson, and the Madison *Plain Dealer* deals thus with a thief incognito:

> That was a very low-minded thief who stole from our dairy, on last Wednesday night, the pan filled with the richest cream. We might have thought that dog had four legs, but for the fact that dogs do not eat tin pans nor carry them off.

The Waco *Examiner* proposes to make the Grangers of Texas a sort of detective police organization to operate against murderers and thieves, and concludes an article on "The Grange Attitude Toward Crime" in these words:

> Now, let the manhood of our noble Order, which is every day developing its ability, step boldly to the front, and let it be understood, far and near, that each Granger, of all the many thousands of our State, is an active personal enemy of thieves and murderers, and that he is pledged to give his best energies to their extermination, and this, with the actively manifested by our law-makers and administrators, will soon render Texas anything else than a desirable field for the exercise of the vocations of stealing or murder.

STATE NEWS.

ANGELINA COUNTY.

On the night of May 24, as Mr. S. S. Hudibrugh was returning from home, when about six miles from the cattle place, he and his horse were both killed by lightning.....Dr. Abney, an esteemed and well-known citizen, died on the 23d, leaving a large and somewhat dependent family.

BEXAR COUNTY.

That old Texas veteran and legislator, Gen. Hamilton P. Bee, is in San Antonio.

BANDERA COUNTY.

Bandera, the most promising and thrifty town of the west, is situated on the Medina river, thirty miles above Castroville, and about fifty miles northwest of San Antonio. There is a very fine building being built here for a Presbyterian church, a house that will not cost less than $5000. This county is one of the most quiet and peaceable counties on the frontier of Texas. The stock business, except sheep-raising, is rapidly decreasing, and farming adopted in its stead. This county, like most of her neighbor counties, offers great inducements to emigration.....The following is a statement showing the success of the wool-growing enterprise in this county, by Judge Davenport, who purchased on May 25, 1874, 1440 sheep, costing cash, $2809; the herding cost $216; salting cost $47 50; total expenses, $3161. Has now on hand 3130 sheep, worth $2 per head, $6260; sold wool last year for $720 25; sold wool this year $1302; total profits, $3942 25; deduct 3161 50; net profit $5180 75.

BASTROP COUNTY.

Durham Farm of Bastrop county, owned by Messrs. Sayers & Walton, is situated about twenty miles south of Austin and at about the same distance, in an easterly direction, from the town of Bastrop. These gentlemen have about three hundred acres in cultivation, all of which is devoted to corn and grain. They have a splendid pasture of full 1500 acres, covered with the finest mesquite. In addition to this, they are preparing to put in, during the present year, another pasture, so as to separate their cattle. Nothing is permitted to range outside, but everything—cattle, horses and hogs—are kept within. They have two walls about thirty feet apart. These walls are ten feet square and about fifteen feet deep, and, in the driest seasons of the year, contain five feet of water. Between them is erected a large wind-mill, which drives two pumps—one placed in each well—and will furnish water sufficient for a thousand cattle. The stables are large and well built. These gentlemen now, for winter pasturage, wheat, the red oat, California or burr clover, and alfalfa, all of which do well. They have the best breeds of cattle, some of them imported; also, fine breeds of American horses and jacks; fine Berkshire hogs, etc., and are building up a model stock farm.

COLEMAN COUNTY.

The crops are looking well....District Court has just closed its first session in the county. The people of Coleman are highly pleased with their new judge, and look forward to the future with pleasure, feeling that with such a man on the bench as J. R. Fleming the law will be ably executed, and thereby secure peace and happiness to all.

CLAY COUNTY.

From all accounts there is a fair crop of wheat grown this season, notwithstanding sod ground, late sowing and early drouths. The heavy rains have thoroughly soaked the ground, doing much good to garden vegetables, corn and late oats, besides fixing the prairie in admirable order for breaking, preparatory to fall sowing.....The reports from all parts of the county represent the streams that were swollen beyond their banks by the late heavy rains as falling. No bridges have, as yet, been carried away, though the water rose to the level of several.

COMANCHE COUNTY.

Several large herds of cattle, horses and sheep passed through last week, en route for Coleman county.....Nearly every portion of the county has been visited with an abundance of rain during the past week. This was much needed throughout this section, and we now feel assured of an abundant crop this year.

DALLAS COUNTY.

The contract has been let for the work on the Dallas and Wichita railroad. The *Commercial* says the first five miles will be built in fifteen days, in time to ship the grain to Dallas. The iron has been ordered from the Vulcan Iron Works of St. Louis. One hundred miles will be built by the 1st of September. Dallas is a fast place.....A negro boy was drowned in the Trinity river on Sunday morning, while bathing. Several negro men were near at hand, but were so paralyzed with fear as to be unable to render any assistance. A white man ran some distance and plunged into the water and secured the body. The limbs gave a slight quiver after being brought to the shore, but life was extinct. Strange to say, no one thought of any means of resuscitation.....The dedication services of the new synagogue were highly imposing. It is a splendid building of the Byzantine style of architecture. The gross amount from the sale of pews was $5,200, some of them selling as high as four or five hundred dollars.....The *Commercial* gives a shocking account of the mangling of a young girl by a rabid dog. The young lady's name is Miss Fannie Cobb. The dog also bit a man severely.....Forty thousand pounds of wool is the estimated spring clip from two sheep ranches in McLennan county, owned by Messrs. Jos. D. Sparks and E. G. P. Kellum.

FANNIN COUNTY.

This county has lost her school lands, consisting of 12,000 acres, located in Cooke county, by the dismissal of the suit of Fannin county vs. John L. Riddell in the Supreme Court. Riddell filed certificates of the land two or three years ago, claiming that, although it was originally set apart to Fannin county, she had neglected to perfect her title and had forfeited her rights, thereby leaving the land vacant public domain, subject to location.

FREESTONE COUNTY.

While the cut crop in the vicinity of Cotton Gin is first-rate, in some other portions of the county it is almost ruined by rust.....Bountiful rains have fallen in nearly every portion of Freestone county. The crop prospect is simply magnificent. Nearly every farmer has his fields in prime condition.

GRAYSON COUNTY.

At Denison, Monday evening, while Messrs. Harold Gooch and Will Lowe were practicing at the game of polo, quite a serious accident happened to the former. Mr. Gooch's saddle turned, throwing him to the ground, when his horse gave him a severe kick, cutting a gash about five inches in length across his head, over the right ear. Dr. Berry rendered the necessary medical attention, and Mr. Gooch is doing well. Will Lowe, Secretary of the Denison Polo Club, wrote James Gordon Bennett, asking him if arrangements could be made for a match game between the Denison and New York clubs. Mr. Lowe received a letter from Mr. Bennett Monday, in which he says he will lay the matter before the club at the next meeting. There is little doubt the New York club will invite our boys to play them. The Denison club will go into training at once, as they are confident the game will come off.

GOLIAD COUNTY.

The coroner's inquest upon the body of W. Killebrough resulted in the following verdict: We the jury find that W. J. Killebrough was killed by pistols in the hands of Joe Luderbacher, Hy. Luderbacher and Henry Hoff, in company with about forty others, to the jurors unknown, on the 20th day of May, 1876, in Goliad county.

HUNT COUNTY.

The *Independent* reports new buildings in progress in different parts of Greenville.....This section has been favored with copious rains during the past week. Crops are in fine condition, and an abundant yield is expected. The harvest season will begin in earnest during the early part of June. Wheat has been injured slightly by rust, but the crop will yield much better than was expected a few weeks since.....There was a gathering at Ashland on Saturday, the laying of the corner-stone of Commerce Masonic Lodge, but as their dispensation had not arrived, this interesting ceremonial was postponed. About one thousand people were in attendance. Judge H. B. Simonds delivered an able and highly interesting address on the history and principles of Masonry, at the conclusion of which dinner was announced, and all enjoyed a bounteous feast. After dinner Major Joe Hensley favored the audience with a brief and eloquent address on the beauties of the Masonic Order. The young people soon afterwards began to "trip the light fantastic," and thus ended the ceremonies.....The majority of our farmers are now busy harvesting, and parties who ought to know, say that there will be more wheat raised this year than last.....A man by the name of Miller was brought out before Esquire Nicholson last week and made affidavit that three of the Morris boys and two other young men, named Marrs and McCormick, killed a peddler some time in January last, and buried him in Journigan thicket. Marrs, McCormick and one of the Morris boys have been arrested, and are now in jail awaiting an investigation, which takes place next Wednesday.

HAMILTON COUNTY.

Virgil Edwards, who killed Mr. Avery, of Hamilton county, a short time since, and, in default of bond, was sent to the Waco jail for safe keeping, has at last succeeded in getting a bond, and will be released at once.

HOOD COUNTY.

This locality was visited by a fine shower on Saturday night, followed by another and heavier one on Sunday evening, and a continuous rain all day Tuesday. The earth is thoroughly soaked with water.....The wet weather in the early part of last week did not seriously interfere with the work of harvesting. A large proportion of the wheat crop was ready for the reapers, and most of the grain is now in the shock. The average yield will be better than anticipated. Oats, grasses, cotton crops and the gardens have been vastly benefited by the late rains. The corn crops are maturing very fast, some of it being in the silk. Never were crop prospects finer throughout this section.....The members of the Council of Temperance meet at the court-house every Wednesday night. It takes a large room to hold them all. There is a disposition manifest to get up a rousing temperance picnic for the Fourth.

KERR COUNTY.

Kerrville, the county seat of Kerr county, on the Guadalupe river, seventy miles northwest of San Antonio, is developing rapidly; there are many enterprising citizens in the town. The population of the town is about 250. They support a paper, two practical physicians and an able lawyer.....Center Point, in the southeastern corner of Kerr county, is a handsome little town, surrounded by a fine farming country. Center Point is a postoffice, has two stores, steam-mill, mechanic's shops necessary to supply the community, and an excellent hotel.

LIVE OAK COUNTY.

The San Antonio *Herald* learns from a gentleman just from the city of Oakville that there is a great deal of excitement among the stockmen in reference to the ownership of cattle, and troubles of the most serious nature are anticipated.

M'LENNAN COUNTY.

The corps of Central Railway Engineers started out Monday morning to locate the line of the extension, which some melancholy people seem to think will build up a vast metropolis west of Waco.....Corn crops are looking fine.....Garden vegetables are now getting plentiful.....Rain has fallen nearly every day for a week past, which is a fine thing for the growing crops, but has interfered somewhat with the harvesting of grain.....Numerous new cottages and residences are going up in the suburbs of the city.....The row of new iron-front buildings on the Avenue begin to look imposing.....Thirty-two prisoners now claim the watchful care of Jailer McGee.....Sheriff Ross will start nine prisoners to Huntsville this week, convicted at the present term of court, and these are not all.....The clink of silver quarters and halves is now getting to be a familiar sound at Wall-co.....A few days since Mr. Wilkerson, about two miles from Patton's Mills, in this county, discovered that some parties had been stealing his oats. He took the trail into the bottom and found two horses tied in a thicket. He immediately raised a party of his neighbors, and they secreted themselves near the horses. In a short time they discovered three men coming cautiously towards the animals. The men were ordered to halt, but Boykin, who had ridden off Patterson's mare, replied with a double-barreled shot gun, wounding the animal seriously, but fortunately not hurting the citizens, who immediately opened fire on the thieves, shooting Boykin down in his tracks and severely wounding a man named Jeffries. The other party, calling himself Hurdon, made good his escape. Jeffries and Boykin were turned over to the sheriff of Hill county, where they had stolen horses.

NUECES COUNTY.

Corpus Christi has received 1,200,000 pounds of wool this season. Prices range from 11 to 14 cents a pound.

RED RIVER COUNTY.

Saturday night last a heavy cloud came over from the northwest, and a young deluge descended from it. Sunday all was clear and serene. The rain was needed and was quite beneficial to vegetation.....Sunday was intensely a hot day for the season.....The weather turned much cooler Monday evening, and thick clothing felt very comfortable.....This week has been splendid for the farmers.....Some wheat fields yield thirty bushels to the acre.....Small-pox has died completely out at last.....John Horton, a boy who was convicted of horse-stealing here a year or so ago, has been pardoned by the Governor.

SOMERVILLE COUNTY.

A big barbecue is on the tapis in Somerville county, to be gotten up by the Grangers.

STARR COUNTY.

A letter from Rio Grande City states that Capt. McNelly, at the Subinito rancho, six miles above Edinburgh, on the Rio Grande, killed two Mexican cattle thieves and wounded one, some time since. The thieves crossed to this side in squads of two and three, and made their way to the Nueces country, from whence they were just returning. Subsequently, the Captain had an interview with the Alcalde, who wanted to know why he had sent armed men into Mexico. McNelly informed him that he hadn't sent armed men into Mexico, but went and took them with him. He further informed the Alcalde that he would go again if the beeves and thieves were not returned.

TARRANT COUNTY.

A brutal and cowardly murder was perpetrated in Tarrant county a few days ago. Mr. J. M. Meusy, a well-to-do farmer, was engaged in cutting his oats, and some herders had a large drove of cattle adjoining his field. The cattle frequently broke into the field, and Meusy went to the men a number of times and begged them to keep the cattle out of his field. They paid no attention to him, and at length he told them he would complain to the "boss," which he proceeded to do. The men followed him and shot him dead in his tracks. The murderers escaped.

UVALDE COUNTY.

That portion of Uvalde county so generally known as Sabinal Canon, has a large population, composed of a people of character and intelligence; its general appearance and densely populated lands, although so small, resemble very much that much talked of Valley of Virginia; it possesses almost every facility that any country could possibly possess; has water in abundance, timber, grass, fine schools, churches, etc. As to the natural scenery and climate, this valley is unsurpassed.....The crops of wheat, rye, corn and oats of the canon are fine. The welcome and long-looked for rains in this section have very much stimulated the farmers and stockmen; in fact, all who are interested in the country.....A Mexican fisherman, living on the Medina, caught a catfish in that stream, just after the late heavy rain, which was over five feet in length.

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Hot. No more rain wanted at present. Corn and cotton are generally clean, and the late rains are causing it to grow very rapidly.....The *Banner* says the locality known as Hell's Half Acre was enlivened by a shooting affair. It appears that Thomas Noll, a bricklayer, had some words with a well-known citizen named Ed. Green, and to settle the question took a shot at him with a revolver. Luckily for Green, his skin is whole, as Noll made a very bad shot. Green swore out a warrant for Noll, but the latter had evidently vanished.

WALLER COUNTY.

Plentiful rains.....A son of George Burton had his leg broken one day last week by being run over by a wagon.....The ladies of the Methodist church will give a dramatic entertainment for the benefit of the church on Tuesday, the 13th of June.....A young German named Buyman, who has been clerking for Dr. Ridley the past two months, suddenly and mysteriously disappeared between two days of last week, and has not been heard of since. He left the keys, and, in fact, everything else about the store all right, nor did he ask for the salary due him. His disappearance is unaccountable.

THE State Prison at Concord, N. H., has more than paid expenses for the last year. The earnings were $36,999, and the expenses $15,821. The price paid for labor has, however, nearly ruined the contractor.

Bergh is kind-hearted by nature. When a little boy, running about barefooted, he would not even tread on a bumble-bee.

UNCLE SAM'S SHOW.

The Centennial Exhibition Considered as an Investment.

[From the New York Sun, May 21.]

The number of paying visitors to the Centennial Exhibition has fallen far short of the anticipation of the managers. The daily official reports of the cash admissions during the first week of the show afford the following figures:

Wednesday	19,237
Thursday	17,...
Friday	16,...
Saturday	17,...
Monday	11,...
Tuesday	7,...
Total for the week	101,...
Average daily attendance	21,...
Total cash receipts	$...
Average daily receipts	$10,...

Now, even the least sanguine of Philadelphians had expected and predicted a much larger attendance than this. Yet the average for the first week gains much by the extraordinary attractions of the opening day, and, doubtless, exceeds the figures of the weeks to come.

Leaving out of the calculation the opening day, and adding Wednesday of the second week, when the number of cash admissions was 12,113, we find that the average daily attendance for the six days was 11,269, and the average daily receipts $5635.

Will the daily average for the 159 days of the show exceed these figures? There undoubtedly will be a period of several weeks during the summer when the attendance will be much larger; but there will also be weeks and weeks toward the close of the exhibition, when the show will no longer be a novelty, when exhibitors will have begun to remove their goods, and when most patriots will have wearied of the Centennial, and even of Philadelphia. We think it fair to take the opening week as a basis for estimating the attendance throughout, balancing the attraction of novelty, the quite general desire to take advantage of endurable weather, and the local rush, against the present incompleteness of the exhibition, and any other adversely operating circumstances.

Philadelphia people will be likely to visit the Exhibition while it is new, in order to give undivided attention during the remainder of the season to the entertainment of strangers and their protection from discomfort or extortion.

We have already shown that in order to clear $8,000,000, the amount in round figures which the country has invested in this show, the Exhibition must net on an average $50,000 daily. The indications are now that the gross receipts will not average more than one-tenth of this sum. It is even doubtful whether the receipts will suffice to pay the running expenses. We have no data for an estimate of the latter, but have heard them placed as high as $8000 daily.

The great number of complimentary tickets, foolishly issued by the managers, has made the financial situation more unsatisfactory than it would otherwise be. The number of exhibitors and employes necessarily admitted free does not exceed six thousand; yet, thirty thousand dead-heads participated in the exercises of the opening day.

The $6,600,000 which constitutes the capital of the enterprise has been furnished by Pennsylvania and Philadelphia, by Congressional appropriation, and by the stock subscriptions of private individuals. Pennsylvania and Philadelphia are sure of an abundant return for their investments, not only indirectly, but in the fine Memorial and Horticultural Halls, which will remain after the Centennial has vanished. But the stockholders—what prospect have they of getting back even a percentage of their investment? And the government, which, by a not creditable trick, is placed last of all in its claim for a share of possible proceeds—where is its $1,500,000 loan?

We have observed, since the first week, a disposition on the part of the Philadelphia papers to withhold the official reports of attendance. If this augurs waning faith in the great enterprise, Philadelphia has our sincere sympathy. We, too, as tax-payers, are interested in the outcome of the government investment. If that is swamped, we shall summon philosophy to the support of patriotism, and endeavor to pocket our loss with fortitude.

LIBERTY COUNTY.

Arrest and Escape of a Mail Robber—County Affairs.

LIBERTY, May 29, 1876.

Eds. News—Major Palmer, a special agent of the Postoffice Department, had James Gaskey, a young man living at this place, and formerly a mail rider between this place and Beaumont, arrested about three weeks ago and arraigned before the Justice's Court, under the charge of having robbed the United States mail of two registered letters during the month of April, 1876. A hearing of the case was postponed until last Wednesday to allow the government time to compel the attendance of its witnesses. The case was then called for a hearing and the prisoner bound over under a bond of $500 for his appearance before the United States District Court at Galveston, and, in default of the bond, was placed in charge of Major Palmer, who was also acting as Deputy United States Marshal. The prisoner made no attempt to escape, until about daylight last Saturday morning, the day he was to start for Galveston, when he asked to be carried to where his sister was living that he might get his clothing and enough money to employ counsel to defend him in Galveston. Major Palmer called Jas. Winter, who had been guarding him all night, but who had been relieved, and requested him to go with the prisoner after his clothing. They started out, and had gotten as far as the stair steps, when the prisoner caught his guard, threw him backwards about ten feet, jumped down the stair steps and made his escape. Major Palmer, hearing the noise, ran out with pistol in hand and fired two shots, just as the darkness of early morn covered him from his sight; but whether the result of the Major's shots were such as would establish his reputation as a marksman, we can not say. The prisoner has not since been heard of.

Several of our prominent citizens were summoned to Galveston, and are now there in attendance upon the United States Grand Jury, to testify against the prisoner.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC.

The Union Sabbath-School at this place had a grand picnic on the banks of the Trinity river, near Mr. Sawyer's saw mill, on the 20th inst. We did not get there in time to partake of any of the edibles, but judging from the representations of those who are good judges of such things, a better dinner was never seen. Every one when we arrived was in the highest state of enjoyment, games and amusements of every kind were going on, but chief among them was croquet. The ground was well suited for playing the game, and there were plenty of the prettiest young ladies for partners.

All the superstructure of the railroad bridge being built across the San Jacinto river was blown off about a week ago by a heavy wind storm. The building of the bridge is considerably retarded thereby, but the damages that have been reported are extravagant. We are informed by Mr. W. D. Strullon, Superintendent of construction, that the whole amount of damage sustained by the company will not exceed $3000. The iron, most of which was thrown into the river, has been recovered.

COUNTY AFFAIRS.

Our Board of County Commissioners met yesterday and awarded the contract for building the county jail to E. M. B. Sawyer, whose bid one thousand eight hundred dollars, was the lowest.

THE CROP PROSPECTS

since the last two or three days rain are very flattering. The long drouth had begun to make the farmers appear oppressed in spirits, but now they are cheerful and good humored.

THE CENTENNIAL FEVER

is raging in Liberty. Mr. J. P. Skinner and lady left about a week ago for Philadelphia, and many more expect to go before the scene closes.

Lucy Hooper wants to abolish the fast American girl abroad.

Special Notices.

Notice.—The Irish Benevolent and Library Association meets TO-NIGHT, at eight o'clock. jun 1*

Auction Sales.

AUCTION SALE.

BY E. A. BLAKELY, Auctioneer —116 and 118 Strand—Will sell, THIS DAY, June 2, at 10 o'clock A. M.—

Bedsteads, Bureaus, Tables, Chairs, Mattresses, Kitchen Safes, Washstands, Glassware, etc.

Also, Night Gowns, Chemises, Drawers, Infants' Dresses, Wallets, 50 pieces Hamburg Embroidery, 300 dozen Women's, Men's and Misses' Hosiery, 52 Mosquito Bars, Men's Pants, Hats, Table Cutlery, Rogers's Plated Forks, Table and Tea Spoons, a lot of Jewelry, Plated Butter Knives, etc.

At private sale, all kinds of Goods, Furniture, etc., cheaper than can be bought elsewhere. jun 2 1*

DAMAGED CEMENT AT AUCTION.

WE WILL SELL ON FRIDAY, June 2—

600 barrels (more or less) DAMAGED CEMENT, at 11 o'clock, at warehouse corner Twenty-sixth and Mechanic street, and immediately after at warehouse of C. W. Hurley, near Railroad Depot.

PARK, LYNCH & CO.,
Auctioneers.

New Advertisements.

Notice.

GALVESTON, June 1, 1876.

We the undersigned, Insurance Companies and Agents, hereby agree to close our offices at 4 o'clock P. M. on and after June 2, 1876, until August 20, 1876.

N. O. Louve, Sec'y Texas Banking and Ins. Company.
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D. F. Holland & Co., Agents.
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Great Exhibition of Gymnastic and Athletic Exercises, established with a Distribution of Prizes.

Invitations are forwarded to all Gymnastic Societies throughout the State, and a large attendance from the country is expected.

For Look and for the programme.

Admission, 50 cents each day.

The public are cordially invited to attend.

The Committee:

C. W. NORDHOLZ,
JULIUS HORN.

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Grand Annual Picnic

TO BE GIVEN BY THE

French Benevolent Society.

At Dickinson's Bayou,

Sunday, June 4, 1876.

Committee of Arrangements:

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	E. Labeigh	

Tickets—Adults, $1; Children, 50 cents.

The band at Sawyer's, Robinson & Cole and Masonic book stores, or from Members of the Committee. jun 2 1d

EIGHTH GRAND VOLKSFEST

AND

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION,

HOUSTON, June 5th and 6th, 1876,

AT THE FAIR GROUNDS.

The Festival commences on the 4th, June 5th, with a GRAND CENTENNIAL PROGRESSION, representing the Colloquial grand epochs of the American history:

1. Columbus discovering the shores of America.
2. Wm. Penn making the Treaty with the Indians.
3. Young Columbia crowned by the Thirteen Mother States.
4. Mounted Cavalcade of Washington and his Generals—Gens. Greene, Gates, Putnam, Marion, Steuben, De Kalb, Kosciusko, Lafayette, Lee and others, with their aids and retinue, in full Continental uniform.
5. Texas in 1836—Santa Anna receiving the conquered Santa Anna as a prisoner.
6. Columbia in 1876 extending her protection from the Atlantic to the Pacific coast.

Grand Military Parade.—The Procession will be joined by the Fire Department, Turners and other societies; a number of decorated wagons and schools. The Procession will move through the principal streets to the Fair Grounds. Valuable cash prizes and Gold and Silver Medals will be awarded.

First Day—Grand Prize Shooting of the Military and Idle Organizations. Grand Gymnastic Exercises, Concert, Dancing and Shooting, National Games for Children, with Distribution of Prizes. Orations will be delivered in German and English. Brilliant Illumination on both nights. Grand Tableaux, representing episodes of the Revolutionary War and American History generally.

Second Day—Second Day of Centennial Procession of Odd-fellows and Knights of the Grotto, with Grand Review, Fireworks, Dancing, Singing and general merry-making will be resumed and continued. All Railroads and Houston Direct Navigation Company will carry passengers at reduced rates. Admission to the Grounds to-day for each day. Children under 12 years, free. Tickets admitting private vehicle 50 cents; public vehicle $1. Objectionable characters not admitted.

jun 2 2t THE COMMITTEE.

Miscellaneous.

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THE LONE STAR BAND office is at Thomas Gregory & Bro.'s Music Store, where all orders for Music, Brass and String, furnished for Parades, Balls, Parties, Concerts, Picnics, etc., will receive prompt attention.

AUG. PFAGER,
Business Manager and Treasurer.
Prof. Max Pohrmann and Charles Voight, Leaders. mh26 1m

NOTICE.....NOTICE.

We have temporarily located in the McDONNEL BUILDING, opposite BALL, HUTCHINGS & CO., and trust those indebted to us will call promptly and liquidate their indebtedness. We now need our money, and those who do not respond by June 20, proximo, will find claims in hands of attorney for collection. C. W. ADAMS & CO.
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