



The Graham Leader.

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Democratic Ticket: FOR PRESIDENT, WILLIAM J. BRYAN, Of Nebraska.

Bryan and free silver. Bryan and American policy. Bryan and a tariff for revenue only.

The Texas Fruit Palace was thrown open to the public in its second annual exposition at Tyler last week.

Thousands of silver republicans will vote for Bryan.—Weatherford Times.

If there is to be a bolt whenever all are not satisfied with the action of a majority, then that means an end to all party organization, and chaos will reign supreme.

Acting Governor Jester has issued a proclamation establishing a quarantine around Jones county on account of splenic fever.

The millenium draweth nigh. A St. Louis girl of the name of Lamb has just married a man of the name of Lyon.

A Washington woman caught a negro burglar in her house, hung him across the back fence and spanked him with a picket until her strength gave out.

Henrietta, Mineral Wells and Weatherford are working up an interest in the Gulf, Brazos Valley and Pacific railroad to be built from Velasco to Henrietta.

Representative Joseph Bailey of Texas, be of the smooth face and the long hair and with senatorial aspirations clustered near those tresses is said to be displeased with Bryan.

Frank Monroe and George Erwin twolaborers in search of work, went into the field of a farmer named Lindsey in Ellis county and ate a water melon.

The "silver craze" as the gold men call our popular movement is spreading all over the Union.

The Chief has carried its plea for a sound and honest dollar to the court of last resort, the national democratic convention, and the decision is against us.

The Chicago Convention.

These eloquent words closed the masterly speech of Wm. J. Bryan of Nebraska upon the adoption of the platform at Chicago and they will be the slogan of the democratic party from now until the November election when results will be recorded.

Bryan, the people's idol, Bryan, the magnetic orator, Bryan, the pure and the great, Bryan, the tribune of the masses, the silver-tongued orator of the Platte, the fearless and the peerless Bryan of Nebraska is the nominee of the democratic party for president of this great republic.

It was a great surprise. It was amazing, astonishing. It broke all records and opened up a new era. Politicians were dazed—rings and cliques and cabals and coteries were dumfounded—the people called a man; the office sought the man and on the fifth ballot, as much to the surprise of Bryan himself as anyone else, his nomination was made unanimous.

His nomination opens a new era in American politics. It will be an era of honesty and patriotism.

His record, both public and private, is as clear as the driven snow. His past is a series of victories and he stands today the most popular man in this nation.

Would-be nominees, regular candidates, were all brushed aside and the office of vice president went hunting a man. It found him, as most good things are found, in the most unexpected place, the state of Maine, and in the person of Arthur Sewall, a prominent civilian of that state.

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Never employ a man who claims that he can do anything. There are plenty of them who have practiced one profession a lifetime, and out of the number you ought to find one who does your kind of work.

Two New Jersey lovers were struck by lightning the other day while kissing, but there is no reason to believe that this will stamp out the practice entirely.

Delinquent Taxes.

The following from the Wichita Herald covers the ground fully in a matter in which Young county is equally interested.

The last legislature passed a law to have all lands which have been delinquent on taxes since 1885, making a tax title good to the purchaser.

Old People.

Old people who require medicine to regulate the bowels and kidneys will find the remedy in Electric Bitters.

Mineral Wells, Two Sensations.

Mineral Wells, Texas, July 9.—This great health resort is now the center of various revolutionary changes.

Two Lives Saved.

Mrs. Phoebe Thomas, of Junction City, Ill., was told by her doctors she had consumption and that she had but a few days to live.

Killed by Lightning.

Col. W. L. R. Dickson, a prominent merchant and banker of Childress, known throughout the panhandle, was struck by lightning and instantly killed.

A Million Gold Dollars.

Who'd not bring happiness to the person suffering with dyspepsia, but Hood's Sarsaparilla has cured many thousands of cases of this disease.

DR. KING'S ROYAL GERMETUER.

Thousands of Certificates attest the fact. Dr. L. T. Collier, Knoxville, Miss., says: "My bowels would act from ten to twenty times a day, of stools, mucus nature, and the left side of my lower bowels was a place about the size of a dollar, that gave me much pain."

Gloom.

Of ill health, despondency and despair, gives way to the sunshine of hope, happiness and health, upon taking Hood's Sarsaparilla, because it gives renewed life and vitality to the blood, and through that imparts strength, vigor and energy to the whole body.

Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Is the One True Blood Purifier. All druggists sell. Prepared only by C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.

Mrs. Hetty Green of New York says she will spend a million dollars on her son Ed. to elect him governor of Texas if the republicans will nominate him.

ROAD NOTICE.

To the owners, their agents or attorneys, of surveys Nos. 1369, 1368, 1366, 246, 257, 283, 284, 611, 610, 612, 609, 613, 608: You will take notice that the undersigned July 10, 1896.

MINERAL WELLS, TEXAS.

The great watering place of Texas, is reached only via the Weatherford, Mineral Wells and Northwestern Railways.

TIME TABLE.

No. 1 Leaves Weatherford 10:25 a. m. Arrive at Mineral Wells 12:00 p. m.

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The Ideal Remedy for all diseases of the stomach and bowels, such as Diarrhoea, Dysentery, Indigestion, Nausea, etc.

DR. KING'S ROYAL GERMETUER.

It also speedily cures Fever and Malaria, Kidney and Bladder Troubles, Stomach and Bowel Obstruction, Inability to Sleep, etc.

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The tobacco habit grows on a man until his nervous system is seriously affected, impairing health, comfort and happiness.

How to Cure Yourself While Using It.

The tobacco habit grows on a man until his nervous system is seriously affected, impairing health, comfort and happiness.

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For the lowest cost and the best results, visit the Electric Mining and Milling Company.

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If You Do, MATTHEWS & TIDWELL Are THE PEOPLE TO Trade With.

IMPORTED PORCELAIN TABLEWARE.

Fine Decorations, Under Glaze Tracings, All in Gold. DINNER AND TEA SETS COMBINED.

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Of Mineral Wells, Texas, Carries the Largest and Best Assorted Stock of Dry Goods, Groceries, Millinery, Etc.

I will sell you goods as cheap as any house in Northwest Texas. Will buy Cotton and Wheat. Give me a call, I will treat you right.

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Wholesale and Retail Dealer in FURNITURE, CARPETS, And Household GOODS.



Window Curtains, Matting, Picture Frames, Etc. Undertaking a Specialty. Coffins Furnished Promptly.

Mineral Wells Lumber Co.

Successors to the Carey-Lombard Lumber Co. Carry a Full Stock of Lumber, Shingles, Moulding, Sash, Doors, Etc.

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Dealer in Lumber, Shingles, Doors, Window Blinds, Brick, Lime, Paints, Oils, Etc.

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For the Cure of the Whiskey, Opium and Tobacco Habits.

DR. R. N. PRICE, Agent, Graham, Tex.

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Located in Overland Mining District, five miles from Lewiston, Fremont County, Wyoming. This Company has 500 acres of ground. Both rich placer mines and lode veins.

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OLD HICKORY.

A Chapter of the Home Life of Andrew Jackson.

After the War He Settled Down and Remained Very Busy—His Habits and Hobbies.

I have been requested by a friend to write my recollections of Gen. Jackson and his family. Andrew Jackson was a young lawyer when he came here from North Carolina with Judge McNairy.

When the Indian war broke out he raised a regiment and went out as a general. After the Indian war he took part in the war of 1812 with the British.

After he came home from the war he settled down, became a very pious man and joined the First Presbyterian church here.

Col. Ward was a very prominent man, and his farm was next to Gen. Jackson's. He came here from Virginia, and his wife was Miss Nancy Ward.

Col. Ward became engaged to Mrs. William Ward, and his nephews, James, who lived with him, said he should not marry her.

Investigation shows that the amount of carbonic acid in the air depends largely upon the character of the ground, comparatively little being yielded by sandy soil.

A short time before Dr. Charcot died he said in a letter that semi-scientists had for more than 50 years ridiculed the idea that the fall of the moon was a dangerous time for mad people.

This is the very best Smoking Tobacco made. Blackwell's Genuine BULL DURHAM.

must make an affidavit and must apply to the postmaster-general for 14 cents, the tariff for carrying letters from countries not in the postal union.

PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS. When a doctor advises a patient to go away, it's a pretty good sign that he is prosperous and has lots of others to fall back on.

Louis, where does the intellectual exercise come in in playing whist? "Oh, in getting other people to pay attention to the game."

Miss Gushington—"How did you feel when you found that the ship would surely go down in ten minutes?"

It always rains when you leave your umbrella at home, and you always lose it when you take it down town; so what's the use of growing so thoroughly satisfied with affairs as they stood.

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A Newspaper Helps. The effort of any newspaper to build up a town is practically nullified unless it is backed up by the business men.

A stranger turns from the news columns of a paper to its advertising pages, and if he fails to find the business cards of the merchants and professional firms, he comes to the conclusion that the publisher is not appreciated.

No town ever grew without the active assistance of its newspaper. Nor can papers grow and build up their localities without the assistance of the town.

Business men should realize this, and remember in giving support to the newspapers they are not only building up their own business but help to support that which is steadily working for the growth of the whole town.

L. L. Garner, who runs a blacksmith shop at Pecan Gap, spent last night in the city. He reported the killing by lightning on Wednesday evening of Charley Ward, a hired hand on the Jackson farm, six miles southeast of Ladonia.

Ward was from Arkansas and had been in the community only a short time. He is said to have been a rather wicked young man and was given to profanity.

He was killed some of the church people tried to get him to go up to the mourner's bench. On the following afternoon while he was out in the field working a rain came up and he exclaimed with an oath that he had won his bet.

He had bet that it would rain during the day, and Mr. Garner says that he scarcely got the oath out of his mouth before he was struck by a bolt of lightning and instantly killed.

The field where he was at work was in an open prairie with no timber around. Three other men were at work with him at the time and neither one of them was even shocked.

The wife of an Indianapolis newspaper reporter opened a can of tomatoes for supper. In pouring the contents into a stew pan she heard a clink.

With imprecations on the soldier she fished about with a spoon and brought up a gold watch chain. Her cry of surprise brought in her husband, who suggested that if they kept on they might find a few diamonds or a horse and lot, so he went at it.

His only discovery, however, was a lady's gold watch. The watch was hurried to a jeweler's, where it was cleaned and its color restored by the polisher. Its value was given by him at \$50. The cases are handsomely engraved and have on them the name of the owner.

Convention Call. WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS, July 1, 1896. To the Democracy of the 29th Senatorial District.

I hereby call a convention of delegates from the counties composing the 29th Senatorial District to meet at Wichita Falls, Texas, Tuesday, July 28, 1896, for the purpose of nominating a Democratic candidate for State Senate for 29th Senatorial District, and such other business as may come before it.

Nuckolls county, Neb., offers a bounty for wolf scalps. The other day a bad Kansas man caught a litter of young wolves, took them across the line and killed them in front of the Nuckolls court house.

Sherman, Tex., July 11.—The jury in the case of John Bice, charged with violation of the penal code dependent upon the statutory age of consent, was charged by Judge Don A. Bliss at 4 p. m. and after remaining out about an hour and a half returned a verdict of guilty and assessed his punishment at confinement in the penitentiary for a term of five years.

He is good that does good to others.—Bruyere.

Wouldn't Take a Dare. I was driving down one of the long hills in the neighborhood of Augusta, Texas, when I saw what appeared to be a very bad runaway heading directly for me.

It was a span of horses drawing a buckboard, which contained two persons, a young man and a young woman. My own horse pranced and curvetted in terror as the running team approached, and it was all I could do to keep my seat in the saddle as they dashed by.

But I caught a fleeting glance of two young, rosy faces that had not a line of expression in them except those of good health and good humor. It seemed a case of those who know nothing, fear nothing.

As I expected, I found a gaping crowd in the village, but not one face wore an expression of concern. "Didn't any of you fellows try to stop them?" I shouted as I came within halting distance.

"You bet we didn't," said a youth who was gaping into the distance. "Stranger," said a woman who was seated in an antiquated farm wagon, "be they gon' yet?"

"If they are not tipped over," I answered sternly, for I was annoyed by the unfeeling spirit displayed. "What frightened the horses?"

"Them horses wasn't scar'd, stranger, and the runaway is all right. It were just a dare." "A dare?"

"Yep, Jinny Linkum, she's been keepin' study company with Jim Lowery fur fower years, an' he ain't never axed her to marry him yit, an' she was ridin' with him 'long Main street an' she give a dare to run away an' get married."

That the pair returned duly married was announced by a deafening fusillade of welcome from all the tin pans and blow horns of the village, the man-who-would-not-take-a-dare being an object of especial admiration among those primitive people.

The Hardy-Clark gang made a complete flash. They resolved at Dallas on San Jacinto day, they bolted, they berated the state democratic organization. They went to Austin and held a seance there called a convention.

They appointed delegates and presidential electors. They went to Chicago; but they made a mighty sorry spectacle. They found out that they could not even get inside the great convention hall, although it seats 18,000 people.

They looked at it afar off and then sat down and wrote an "address." In this address they advise the gold bugs assembled in Chicago to meet and set up a party of their own.

This manifesto is signed by Rufus Hardy, Geo. Clark, W. T. Heffley, A. N. Rogers, E. S. Connor, B. B. Paddock, A. H. Lee, D. C. Bolinger, J. A. Read and A. N. Allen. It is an array of great names, as the reader will see, ten in number, and having repudiated the democratic party of Texas, in their address they repudiate the national democratic convention.

composed of 932 delegates from the forty-five states in the Union. A great crowd is this Hardy-Clark gang.—Terrell Times-Star.

"I want the delegates to dispose of this matter for the best interest of the cause. I desire the nomination of the strongest man who is properly a representative of the cause of free coinage.

If some other man appears to be stronger than I am, I desire that he be nominated." That is the language of a telegram Richard P. Bland sent the Missouri delegation to the Chicago convention. The words have a good patriotic ring about them.

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A Slur on the Texas Press. The President was glancing over a Texas paper. He finally remarked to Col. Bill Snort:

"Say, Bill; the Texas editors devote a great deal of space to the discussion of the financial question."

"Mr. President, I can say, both from personal experience and observation, that all the average editor writes on the subject of finance should be placed under the head of 'Fiction.' He knows nothing about money except from hearsay. When writing on that subject, he depends entirely upon his imagination."

Among newspaper men there is well defined aversion to the use of the term "Journalist" as expressing their vocation. A recent writer in Puck touches humorously on this point when he says that the difference between a newspaper man and journalist is that a newspaper man wears two shirts a week, while a journalist wears one shirt two weeks.

And yet after all, the term newspaper man is awkward, and that of journalist much more convenient and expressive. But no one will ever convince the newspaper man of this.

The pops have nominated a man in Dallas county who is a republican and during the administration of E. J. Davis, he preached social equality between the races, and later on, while U. S. Marshall, was sent to the penitentiary for embezzling government money.

In the days of reconstruction he was known as Marshal, his former home, as "the great nigger tamer of Harrison county." This is the party that believes in electing none but pure men.—Hunt County News.

We think too much of our environments and not enough of our destiny. Wealth has very little to do with happiness. Money gives nothing to the heart, can purchase neither a moral principal nor an aspiration.

Strip the millions from one man, take away the poverty from another, pull off everything until you get down to the naked soul, and you will find that the only real difference is a difference of character. Environment counts for nothing, but character counts for everything.

Quannah Parker, in his speech at Quannah on the 4th inst., denied the statement made in Texas history that his father, Peta Nacona, was killed by ex Gov. Ross a few miles west of Vernon, but says that his mother, Cynthia Ann Parker, and two of her children were captured and it was several years afterwards when his father died.

Mr. A wrote Mr. B that he wished he would shoot his dog that kept the neighbors awake nights with its howling, to which Mr. B replied that he wished Mr. A would smash his piano and shoot his daughter who kept the neighbors awake nights with her howling, and now they "do not speak as they pass by."

The homestead in Texas can not be condemned and sold for taxes due on other property, consequently the delinquent advertised list must separately show the taxes due on real estate from that due on personal property, and be so alleged in the suit.

We have heard that the St. Louis Republic was talking of putting in a branch plant at Fort Worth. We only hope that this is true and that it will not delay long in the good work. We need a good daily in Texas that is honorable enough to report things as they really exist or take place.—Vernon Globe.

It is ridiculous to hear democrats in states that never cast a vote for a democratic president in the electoral college, declare they will bolt if a free coinage plank is inserted in the democratic platform. What if they do bolt? Nobody but themselves will be hurt.

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Ninety men were employed by the caving in of the mine in the Wilkesbarre region of Pennsylvania recently, and all perished.

Battle Ax Plug. STOP! You have run up against a Good Thing. The best reason in the world why some things sell so well is because they are good. That is one reason for the great sales of "BATTLE AX."

Carmichael & McCarver, GENERAL BLACKSMITHS AND WOODWORKMEN. WEATHERFORD HIDE CO., Pay the Highest Cash Market Price for HIDES, PELTRIES, ETC.

White Sewing Machine. The most complete and useful device added to any sewing machine. WHITE SEWING MACHINE CO., CLEVELAND, O.

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