

THE BULLETIN.

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INDIANOLA, TEXAS.

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THE FAIR TO-NIGHT.

We will again repeat the words of Collier, that "the fair stampes off to-night, in Indianola, adjoining the Government Wharf. We understand a good time may be expected, and judging by many preparations in Fisher's Cafeteria and elsewhere, we would suppose the expectation well founded. It is expected there will be a general turn out of the citizens and visitors in the city. The ladies my companion, come all, and you shall treat with them most cordially, and diffuse other beauties and attractions.

We are authorized, also, to give notice that, in connection with the fair, a party will start off on Saturday night.

DEPARTURE FOR EL PASO.

The teams of Mr. W. T. Smith and Mr. White, consisting of twelve large wagons, five carriages and a number of horses, started for California, last Monday, April 16th, for El Paso and New Mexico.

This is the third trip Mr. Smith's team has made in twelve months, distance of 800 miles, all the animals used being his party.

Among the party were Stone, Scott, White, Randolph, Willcox, and others whose names did not get.

In this connection, we have to note that the pack started out by the train, headed by the New York schooner Wm. H. Haired on one of our wharves, and in less than 24 hours from the time the freight left the road it was transferred to the wagons, and they were on the road for their long destination. This dispatch of Indians gave the highest satisfaction to the owners of the merchandise, all of whom left Indianola determined to make differences in turning the trade now existing from Missouri to New Mexico through this city, the shortest, cheapest and most practicable route of all sections of the press.

YORKTOWN, TEXAS.—This delightful village is on the Colorado creek, about 27 miles above Victoria, on the Sulphur Spring road to San Antonio. It is in the heart of a hilly country, well watered, healthy, and pretty well settled by a thriving community of farmers. We learn that the town has improved considerably, and promises to be one of our most pleasant inland villages. Five years ago that section was a wilderness. Large numbers of cattle, horses, sheep and hogs are grazed in that neighborhood, and good crops are raised. It is thought a new county will be formed, of which Yorktown will be the seat of justice.

DESPATCH OF BUSINESS.

One day last week, eighteen hundred barrels of cornstarch passed over one of the wharves of Indianola, thousand of which, by a single hand, were loaded into wagons on the same day; and throughout the week, the press of business at all our wharves was unprecedented in the history of our city. It is a fact apparent to all, that as business, wealth and improvements advanced in any place, the increased facilities enable every branch of labor and business to be transacted with more ease, expedition and cheapness.

These important results are, being realized in the accelerating growth of this city, and we feel doubly content that every short time will bring about improvements and facilities that will place Indianola in a position to do business with more dispatch and cheapness than any point in the State of Texas. At present, it is second only to Galveston (of the coast towns) in population and amount of shipping, and in some points, is considerably in her advance.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—The Presbytery of Western Texas of the Old Presbyterian Church, after two years of preliminary selection and nomination, have located their intended College site. The corporation and citizens of that section, we understand, made very unanimous decisions as to its location.

INDIANOLA AND CORPUS CHRISTI STEAM BOAT.—We cordially invite attention to the packet, the Major A. Harris, published in the Bulletin, to-day. The object of the management is both important and laudable, and, we hope, will not only succeed, but pay well. That Corpus Christi should have a regular, convenient and cheap connection with the New Orleans steamers, at Indianola, is important to her prosperity, and at the same time to the thousands of emigrants passing here, a wider field for the selection of homes. It is of importance to us, by giving us an inland steam connection with Corpus Christi and a section of country now settling, from which we shall realize great trade. We hold that every enterprise reasonably calculated, to facilitate the settlement of the country and transportation, should be encouraged.

FOOT EL PASO.

The price of James Durbin left Indianola for El Paso on the 1st, loaded with merchandise for the New Yo. and California trade. Mr. Durbin has formerly travelled the Mexican route, but having gained no profit, and, we understand, at an important advantage in distance, climate, grass, and water, he has changed his route, leaving Indianola, as well as his goods, or well, at least, of course, for New York.

By late letters received from Missouri, we learn that no more old horses can be found, a large number of Calumet and Santa Fe mares, and other mares, have been imported, and wherever the character of our route becomes well known, there is not a doubt but all that trade will pass the way.

INDIANOLA CONNECTED.

We have several times lately called in at Palmer's coffee-house, and feel gratified to state that the canaries manufactured there are in every respect fully equal to the New York article. Indeed, it is quite certain that this article raises the atmosphere much better than the imported. Mr. Palmer is now supplying many of our own old country merchants with it, mostly put up in assortments at a reasonable rate, and is doubtless receiving fair compensation.

Another steamer lost!

THE METEOR, MEXICO.

We are again grieved to announce the loss of another unfortunately unfortunate. The fine steamer Meteor, Capt. Thomas Faris, not yet a year old, is a total wreck. She attempted to cross the Gulf of California on Sunday evening, April 19th, and struck. She was nearly loaded, and the tide having been running out for several days, there was not enough water on the bar, perhaps less than ever known at this season of the year. A strong north wind caused a high sea and the vessel struck heavily. She however, was never far from striking, but was found to be leaking badly, and about the same time her steel pipe broke so that the pumps could not work, and it was necessary to let her go to anchor on the bar to prevent her sinking. The services received proved to be heroic, and her loss, together with her cargo, was the consequence. The information having been communicated to the people of Indianola early on the following day, all the dispossessed boats were taken down, including the steamboat Meteor, and on this afternoon the passengers and crew were all taken off safely by Capt. Durbin.

During the night of the accident a heavy south wind blew, but on Monday morning and from that till the close of the same, it was from the west and north.

The Meteor had 12 passengers, besides the crew, all of whom were saved. That such a small vessel should disappear early in the wake of the independence is lamentable, and verifies the old adage that "misfortune never comes alone."

Those with whom we have conversed, including Mr. Armstrong of New Orleans, speak in the highest terms of the conduct of Capt. Faris and the officers.

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We have not been able as yet to get a list of the passengers and consignees on the Meteor, but shall publish them when obtained. She was considered one of the finest and latest steamers on the Southern waters, was built and owned by Messrs. Harris & Morgan, and gave every prospect of a long and profitable career. She is the fourth vessel lost by these gentlemen within a period of sixteen months, to wit, the Palmetto at Pascagoula, the Globe at Corpus Christi, and the Galveston on Ship Island, amounting in the aggregate to about \$250,000 of entire loss to them, as they do not insure.

We trust the government will now be induced to bestow some aid on us, and that we may have the lights and buoys to which the magnitude of our commerce, we are justly entitled.

We feel assured that had this been done, neither of these wrecks would have occurred.

We have been unable to learn any of the special details attending this sad affair, and content ourselves with stating the facts as far as they have been reported to us by persons who aided in carrying off the passengers. Should other facts worthy of mention come to our knowledge, we shall of course give them to our readers.

We confidently look forward to the day when improvements shall be made to make the bar one of the deepest and safest on the Gulf. It is practicable and easy of accomplishment, and where there is no prospective such a demand for large vessels there can be no doubt that it will be brought about. We well recollect that in the early history of Galveston bar, wrecks were common, but of late years, since it has become well known, and supplied with a light ship and buoys, accidents rarely occur. Indeed the accident of the Sloop Minerva is the only one we remember for several years. So it will be here when justice is done.

During the year 1846 large numbers of government vessels, some drawing over ten feet, were brought into this bay and no accidents occurred. In the Spring of 1847, we think, one or two did take place, but without pilots being on board, and from that time till January, 1850, no vessel was lost. The three steamers Palmetto, Independence and Meteor have all been lost since the latter date. But had these been buoys on the bar, the two first, if not the last, of these vessels would have suffered no loss.

BRAZOS PRESBYTERY CLOSED ITS LABORS.—Dr. Moore, lady, 2 children and 2 servants, Mrs. Baxter, P. Runges, J. Bozeman, W. Bozeman, Miss Hensley, J. A. Thompson, Sorley, Rev. Flowers, Turner, J. M. Thompson; Col. L. M. H. Butler, Dr. Levi Jones—13 on deck. Also, 72 bales cotton, 100 barrels molasses, and 100 head of cattle.

For the Indianola Bulletin.

PANTRY SMITH'S MEXICO.

On Thursday eve., April 19th, Captain Durbin, a citizen party on the steamer Meteor to the bar, and purchased of him a few articles he had brought down to the city from San Antonio, Texas, for personal use. He attempted to cross the Gulf of California on Sunday evening, April 19th, and struck. She was nearly loaded, and the tide having been running out for several days, there was not enough water on the bar, perhaps less than ever known at this season of the year. A strong north wind caused a high sea and the vessel struck heavily. She however, was never far from striking, but was found to be leaking badly, and about the same time her steel pipe broke so that the pumps could not work, and with a slight larva of that usual commencement, the steering up of steamer by three of nervous stomachs.

The party were most sympathetically interested and soothed on the "flat of the land," and each seemed anxious to make all others happy. The author, moreover, highly gratified with accompanying events. On the removal of the elegies, upon a sail, and the Indianola, the steamer Meteor, which was warmly received.

Judge I. A. French, of Saginaw, was called up, and after a few remarks, gave—

SAN ANTONIO AND MATAGORDA BAY.—May we be soon called upon to celebrate the iron bonds of unanimity between them. Much applause.

Mr. E. L. Brown, of the same city, being called, would enlarge upon Judge French's speech, which was warmly received.

That the education of these lands should extend to the "citizens of the cities named; which, from the evident anxiety, with which it was offered, called forth a hearty welcome.

Just at this time, Col. Cook, of Indiana, was required to come forth, and with some trepidation on his part, he fully concurred with the gentleman last up, and would second the motion—applause.

The Hon. Thomas J. Devine, of San Antonio, was next called for, and, with a few remarks, he proposed—

INDIANOLA.—May the enterprise of its citizens and the beauty of its hills continue as distinguished as the party at the present time. Great applause.

The party again called on Col. Brown, who, on behalf of the citizens and ladies of Indianola, replied to the compliment of Judge Devine, advertising to the "wonderful advance of Western Texas of late, as manifested by the property of Indians, by the presence here of such a party, on so wide a scale, and by the general settlement and development of the country. He would propose—**WESTERN TEXAS.**—Her bays and rivers, her towns and plantations, and especially her lakes—May they continue to advance in all the elements of greatness, till they reach their high destiny.

The party then adjourned to the upper deck, where a couple of hours were spent in the money dance, by those so inclined, when the party returned to the city. On leaving the ship, three sailors were given to name to each of its officers. The return bill was paid by the band and by several summing songs from the ladies. The thanks of the gentlemen of the party were then bestowed upon the ladies, and Captains Boehmer and Smith for their kindness during the excursion and for their company adjourned. Among the strangers was a high reputation as a popular orator, and was highly esteemed by the ladies.

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Passenger, **PASSENGERS.**

Per Steamship Mexico, Captain Plaza, from Indianola to New Orleans, via Galveston, April 17th—Dr. Moore, lady, 2 children and 2 servants, Mrs. Baxter, P. Runges, J. Bozeman, W. Bozeman, Miss Hensley, J. A. Thompson, Sorley, Rev. Flowers, Turner, J. M. Thompson; Col. L. M. H. Butler, Dr. Levi Jones—13 on deck. Also, 72 bales cotton, 100 barrels molasses, and 100 head of cattle.

GREEN LAKE.

This beautiful and isolated sheet of water has for the last two years attracted considerable attention, and promises to become famous for the character of its citizens and improvements as it has been for its natural scenery. Its form is almost round, the mean diameter being perhaps five miles along about one-half its circumference, from the north-west to the south-east, on the north-east shore, is surrounded by a handsome belt, from thirty to forty feet high, bounded with a succession of most beautiful groves. On the opposite side, the lake is separated from the Guadalupe river by a strip of rich timbered bottom land, from twelve miles wide, subject to a considerable extent, to overflow from the river, but susceptible of cultivation. The water of the lake is similar to the river water, very good for drinking and culinary purposes.

The soil around the lake is rich and productive, probably bottom soil; the rocks afford the most nutritious and abundant food, and already sustain several hundred head of cattle, and sheep.

There are five large and intelligent families already residing there. Below improvements have been made to the structures of the inviting scenes. Mr. William H. Miller has a field of fine corn, now four feet high, and in new ground, he is enclosing a large plantation, planting trees, and laying the foundation for one of the most charming homes to be found any where; and, as far as is delighted with his success; the young trees in and around his farm, now but one year from the seed, average from six to eight feet in height, and will make fine wood in two years time. Mr. Fleming and the Rev. Mr. Cooke and the other settlers design pursuing the same course.

The Hon. J. Beaumont is just completing a large and very spacious residence. The lake is said to be three-quarters of a mile in diameter, and, as far as is known, there is no other sheet of water in the world, except the lake of the Mississippi, which is about twice as large.

The steamer Reliance left the mouth of the Brazos this morning for up the river as high as the water will permit of her going.

The Gen. Hauner left for the Brazos this morning.

The steamer Camden has been snagged and sunk about 12 miles below San Felipe, on the Brazos, with some 300 bales of cotton on board, which will probably be saved.

The Star State has arrived at the mouth of the Trinity with 600 bales cotton, and will probably be saved.

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