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**ARTICLES ABOUT TYLER AND SMITH COUNTY,
1871-1875**

DAILY AUSTIN REPUBLICAN, January 4, 1871, p. 2, c. 1

Personal.—Among the late arrivals we notice the names of . . . Hon. George H. Slaughter, of Smith. . . .

DAILY AUSTIN REPUBLICAN, January 5, 1871, p. 2, c. 1

Personal.—We have had the pleasure of meeting our friend Hon. Geo. H. Slaughter, who is in this city with the halo of victory about him, his enemies, Wood and Hunt, who trod to get the inside track of him in Smith county, having been removed from office by the President. We would have published his late Declaration of Independence, but we mislaid the paper containing it. George is looking well and appears to be ready for a shindy with any of the dictators who may wish to tread on his coat tail. We hope when the Legislature meets the Radical caucus will read George out of the party. It would be a great satisfaction to them, and *he* will feel better after it, we are sure.

DAILY AUSTIN REPUBLICAN, January 21, 1871, p. 2, c. 1

In the Senate yesterday Mr. Douglas, of Smith, presented an important memorial of a convention held at Tyler recently, praying for a division of the State. The convention assumed to represent the people of twenty-one counties. It was read and referred to the Committee on State Affairs, which committee was instructed to report by bill or otherwise, and one hundred copies of the memorial was ordered to be printed.

DAILY AUSTIN REPUBLICAN, January 25, 1871, p. 2, c. 2

[Summary: Democratic State Convention delegates]

Smith—J. P. Douglas, George Walker.

DAILY AUSTIN REPUBLICAN, January 25, 1871, p. 2, c. 4

[Summary: Votes—Smith—4 (1 vote per county, plus 1 vote for each 5,000 plus 1 vote for any fraction over)]

DAILY AUSTIN REPUBLICAN, January 30, 1871, p. 1, c. 5

Central and Senatorial Executive Committee chosen by the Democratic State Convention

6th District

J. P. Douglas, Tyler

DALLAS HERALD, February 18, 1871, p. 2, c. 4

We have received and placed upon our exchange list The Nursery.—[Tyler Index.

Now, Judge, come up to Dallas and get that pretty black-eyed *nurse*, and all your trouble will be over.

DALLAS HERALD, February 25, 1871, p. 1, c. 4

The Tyler Index is clamorous for a division of the State. A certain young man spoken of in scripture was equally clamorous for a division. His fate may be found in the history of the prodigal son. Perhaps the Tyler man would do well to be warned by his example.

DALLAS HERALD, February 25, 1871, p. 1, c. 6

The Tyler Index is very anxious to have us answer the conundrum, "why Democratic editors do not blush?" We cannot tell unless it is because they have no occasion to do so.—Galveston News.

DALLAS HERALD, April 15, 1871, p. 3, c. 2

There is much excitement over railroad matters in Marshall. It is proposed that the town of Marshall vote \$500,000 and the county of Harrison \$1,000,000, to aid the New Orleans, Baton Rouge, and Texas road. That's the way to do it.—[Tyler Reporter, March 18th.

A new county is to be formed out of Harrison, Upshur and Rusk, of which Longview is to be the county seat.—[Ibid.

A gentleman of this place, just returned from Longview, informs us that he learned while there that the Southern Pacific Railroad Company were about starting out surveying parties westward. He understood also that the extreme southern survey now contemplated will pass about twelve miles north of Tyler. We hope this is a mistake. If true, it may be regarded as indicating that there will be no consolidation of the Southern and Texas Pacific roads. Have the people of Tyler slept too long?—[Ibid.

DALLAS HERALD, June 24, 1871, p. 2, c. 2

Democratic Executive Committee

6 Senatorial District Jas P. Douglas, Tyler.

DALLAS HERALD, June 24, 1871, p. 2, c. 2

Grand Masonic Officers elected for the Present Year and their Post Offices

Grand Royal Arch Chapter

J. J. McBride, G. K., Tyler.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, July 1, 1871, p. 1, c. 2

Central and Senatorial Executive Committee chosen by Democratic State Convention.

6th Senatorial district

J. P. Douglas, Tyler

DALLAS HERALD, July 4, 1871, p. 2, c. 2 [recheck date]

The Democratic Congressional Convention for the 1st District met at Tyler, on the 20th inst., and nominated W. S. Herndon, of Tyler, Smith county, as the democratic candidate.

DALLAS HERALD, July 15, 1871, p. 2, c. 2

We find the following letter in the Tyler Reporter of the 8th inst. It is explanatory of the Registration and Election Law of the State, and is applicable as well to all portions of the State as to Smith County:--

Committee Rooms of Executive }
Democratic Committee, Tyler, }
Texas, July 5th, 1871. }

Editors Reporter:

Gentlemen—I have been so often asked who is now entitled under the law to vote, that I have thought it better to answer the question thro' the press. Every citizen of this State who is twenty-one years of age, who has resided in the State twelve months, and in the county six months, is entitled, under the law, to register and vote at any election. All those iron-clad oaths restricting the right to vote, have been done away with, and now under the Constitution of the United States, as amended, everybody is allowed to vote with the qualification above stated. The following are the only questions which may be properly asked:

1st. Is he 21 years old?

2nd. Is he a citizen of the State, and resided here 12 months?

3d. Has he resided in the county 6 months?

4th. Has he registered?

It is made the duty of Registers, when applied to, to issue to every qualified voter, a certificate of his registration. The laws of the State have fixed penalties on the Registrar for refusing to register a voter, not more than \$1,000 fine nor more than seven years in the penitentiary; and the act of Congress, called the Ku Klux bill, provides that upon the refusal to register a qualified voter, the Registrar may be sued, and the injured party may recover \$500, and he may be indicted in the U. S. Court, and the punishment is both fine and punishment.

If the judges or any officer of an election refuse to allow any person to vote who is qualified to vote, by having registered, or if he has not registered, and will make affidavit of such facts as show that he is a qualified voter, and has applied for registration, is indictable in the United States Court, and will be fined and imprisoned, and the injured person may recover, in a civil suit, \$500 damages. It is made penal for any officer of the election, or any other person, to change, alter, handle, or *touch* any ballot, until the counting out begins, and the polls closed. Then two citizens are to be present to witness the counting out. When the polls are closed each evening, the judges of election are required to seal up the ballot box and deliver it to the Registrar,

and he must deposit the same, so sealed up, in an iron safe, and the Sheriff must furnish a guard to protect it; and the Registrar is required to re-deliver the box sealed up, just as he received it, to the judges each morning, and so on through the election days.

The refusal to register a voter, and the refusal to let him vote, are both offences against the act of Congress, and redress is provided for the citizen, by the law, civil suit for damages, or by indictment.

Very respectfully,
John C. Robertson,
Ch'n. Dem. Ex. Com., Smith co.

The same paper also publishes the following, being section 25 and 26 of the Registration Law:

Sec. 25. Any judge of election, member of board of appeals, registrar or clerk, convicted of any offense under the next three preceding sections, shall be deemed guilty of felony, and on conviction thereof, shall be punished by fine not exceeding one thousand dollars, or by imprisonment in the penitentiary for not more than seven years.

Sec. 26. If any person shall alter change, mutilate, or in any way deface any book of registration, or shall take and carry away the same from the office of the clerk of the District Court, registrar, or judge of election, or other place where the same may be lawfully deposited, or from the lawful possession of any person whomsoever, with intent to destroy, alter, or conceal or in any wise mutilate or destroy the same, so as to prevent the lawful use of such books or books of registration, such person shall be deemed guilty of felony, and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished as prescribed in section 25 of this act.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, August 1, 1871, p. 2, c. 3

Hon. J. P. Douglas, of Tyler, in a letter to a gentleman of this city, says: "People are warming up on political issues. We will carry our district for HERNDON, in October. He will canvass every county before election. He has the brains, the energy and the money, three thing necessary to succeed under the reign of Edmund." Capt. Herndon is a man of brains and energy, and withal a gentleman of great moral worth. We have known him long and intimately, and shall rejoice to see so able and upright a man in Congress.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, August 19, 1871, p. 4, c. 1

The Tyler *Index* complains about the drouth [sic] and extreme heat, and says the crops are greatly injured in Smith County.

DALLAS HERALD, September 16, 1871, p. 1, c. 3

The Tyler Reporter of the 2d inst. reports showers of rain and more pleasant weather in that vicinity. It comes to us marked for an exchange. The HERALD has been regularly mailed to the Reporter as it will continue to be. We could not afford to lose so good a paper. What Post Master is in fault? The young men of Tyler are organizing a Young Men's Democratic Club. That is the way to do it.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, September 23, 1871, p. 4, c. 3

We understand that the different denominations in Tyler have all resolved to allow no meeting, except for religious purposes, to be held in their churches. In the colored church the same resolution has been adopted.—*Tyler Reporter*.

The people of the Garden Valley and floral sections of this county are blessed with good corn crops. In fact, the crops are much better in the western than in the eastern half of the county.

DALLAS HERALD, September 30, 1871, p. 2, c. 5

From the Tyler Reporter, we learn that Col. J. L. Camp was nominated at the Upshur Democratic Convention for the State Senate, and S. R. Chadrick for the Lower House.

DALLAS HERALD, October 21, 1871, p. 2, c. 6

The Tyler Reporter says "there is good post oak and hickory mast throughout this section." Corn is selling in Tyler at 75 cents per bushel. Good sugar cane has been raised there this season.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, October 31, 1871, p. 1, c. 3

A new tri-weekly paper has been established at Tyler.

DALLAS HERALD, November 4, 1871, p. 2, c. 6

The Tyler Reporter thinks the late Railroad convention at Shreveport will have a good effect upon the railroad interests of the country. From the same, we learn that there was a general jail delivery at Gilmer lately. The jailer went in to feed the prisoners and was seized by them and gagged—then they all bade him an affectionate farewell, so the story runs. Eighteen escaped.

DALLAS HERALD, November 4, 1871, p. 2, c. 7

The U. S. District Court.—We take the following from the Tyler Sun of the 29th ult.:

The following telegram, in relation to the holding of the Federal Court in Tyler this Fall, has been handed to us by Capt. Duval, Clerk of the Court:

Austin, Texas, Oct. 24, 1871

"Judge Wood directs me to omit Tyler, and hold court at Galveston. This I

shall do. (signed)

T. H. Duval,
"U. S. District Judge."

Thus it will be seen that Judge Duval will not hold the November Term of the Federal Court at this place. Attorneys, litigants, witnesses, jurors and others can govern themselves accordingly. The next regular term of the U. S. Court will begin here on the 4th Monday in April, 1872. All business pending now will lie over until that time.

DALLAS HERALD, December 9, 1871, p. 4, c. 1

We are informed that some of the most official [sic] members of the State Police force, in Northern Texas have been compelled to resign to save their lives.—Jefferson Radical.

Why certainly, and many of them all over the country will yet be compelled to leave the State to save their lives, if grand juries and courts do their duty.—Tyler Reporter.

DALLAS HERALD, December 13, 1871, p. 4, c. 1
Special to the Houston Telegraph.

Tyler, Texas, Dec. 7.

Late on yesterday evening a mob of negroes met on the streets and brutally murdered Capt. R. E. House and F. A. Godley, both lawyers of this place. Great excitement prevails, but every thing is quiet and under full control of the civil authorities.

All the murderers are at large, but the sheriff and posse are making a vigorous search for the fiends.

I will write particulars.

Horace Chilton.

DALLAS HERALD, December 16, 1871, p. 4, c. 1

Herndon's Certificate

By last Thursday's mail from Austin Capt. Herndon's certificate of election to Congress from this district, arrived here. After waiting as long as he dared to, after counting and recounting the vote, and after waiting for Whitmore to send lying testimony of intimidation and fraud from various counties until all hope had vanished, and this, too, after Herndon's friends had been notified that there would not be time for them to collect and present evidence in his behalf, the Governor at last issues the certificate to Herndon, with many regrets and apologies to Whitmore, and all the encouragement possible to give him under the circumstances. What a pity that Whitmore couldn't get more and better certificates, sued as the Governor would have though sufficient. The Governor has given the certificate to Herndon, but not until he

had attempted to give it a death blow by tacking on to it inseparably, an endorsement, in matter and form as follows:

In giving this certificate I wish to call attention to the attached certified statement of the vote including the returns rejected as well as those counted. Complaints have been made of fraud and violence affecting the freedmen of the election in many of the counties, the returns of which have been counted, and at least one instance of violence during the canvas [sic] on the part of the candidate who received this certificate is reported. *In my opinion* this was not a fair election in that district, under the act of Congress of May 31st 1870, section 22d, but must give the certificate to the candidate having the largest number of votes returned here according to the forms of law.

Having followed Herndon as far as he could personally, and having given his opponent every possible advantage of him, he now tacks onto his certificate this infamous document, thereby compelling him to hand in with his certificate evidence which it is hoped will swindle him out of his seat. Did ever partisan measures stoop lower? Did ever a governor act with such shabby littleness? Out of *his own opinion*, and God knows it ought to go for very little, all that he could trump up is contained in the following remark concerning the rejection of the vote of Hardin and Rusk counties, which are also hitched to the certificate:

Hardin County—

"Rejected because David Choate, a member of the Board of Appeals, was expelled by the Registrar, and one of the Board of Appeals, *a colored man*, having no voice in the matter. A man by the name of Leonard was placed on the Board of Appeals in lieu of Choate, and in consequence of this fact, and terrorism in Hardin county, no votes were polled for the Republican candidate."

Rusk County—

"Released [rejected?] on account of fraud and intimidation practiced upon colored and white voters. The election order was entirely disregarded, and numbers of men hung around the polls, scrutinizing voters, LOOKING AT and insulting those who chose to vote the Republican ticket."

Isn't that contemptible? Isn't it little, isn't it pitiable? How much of truth there is in it we leave for the counties involved to say, only expressing our opinion that there isn't a bit. Is it worth while for us to repeat that if, with the registrars all men of Davis' own appointment, the Boards of Appeals all men of his own appointment, with twenty armed policemen, all of his own appointment to guard the ballot box, and his infamous election order staring Democrats in the face (for it was intended for nobody else and executed against nobody else); we say it with all this, the Radicals did not have a fair chance in the late election, it is not likely they will ever have. But in spite of all this, in Hardin county a *colored* member of the Board had not voice in the expulsion of an other member by the registrar; In Rusk county they *looked at* Republican voters! What an *ass* will all this make Davis appear before the

Congress of the United States; and reflecting the shadow of his master, how will Whitmore's ears stick out disgracefully.—Tyler Reporter.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, February 6, 1872, p. 1, c. 5

An item for the curious.—At the last term of the United States District Court held at Tyler, Webb Flanagan, the present Lieutenant Governor of Texas, was indicted for heavy revenue frauds. It is not to be wondered that his father, one of the United States Senators from this state, should use all his influence to screen his son from punishment. We therefore find his opposition to the appointment of Mr. Goddard as Judge, quite natural. Dame Rumor says that the Judge to be appointed may so manage as to change districts with Judge Duval, a most upright man and conscientious judge. We wait developments.—Waco Advance.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, February 8, 1872, p. 2, c. 4

One hundred and sixty miles of the Southern Pacific road are to be put under contract at once. The survey commences at Longview, passes Tyler, thence to Dallas, and crosses the Clear Fork of the Trinity forty miles west of Dallas, forming a junction at this point with the Trans Continental.

CLARKSVILLE STANDARD, April 6, 1872, p. 4, c. 2

President Grow, and Col. Nobles, Chief engineer of the Houston & Great Northern Railway Company paid our county and city a visit last week, looking as we understood to the immediate extension of their road.

Quite a number of our citizens met and had the pleasure of an interchange of notions with these gentlemen, and so far as we have been able to learn were much pleased.

One result of the interview was the distinct understanding that unless the county voted the loan of her bonds, their road would not come anywhere near the county.

[--Tyler Index.

A freedman, Alex. Williams, was stabbed with a bayonet and killed by Archy Scott, another freedman, on Tuesday evening last. The difficulty originated in their preference for the same woman. We have not learned which was most at fault.

[Tyler Index.

DALLAS HERALD, May 25, 1872, p. 2, c. 4

Cotton Tax.—Efforts are being made by some of the ablest lawyers in the south, to secure the refunding of the cotton tax, which was collected from the farmers just after the war. It is believed by many, that this tax was illegal, being an unjust discrimination against that branch of agricultural industry, not sanctioned by the Constitution of the United States. Col. Robertson Topp, of Memphis, well known to fame, and Herschel V. Johnson, of Georgia, are among the leading spirits engaged in

this effort. It is supposed that about \$70,000,000 were illegally collected from the Southern planters, under this law.—Tyler Reporter.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, June 19, 1872, p. 12, c. 2

Tyler is about to secure a city hall.

DALLAS HERALD, June 20, 1872, p. 2, c. 1

Something wrong.—Why should it take a week for the Tyler Reporter to reach here? Why should letters from Marshall and Jefferson be ten days on the way? There is great complaint about our Eastern mail. There is something wrong. Have we any mail agent for Texas now since the transfer of Terrell?

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, July 3, 1872, p. 6, c. 3

We hold love-feasts where the preacher in charge deems it expedient. Where this is done, I find our members are better prepared to enjoy the sermon and sacrament of the Lord's Supper which follow; besides, the preacher, going from a good love-feast to the pulpit, finds himself all the better prepared to administer the Word of Life.

Allow me to give your readers a specimen of one of our love-feasts held on the Starrville Circuit a short time since: After the introductory service, some of the older brethren spoke first—briefly and to the point. One of our most venerable and useful local preachers, Brother James B. Hall, referred to the love-feast held more than twenty years ago on that circuit, where he had met with many who had safely crossed the river, (naming some of them,) and upon the other shore they were waiting the arrival of others who must soon follow; said that he recognized but two present of the original number, Brothers Starr and Barecroft. He had been called to mourn the departure of eight lovely children; only one survived; but he looked forward to no distant day when he too would unite with them in that blessed clime. Brother Barecroft alluded, in a touching manner, to the time he joined the church, forty-seven years ago; also to the time he moved to Texas, thirty-two years since; said they had no preaching in the part of the country where he first settled; said that he and his wife kept up family prayers, alternating in the services; said that they had almost despaired of ever seeing another Methodist preacher; that his wife said she was unwilling to live in a country where they could not attend church; they talked about moving away; when one day they saw a young man walking up to their rude cabin, and asked if Daniel Barecroft lived there. Being told that he did, the youth informed them that he was a Methodist preacher, and had been sent by the Conference to preach to the people there. Said Bro. Barecroft, "I thought he was the poorest looking chance for a preacher I had ever seen a beardless boy, pale and weary-worn, a *circuit rider on foot*. He was hungry and tired. My wife fixed him some dried venison and bread, the best we had on hand, and he partook, after which he had prayers with us. I thought it was the best prayer I ever heard—so devout—so full of faith. The young preacher left an appointment to preach; I gave it circulation, got him a congregation; and, brethren,

I thought it was the best preaching I had ever heard; I was hungry for preaching; the fact is, it seemed that Bishop Pierce could not have beaten it. I have lived to see that young man (Jeff Shook) grow gray in the ministry, and he is still a member of the East Texas Conference. I want to meet you in heaven, my brethren; if I miss it, all will be lost. I feel this morning still like pressing onward and upward." I could give another interesting detail, but might weary your readers.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, July 10, 1872, p. 12, c. 3

Our correspondent from Garden Valley, Smith county, gives the following account of his county. We want to get into just such a region as he describes:

The prospect of abundant crops is cheering the hearts of the people. The health of the people within my bounds is generally good. Large bodies of good land are yet untouched by the woodman's ax—plenty of room for emigrants. Our people are industrious, prosperous, temperate, intelligent, and generally happy.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, July 17, 1872, p. 12, c. 2

At the recent session of the State Council of the Friends of Temperance the following officers for the coming year were elected: Rev. W. Carey Crane, D. D., of Independence, President; Rev. Dr. F. M. Law, of Bryan, Associate; Rev. O. M. Addison, of Owensville, Chaplain; Capt. John H. LeTellier, of Sherman, Secretary; B. B. Hawkins, of Waxahachie, Treasurer; Dr. J. W. Shuford, of Tyler, Conductor; D. J. Currie, of Tyler, Sentinel; Rev. James Younge, of Sherman, State Lecturer; Rev. A. D. Gaskill, of Waxahachie, Superintendent of Bands of Hope.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, July 24, 1872, p. 4, c. 1

Brother Samuel Morris sends from East Texas good news indeed. His letter is short, but we can catch the shout of triumph that rings along each line. Why may not every circuit and station in Texas send up such intelligence as this?

We have had some glorious revivals on this (Tyler) mission. Up to this date ninety-five have been converted, and seventy-six added to our church. Glory be to God! Pray for us.

DALLAS HERALD, August 3, 1872, p. 1, c. 5

"What I Saw in Texas." A paper by John W. Forney.

We suffered little or nothing from the Southern sun; and when, at the end of our first day, we entered Tyler, we were hungry enough to enjoy the direst fare, and tired enough to sleep on the hardest floor and to bid defiance to the mosquitoes, which, however, visited us but rarely. Tyler is the county seat of Smith, with a thriving population looking forward to the completion of our railroad, which passes through its northern townships. The whites are in the majority. People have to wagon

their crops fifty to a hundred miles to the nearest depot, at Long View. Fine farms can be bought here at three dollars an acre. Timber can be purchased at the saw-mills for fifteen dollars per thousand feet, but the cost of transporting it to the railroad is so great that it sells at from fifty to sixty dollars a thousand. When the railroads are finished lumber can be had as cheaply in Texas as in almost any of the Northern States. It is only necessary to remember the enormous cost of transporting the cotton, corn, lumber, and other materials, to see the crying necessity for railroads.

After a sound sleep Colonel Scott roused us at dawn, and, at the end of a pleasant ride of twelve miles, we entered one of the sweetest of villages, named Mount Sylvan, where a luxurious breakfast was spread in a little house, presided over by Mrs. [sic] Dollahite. No catfish and waffles at the falls of Schuyl Kill, near Philadelphia, could have been more delightful—nay, not even the luscious repast of Taft, near Boston, nor yet the far famed feasted at the High Bridge in New York, could have been more toothsome. We were now on the Memphis and El Paso stage line, under the charge of Major Wright, chief manager, whose efforts to contribute to our comfort we shall alwas [sic] gratefully remember.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, August 21, 1872, p. 12, c. 1

In the fire at Tyler the *Reporter* office was burned.

A disastrous fire occurred the 9th instant, at Tyler, Smith county. Several stores were burned out, or stocks badly damaged.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, August 28, 1872, p. 4, c. 2

Rev. Samuel Morris sends us additional intelligence respecting the good work going on in Tyler, East Texas Conference:

The good work of God's Holy Spirit still goes on. Last night eighteen penitents were at the altar. The meeting is still progressing. Pray for us. Oh, may it go on until all the people of these lands are converted to God!

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, August 28, 1872, p. 12, c. 1

The Tyler *Index* estimates the corn crop of Smith county at 2,800,000 bushels, or 150 bushels for every person, old and young, in the county.

DALLAS HERALD, August 31, 1872, p. 1, c. 3

[Summary: Poems by Mollie E. Moore, E. H. Cushing, Publisher, Houston, Texas. Reviewed.]

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, September 4, 1872, p. 5, c. 1

. . . At Starville [sic--Starrville], Starville circuit, under the pastoral care of that model itinerant, Rev. J. S. Mathis, there were eighty converts; and good meetings, resulting in a number of conversions, were reported at other points on the same circuit.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, September 4, 1872, p. 6, c. 3

There has been a glorious revival at Starrville, resulting in the conversion and accession of eighty souls. At other points on the circuit there indefatigable pastor, Brother J. S. Mathis, reports other conversions and accessions to our church, swelling the number to more than one hundred. At Bascom Chapel we had a time of great rejoicing; several conversions, happy and bright, with as many accessions. Here, with scarcely an exception, all pray, sing and shout. They have been trained by that good brother, (God ever bless him) Caleb H. Smith, whose soul, table and cribs are of sufficient dimensions to suit any emergency. We reluctantly left this good people—happy, however, to leave the church and community with a revival flame. . . . Daniel Morse.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, September 19, 1872, p. 1, c. 4

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TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, September 25, 1872, p. 4, c. 1

Rev. Samuel Morris, of Tyler mission, East Texas Conference, writes August 20th, of a gracious revival on his work:

We observed Friday as a day of fasting and prayer, and had prayer-meeting at the church. On Saturday morning the Rev. L. R. Dennis, our Presiding Elder, though very feeble physically, preached, at the close of which Christians were shouting happy. He remained with us until Monday evening, doing valuable service. Rev. E. B. Zachry, L.D., of our mission, remained until Wednesday morning. If all the local preachers would work like Brother Z., they would be a mighty power in the Church of God. After these brethren left, the altar was still crowded, and souls were converted at every coming together. We continued until the next Sabbath night, and would not have closed even then had it not been for previous engagements that could not be deferred. There were over thirty persons at the altar the last night, and five conversions. More than fifty souls professed faith in Christ. Thirty-seven were received into full communion in our church according to our rules, and five candidates yet to be received. Another that I know will join our church. The revival fire is spreading all over our country. I hardly know what to think of the signs of the time. I never saw a more general move.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, September 28, 1872, p. 3, c. 2

Cotton-picking race.—The other day two little sons of Mr. Scarbrough, near Garden Valley, tried their hands at cotton-picking, and did some tall grabbing after the fleecy staple, worthy of note. Orrin, aged 12 years, picked 309 pounds and Judge Yell, aged 15, picked 301—in all 610 pounds. Tell us that Southern boys can't work. Fill the country full of such boys, with parents to teach them to be some

account, and we have a basis of prosperity which reverses can hardly check.—Tyler Reporter.

DALLAS HERALD, September 28, 1872, p. 1, c. 3

The Dallas Herald of the 24th ult., is the handsomest copy of that paper that we have seen in a long time. The Herald is one of the ablest papers in the state. Glad to note your improvement, gentlemen, and hope to get better ourselves soon. A little competition stirs one up.—Tyler Reporter.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, October 1, 1872, p. 2, c. 3

[Summary: Col. R. B. Hubbard, Democratic Elector in political discussion with Judge D. D. Evans in Henderson on September 20, 1872.]

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, October 1, 1872, p. 4, c. 2

The Tyler Index (Radical) is out for Waco. [as new state capitol]

On last Friday night United States Marshal Purnell arrested Thomas and James Flynne, deputies in the office here, at the instance [sic] of Mr. Goff, United States mail agent, charged with robbing the mails of this place.—Tyler Index.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, October 5, 1872, p. 1, c. 6

Letter from Eastern Texas

Tyler, Sept. 26, 1872

As you know, the press of the East is for Waco and Houston for the future seat of government of our State—the Index for Waco, and the Reporter for Houston; but the taxpayers, when at all posted, are for Austin. . . .

Yours truly, H. N. B.

DALLAS HERALD, October 5, 1872, p. 1, c. 8

Speaking.—Col. Hubbard, Judge Evans and Colonel Hays addressed a very large audience at the Court House in this city. Colonel Hubbard spoke for one hour and a half.

He is on the Electoral Democrat Republican [? blurred] ticket. His address was able in argument; perfectly irresistible in wit. Round after round of applause greeted his able arguments and withering sarcasm.

His political friends were delighted with his whole speech. After he closed Judge L. E. Evans [illegible] upon the stand and made a speech of three quarters of an hour. His speech failed to elicit applause. After he left the stand Colonel Hays, in a short address, advocated the re-election of Gen. Grant. Both of these gentlemen are

able and would, in a better cause, no doubt be considered fine speakers.—Jefferson Democrat.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, October 9, 1872, p. 6, c. 3

. . . I have recently received cheering accounts from Bros. D. M. Stovall, at New London, and J. S. Mathis, of the Starrville circuit. Bro. Stovall writes that, at a protracted meeting at London, thirty-two were converted and the church graciously revived. Bro. Mathis reports thirty-nine on the Starrville circuit, in addition to the one hundred which I previously reported. He says in a letter just received: "Since the first Sabbath in July last there have been 139 conversions, and still the good work is moving on. I have appointments for three more two days' meetings and protracted meetings; have seen more people happy and have heard more shouts in the church of our God within the last eight or nine weeks, than ever in life before—the old and the young of both sexes; the rich and the poor, all meet together, and the Lord is with them, and all happy together. I take courage and bless God and press forward."

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, October 10, 1872, p. 2, c. 4

The Deputy Marshall of Tyler was killed on the 8th in attempting to capture the Flinns, who were charged with having robbed the mail. They were subsequently arrested and lodged in jail. It is not definitely known to what extent the mail has been robbed, but it is supposed to amount to thousands of dollars.

DALLAS HERALD, October 12, 1872, p. 2, c. 4

Arrest of the Flynnes.
Murder of the U. S. Deputy Marshal.

It having become known, or very confidently believed, that Thomas and James Flynne, charged with the recent postoffice robberies at this place, were in this vicinity, last Saturday evening Maj. Purnett [sic?], U. S. Marshal, assisted by Deputy Marshal Frank Griffin, and U. S. Commissioner Deweese, summoned a posse, and prepared to make search for them. About 3 o'clock Sunday morning, the officers and posse left town and went in the vicinity of the residence of the Flynnes, about two miles North of town. At daylight the party surrounded the premises, and after searching out houses, &c., went to the dwelling, which the Marshal and his deputy entered. After having searched through one or two rooms, and made inquiry of the inmates of the house, Deputy Marshal Griffin started to enter another room (perhaps the only one that had not been searched, and in which the Flynnes were concealed,) when, upon opening the door, he was fired upon and instantly killed, receiving at least sixteen buckshot in his breast. Maj. Parnell narrowly escaped a similar fate. Some of the Marshal's posse returned the fire, but at random, as the Flynnes were concealed in the room. No other shots were fired from the house. Major Parnell ordered a surrender,

but this being persistently refused, the house was set on fire. Two or three times the fire was extinguished by those inside the house; but at length, the flames getting beyond their control, both the boys came out and surrendered. They were taken into custody, brought to town, and are now in jail, heavily ironed, having added murder to their former crime of robbery. The death of Mr. Griffin has cast a gloom over the community, for he was a good man and an excellent, brave and faithful officer. He was buried this morning with the honors of Odd-Fellowship.

We write in haste, but the above are the substantial facts in the matter.—Tyler Reporter, 7th.

DALLAS HERALD, October 19, 1872, p. 2, c. 1

Hon. R. B. Hubbard, Democratic Elector for the State at large, will address the citizens of Dallas on Saturday next, the 26th inst.; Fort Worth on Monday the 28th, and Waxahachie on Wednesday the 30th.

We are under obligations to the Hon. W. S. Herndon for a copy of his excellent speech, delivered at Tyler on the 7th of September last. Mr. Herndon is a very promising young man, but we regret to hear that he has been meddling with the Capital question, which he has nothing properly to do with. We hope we may have been misinformed.

DALLAS HERALD, October 26, 1872, p. 3, c. 2

The following letter was received in this city last Saturday, and as it is of importance to persons who are compelled to be at Tyler, we publish it entire:

Clerk's Office, U. S. Court }
Western Dist. of Texas }
Tyler, Texas, October 16, 1872.

R. D. Coughanour, Esq., Dallas, Texas:

Dear sir—I have just received information from the Judge of the U. S. Court that he cannot be here before the 12th of November next.

As no business can be done until he arrives, I suppose it will be unnecessary for you to come down before that time.

You will please give this information to such of your brother Attorneys and others interested, in your place.

Very truly yours,
W. C. Robards, Clerk.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, October 30, 1872, p. 5, c. 4

Tyler intends to establish a library. It will be both useful and ornamental to the town.

DALLAS HERALD, November 2, 1872, p. 2, c. 1

Col. R. B. Hubbard was not able to [illegible] his appointment at this place on

Saturday last on account of the cars of the freight train running off the track. But he made simple amends on Tuesday night. When it was ascertained that Col. Hubbard would not be here, Judge Good took the stand on the public square. . . .

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, November 6, 1872, p. 5, c. 4

There has been no rain in Smith county for four months, yet the cribs are full of corn.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, November 7, 1872, p. 2, c. 1

Col. Noble, the chief engineer of the Houston and Great Northern Railroad, has been in town for several days, and from present indications Tyler is soon to be in railroad connection with Houston and Galveston. We learn that contracts for cleaning off the track from its junction with the International road to Tyler, have been let. One hundred hands are now wanted by Mr. D. Kilpatrick to go to work in four or five miles of town, and we see men with their axes, shovels and spades, knapsacks, tents and other railroad implements every day, on their way to the place of action, and the town is consistently crowded with strangers.—Texas Advertiser.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, November 9, 1872, p. 2, c. 2

C. W. Goff, claiming to be a special agent of the Post Office Department, has been arrested in Tyler for opening letters and appropriating their contents. Major Parnell is doing good service to the people in this matter.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, November 14, 1872, p. 3, c. 3

Vote on the capital by counties

Smith	Austin 975	Waco 1325	Houston
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DALLAS HERALD, November 23, 1872, p. 2, c. 3

6th legislative district---R. K. Gaston, B. W. Brown, C. C. Galloway

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, November 27, 1872, p. 12, c. 2

We learn from the *Tyler Index* that about one-third of the distance is graded on the Houston and Great Northern, between Tyler and the junction with the International railroad.

The *Index* says: The construction train of the International Railroad is now running to Atlanta or Tarbutton in Smith county, while the track laying is being pushed onward toward Longview with vigor.

DALLAS HERALD, November 30, 1872, p. 2, c. 4

--Parties who have passed over the line of our railroad from this to the junction at Tarbutton, with the International, speak of the rapid rate at which the grading is

being done and predict that, if the same energy with the increased force that is contemplated is kept up we will be certain of its completion to Tyler by the first of January.—Tyler Index.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, December 5, 1872, p. 1, c. 5

The Legislature.

6th district.—R. K. Gaston, B. W. Brown, C. C. Galloway

DALLAS HERALD, December 14, 1872, p. 2

The gin house of Mr. J. J. Flinn, near Troupe, Smith county, was burned on the 29th ult; together with 10 or 15 bales of cotton; fire accidental.

DALLAS HERALD, December 21, 1872, p. 3, c. 3

The Tyler Reporter says that the horse malady has made its appearance in Longview. [earlier articles called it the epizootic]

The Tyler Index is now printed on a new Cylinder Power Press. The Dallas Herald has been printed on a Power Press for a month past.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, January 8, 1873, p. 12, c. 1

The public square of Tyler has been lit by elegant gas lamps by the "city fathers."

CLARKSVILLE STANDARD, January 11, 1873, p. 4, c. 2

[water stain]

. . . morning on the Houston and Great Northern Railroad for Tyler. As the greater part of the grading is done between this point and Troupe, the work will no doubt be pushed rapidly ahead. With the railroad completed to Tyler and Red River up, that "good time coming["] will certainly be here.—*Tyler Reporter*.

DALLAS HERALD, January 11, 1873, p. 2, c. 4

The Public Square of Tyler is now lit by gas, so says the Democrat.

DALLAS HERALD, January 11, 1874, p. 2, c. 4

The two Flynn boys who were charged with post office robbery and murder, were consigned to the penitentiary at Huntsville for safe keeping.—Tyler Democrat.

--On Friday night, the 13th inst., the house of Mrs. Alexander, a widow lately residing some three miles from town, was burned, together with all the household property.—Ibid.

--A colored man by the name of George Williams was murdered on Mrs.

Butler's plantation, about eleven miles south of Tyler, on Saturday night last.—Tyler Index.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, January 22, 1873, p. 12, c. 1

Smith county voted \$250,000 to the H. & G. N. R. R.; besides the town of Tyler, the county seat, gave \$50,000 more to have the depot located near them.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, February 2, 1873, p. 2, c. 2

Contractors are at work on the Houston and Great Northern railroad, within the corporate limits of the city of Tyler.

Smith county gives the Great Northern railroad, \$350,000 and the city of Tyler \$50,000, to have the depot located there.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, February 5, 1873, p. 5, c. 3

The Methodists of Tyler are about to build their pastor a parsonage.

The ice has been thick enough at Tyler for skating during the last cold weather.

The *National Index*, published at Tyler, says: "A large force of railroad hands are engaged this week on the deep cut in that section of Federal Courthouse street immediately west of the Baptist church and jail. The street crossing nearest these two buildings will be on the same grade that the track will be."

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, February 6, 1873, p. 1, c. 5

[Legislative proceedings February 5, 1873]

Mr. Gaston moved to take up out of its regular order S. B. incorporating the city of Tyler. Carried.

On motion the bill was read the second and third time and passed by a two-thirds vote.

CLARKSVILLE STANDARD, February 8, 1873, p. 2, c. 4

We copy, from the Sulphur Springs *Gazette*, of the 1st instant, the following items:

"A surveying party of the M., K & T railroad passed through our town yesterday, running a preliminary line from Tyler to Paris. . . ."

CLARKSVILLE STANDARD, February 8, 1873, p. 2, c. 3

Our friend, and but lately our neighbor, Major W. b. Wright, who has moved his domicile to Paris, was in our town this week, and gave us the benefit of his traveling observation, on his legal circuit, comprising Tyler, Galveston, Austin and Bonham, from which he had just come home.

He did not think Tyler so much of a business centre [sic] as its zealous representatives of the Press had induced us to suppose.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, February 12, 1873, p. 5, c. 2

The *Index* says the contractors on the Houston and Great Northern Railroad have been, for the past two or three weeks, at work within the corporate limits of the city of Tyler.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, February 18, 1873, p. 1, c. 4

[Senate proceedings February 17, 1873]

A bill to incorporate the Tyler Real Estate and Building Association. Passed.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, February 26, 1873, p. 1, c. 4

Iron now laid for one and a quarter mile on the Troupe end of the Great Northern Railroad, and we are informed that track-laying will commence at an early day.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, March 1, 1873, p. 1, c. 6

Senate bill No. 62, to incorporate the Tyler Real Estate and Building Association. Read first time and referred to the Committee on State Affairs.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, March 5, 1873, p. 1, c. 5

Mr. Henry introduced a bill entitled "An act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Tyler Tap Railroad Company," approved Dec. 1, 1871. Read first time and referred to Committee on Internal Improvements.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, March 5, 1873, p. 13, c. 2

Thompson.—Mary Jane Thompson, daughter of Joseph Denton, and consort of N. B. Thompson was born in Mississippi February 28, 1837; professed religion and joined the M. E. Church, South, 1855; departed this life August 16, 1872. She maintained the true dignity and honor of the Christian character, and to the last strong in the faith.

Sister Thompson was true and fervent in all her domestic and social attachments, generous and noble in her impulses. She possessed the essential elements of a noble woman. She loved her friends, and was fervent in her friendship. Principle and right were the law of her nature. She was a pure and true woman, ever seeking the happiness of those within the sphere of her influence. She is gone. Let us trust that a happy home beyond the sky has welcomed her pure spirit. But in the sadness of those who linger, there is a profound and beautiful lesson, for sadness is the ground of great and permanent thoughts of a nobler existence.

D. M. Stovall.

Starrville, Feb. 14, 1873.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, March 13, 1873, p. 1, c. 4

Senate Bill No. 23, an act to amend an act entitled "An act to incorporate the

city of Tyler, and to provide for the administration of its municipal affairs," approved April 26, 1871, approved February 7, 1873.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, March 14, 1873, p. 2, c. 1-2

Master Hugh Short, son of Hon. D. M. Short, Representative from the 2d district, was sometime since nominated to the cadetship at West Point, by Hon. W. S. Herndon, member of Congress from the 1st district. . . .

Master Joseph Davenport, of Tyler, having received the first honors, was [c. 2] nominated immediately by Mr. Herndon; but in less than one short month after his honorable triumph over his classmates, and before his departure to attend the renowned institution, his young and spotless life was suddenly terminated by the unrelenting hand of death. Thereupon, Mr. Herndon, upon the recommendation of the board and other distinguished men living in the eastern part of the State, selected Master Short to fill his place.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, March 26, 1873, p. 2, c. 1

The Tyler Reporter, Trinity Advocate, and other country journals are expressing dissatisfaction at the tardiness of legislation.

We refer these censorious journalists to our article in the Statesman of the 22d inst., which points out some of the difficulties in the way of rapid legislation. It is necessary, however, to be on the spot to realize them fully.

These fault finders remind us of the street corner tacticians of the late war, who, at a safe distance from the scene of strife, and never having "set a squad in the field," yet felt themselves preeminently qualified to pass judgment on the conduct of the war.

A little more charity, and a little less confidence in your own infallibility, gentlemen.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, March 26, 1873, p. 12, c. 3

Tyler has organized a cemetery association. Membership costs five dollars each.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, March 29, 1873, p. 3, c. 3

[Summary: Amendment of charter of Galveston City College and Hospital. Among the amendments, the addition of the name of W. J. Goodman, of Tyler, Texas, to the list of incorporators. Passed.]

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, April 8, 1873, p. 4, c. 1

Senator Henry introduced a bill to be entitled "An act to grant lands to encourage the construction of the Tyler Tap Railroad." Read first time and referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, April 9, 1873, p. 1, c. 5

Senator Henry, by leave, introduced a bill to authorize Zimri Tate to construct a toll bridge over the Sabine river. Read first time and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, April 9, 1873, p. 5, c. 4

The first through train over the Houston and Great Northern road to Tyler went up last week, whereat the Tyler people were greatly rejoiced. Regular trains to Tyler will commence running about March 31. Verily, the good work goes bravely on.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, April 11, 1873, p. 1, c. 5

Mr. Gaston introduced "A bill to grant lands to encourage the construction of the Tyler Tap Railway." Referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, April 11, 1873, p. 1, c. 3

Committee Room
Austin, April 9, 1873.

Hon. E. b. Pickett, President of the Senate:

Sir—I am instructed by your Committee on Judiciary No. 1, to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 263, entitled "An act to incorporate the town of Zavala in the county of Smith," to report the same back to your honorable body and recommend its passage with the accompanying amendments.

Respectfully,
Jno. L. Henry, Chairman.

Amend section 2, lines 1 and 2, by striking out the names of "J. O. Collier, J. H. Tarbutton and A. J. Dockery," and inserting the names of "A. A. Coupland, F. D. Fitch and A. G. Tomme."

Same section, line 3, amend by inserting after the word "act," the words, "they or any two of them."

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, April 11, 1873, p. 1, c. 5

Mr. Gaston introduced "A bill to grant lands to encourage the construction of the Tyler Tap Railway." Referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, April 12, 1873, p. 1, c. 3

Senate Bill No. 267, to be entitled "An act to incorporate Tyler Chapter, No. 24, Royal Arch Masons" . . . Report it back to the Senate and recommend its passage."

DALLAS HERALD, April 12, 1873, p. 1, c. 8

--Hon. Jefferson Davis, our ex-President, will be in Tyler on the 11th inst.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, April 13, 1873, p. 1, c. 4
Committee Room
Austin, April 12, 1873.

Hon. E. B. Pickett, President of the Senate:

Sir—I hereby report that I did, on yesterday at 10 o'clock a.m., present to His Excellency the Governor, for his approval and signature, Senate Bill No. 62, "An act to incorporate the Tyler Real Estate and Building Association," and Senate Bill No. 72, "An act for the relief of Berth Staffel."

Respectfully,
H. R. Latimer, Chairman.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, April 16, 1873, p. 1, c. 4

The Tyler *Reporter* says the construction trains of the Great Northern Railroad are now passing through that place regularly with iron, ties, etc., and that from one-half to three-quarters of a mile of track is being laid daily.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, April 23, 1873, p. 5, c. 1

Tyler Correspondence.

Our little city not only shows signs of life, but prosperity. The *iron-horse* made his *debut* in Tyler more than a week ago. We are now in a few hours' run of your Island City, and so soon as the mail regulations are perfected, we shall get the ADVOCATE by the time it is fully dry. I now see no good reason why every Methodist—heads of families especially—in Smith and Cherokee counties should not read the ADVOCATE, our own conference organ, every week. Let the preachers in this district bestir themselves and increase its circulation.

There has been quite a sensation in and around Tyler the last week, by the presence of hydrophobia. There have been quite a number of mad dogs in and about the town, and great has been the destruction of canine life. No one here has been bitten, though I hear of two deaths in the lower part of the county from mad dog bites. It is a rumor; think it doubtful.

The new parsonage is finished, and the pastor and his family are comfortably domiciled and feel much at home.

R. S. Finley.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, April 26, 1873, p. 4, c. 1

Senate Bill No. 62, "An act to incorporate the Tyler Real Estate and Building Association," approved April 11, 1873.

House Bill 269, "An act to authorize Howard Reys and his associates to construct a toll bridge across the Sabine River at Crockett's Bluff," passed March 24, 1873.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, May 3, 1873, p. 1, c. 3

House Bill No. 391, to be entitled "An act to prevent the gift or sale of intoxicating liquor within two miles of Garden Valley Seminary, in Smith county" . . . report it back and recommend its passage.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, May 3, 1873, p. 1, c. 2

Senate Bill No. 202, "An act to incorporate the Sherman, Tyler, and Henderson Railway Company, and to grant lands to aid in the construction thereof."

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, May 6, 1873, p. 1, c. 2

[Summary: Amendments to Senate Bill No. 258, which to amend sections 7, 10, 20 of "An act to incorporate the Tyler Tap Railroad Company" approved December 1, 1871, and to grant bonds to said company to aid in construction of the same.]"

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, May 6, 1873, p. 1, c. 3

[Summary: Senate Bill No. 258 passed 24 to 1.]

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, May 7, 1873, p. 1, c. 4

The Best Thing Yet.—Major Foote, engineer on the Houston and Great Northern Railroad, has just shown us a specimen of the genuine cannel coal, found in the cuts on the bed of this road, twelve or fifteen miles from this place. This, as every one knows, is the best class of coal, and for many purposes invaluable. Should this, as Mr. Foote supposed, exist in large quantities, it will be a source of invaluable wealth to Smith county. We did not learn the exact location of this bed of coal, but it is somewhere near Mr. Zimm Tate's plantation. Anyone wishing to see samples, can do so by calling at our office.—*National (Tyler) Index*.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, May 7, 1873, p. 13, c. 3

Sanford.—Died, at his father's residence, near Jamestown, Smith county, Texas, on the 2d day of February, 1873, John L. Sanford, aged 28 years and 7 months; disease, cerebrospinal meningitis.

The subject of this notice was born in Putnam county, Georgia, July 4, 1844. His father immigrated to Smith county in the winter of 1851, consequently the greater portion of his life was spent in Texas.

Johnny (as he was familiarly called) was a young man who was beloved by all who knew him, and I doubt not that should even a mere acquaintance see this notice, he will regret to hear of his death; but those who knew him best, loved him most.

Possessed of an untiring energy, he knew no such word as fail to anything he undertook to accomplish. Difficulties only stimulated him to greater action. Strictly honest and truthful from childhood, even until the day of his death, his veracity was never called in question.

Since the war he had devoted his whole energy and labor to the support of an

aged father and mother, anticipating their wants, and supplying them with an affectionate regard. The writer of this has often urged upon him the claims of Christianity, and he would always say it was his intention to make suitable preparation for eternity at some future day. But, alas! like so many others have done, and are still doing, death came before the time arrived which he had set apart to commence serving God. I have seen him deeply affected by the warnings of the Spirit, but fear there was no new birth. We can only trust our Savior's mercy and long suffering. As he was delirious all the time of his illness, we had no opportunity of talking to him about his future state. But he is gone, and we can only trust that, ere his spirit took its flight, God, for Christ's sake, pardoned his sins. He died as he had lived—the embodiment of a true and upright manhood in all save a good, earnest Christian. May God have mercy on us all.

One Who Loved Him.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, May 8, 1873, p. 2, c. 2-6

[Summary: Reply of W. S. Herndon to the attacks of the Press for his vote on the late act increasing salaries.]

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, May 8, 1873, p. 3, c. 5

[Summary: Amendments to Senate Bill 258, incorporating Tyler Tap Railroad]

DALLAS HERALD, May 10, 1873, p. 2, c. 5

--Major Foots, engineer on the Houston and Great Northern railroad, has just shown us a specimen of anthracite coal, found in the cuts on the beds of this road, twelve or fifteen miles from this place. This, as everyone knows, is the best class of coal, and for many purposes is invaluable.—[Tyler Index.

--The Tyler Index says the weather in that section still continues cool and very dry, accompanied by a very disagreeable wind, causing vegetation of every kind to look yellow and lifeless. In an acquaintance of twenty-six years in Texas, it claims to have never known a more unfavorable spring and one in which there was so little of promise to the farmers. There is comparatively little or none of the cotton crop up, and where it has made its appearance above ground it has more of the evidence of dying out than living or growing, and [the] ground has become very hard. It is almost impossible to do good plowing, and the prospect generally is discouraging.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, May 20, 1873, p. 2, c. 1

Mr. William Bonner, a promising young son of Judge W. H. Bonner, of Tyler (formerly of Rusk), died in the former place on the sixteenth instant.

Hon. Oran M. Roberts, formerly Judge of the Supreme Court of this State, is President of the Literary and Scientific Association at Tyler.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, May 20, 1873, p. 2, c. 4

Progress of railroads in Texas to April 1

Tyler Branch 40 (miles)

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, May 21, 1873, p. 6, c. 1

A Preacher Fallen!

Rev. Levi R. Dennis, Presiding Elder of the Palestine District, East Texas Conference, died in peace on the 26th day of April, at 11:30 o'clock P.M., after an illness of two weeks.

His wife and daughter, Maggie, had been dangerously sick, and he had been heavily taxed—nursing, waiting, and watching in the family chamber for weeks; and, as they convalesced, he fell sick.

He was born in Overton county, Tennessee, January 9, 1820; converted to God when about eighteen years old, and was licensed to preach October 3, 1841, at Ebenezer campground, Rev. F. E. Pitts being presiding elder. He entered the traveling connection in the Tennessee Conference in 1842; was ordained deacon by Bishop Janes November 1, 1844, and an elder by Bishop Soule, at Nashville, November 9, 1846. After traveling six years as a single man, he was married to Martha L. Hughes, of Bedford county, Tennessee, November 14, 1848. After twelve years of active itinerant life in the Tennessee Conference, he responded to the Macedonian call from Texas, and transferred to the East Texas Conference. He landed at Dallas on the 25th day of December, 1854, after the conference had adjourned, to learn that he was 170, or more miles from Marshall, to which place he had been assigned. It was midwinter; deep mud, streams high, and but few bridges, the family sighing for a little repose and relief from the wintry winds, falling snows and drenching rains; but that indomitable energy and unyielding purpose, which was a prominent trait in our fallen brother's character, through an itinerant career of thirty-one years, was commensurate with the emergency. No time was lost, difficulties were overcome, and in the shortest possible time he was at his new post in Texas. The beginning was a true augury of his Texas life. He had an iron will, and although he was hardly medium in size, his physical stamina was superior. He was capable of great endurance. It was his custom on reaching home to change his apparel and hasten to labor; the plow, the hoe, the ax, the spade, any implement of industry, was wielded with an astonishing energy and skill. This habit had been formed, and was continued to the very close of a useful and eventful life, as a means of *splicing* a short, inadequate salary, and thereby to keep himself in the itinerant ministry. It was not that Brother Dennis loved manual labor above others; it was not that he undervalued studious habits and books; no indeed; with many it amounted to an objection that, when on the circuit or district away from home, his words were too few, and his devotion to books made him appear unsocial. When at home, night was the season for books and study, and neither family

nor visiting brothers could divert him from his repose, long at a time, for merely social enjoyment. He might have lived to the age of seventy years, and have done efficient service to the last, had the church he so faithfully served relieved him from excessive toil by a liberal support.

I watched his symptoms from the beginning to the close of his sickness, and endorse the statement of his enlightened physician: he died of the exhaustion of the nerve power. That power had been shocked and taxed to tension too often; the last assault was fatal. He died as sweetly as an infant goes to sleep. He leaves a sadly-bereft family—wife and three daughters—though comfortably provided for.

Brother Dennis was a true man, a faithful friend, a good preacher, an efficient presiding elder, always at the post of duty and ready for every good word and work. The news of his untimely demise will sadden many hearts. It will be felt most keenly in his own conference and by his companions in the ministry.

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Tyler, Texas, May 2, 1873.

R. S. Finley.

CLARKSVILLE STANDARD, May 24, 1873, p. 1, c. 1-6

[Summary: Reply of Hon. W. S. Herndon to the attacks of the press for his vote on the late act increasing salaries.]

CLARKSVILLE STANDARD, May 24, 1873, p. 2, c. 2-4

[Summary: Response to Herndon's reply]

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, May 25, 1873, p. 2, c. 2

A case of small-pox was reported in Tyler last week.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, June 17, 1873, p. 2, c. 3

The Tyler Reporter of June fourteenth speaks of large ripe peaches, but they are scarce in that vicinity. The apple crop is said to be heavy, and the plums plentiful.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, June 19, 1872, p. 12, c. 2

Tyler is about to secure a city hall.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, June 24, 1873, p. 2, c. 1

The Hon. W. S. Herndon, in the Tyler Reporter, recommends highly Gen. John H. Reagan, as the democratic candidate for Governor. He admits that his disabilities have not been removed, but thinks it certain the next Congress will remove them.

The Tyler Reporter hoists the name of Col. Richard B. Hubbard, of that city, as its candidate for Governor. Col. Hubbard was one of the late democratic electors in this State, and is a very eloquent and forcible speaker.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, June 25, 1873, p. 2, c. 3

A new paper has been started in Troupe, Smith county, called the Dispatch. The first number is before us. J. E. Dunbaugh, editor and publisher. The Dispatch says that the International and Great Northern Railroad will be open to Mineola in about two weeks, forming a junction with the Texas Pacific.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, June 25, 1873, p. 13, c. 2-3

Bonner—William Hubbard Bonner, eldest son of Judge M. H. and Mrs. E. P. Bonner, of this city, was born in Rusk, Texas, Aug. 4, 1850, and died in Tyler, Texas, May 16, 1873. He was baptized when an infant, and reared in the church; professed conversion in August, 1865.

It may be said of dear William as it was of Timothy—he knew the Holy Scriptures from a child. He was a student at the University of Virginia three years, and graduated in several schools there, among them that of moral philosophy, history and literature, and took the degree of B. L. June 29, 1871. He was duly licensed to practice law in the district and supreme courts of Texas, and in the United States courts, and was, at the time of his death, junior member of the law firm of Bonner & Bonner.

He was married by the writer to Miss Kate Dickinson, at Rusk, February 26, 1873. Never did I marry a more lovely couple, more equally yoked, and with a brighter prospect for usefulness, happiness, and distinction. They had loved each other from childhood, and had sacredly kept an engagement made in tender years.

William was sacredly impressed with a call to the ministry. The writer had interviewed him repeatedly on that subject, and had his pledge of fidelity to the sacred calling. His heart was not in the law, but in the gospel. Death never struck a brighter mark, nor made a deeper wound. It was so sudden! The dear pair were in their places at church at 11 o'clock, and at night, the Sabbath before his death. So happy, so pious, so admired!

He was more than a son—he was the companion of his father, and the idol of his mother; and what was he to that angelic bride, whose every hope in life, and whose hearty affection clustered around and centered in her newly allied lord? O Death, how cruel thou art!

Monday he was in his office, and pledged increased fidelity to his pastor. Tuesday morning he was sick, and Friday, at 6 o'clock A.M., he slept in Jesus. When he was dying his mother sang:

"O sing to me of Heaven when I am called to die!"
and he died in the midst of the hymn. The mother stopped to offer the prayer, "Lord Jesus, receive the soul of my dear boy;" and Col. Thomas R. Bonner, uncle to William, finished the hymn—two verses remaining:

"Then close my sightless eyes,
And lay me down to rest,

And clasp my cold and icy hands
Upon my lifeless breast.

"Then round my senseless clay
Assemble those I love,
And sing of Heaven, delightful Heaven,
My glorious home above."

The family are deeply stricken, the religion of Jesus is magnified, and the church and society have lost one of their brightest ornaments.

R. S. Finley.

Tyler, Texas, June 18, 1873.

DALLAS WEEKLY HERALD, June 28, 1873, p. 1, c. 6

[Summary: New Post Offices. Lyndale [sic—Lindale] Smith Co.]

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, July 1, 1873, p. 2, c. 3

The Tyler Reporter compliments the Hon. O. N. Hollingsworth as a candidate for the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, July 3, 1872, p. 6, c. 3

We hold love-feasts where the preacher in charge deems it expedient. Where this is done, I find our members are better prepared to enjoy the sermon and sacrament of the Lord's Supper which follow; besides, the preacher, going from a good love-feast to the pulpit, finds himself all the better prepared to administer the Word of Life.

Allow me to give your readers a specimen of one of our love-feasts held on the Starrville Circuit a short time since: After the introductory service, some of the older brethren spoke first—briefly and to the point. One of our most venerable and useful local preachers, Brother James B. Hall, referred to the love-feast held more than twenty years ago on that circuit, where he had met with many who had safely crossed the river, (naming some of them,) and upon the other shore they were waiting the arrival of others who must soon follow; said that he recognized but two present of the original number, Brothers Starr and Barecroft. He had been called to mourn the departure of eight lovely children; only one survived; but he looked forward to no distant day when he too would unite with them in that blessed clime. Brother Barecroft alluded, in a touching manner, to the time he joined the church, forty-seven years ago; also to the time he moved to Texas, thirty-two years since; said they had no preaching in the part of the country where he first settled; said that he and his wife kept up family prayers, alternating in the services; said that they had almost despaired of ever seeing another Methodist preacher; that his wife said she was unwilling to live in a country where they could not attend church; they talked about moving away; when one day they saw a young man walking up to their rude cabin, and asked if

Daniel Barecroft lived there. Being told that he did, the youth informed them that he was a Methodist preacher, and had been sent by the Conference to preach to the people there. Said Bro. Barecroft, "I thought he was the poorest looking chance for a preacher I had ever seen a beardless boy, pale and weary-worn, a *circuit rider on foot*. He was hungry and tired. My wife fixed him some dried venison and bread, the best we had on hand, and he partook, after

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, July 9, 1873, p. 2, c. 2

The Tyler Reporter represents the corn crop of that immediate region as not good. Not more than half a crop is expected. The cotton is looking well.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, July 9, 1873, p. 5, c. 4

The Troupe *Dispatch* says: The Texas Pacific Railroad will have a change of time on the 6th of July. The International and Great Northern Railroad will change about the same time. Regular trains will soon run between Houston and Mineola, making time to Dallas and all points on the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railroad very much shorter.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, July 16, 1873, p. 2, c. 1

At Tyler, they are putting up apples in barrels to ship to Galveston, where, it is said, they sell for ten to twelve dollars a barrel.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, July 16, 1873, p. 13, c. 2-3

Dennis.—Departed this life in Tyler, on the 26th of April, 1873, in the full triumph of Christian faith, Rev. Levi Richardson Dennis, presiding elder of Palestine district, East Texas Conference.

A good and noble man has gone. In all the relations of life, beyond reproach; he was an *itinerant* of peculiarly consistent devotion to his work. Levi Dennis was *called* to the ministry, and in it lived and died at his post with armor on, his *shield* unharmed, his sword unbroken, and in hand. Taken with a chill while reading his Bible, (as was his habit when in the house,) he laid down, with the book beside him, upon the bed from which he never arose. A slow, nervous fever setting in, he lingered on, his family unconscious of the deep-seated danger, till Saturday night, just ere the Sabbath was beginning on earth, the spirit departed to the Sabbath of God. As he lived Bible in hand—that death might not separate them—they laid them away, preacher and Bible, together in the grave.

Levi R. Dennis was born in Overton county, Tennessee, January 9th, 1820. Converted at eighteen, he was licensed to preach at Ebenezer camp-ground October 3d, 1841, by Rev. F. E. Pitts. Entering the traveling connection in 1842, he was ordained deacon at Columbia, Tennessee, November 3d, 1844, by Bishop Hanes; and elder by Bishop Soule at Nashville, November 8th, 1846. He died in the fifty-fourth year of his age, and in the thirty-second of his ministry. Married to Martha L.

Hughes November 14th, 1844, he removed to Texas, reaching Dallas the 25th of December, 1854. The wife and three promising daughters survive, all following the pious footsteps of the departed.

The first two years of his ministry in Texas were spent with the church in Jefferson, where, by genial disposition and singleness of devotion to the work, he won to himself many true and lasting friends. Thence North, South and East, afterwards, lay the fields of his labor, till he had well nigh traveled the greater part of the East Texas Conference. Duty to him was the omnipotent call—to whatever field assigned. Business, weather, distance—nothing, save sickness, was excuse for failure to meet appointments. Who that knew him as we did ever failed to see that the one obligation to him above and beyond all others was the work of the itineracy? To it he clung with pride and unfaltering devotion. All else was made to subserve the Master's call. His preaching was plain, fervid and evangelical; and under it many a wavering heart has been strengthened and hundreds brought to a saving knowledge of the truth. Undemonstrative in manner, he was true and biding in his attachments and friendships; with a tender and kindly heart ever running out in sympathy toward the poor and the suffering. Of this, not a few in East Texas who read this notice will bear witness. Many are they in Tyler who, with tears in their eyes, will recall how, last winter, when that terrible scourge, meningitis, prevailed, blighting the happiness of so many households, he went night and day, through sleet and snow, to minister Christian comfort to the bereaved and the dying. But his work is done. We who remain thank God for the pious, exemplary life of Levi Dennis. What a harvest he shall some day gather in the glory land while his works do follow him! These seeds of purity, so often sown by him in tears, shall mature and are now ripening all along the itinerant path of his life to be garnered after awhile over in the celestial Canaan.

As a family, as a community, as a church, we are bereaved; but shall endure on, hoping that we, too, after a few more years, may be permitted to join the company of the redeemed beside the stream and under the tree of Life.

W. H. Scales.

Dallas, Texas, June 5, 1873.

CLARKESVILLE STANDARD, July 19, 1873, p. 2, c. 3

Road from Tyler to Clarksville.

Senator Latimer furnishes us the charter of the Tyler Tap Railroad Company, which is authorized to construct a road to Red River. The main clause interesting us, we copy. The point of deficiency is that there is no specified time for its construction, and we have no assurance that it will ever be built, as it only forfeits its rights for such portion as it fails to construct.

Sec. 2. That section ten of the said act to incorporate the Tyler Tap Railroad

Company, shall be so amended as hereafter read as follows: The said company is hereby invested with the right of locating, constructing, owning operating and maintaining a continuous line of railway, with a single or double track, as well as a telegraph line, from the said town of Tyler, in Smith county, by way of the towns of Gilmer and Pittsburg, in Upshur county, Mt. Pleasant, in Titus county, to Clarksville, in Red River county, with the privilege of extending said road northward from Clarksville to the Red River, to connect with any railroad entering Texas from the north; *provided*, that the said extension beyond Clarksville shall not be more than thirty miles; *provided further*, that freight and passage depots shall be established with one-half mile of the Court Houses in the towns of Tyler, Gilmer, Mt. Pleasant and Clarksville, and within one-half mile of the centre [sic] of the town of Pittsburg, of the town of Longview, then said road shall pass through said town and establish freight and passanger [sic] depots within one-half [mile] of the business portion of the same, upon condition that said town shall donate to said company the right of way (sixty feet wide,) along the line of its survey through said town, and necessary depot grounds. That the said company shall be invested with the right of constructing such sidings, turn outs, depots, station houses, machine chips, wells, water tanks, and other buildings and works as are incident to the construction and operation of its road.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, July 24, 1873, p. 2, c. 3

A young man named Robins, while seining a creek, near Tyler, was bitten twice by a snake and came near dying.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, July 30, 1873, p. 2, c. 3

The Tyler *Democrat* notes the adjournment of the Sabbath School Convention lately held in that place. It was largely attended by gentlemen and ladies from all parts of the State and it is though much good was done.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, July 30, 1873, p. 1, c. 4

Mr. Murray, an enterprising and valuable citizen, living eight or ten miles from Tyler, Smith county, is raising apples for export. The firm of B. K. Smith, of Tyler, are having them barreled for shipment to Galveston. Mr. Murray sells his apples at the orchard for \$1.50 a bushel.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, August 6, 1873, p. 2, c. 3

H. V. Hamilton, for many years connected with the Tyler *Reporter* in the August 2d number takes his leave of that paper in a well written and feeling valedictory. He will hereafter be connected with the Tyler *Democrat*. The *Reporter* will now be conducted by Mr. P. H. Callahan as sole editor. Its politics will remain the same.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, August 7, 1873, p. 2, c. 4

Drs. Goodman and Park are erecting an infirmary at Tyler. A. W. Ferguson is putting up a three story hotel at the same place. Mr. S. Tucker, who has a grist mill and iron works there, was considerably injured by a blowing up last week. Damage, \$800.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, August 13, 1873, p. 2, c. 3

They are endeavoring to raise money in Tyler to build a Presbyterian Church. Randall Hill, a notorious negro preacher in that town, was lately sentenced to the penitentiary for stealing. Henry Grant was also sent to the same place for being like his namesake too fond of smoking and taking a box of cigars without leave.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, August 19, 1873, p. 1, c. 6

Practical Men

Practical men are what we want in office now. Not only for Governor, not only in the Legislature, but in every office, from the highest to the lowest, we need practical, thinking men. *Professional* politicians ought to be ignored; gamblers, jobbers and sharp traders in political stock must be set aside, and we must appeal to the people—the *home-spun* people, the yeomanry of the country, to supply their quota of the material we need. It does not matter from what profession, trade or avocation in life such men may come, whether from town or country, whether out of the business office or from between the plow-handles, practical men we must have. The great issues of the day are practical; the development of this State, the filling of it with population, the husbanding of its great resources, the shaping of its railroad policy, the education of the thousands now here and the thousands yet to come, the providing of the great future that awaits us—these are all practical duties, and we must have practical men to meet and discharge them. Hot-house politicians, vapory demagogues, spinners of fine theories, are not the men of the hour. Away with the thought that men fit for offices of honor and trust are to be found only in the cities and towns. They are to-day in the cotton fields, in the work shops, scattered everywhere, both in town and country, and we need them and must have them.—Tyler Democrat.

About the third inst., a dangerous negro insurrection was brewing in Liberty and Chambers counties, but was frustrated by developments made by a colored man, and by the capture of the ring leaders. The object, as stated, was to kill all the whites and take possession of their property. The principal actor in the scheme was a negro captain, who claimed to have been sent by Governor Davis. Is this the beginning of an attempt upon the part of Radicalism to produce a war of races in Texas, that martial law may follow, and the holding of an election this fall be defeated. We shall see.—Tyler Democrat.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, August 19, 1873, p. 2, c. 2

The Tyler *Democrat* of the sixteenth inst., gives an account of three murders, which have taken place in that neighborhood in the space of one week. The first was that of a young man, named Lee, who was killed by a negro man for money he had upon his person. The second was a case between two negroes. The third was that of a negro man by a white man. Crime often becomes epidemic, and this look very much like there was an epidemic of crime prevailing in the neighborhood of Tyler.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, August 19, 1873, p. 2, c. 3

Making a New Apportionment of the Representative and Senatorial Districts of the State of Texas.

6th. The counties of Smith and Upshur shall constitute the Sixth District, and shall elect one Senator and three Representatives, and the presiding justice of Smith county shall be the returning officer.

DALLAS HERALD, August 20, 1873, p. 3, c. 4

Douglass' Texas Battery.

Tyler, Texas, August 27, 1873.

At a meeting of the surviving members of Douglass' Texas Battery (originally Good's), held this day, the meeting was called to order by Captain J. P. Douglass being called to the chair, and Alfred Davis, secretary.

The following named members were present: J. P. Douglass, C. C. Winberly, D. C. Williams, J. B. Douglass, W. G. Williams, of Tyler; C. C. Walker, of Grayson county; W. J. Saunders, of Gainesville, and G. A. Knight, of Dallas.

The following resolutions were offered by Dr. C. C. Walker, of Whitesboro, Grayson county, and adopted:

Resolved, That we request all surviving members of Douglass' Battery to meet at the city of Dallas, on Thursday, October 2d, 1873 (at which time the Fair of the North Texas Agricultural, Mechanical and Blood Stock Association will be in progress), for the purpose of forming an Association.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed, consisting of Captain John J. Good, Nat. M. Burford and Thomas Walker, all of the city of Dallas, Captain James P. Douglass, Alfred Davis and James Howard, of the city of Tyler, whose duty shall be to correspond with and notify the surviving members of the above resolution.

Resolved, That a copy of the above resolutions be furnished the Dallas city and the Tyler city papers, with a request that they publish the same.

No other business appearing, the meeting adjourned to meet in the city of Dallas, on the 2d day of October, 1873.

J. P. Douglass, Chairman

Alfred Davis, Secretary.

DALLAS HERALD, August 20, 1873, p. 3, c. 3

Douglass' Texas Battery.

It will be seen by the proceedings of a meeting of this old company, held at Tyler on Tuesday last, that there will be a reunion of its surviving members in this city on Thursday, October 2, 1873. Every surviving member is requested to be present.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, August 21, 1873, p. 4, c. 1

Democratic State Executive Committee.

6th District.—John C. Robertson, Smith.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, September 4, 1873, p. 2, c. 3

The Tyler *Democrat* notes a considerable amount of sickness in that section, mostly bilious, yielding readily to treatment. In the Hopewell neighborhood diphtheria is prevailing among the children, and is quite fatal.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, September 5, 1873, p. 4, c. 2

Delegates to the Democratic Convention

Smith county—O. M. Roberts, R. K. Gaston, E. F. Jarvis, J. D. Anderson, Geo. Yarbrough, W. H. Marsh, E. F. Swaim [sic--Swann], G. W. Smith, Horace Chilton, H. G. Robertson, R. B. Hubbard, J. P. Douglass.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, September 10, 1873, p. 5, c. 2-3

From Starrville Circuit.

Mr. Editor—Antioch Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Starrville circuit, has just been blessed with the very best of revival meetings of six days, closing this evening with thirty-one accessions to the church. Rev. D. M. Stovall, preacher in charge, assisted by Revs. Caleb Smith and John White, conducted the same, each of whom preached the Word in its purity, and, being aided by dear old Brother Mathis, and also Brothers Little and Tunnell, exhorters, we had three services each day, viz: prayer-meeting and two sermons, with no night service, love-feast and Lord's Supper being also attended to. During intermissions a bountiful supply of excellent refreshments was furnished. During the whole time there was a large, attentive and well-behaved congregation in attendance, and to the last apparently fresh and vigorous, by reason of rest from the labors of the day during the whole night.

This part of God's vineyard has been truly blessed above many other portions. For four preceding years it has had the valuable labors of Brother Mathis, (now doing good work on the Henderson circuit), than whom there is not, perhaps, a more faithful, successful or worthy minister in the State; and this year it is blessed

with the faithful services heart-searching and stirring appeals of Rev. D. M. Stovall. No people living could more highly appreciate such blessings than the recipients thereof.

Before the meeting closed Brother Stovall succeeded not only in enlisting such as appeared to show respect for the worship of God, but his sermons for the last three days seemed to have routed the entire force of the enemy of souls, and several, for whom no hopes had been for a long time entertained, were seen prostrated in the altar, crying for mercy.

The meeting closed this evening, (August 21st), leaving over twenty mourners, nearly all of whom having publicly [sic] pledged themselves to persevere till they shall have found peace in believing, being promised the aid of all the Christians present.

Antioch is alive to her whole duty. She has regular class and prayer-meetings, a Council of the Friends of Temperance, and a Band of Hope, besides a flourishing, and Sabbath-school in full blast. She supports her meetings elegantly and bountifully, and, therefore, deserves, and is receiving, the very best talent that conference can produce. In addition to this, she now has located one of the most worthy, faithful, successful and pious physicians, in the person of Dr. R. K. Fontain, late of Galveston. This estimable gentleman, introduced into the community by our beloved brother, Stovall, has proven quite a valuable accession to the vicinity, church, Council, and Band of Hope, occupying a prominent position in each. 'Tis true circumstances frequently make men, but in the above named circumstances the man appears to precede, causing and in a great deal controlling. So long as a community will sustain such men, they are sure to be thus blessed.

The writer has but a limited acquaintance with Smith county, but if he is to judge of the whole by this portion, he is certain that it is good enough for him, at least socially and religiously.

August 21, 1873.

A. Member.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, September 17, 1873, p. 5, c. 1-2

Starrville Circuit.

Mr. Editor—Center is a beautiful chapel, situated eight miles eastward of Tyler, in one of the best neighborhoods in Smith county. The membership is respectable, including some of the best citizens of the county, giving a healthful influence in the entire community.

Our meeting commenced on Saturday before the second Sabbath in August, and closed, prematurely, on the following Monday evening. There was quite a number of penitents at the altar, and the church was in a good working condition. I have not seen a better prospect for a glorious revival this season.

A noble young man by the name of See was murdered in the neighborhood by

a negro for his money. On Monday the principal supporters of the meeting were summoned to attend court in the murder case.

Went from there to Antioch. This is nearly a central point on the circuit, and is one of the neatest churches on the work. The people are Methodists here. This was the home of Brother Jno. S. Mathis the last two years he rode this circuit, and the present home of our mutual friend, Dr. Fountain. The meeting was good from the beginning to the end. It lasted seven days. Over a score of souls were converted. Thirty-one accessions to our church. There were but few left to advocate the cause of the wicked one. I never saw a better meeting.

I went from there on the next day, and commenced a meeting at Canton, (not in Van Zandt, but in Smith county.) This place had the name of being a hard place, but I do not know why it should be called so. I am truly in love with that people, and, by-the-way, Mr. Editor, it is one of our prettiest little villages. Through injured some by the railroad, I do not think it will die, but in twelve months from now it will be better than it is to-day. The meeting lasted nine days and nights. There were over thirty conversions. On Monday night of the meeting we had fifteen conversions. Brother John, it would have done your soul good to have been with us. I have not often witnessed such Divine power. There was not an occasion for a public rebuke during the whole meeting. I thought often during the meeting, why is it that this is called a hard people? They were all kind, and were deeply interested during the meeting, and no one had to go of necessity to the country to get something good to eat, for it was in abundance, and I never saw it freer. There were also brethren and friends from the country, who bore a noble part in supporting the meeting. Thanks to our brethren of the Presbyterian and Baptist denominations for their interest in the meeting's support, and, also, for their hearty co-operation with us in the altar. And permit me, Mr. Editor, to mention the names of our beloved brethren in the local ranks, who rendered us valuable services, both in the pulpit and altar, and from time to time during our meeting: Brothers Caleb Smith, J. B. Hall, John White, and T. H. Hall. God bless our working local preachers, for they constitute one of the best classes of men in the world! They work without the hope of fee or reward, so far as this world is concerned; but they will go, ere long, to reap their reward laid up for them in the regions of bliss.

I expect to be at Starrville, White House and Overton, the next three weeks. I believe the Lord will continue with us. You may hear from us again.

D. M. Stovall.

Overton, Sept. 3, 1873.

CLARKSVILLE STANDARD, September 20, 1873, p. 1, c. 3

Negro hung.—On Wednesday night of last week, Jack Johnson, one of the negroes supposed to be implicated in the recent murder of M. H. See, in the Wimberly neighborhood, was taken from his house, by unknown parties, and hung. The

Coroner's inquest, we understand, failed to elicit anything further than above stated. The negro was taken some quarter of a mile from the public road and hung, where he remained two or three days before he was discovered.—*Tyler Democrat*.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, September 21, 1873, p. 2, c. 3

There has been another jail delivery at Tyler. These will continue as long as we have any Radical sheriffs and jailors. It is believed by many that the jailbirds are let loose purposely. The bakery establishment of Batey and Shultz was destroyed by fire on the seventh instant.

DALLAS HERALD, September 27, 1873, p. 1, c. 2

Education in Texas.

We have met with the greatest ignorance in this favored State, and have wondered that a people enjoying so many advantages should mar them by a lack of self-culture. Eastern Texas, perhaps, is worse off than in any other portion of the State, and in connection with, it might be well to mention Van Zandt, Wood and Smith counties. Here it might almost be said that they have not enough sense to pound sand. In many cases we found large families of whom not one was able to read or write. Neither are the farms in this locality in so good and flourishing condition as they are in neighborhoods where the blessings of an education are appreciated. The reason of this is, that uneducated people live a kind of animal life, with nothing calculated to elevate their minds, and dead to all the nobler instinct of human nature. In other words they become hardened and indolent.

DALLAS HERALD, September 27, 1873, p. 2, c. 7

The following paragraphs are from the *Tyler Democrat*:

When we turn our *pair of Dicks* loose right over Texas, Radicalism will find that there are cards in the deck to which Radical aces (properly spelled asses) are no where.

The Index thinks the Democratic Platform a string of generalities. We think so too—just general enough to be endorsed by nineteen-twentieths of the white men of Texas.

Radicals are seeking to make capital by saying that Democrats admit the honest of Gov. Davis. The devil is honest after the same fashion—as honest a devil as ever compassed the ruin of mankind.

Will you risk four years more of Radical rule in Texas, or will you try a Democratic government? The people must answer this question, and to do so they must first register and then vote.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, October 4, 1873, p. 1, c. 6

The Radical convention of Smith county broke up the other day in a row.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, October 8, 1873, p. 1, c. 4

Our farmers are very busy securing their crops. The corn crop, we are told, is not as good as was anticipated.

Several of our merchants inform us that trade is considerably revived, and that new cotton is being brought in and offered for sale.—*Tyler Index*.

DALLAS HERALD, October 11, 1873, p. 1, c. 3-4

[Summary: Account of meeting of the "Society for Reunion of the First Texas Artillery" to meet annually, alternately at Dallas and Tyler.]

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, October 12, 1873, p. 2, c. 4

Judge Coke's Appointments.—Judge Coke will address the people of Texas upon the political issues of the day at the following times and places:

Tyler, Wednesday, November 5.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, October 16, 1873, p. 2, c. 3

Good ordinary cotton is selling at Tyler at 12 1-2 cents per pound; low middling at 12 cents coin. The editor of the *Democrat* has been shown a twig of oak, not a foot long, containing seventy-five full grown acorns. The hogs there will have a happy time this fall.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, October 22, 1873, p. 2, c. 3

The Tyler *Democrat* records the death of Mr. Henry McDougal, by having his hand caught in the saws of a cotton gin. His entire arm was drawn in, and before medical help could be called he bled to death.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, October 23, 1873, p. 2, c. 3

A protracted meeting of the Methodists is going on at Tyler. Many conversions have taken place.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, October 25, 1873, p. 1, c. 6

Col. R. B. Hubbard.

The Austin Democratic Convention, perhaps embodying more talent, integrity and wisdom than ever convened in a similiar [sic] assembly in the State of Texas, selected the gentleman whose name heads this article for the second position on our State ticket. In him Judge Coke finds an able and efficient coadjutor in the present campaign that is being conducted so vigorously; in him the people of Texas recognize

a standard bearer worthy of their cause, and in him the State Senate will find a presiding officer of dignity and efficiency.

Col. Hubbard is the true type of the Southern Democracy. He is fully up to the party standard. He has been since the close of the war in most perfect accord and sympathy with the Democratic party, and he has never been found among the *sore-head impracticables* on the one hand, who would literally do nothing for themselves, their people or their country, because the result of the war placed beyond their reach the gratification of *every* political desire, nor has he ever been found chaffering with the opposition, or manifesting captiousness, uneasiness or disaffection, when his party had proclaimed its line of action.

Col. Hubbard is now in his thirty-eighth year. He graduated in the Georgia University, and subsequently in the law department of Cambridge. He is a man of massive proportions, powerful physique, and as well up in literature as he is in law. His knowledge of the latter he reduces to successful practice.

On the hustings and before the people he is one of the most powerful orators in the State. He states issues with precision and enforces his own convictions with a power that is magnetic.

His record is short and unimpeachable. Having completed his law studies, he removed to Smith county, Texas, where he now resides. He engaged at once in the practice of the law. Believing that good citizenship required that men should not ignore political matters, but should lend their best abilities to the attainment of the best results in State-craft, and that they should at least leave a record of protest where the popular current tended towards pernicious consequences, he became at once actually engaged in politics. His recognized acquirements as a lawyer, and his high reputation as an orator, causing him to be appointed United States District Attorney for the Western District of Texas. He was a member of the Convention that passed the secession ordinance, and when the war broke out he gave himself as a brave and good man should, and won for himself the rank of Colonel. When the war closed he acknowledged the teaching of the logic of events, and engaged very successfully in agriculture.

During the last Presidential campaign he warmly espoused the cause of Mr. Greeley, and was one of the electors on his ticket. To that ticket he gave a firm and unqualified support. He is now doing active work during the campaign. He will deal merciless and heavy blows to hydra-headed Radicalism. Upon their ticket, the Radicals have no foreman worthy of his steel.

His announcements tell us that he will be among our people during the latter part of next month, when he will be greeted with such an ovation as will convince him that, so far as Bexar is concerned, "there's life in the old land yet."—S. A. Herald.

Coke and Hubbard.

These distinguished standard bearers of the Democratic party have thoroughly aroused the people of Northern Texas, and a perfect storm of enthusiasm is sweeping over the country wherever they have been. Glowing accounts reach us from many points at which they have spoken, of the interest which they have awakened among the people upon the vital issues of the campaign. Thousands of people turned out to hear them at every point, and the Second Congressional District is in a fervid blaze of excitement. Some claim it for the Democracy by a majority of 25,000. These accounts fill our hearts with joy. The old Democratic army is in motion, and its firm and heavy tread in its onward march to that grand victory which it is to win on the second day of December next already fills the minions of tyranny and oppression with awful fear and terrible dismay. Democrats, be of good cheer; but be diligent, be faithful, be true. To make our victory thorough, complete and overwhelming, we must have every man in the line. Then *register*, and then *vote*; and when the sun shall set on the second day of December, let his last lingering rays play over a field that has been thoroughly trampled by the entire Democratic hosts of Texas, in their brave, determined and fearless march to triumph and to victory.—Tyler Reporter.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, November 5, 1873, p. 2, c. 3

They have a hunting club in Tyler. Lately its members killed forty deer in one hunt. It is not said how many were engaged in it, or how long they were hunting.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, November 5, 1873, p. 3, c. 2

Have we not borne them long enough?—For four long and dreadful years the people of Texas have borne the dreadful reign of Davis and the Radical party. During that time, he has commissioned and sent out upon missions of murder, among the people, many of the most infamous characters that were ever in the States, and who had but little more regard and respect of human life than they had for the life of the brute. The numerous murders which they perpetrated in the State, and the facility with which they escaped, all show that the people have borne their trials with remarkable patience, and they surely have borne them long enough, and it is time to try new but honest men.—Tyler Reporter.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, November 5, 1873, p. 5, c. 3

Tyler Revival.

Mr. Editor—The glorious work of God is still progressing, with no visible abatement of interest. This is the eighteenth day of its continuance, and still our large church is filled with attentive hearers every evening, and the altar with anxious penitents. No one unacquainted with Tyler and the history of Methodism in it can

appreciate the blessed achievements of this gracious revival visitation. It is eminently the work of God. The fever panic cut off all chances of help from abroad, and the pastor has preached twice per day most of the time. He gratefully acknowledges a brief visit from Brother J. S. Mathis and two excellent sermons; also same from Brother Samuel Morris, presiding elder.

That form of "Christianity in earnest," known as Methodism, is no longer an experiment in this lovely little city. We are now hopeful and happy. On last night we had a re-union of the church in the form of a love-feast, strictly under the rule, (excluding the multitude), members, young converts, and penitents, only admitted. We heard from the lips of men whose names are a power as statesmen, jurists, bankers, merchants—to the rejoicing of mother and wife, who had received her dead raised to life again—the wonderful works of God.

Unlike most revivals, the dear children as yet have not been its subjects—nearly all are adults. Many members that were weak are now strong, active and efficient. I believe that there are now one hundred sinners under the convicting power of the Spirit, and still they come! I am now failing, not from over-work, but from a deep seated cold and sore throat. O for a *live* preacher!

R. S. Finley.

October 28, 1873.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, November 12, 1873, p. 2, c. 2

We are told by the *Tyler Reporter* that large droves of horses and mules are passing almost daily through that town, going—the editor does not know where. There was some good stock among them. Judge Coke was greeted with artillery on his arrival at Tyler.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, November 13, 1873, p. 3

A correspondent of the *Tyler Reporter* furnishes that paper the following strange case of the simultaneous death of a man and wife in Smith county:

Died, on the twenty-third instant, at their residence, on the Leagues, Mr. and Mrs. N. F. Williams.

The writer hereof is not in the habit of writing obituary notices, but there is something so remarkable about the event announced above, that he deems it not amiss to publish the simple facts. Mr. Williams had been sick but a few days. Mrs. Williams had taken her bed more from exhaustion, resulting from her ceaseless watching than from actual sickness. When she was informed that her husband could not possibly live, she became perfectly frantic, and refused to be comforted. Being a delicate woman, nature yielded, and man and wife died almost simultaneously.

He was in his thirtieth year, and she had scarcely reached the fullness of womanhood. They left a couple of little children, one an infant of two months.

Late in the evening of the twenty-fourth their remains, enclosed in the same

coffin, were buried in a great cut in solid rock, upon the summit of one of the ruggedest hills in Smith county.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, November 16, 1873, p. 2, c. 3

Judge O. M. Roberts writes from Tyler, under date of November 10, to a leading citizen of this place. We have been permitted to peruse the letter, from which we take the following extract. It is an expression of the universal opinion in regard to our noble leader, Judge Coke, and the other nominees of the Austin Convention:

"Our candidate Judge Coke was here last week; and made a powerful speech of over three hours, and was patiently and eagerly listened to by a very large crowd of men and women. It was the very thing needed; an able, exhaustive exposition of the leading principles of the Democratic party, and of the principles and acts of the Republican party, both in the United States and in Texas. It was terribly severe on Davis and his adherents, and what made it more galling than usual, he proved fully and plainly all his charges of tyranny, fraud and misrule, as he progressed. It was fully approved by all of our leading Democrats, and the common people say it was the greatest political speech that they ever heard. He is making a grand rally every where he goes. Our local candidates are busily canvassing the counties, and arousing the people to register and go to the polls and vote, which I believe now they will generally do. I write this to let you know, that our nominations in the Austin Convention are regarded in the east as a great success, as I knew they would be, when they were made."

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, November 20, 1873, p. 2, c. 4

It has been determined by the city authorities of Tyler to erect a market house on the east side of the public square. A protracted Baptist meeting is going on in Tyler.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, November 26, 1873, p. 6, c. 3

Mr. Editor—Behold how good and how pleasant it is to be warmed, mellowed and refreshed by genial revival showers! Such showers are now falling upon Tyler. I am just in from the sanctuary, from the ten o'clock A.M. services, where an altar was full of weeping penitents and happy converts. Saw a young wife and mother happily pass into the spiritual life. Happy state! blessed testimony! There have been eleven conversions, all adults. Church crowded, work spreading and no ministerial help. The meeting commenced on last Friday. We are looking and praying for glorious results. How we need an extensive revival! God help us.

R. S. Finley.

Tyler, Oct. 17, 1873.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, November 26, 1873, p. 9, c. 3

Marshall District, Starrville circuit—David M. Stovall.

Palestine District, Tyler station—R. S. Finley.
Palestine District, Tyler circuit—Wm. N. Bonner.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, November 27, 1873, p. 2, c. 4

A Card.

"The statement by the *Austin State Journal*, and copied in the *Tyler Index* (a Radical sheet), charging me now, just on the eve of the election, with personal corruption, and uttering and acknowledging that I made false statements in writing, in the year 1865, is a base and malicious falsehood. There was a personal encounter between the party alluded to and myself, in 1865, but the matter was then amicably and *honorably* adjusted, by mutual friends and Masonic brethren, we both being members of the fraternity and since friendly. The records of the Masonic Tyler Lodge attest the truth of this statement.

"Richard B. Hubbard."

Yesterday we went to the clerk's office in this city, and failed to find recorded there anything with regard to Col. Hubbard of the nature stated by the *State Journal*. We had a conversation yesterday, also, with Sheriff Robinson, from whom the *Index* quotes, and while he speaks of notes which passed, he does not say that a lie bill was ever signed or recorded, so far as he knows. The district clerk says that no such document is on record in his office, to his knowledge.—*Eds. Democrat*.

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DALLAS HERALD, November 29, 1873, p. 1, c. 7

A Card.

[From the Tyler Democrat]

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Tyler, November 21, 1873

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, December 5, 1873, p. 2, c. 3

The protracted meeting of the Baptists at Tyler, still continues and many conversions reported. Business is represented as very lively in Tyler.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, December 6, 1873, p. 2, c. 3

Majorities for Coke and Davis.

Smith

Coke's majorities

250

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, December 24, 1873, p. 2, c. 3

The Tyler *Democrat* says the cotton is selling at that place at the rate of a thousand bales a week.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, December 24, 1873, p. 5, c. 2

The Tyler Revival.

Mr. Editor—I now redeem my promise to you at conference—to specify the results of the great work of grace so recently displayed in the form of a revival in this

place. I am not able even now to give a full account of the fruits of this glorious work, as persons are still making application for admission into the church. I received ten on last Sabbath, five of whom had applied for admission on the night before I left for conference. I have received forty-one since the meeting began, and now have applications which will swell the number to about fifty, and eighty-five since I took charge a year ago. There were not more than that number who professed conversions. Our Baptist brethren held a meeting of some three weeks' duration after ours closed. Of the number of additions to that church I am not officially advised, though some persons professed and joined.

It is impossible to estimate the real value of this work, except from a Tyler standpoint—the town and people must be known—the extent to which the views of Universalism had infected the people, the previous indifference of many clever people to the claims of Christianity, the preaching of the gospel, and the services of the sanctuary. All the converts were adults except two, and about thirty are married persons. All the professions were represented, and most of the business departments. The work was eminently the work of the Spirit. The convictions of sin were deep, and the throes of repentance proportionately intense; no *storm* at any time, but much agony of spirit. The conversions were clear, and the testimony was in distinct utterances, not dubious. As a result, we thank God and take courage.

How can any church drag itself through the continuous monotonous forms of religion, a whole year without a revival? How can any pastor live, and breathe, and labor a whole year in the stagnant atmosphere of a lifeless church? Methodism is not only "Christianity in earnest," but Christianity on fire—flaming in zeal and love for the reclamation and salvation of a lost world. A gospel without power is a defective gospel, and a Methodist Church without zeal is a misnomer. The world is to be converted, if at all, not by fine preaching, but by revival powers—the power that invests the gospel with the elements of success. That power may be obtained within "the secret place of thunder," and nowhere else.

And now, that the new conference year has opened upon us, and new responsibilities are gathering thickly around us, let me suggest to every Methodist pastor in Texas that even a doubt of success is a moth and a mildew. It is inadmissible; we cannot afford to doubt; there is too much at stake to doubt, both to ourselves and our people. Success must be our motto; failure is not in the true minister's vocabulary. If the gospel is true, and we are true, how can we fail? To doubt it, is to weaken our fortification, and invite aggression at that point. It is to distrust God or any calling. It is sin. If the preacher is cursed with unbelief, what may be expected of his people and his ministry?

There is no place in the itinerant ministry of Texas for a *sleepy*, time-serving preacher; he can only occupy space to the damage of the interests involved. Let him retire and seek a place in business, where the interests involved and the zeal and energy displayed in their pursuit harmonize. An earnest, live ministry is the demand

of this time and country. Let the conferences see to it that none other are received, or if received, continued longer than the unpleasant discovery is made that they are not adapted or will not do the work.

The opening year will tell for weal, or woe on the future of Methodism in Texas! May every preacher prove himself an evangelical revivalist, and bring up such a report a year hence as will lay deeply the foundations of future success.

R. S. Finley.

Tyler, Dec. 3, 1873.

DALLAS WEEKLY HERALD, January 3, 1874, p. 2, c. 4

Besides the above there are schools of high grade in most of the important towns of the States, as Fort Worth, Weatherford, Sherman, Denton, Bonham, Paris, Tyler, Henderson, Houston, etc.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, January 7, 1874, p. 1, c. 3

The Trade of Henderson and Van Zandt Counties.—The city of Tyler does a large wholesale and retail business with the people of these two counties. Much of their cotton and other produce finds its way to this place, and then finds a ready sale. The people of these two counties, like the balance of mankind, are seeking their own interest, and they are aware that Tyler is the cheapest dry-goods and grocery market in Eastern Texas. The liberality of our merchants has built her up a trade that has enriched them, built up the city, and at the same time been a blessing to the whole surrounding country. These good people will continue to bring their cotton to us and purchase their supplies from us, as long as we show them this same open-handed, fair way of dealing. Our stocks of merchandise are full, and prices low. Bring on your cotton, corn, fodder, oats, rye, butter, eggs, chickens, turkeys—anything and everything—and buy your next year's supplies.—*Tyler Reporter*.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, January 11, 1874, p. 2, c. 2

Mr. P. H. Callahan, late of the *Tyler Reporter*, also called upon us. He was editor of the *Reporter* during the late canvass, and made it one of the most effective papers during the campaign.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, January 21, 1874, p. 1, c. 4

Smith county presents many inducements to immigrants desiring to settle in Eastern Texas. We have plenty of room and fertile lands, where men can better themselves. To the laboring man, there is plenty of work, with remunerative compensation. We need energetic, working men—farmers, artisans, mechanics, and skilled labor, and every branch of business will find plenty to do with profit.—*Exchange*.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, January 21, 1874, p. 7, c. 1

Departed this life, in Smith county, Texas, Nov. 11, 1873, in the 32d year of her age, in full triumphs of faith, Mrs. Lethia S. Burgamy, consort of Rev. J. C. Burgamy, late of the East Texas Conference.

Sister B. was a native of Spaulding county, Georgia, and daughter of Philip J. and Frances Bishop. She embraced religion in the year 1858; was married to her now bereaved husband in 1864. For the last five years her afflictions were great, which she bore without a murmur, calmly resigned to the will of God. She was a deeply pious and consistent member of our church; a helpmeet indeed to her husband, always encouraging him in the work of the ministry. In his absence she would hold family devotions, and was greatly blessed in the discharge of this duty. She was fond of reading religious literature, and was well versed in the sacred truths of the Bible. A short time before she died, she repeated the 23d Psalm:

"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want."

She called her children (two lovely daughters and a niece,) and exhorted them to meet her in heaven; said to weeping friends: "Weep not for me; soon I will be in heaven!" She requested them to sing the hymn commencing:

"O sing to me of heaven," etc.

After this, she requested her husband to sing one of her favorite hymns:

"Jesus, lover of my soul," etc.,

which he did.

Just before her spirit took its flight to the realm of bliss, she was heard to whisper:

"Jesus can make a dying bed
Feel soft as downy pillows are,
While on his breast I lean my head,
And breathe my life out sweetly there."

Thus has passed away, in the meridian of life, an affectionate wife, a doting mother, amiable in disposition, and beloved by all who knew her. May the God of all grace console the hearts of the bereaved husband and orphan children with the fond hope of meeting her in the blessed mansions in our Father's house above.

Daniel Morse.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, January 22, 1874, p. 1, c. 6

By leave, Mr. Henderson of Smith presented a petition of citizens of White House, Smith county, asking the passage of a law prohibiting the sale of liquor within two miles of White House; also a bill to prohibit the sale of any spirituous, vinous or other intoxicating liquors within certain prescribed bounds. Read first time and referred to the Committee on Education.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, January 22, 1874, [page and column?]

The Tyler *Reporter* wants a public library established in that flourishing place, also a fire company. The business of Tyler is improving and trade is lively.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, January 28, 1874, p. 2, c. 3

A subscription is being raised in Tyler to build an Episcopal Church. Improvements are going on. The *Reporter* claims that the society of Tyler is equal to any town in Texas.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, February 5, 1874, p. 1, c. 6-7

Hon. Guy M. Bryan, Speaker of the House of Representatives:

The special committee to which was referred House bill No. 146, "An act to branch the Supreme Court of the State of Texas," report the bill back for the consideration of the House, and recommend its passage. Respectfully,
Raney, Chairman.

Mr. Cochran submitted the following minority report:

Mr. Guy M. Bryan, Speaker of the House of Representatives:

A minority of your special committee on branching the Supreme Court, to whom was referred House bill No. 146, requiring them to consider and report as to the most proper and suitable places of holding the other two branches of the Supreme Court of this State, other than the city of Austin, beg leave to make a minority report dissenting from the report of the majority of your special committee, for and upon the following reasons:

First, It appeared that the city of Houston, a prominent candidate for the location of one of the branches of said Supreme Court had no representative upon that committee.

Second, That while we do *not* propose to detract from the city of Tyler any merits that she can justly claim, disclaiming at the same time, any selfish motives of pecuniary interest in the location of any branch of said Supreme Court at any place, and actuated only by a desire to secure the greatest good to the greatest number, and believing that this can only be accomplished by a due consideration and respect for geographical position, population, location, natural and acquired advantages of the places to be selected for the holding of said Supreme Court, would respectfully state that the city of Dallas has the advantage over Tyler in all these respects. By referring to the map of the State of Texas, we find that the city of Dallas is the most central point north of the city of Austin. We find that the distance from Red River to the city of Dallas is equal to the distance from Dallas to the parallel which *equally* divides the distance from Dallas to Austin. We also find that Dallas is about two hundred miles west of the eastern boundary line of the State. It is clearly perceivable that the city of Dallas is the geographical centre [sic] of the present inhabited portion of the State in which one branch of the Supreme Court is to be located, and that Tyler is too far east

of the above mentioned section of the State, being only about one hundred miles due west from the east boundary line of the State and about four hundred miles east of the extreme settlements on the west. Besides, the city of Dallas has a population of ten thousand inhabitants, while Tyler has only about four thousand five hundred. Besides, the city of Dallas is located in a healthy section of country, surrounded by a rich and fertile soil, with a thrifty, industrious, energetic and *rapidly* increasing population, accessible by railroads from the east, north and South, and destined soon to become the railroad centre [sic] of the State.

We further claim that some consideration should be given to the wants of the rapidly growing West, and would respectfully represent that the city of Tyler is entirely too far east for their convenience, and that, in our opinion, all those living between the two branches of the Texas and Pacific Railroad, as far east as Texarkana along the line to Sherman, and as far east as Jefferson along the line to Dallas, and especially those living west of the Texas Central would prefer coming to Austin even, rather than go to Tyler, as those living west of the Texas Central would either have to travel the dirt road to Tyler, or else leave their horses in the livery stables of the railroad stations at enormous costs in order to reach Tyler by rail. Taking into consideration the geographical advantages of Dallas over Tyler, together with the facts, that Dallas as a commercial city, is second to but two others in the State, and her rapid increase in population, rising in the short space of twelve months, from four thousand to ten thousand inhabitants, together with a brilliant prospect of doubling her population in the near future, and destined soon [c. 7] to be railroad center of the great State of Texas, and that she has a court house built of hard rock almost equal to the capitol building in Austin, being one hundred and twenty feet long, and sixty-six feet wide, two stories high, with two upper rooms of sixty-six by sixty feet, each, with ample jury rooms—of which she proposes to furnish one sufficient and commodious room for the holding of the Supreme Court in, with sufficient jury and library rooms; *all* free of charge to the State—we should respectfully ask that the claims of the city of Dallas be duly weighed and considered. Hoping, that the greatest good may accrue to the greatest number, we most respectfully ask that this minority report be properly received and favorably considered.

Very respectfully,
John H. Cochran.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, February 5, 1874, p. 4, c. 1
[Summary: Galveston elected, on fourth ballot: Dallas 39, Tyler 33, Dallas and Galveston declared]

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, February 11, 1874, p. 1, c. 2-3
Our City is growing and increasing in commercial importance—not very rapidly, it is true, but steadily and surely. It offers to the people north, west and south of us the

very best facilities for purchasing goods and groceries, and disposing of their produce at the very best prices. The health of the place will compare favorably with that of any other place in the eastern portion of the State. Society is very good indeed. Schools, both male and female, of high order and well conducted, offering very superior educational advantages. The pulpits of the various city churches are regularly and ably filled by zealous ministers. And, taking the city of Tyler as a whole, it is the most pleasant little city to live in anywhere in the State. Then those who are seeking homes can do no better than to come here.—*Tyler Ex.*

DALLAS HERALD, February 14, 1874, p. 2, c. 3

Official Vote of the State of Texas

For Governor, December 2, 1873, between Richard Coke, Democrat, and Edmund J. Davis, Radical

	Coke	Davis
Anderson	1135	916
Angelina	462	116
Cherokee	1486	527
Gregg	358	154
Harrison	999	2239
Henderson	763	249
Nacogdoches	987	395
Panola	1117	263
Rusk	1796	1302
Smith	1585	1342
Titus	1702	250
Upshur	1166	605
Van Zandt	651	244
Wood	681	169
Total (state)	103291	53290

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, February 19, 1874, p. 1, c. 5

J. B. Hall, to be notary public, Smith county.

John Dean, to be notary public, Smith county.

E. Lindsey, to be notary public, Smith county.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, February 19, 1874, p. 1, c. 6

[Summary: Discussion in Senate on changing Supreme Court to Dallas from Tyler]

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, February 20, 1874, p. 2, c. 1

The discussion in the Senate on the location of the Supreme Court was not

resumed on Thursday, as anticipated. It is believed that the Senate will decide in favor of Austin, Galveston and Tyler, while the House has already decided in favor of Austin, Galveston and Dallas, from which decision it is very generally believed it will not recede.

DALLAS HERALD, February 21, 1874, p. 2, c. 4
(Proposed new Congressional districts)
1st district Smith Co.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, February 24, 1874, p. 2, c. 1

The Tyler *Democrat*, speaking of the resolution of thanks of Gen. Grant for the course he pursued in relation to Texas affairs, very justly says:

"The passage of this resolution may be all right under the circumstances; it may suit the times in which we live; it may suit President Grant; but we verily believe it would been [sic] a direct rebuke and insult to Washington, Jefferson, Jackson, and several other Presidents we could mention. To thank a public officer for performing an act of simple duty is the next thing to declaring that so much was not expected of him."

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, February 24, 1874, p. 3, c. 2

The Tyler *Democrat* favors a constitutional convention, and concludes as follow:

We are willing to admit the superior wisdom of the Legislature; we are willing to believe that in their combined judgment they may see reasons to guide them which we may not discover; we certainly do not doubt the honesty and patriotism of our legislature; but they were not sent to Austin to frame a Constitution, and we seriously think it doubtful if the people will be satisfied with any job they attempt to put up.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, February 28, 1874, p. 2, c. 2

On Friday the House had under consideration the bill for locating the Supreme Court. A hard fight was made between the friends of Tyler and Dallas, which finally resulted in the selection of the former. So the Supreme Court will now be held as in former days, at Austin, Galveston and Tyler.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, February 28, 1874, p. 2, c. 3

Smith County.—A. M. Armstrong, of the firm of Cohn & Armstrong, left Tyler, expecting to be back next day. There was nothing heard of him for ten days, and the citizens becoming alarmed went in search of him. A hat was found near Troupe station which was identified as his. Strong suspicions are entertained that he has been foully dealt with.

DALLAS HERALD, February 28, 1874, p. 2, c. 3-4

[Summary: Discussion of whether to locate branch of Supreme Court in Dallas or Tyler]

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, March 3, 1874, p. 2, c. 4

Smith County.—Marshal Spain, of Tyler, has tendered his resignation as city marshal. Ira Portis is his successor.....John F. Haden has associated with Dr. W. H. park in the drub business, in Tyler.....C. O. Bowen has recently opened a drug establishment in Tyler....."We had another jail delivery last Wednesday night—all gone—five or six murderers, thieves, etc., including Ran Hill, etc," says the Tyler *Democrat* of the twenty-eighth ult. "A pretty thing we've got of it, but what's the use to complain?".....Frank Randall, whose arm was amputated on the eleventh instant, in Tyler, is rapidly recovering. The arm was amputated at the shoulder joint by articulating the bones and removing the entire arm.....At a meeting of the Tyler Democratic Club on the twenty-seventh ult., J. M. Hockersmith was re-nominated for Mayor. The old aldermen were re-nominated, except J. J. Hamilton, who declined, and Col. Geo. Yarbrough was nominated in his place.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, March 7, 1874, p. 2, c. 2

A gentleman just from Tyler informs us that the citizens of that place have gone actively to work to put the Supreme Court building in fine order. It is to be generally renovated and a mansard roof placed upon it. This is good for Tyler. The library belonging to the court is said to be well kept and in perfect condition.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, March 10, 1874, p. 3, c. 4

Lieut. Gov. Hubbard.

It is with pride and pleasure that we refer now to the able and eloquent gentleman whose name stands at the head of this article. He is one of whom the Texas Democracy may and does justly feel proud. No man ever won richer or brighter laurels than were achieved by him in the long and heated canvass of 1873. Foeman after foeman essayed to meet him in the field of political discussion, and were swept down by the grand and resistless torrent of his powerful logic and his inimitable and matchless eloquence. We feel proud of him, for he is the great and unflinching friend of the people. He is one of their firmest and fastest friends. He keeps faith with them. Elected to his present position by a majority larger than that obtained by any other candidate on the Democratic ticket, he adheres faithfully to his promises and his pledges made in the late canvass.

His casting vote—there being a tie in the Senate, 13 to 13, at one stage of the measure for calling a constitutional convention—was given in favor of the

convention. This shows the fidelity with which he deals with that grand party that elevated him to his present high and honorable position in the councils of the commonwealth. Faithful, true and trusted friend of the people of Texas, you have already won for yourself the well deserved title of "the eagle orator" of the State, and for your unflinching, firm and steadfast adherence to the pledges of the past, we greet you now with the salutation of "well done, good and faithful servant;" and we hope the time is not far distant when higher honors will be awarded you by the people of this great State, whose faithful friend you are, and have always been, in every emergency, trial, difficulty and danger.—*Tyler Reporter*, 7th inst.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, March 10, 1874, p. 3, c. 6

Smith County.—The ladies of the Baptist Church have in course of preparation a fine tragedy which will be presented next Tuesday night, says the *Tyler Reporter* of the seventh instant. . . Two mules were stolen from Mr. Morris's, near Tyler, and a horse and other property from Dr. Holland's, recently.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, March 25, 1874, p. 1, c. 6

Smith County.—Granges have been organized in Jamestown, Canton, and Sylvan Springs. . . The Baptist Church in Tyler adopted a resolution inviting the Southern Baptist Convention, which meets at Jefferson in May next, to come there on a visit.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, March 25, 1874, p. 13, c. 2

Lake—Jacobs.—Union of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, with the Methodist Church, Protestant—On March 12, 1874, at the residence of the bride's father, in Smith county, Texas, by Rev. Wm. A. Smith, the Rev. Daniel T. Lake, of the Trinity Conference, Garden Valley circuit, to Miss Emma Jacobs, member of the Methodist Church, Protestant.

May their sea be ever calm,
And zephyrs gentle waft them tow'rd the brighter shore.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, March 31, 1874, p. 2, c. 3

Mr. Sid S. Johnson has retired from the editorial chair of the *Tyler Reporter*, and sold his interest to Mr. D. C. Williams. He says the *Reporter* is on a safe footing. Mr. J. W. Shuford has also sold his interest to Williams, so that he is now alone.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, April 3, 1875, p. 5, c. 3

Henderson—Brinley.—On the evening of the 21st of March, 1875, at Church, in Troupe, by the Rev. H. M. Booth, Mr. F. P. Henderson to Miss E. G. Brinley.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, April 10, 1874, p. 2, c. 3

Population of the Counties Embraced in the Proposed Eastern District—
Introduced by Senator J. W. Flanagan, in the Interest of Galveston and Jefferson.
Smith 16,532

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, April 15, 1874, p. 1, c. 1-2

Smith County—Tyler—Business—Cotton.

It is a pleasure to us to note the progress of our county and city, in real and material interests and development. There is no better county of uplands in the State, and the bottom lands are as fertile as could be wished, producing all manner of crops which grow in this latitude, in profuse abundance. Health is good, consequent upon pure air, good water and the moral, temperate lives of the people. Society is strictly organized, and good behavior in both old and young a matter of course. Churches all over the entire county are very numerous, pointing with their spires the weary sons and daughters of the earth to a better land. Our schools are numerous, well conducted and many of them of a high order, giving to the young facilities for acquiring a good education not surpassed in the State. Our people are thrifty, industrious and energetic, and therefore never behind, but always pushing their affairs and building themselves up in all things that tend to make them a happy and contented community.

The city of Tyler partakes of this general advancement, and is growing rapidly—spreading out with almost magic speed. We feel glad to announce to strangers and the outside world generally, that this is one of the most quiet and orderly cities in this or any other State. Her people are moral and religious almost without exception. The business of the place is increasing rapidly, and considering the great liberality of her tradesmen, will continue to increase. On one day this season there were received in this city eight hundred bales cotton, besides other produce, for sale or shipment. This of itself speaks volumes for the county and city to those of the older States who may wish to make Texas their future home. Our stocks of merchandise are always full, and Tyler can boast of more good, solvent dry goods and grocery houses than any other town in the State. The city of Tyler, from "early morn till dewy eve," is a scene of business activity truly gratifying to those interested. Wagons, horses, men, cotton bales, and tradesmen, literally blocking up the streets. And this is no mushroom growth, the effect of sudden, spasmodic effort or excitement, but is the result of steady thrift and persistent energy on the part of the people of the whole county, and the liberal dealing of our merchants. With all these facts—blessings in themselves—which we have not overrated, Smith county stands in the front rank of counties, and Tyler is destined to be a queen city, sitting upon her imperial throne and crowned with her coronet of cotton bales and greenbacks.

Our men are live, intelligent, working men; our children are bright, healthy,

rosy, beautiful and polite; and our ladies—here language fails—are good, beautiful, and—and—well, anyhow, hurrah for Smith county!—*Reporter*.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, April 17, 1875, p. 4, c. 6

The Tyler tap road is progressing steadily. It will intersect the Texas Pacific about twenty miles northeast of Tyler.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, May 6, 1874, p. 6, c. 1-2

Eds. Advocate—My second quarterly meeting embraced the fifth Sabbath in March. Our presiding elder, unavoidably, was absent. A larger attendance, especially on Saturday, than is usual. The programme [sic] of the Sabbath was interrupted by a heavy rain, which lasted till near the preaching hour. As you solicit facts, briefly stated, from the preachers for the ADVOCATE, I will send you a few, which you may publish if you think proper.

The report of the preacher in charge for the quarter was, in substance, as follows: Traveled over 400 miles; visited 80 families; filled every appointment, and received into the church 22—mostly by letter; congregations, especially at the Sabbath appointments, increasing in numbers and interest.

The financial report of the stewards was rather meager, but this is owing to the great scarcity of money in these parts. Yet, notwithstanding the very close stringency in money matters, the good Lord is providing, through the brethren, for the preachers on this work. We have food, raiment, friends, and shelter, for which we are thankful, and therewith we are content. We are willing to endure privation if the cause of religion can prosper in our hands.

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D. T. Lake.
Garden Valley, April,

1874.

DALLAS HERALD, May 16, 1874, p. 3, c. 1

And Again not the Man.
Dispatch from Deputy Sheriff Floyd.

The following telegram, received by Sheriff Barkley last night, will be read with profound regret by all who sincerely hoped that the man at first supposed to be "Buckskin Bill," would be identified as the right one, beyond question, through the care taken by that splendid officer, Sheriff Barkley:

Tyler, May 8, 1874

J. F. Barkley, Sheriff:
This is not the man.

Thomas S. Floyd,
Deputy Sheriff.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, May 17, 1874, p. 2, c. 2

Mr. Henderson of Tyler, member of the Legislature from Smith county, and his brother, also delegates to the late Baptist Convention, and with the excursionists, called on us yesterday. All are very much pleased with the munificent ovation which has been given them while passing through the State.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, May 26, 1874, p. 2, c. 3

The Tyler *Reporter* of the 23d inst. publishes an editorial of the *Statesman* entitled "Battles of the Ballot" without credit. We expected better things of the *Reporter*.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, June 5, 1874, p. 1, c. 5

Hydrophobia.—The Tyler *Democrat* has the following: Our readers will remember that several weeks ago we gave an account of a mad dog in the McClung and Shamburger neighborhood, near Mount Carmel, in this county, and of its biting several hogs, horses, etc. The dog, a small one, was finally killed by a negro in the neighborhood the same night of its depredations. The hogs bitten by it became rabid and died some time ago. Mr. Shamburger's mare died Friday, of last week, and a mule belonging to Mr. Jo. McClung, died last Tuesday evening. All these animals unquestionably died of hydrophobia. The mule, it is said, had bitten and torn itself terribly, and had convulsions. How much other stock was bitten in the neighborhood is not known. If any have doubted the existence of hydrophobia in the country, these evidences ought not only to settle the question, but ought to be sufficient to make everybody exceedingly cautious and watchful.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, June 19, 1874, p. 2, c. 3

The Cartwright heirs have rendered for taxes in this county this year, 39,347 acres of land; J. H. Starr nearly 40,000 and various other parties smaller amounts, aggregating in the whole about 100,000 acres subject to taxation. This, we trust, will to some extent relieve our country of its heavy burden.—*Quitman News*.

If the owners of all such bodies of land, not only in Wood county, but in all the counties in Eastern Texas, would put them upon the market at reasonable figures and in tracts to suit immigrants, it would still further relieve burdens, by inducing thousands of new comers into this country, who would bring with them energy, bone and muscle, and at once become producers and enrichers of the land.—*Tyler Democrat*.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, July 14, 1874, p. 2, c. 2

We learn from the Tyler *Democrat* that Mr. John W. Stallcup was arrested recently in Tyler by a party of six or seven men, led by a man claiming to be a deputy United States marshal. The party making the arrest had in their possession papers purporting to be a requisition from the Governor of Arkansas, and Governor Coke's

warrant of arrest issued upon that requisition, and charging Stallcup with murder in Arkansas, nearly two years ago. They proposed to take the prisoner by private conveyance, which the friends of the prisoner would not consent to; and proposed to go with him by rail. In the meantime, it was discovered that the warrant of arrest from Governor Coke lacked the "great seal of the State of Texas." Messrs. Robertson and Herndon were notified of the fact, and they procured from District Judge Bonner a writ of *habeas corpus*, whereby the prisoner was brought into court. The court held that the warrant was void for the want of the seal, but held the prisoner till an affidavit could be made. As there was no evidence to support the affidavit, Stallcup was discharged.

Whereupon the *Democrat* rejoices that we have the writ of *habeas corpus*, and that the day for false arrest and false imprisonment in Texas has passed away, and that we have constitutional liberty.

Truly, they are inestimable blessings!

DALLAS HERALD, July 18, 1874, p. 1, c. 5

[Summary: Editor of the Tyler Reporter asked W. S. Herndon on views of state finances—prefers state warrants to bonds]

DALLAS HERALD, July 18, 1874, p. 1, c. 6

Last Monday morning a posse of five men, heavily armed, made their appearance on our streets, and arrested Mr. John W. Stallcup, on a charge of having committed murder in Arkansas some two years ago. The party consisted of four brothers to the man killed and one other. The friends of Mr. Stallcup sued out a writ of *habeas corpus*, and upon examinations before Judge Bonner, it was found that the warrant under which the prisoner was held had no state seal attached to it, and the prisoner was discharged. He was held, however, until an affidavit could be filed, but, as it could not be sustained by proof, the prisoner was discharged.—[Tyler Reporter.

DALLAS HERALD, July 18, 1874, p. 1, c. 8

C. W. Matthews, of Tyler, has been appointed immigration agent for the southern states, and will leave on his mission immediately.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, July 19, 1874, p. 2, c. 3

Tyler, Texas, July 8, 1874.

Editor Reporter—Through the trustees of the Medical College, at Louisville, Kentucky, a beneficiary scholarship is awarded to one poor and deserving young man from each Congressional district in the United States, to be selected and presented by the representative then in office.

This is therefore to give notice to all such young men, in the first Congressional district of Texas, that I am ready to hear and consider their applications

for the benefaction proposed.

W. S. Herndon.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, July 23, 1874, p. 2, c. 3

The case of *Whitmore v. Allen*, involving about \$100,000 damages for imprisoning Whitmore during the war, is before the court at Henderson. Judge Ector gives general satisfaction.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, July 24, 187

DALLAS HERALD, August 1, 1874, p. 1, c. 3

The hearts of the farmers in Smith county are made glad by the prospects for crops. Old reliable farmers tell us that they are now better than they [have] been for several years. We look to the harvest with great pleasure, and expect lively times when the cotton, corn and other products begin to come in. Such news as we get from the country is very gratifying.—[Tyler Reporter.]

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, August 4, 1874, p. 1, c. 2-3

[Summary: Speech by Hubbard at Hot Springs, Arkansas]

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, August 4, 1874, p. 2, c. 3

From the Tyler *Democrat* we learn that an effort is being made to establish a male university there. The *Democrat* has such an apple item we give it entire to show the doubters that apples will grow in Texas: "First, we had handed to us by our friend, J. P. Beaird, a bunch of eight large, fine apples, growing on about two inches length of limb. They grew in the orchard of our friend, Dan Jones, of this city. Then Mr. B. B. Ray brought us a limb about eight inches long, containing twenty-four well matured apples, grown by himself in this county. Then Professor Kayser exhibited to us four apples, so grown together that they formed a perfect pyramid turn them which way you would. Is this an apple country?"

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, August 4, 1874, p. 2, c. 2

The Tyler *Reporter* has a good article in relation to the "back pay vote." He defends Mr. Herndon from the strictures of the Rusk *Observer*, and shows by the record that the same thing had been done before the war. A severe storm of wind and rain occurred on the twenty-eighth ult., twelve miles southeast of Tyler, blowing down fences, corn, cotton, etc.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, August 5, 1874, p. 2, c. 4

The Austin Statesman is sick of the Quaker policy with the savages, and says: "The government should place them all within a common territory and divide it out to the different tribes. Command them at the peril of their liberty to remain at

home. Assist and direct them in agriculture, and teach them labor is honorable. Let the policy be firm but humane; and compel them to obey instructions. In no other way will peace and security exist and be permanently maintained."

Yes, that all looks well on paper, but how are you going to get *all* Indians into a common territory and keep them there?—*Tyler Democrat*.

DALLAS HERALD, August 8, 1874, p. 2, c. 2

Tyler, July 31.—Fine rain during the week, which makes the prospect for heavy crops very flattering. No appearance of the cotton worm yet. Tyler still continues to ship from two to three hundred boxes of fruit daily.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, August 13, 1874. p. 2, c. 2

The Democratic Convention at Tyler county [sic?] met at Tyler on the eighth instant, and adopted resolutions endorsing the administration of Governor Coke; demanding that a constitutional convention shall be called by the Legislature when they meet in January, without delay; and endorsing the public services of Hon. W. S. Herndon, their present Representative in Congress; and requesting their delegates, at the Nacogdoches Convention to vote for him as the nominee for re-election in the First District. Hon. W. S. Herndon, being present, was called out and made an able speech of two hours' length.

DALLAS HERALD, August 22, 1874, p. 2, c. 4

Farmers in Smith county are much discouraged on account of the drouth [sic].

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, August 25, 1874, p. 2, c. 3

The Tyler *Reporter* is very jubilant over the nomination of Hon. John Hancock.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, August 25, 1874, p. 2, c. 2

The Tyler *Democrat* states that just seven thousand five hundred pounds of fruit were shipped from Tyler by express last Tuesday. Who can beat it? Rain has fallen in different parts of the county, but very little in Tyler. A negro man named Henderson Howard was shot and dangerously wounded on the nineteenth instant. A bridge will be built across the Neches at the mouth of Big Lake, which will cost \$800 or \$1000.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, August 25, 1874, p. 2, c. 1

Brenham Convention.

The county convention of delegates met today to select representatives to the Brenham Convention. After appointing twenty-six delegates the convention considered the following resolution:

Resolved, That we recognize in our fellow citizen, John Hancock; in the Congress of the United States; that his unremitting exertions in behalf of the frontier defense, improvement of our interests and welfare of the State at large, are deserving of the highest commendation; that our confidence in him remains unshaken, and that we warmly recommend him to the people of this Congressional district for renomination and re-election to the position he now fills with so much credit to himself and the State of Texas, and to the whole South.

The resolution was adopted, only one delegate voting no.

It seems that the Democracy of Travis county, under the very eave of the Capitol, where the late State convention was held, have repudiated the resolutions of that body in regard to the salary question, and have fully endorsed Hon. John Hancock for renomination, "back pay" and all. The resolutions of the State Convention were merely in answer to the wild clamor of aspirants, who suddenly became virtuous over the glimpse of office. The sober, sound judgment of the people is reversing the timid response to abuse and slander. Had our State Convention acted with courage and judgment, all the sound and fury gotten up by demagogues would have suddenly passed away as any other *ignis fattuus*. The people, however, are not willing to lose the services of such a man as Hancock for a mere false clamor. Nor will they willingly lose such a man as Herndon. These men are invaluable to our State, and we hope the good sense of the delegates will influence their renomination.—*Tyler Reporter*.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, September 1, 1874, p. 2, c. 3

The Tyler *Democrat* says that "after waiting a long time for it, we were blessed with a good rain last Sunday evening. It came too late to do cotton much good, but it has helped peas, potatoes, etc., and furnished a capital opportunity for sowing turnips." Mr. John D. Scott went before Justice Thomas Smith on the twenty-seventh ultimo and, waiving an examination in the shooting affair of Henderson Herndon, colored, gave bail in the sum of \$750. J. B. Cheek, while seining in the Sabine river, was bitten twice on the foot by an alligator, and has been confined ever since to his bed. Mr. William Yarbrough had one of his toes nearly taken off by a turtle while seining. That river has a voracious set. Col. G. W. Chilton arrived home on the twenty-fourth ultimo, after an absence of seven years.

DALLAS HERALD, September 5, 1874, p. 1, c. 8

On last Tuesday morning the people of Tyler were pleasantly surprised to see again in their midst the Hon. George Chilton, after an absence of seven years.

At four o'clock in the evening in response to a request signed by many citizens

he met an enthusiastic assembly at the court house, shook the hands of his many friends who extended to him a hearty welcome back to his old home. He delivered an elegant and touching little address of about ten minutes length. We, with many others, extend to Colonel Chilton a hearty welcome, and hope that the remainder of his days may be spent at home in uninterrupted peace and happiness.—Tyler Reporter.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, September 15, 1874, p. 2, c. 3

The Tyler *Democrat* states that the contest between Capt. R. B. Long and Col. Bryan Marsh for the office of sheriff of Smith county, was decided by the district court in favor of col. Marshall—the suit of Capt. Long being dismissed.....Plenty of rain.

DALLAS HERALD, September 19, 1874, p. 2, c. 3

The Tyler Tap Road.

The directory of the Tyler tap railroad held a meeting in the federal court room on Tuesday evening last. The first object of the meeting was to learn from the president, Mr. James P. Douglas, what propositions for constructing the road had been made and to determine, if possible, the financial stature of the company. The secretary was ordered to open up the books and solicit subscriptions to the stock of the company. Lieut. Gov. Hubbard and S. D. Wood were appointed to a committee to correspond with the bankers and board of trade of Shreveport and ascertain what amount of stock would be taken by the people of Shreveport.

At a late hour the meeting adjourned to meet at the same place next Tuesday for the purpose of further considering these questions. We feel pretty confident that the work on the road will be commenced in a very short time, and will be prosecuted with energy until completed.—[Tyler Index.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, September 24, 1874, p. 1, c. 6

Appointments.—Hon. John Reagan, the Democratic nominee for Congress for the first Congressional District of Texas, will address his fellow-citizens at the time and places stated below.

Tyler, Monday, September 21.

Troupe, Tuesday, September 22.

DALLAS HERALD, September 26, 1874, p. 1, c. 7

The livery stable men of Tyler are getting corn delivered to them at 60 cents per bushel.

Tyler merchants pay specie for cotton. On the 19th it was commanding 12½ @

13 3/8 c.

The Tyler Reporter has joined the grand army of patent outsiders.

DALLAS HERALD, October 10, 1874, p. 2, c. 2

Lieutenant Governor Hubbard returned from Shreveport to Tyler on Tuesday night last. He had been to Shreveport for the purpose of getting the capitalists of that city to subscribe twenty thousand dollars to aid in the construction of the Tyler tap railroad. The Board of Trade requested him to defer his final solicitation for stock until after the election in November, assuring him that in case they were successful in electing an honest set of state officials, the city of Shreveport would readily subscribe not only the twenty thousand asked for, but would increase it to thirty or more thousand in cash.

The grangers of Smith county held a convention at Tyler on Friday last, all the grangers in the county being represented. Among the different matters acted upon was the selection of a purchasing agent for all the granges in Smith county. Mr. George Humphrey, an extensive planter, was appointed in that capacity.

DALLAS HERALD, October 10, 1874, p. 4, c. 4

The supreme court met at Tyler on yesterday.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, October 14, 1874, p. 2, c. 2

The Tyler *Reporter* states that a meeting of the members of the bar of the Supreme Court, held in the Supreme Court room in this city, on the sixth instant resolutions were passed relative to the life and death of Hon. Peter W. Gray, which we regret we cannot publish for want of space. . . . The camp-meeting held five miles west of our city, and which closed last Monday, resulted in about fifty conversions.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, October 14, 1874, p. 2, c. 3

The Tyler *Democrat* states that "Lieut. Gov. Hubbard will deliver the opening address at the Waco Fair on the twenty-ninth instant." . . . "Those who attend either the Baptist or Methodist Church, in this city tomorrow morning, will have an opportunity of feasting their eyes on a 'thing of beauty,' in the shape of a magnificent silver pitcher, presented to the church by that prince of whole-souled gentlemen, A. M. Murphey. The two pitchers are precisely alike, and very valuable. We almost envy our friend the thousand kind thanks and wishes that will flow back to him for the generous gifts.

DALLAS HERALD, October 24, 1874, p. 1, c. 5

We are gratified to learn that contracts have been made for brick and lumber for the building of the east Texas university. The committee, whose duty it is, are now looking out a suitable location, and will make a selection in a few days. Over ten thousand dollars worth of stock has been subscribed, and the enterprise is on a sure

footing.—[Tyler Democrat.

Last Thursday morning, our junior, Mr. L. H. Beaird, and the beautiful and accomplished Miss Ella Thompson, were united in the sacred bonds of matrimony, at the residence of the bride's parents, by the Rev. Dr. Stribling.—[Tyler Democrat.

There is a greater need of federal troops in Texas now than ever before—in fact it is awful—and each soldier should be sent with two guns, two bayonets on each gun, a hamper-basket full of pistols, and a barrell [sic] of bowie knives. Without this there will not be a radical congressman elected in the state. Radical "men and brethren," can't you stir up the excitement?—[Tyler Democrat.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, October 27, 1874, p. 2, c. 4

The *National Index* announces the death of Mr. Augustin Niblack, aged sixty years three months and twenty days. He was a native of Jackson county, Georgia.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, October 29, 1874, p. 2, c. 2

The Jefferson *Jimplecute* states that "the Tyler Reporter favors a usury law clause in our new Constitution. This is about the fifth paper that has spoken. Let us hear from the balance.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, October 29, 1874, p. 4, c. 1

The new Constitution of Arkansas fixes the legal rate of interest at six per cent where no rate is specified. By special contract, ten per cent can be exacted. All contracts for a higher rate are void as to both principal and interest. We incline to believe such a provision in our own Constitution would be a benefit to the people of Texas.—Tyler Reporter.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, November 3, 1874, p. 1, c. 6

The Tyler Democrat states that "Major Waltham began, yesterday, the survey of the Tyler Tap Railroad. The route has already been carefully looked over, and it is believed that but little difficulty will be met in getting a good line."

The Tyler Reporter states that "the camp meeting ten or twelve miles from our city, on the Starrville road, that has been in progress about two weeks, closed last Monday. The results of the efforts of the Christian people on that occasion were between sixty and seventy-five conversions and forty or fifty accessions to the church.

DALLAS HERALD, November 7, 1874, p. 1, c. 5

The Tyler Reporter is publishing a series of interesting and able editorial on the matters that will come before the constitutional convention. In its issue of the 31st instant it shows clearly the propriety, if not necessity, of vacating all state and county officers, and letting the people fill them again.

This seems to be the idea with all the papers that have so far expressed themselves. A new deal all around is what the people will demand.

DALLAS HERALD, November 7, 1874, p. 1, c. 6

Buckskin Bill, the notorious counterfeiter, and rascal generally, was recaptured a few days since in the Indian nation, by Sheriff Ellis and James Maupin, and has been returned to the penitentiary, from whence he escaped a short time since. He was sentenced by the federal court at Tyler, to the penitentiary, but soon escaped.

The Democrat denies that there is any unusual sicknes [sic] at Tyler.

The route for the Tyler tap road is being surveyed by Major Waltham.

DALLAS HERALD, November 14, 1874, p. 1, c. 5

Tyler was very happy over her immigration pow-wow.

AUSTIN DEMOCRAT STATESMAN, November 18, 1874, p. 2, c. 3

Mr. S. M. Cabin, it is reported, came to his death recently on the cars between Mineola and Hawkins in an intoxicated state. So the *Tyler Reporter* has been informed.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, November 19, 1874, p. 1, c. 6

The *Tyler Reporter* states that on the fifth instant a difficulty occurred at the convict camps near Rusk, between Adolphus Holloway and John F. Clark, in which the former was shot and instantly killed. They were both engaged in guarding the convicts at work upon the Rusk Tramway.

DALLAS HERALD, November 21, 1874, p. 2, c. 2

The *Tyler Reporter* protests against animosities being aroused between farmers and merchants.

DALLAS HERALD, November 21, 1874, p. 3, c. 2

[Summary: Frank Quarles case acquitted in Tyler.]

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, November 24, 1874, p. 2, c. 4

The *Tyler Reporter* of the twenty-first instant states that "immigrants are passing through our city in perfect caravans. We have noticed more this week than at any other time this season."

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, November 24, 1874, p. 2, c. 2

The Henderson *Times* announces. . . Married, on the seventeenth instant, Mr. M. Reid, of Smith county, to Miss Eugenia Mathis, of Rusk county.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, December 1, 1874, p. 2, c. 3

The Tyler *Reporter* announces the death of the wife of Col. George W. Whitmore.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, December 15, 1874, p. 1, c. 6

It is proposed in Tyler to assert the invaluableity of the subscription of that county to the Central road.

The Tyler *Reporter* properly urges the election of the wisest men in Texas, wherever they may reside, to seats in the constitutional convention.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, December 22, 1874, p. 1, c. 7

Smith county has had a larger number of immigrants added to her population this season than any since the war.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, January 5, 1875, p. 1, c. 7

The Tyler *Reporter* says: "A Mr. Lott was killed near Athens, on the twenty-fourth ultimo, by a man named Driver. Whiskey was the cause. Driver was drunk; his little boy was drunk; Lott's boys made fun of him for being drunk; Driver became enraged at Lott; shot and killed him."

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, January 14, 1875, p. 1, c. 7

Col. Marsh, sheriff at Tyler, paid over last week \$12,000 to the county court.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, January 17, 1875, p. 1, c. 6-7

[Summary: Address of Lt. Gov. Hubbard]

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, January 20, 1875, p. 4, c. 1

[Summary: Bill amending charter of Tyler Tap Railroad passed]

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, January 26, 1875, p. 1, c. 7

The negro that murdered the organ-grinder for fifty cents at Tyler has been condemned to death.

The Tyler *Democrat* says, and, very sensibly, that the legislature should sit till it has finished well and wisely all proper business before it. If it act differently, it only leads to protracted future sessions.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, January 26, 1875, p. 1, c. 7

The Tyler *Democrat* says: "The Henderson Times expresses our view of the International bond question in the following brief paragraph: 'However objectionable the legislation that created the obligation, it exists on the statute book in due form of law, and cannot now be ignored without dishonor.'"

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, January 30, 1875, p. 1, c. 7

Rusk county is very happy over its railroad prospects. The narrow gauge will get sixteen sections per mile and connect Etna, Rusk, Alto, Aomer, Woodville and Beaumont, with Sabine Pass. With this aid on the part of the State, the company have ordered an engine. If the road be completed from Etna to Sabine Pass, it will undoubtedly be one of the best paying in the state.

DALLAS HERALD, January 30, 1875, p. 1, c. 8

James P. Douglas has been elected president of the Tyler Tap road.
P. W. Caspary, late of Louisiana, died in Tyler on the 18th instant.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, February 10, 1875, p. 1, c. 7

In Troupe, Smith county, Mr. Lindsey killed Mr. Howard. Whiskey, as usual.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, February 19, 1875, p. 1, c. 7

Two or three negroes were shot last week in a colored row in a saloon in Tyler.

DALLAS HERALD, February 20, 1875, p. 1, c. 5

Tyler has followed the example of Dallas and organized an insurance company—a fire one, however.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, March 9, 1875, p. 2, c. 2

The Tyler *Reporter* evidently thinks it struck Governor Coke in a weak spot when it said:

"We all remember with what emphasis Richard Coke said to the people of Texas, during his canvass, "If I am elected Governor, by the Eternal, no clique or ring shall crack their whips over me."

People may yet learn that the surest way to get the Governor to a desired point is to attempt to drive him in the opposite direction.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, March 16, 1875, p. 1, c. 7

Jack Moore has been elected lieutenant mayor of Tyler.

If Tyler is really "tapped" by that railroad, won't the town all ooze out? Is it dropsical, that the effect of a little railway running into it will have such an effect that it must have such a name? What's the difference between Tyler Tap and Tyler grip? Won't the coming doctors' convocation of the seventh proximo enlighten us?

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, March 17, 1875, p. 1, c. 7

Waco has more dogs to make nights lively than any Texan town, except Tyler, and then Austin, the Mexican part of the city, has a few hundred night howlers and flea breeders.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, March 24, 1875, p. 2, c. 2

W. D. Mims, an old Texas veteran, succeeds D. C. Williams as editor of the *Tyler Reporter*. He says:

"I hope to be able to show that notwithstanding the Democratic party has control of the State, it is, to a ruinous extent, still in the 'bonds of iniquity' with Radicalism—that its present Constitution is based on the centralization of Grantism; and that unless Texas is put under the true, genuine and economical principles of Democracy, her ultimate fate will be—bankruptcy."

DALLAS HERALD, March 27, 1875, p. 1, c. 4

The *Tyler Democrat* proposes to touch Grant on a tender spot, and give a ranche [sic] on the frontier, and stock it with say five or six hundred thousand head of cattle.

The supreme court, and the amended constitution, is now held at Austin, Tyler, and Galveston.

DALLAS HERALD, March 27, 1865, p. 1, c. 5

Mr. D. C. Williams retires from the *Tyler Reporter*, and is succeeded by Mr. W. D. Mims. We extract the following paragraph from the editor's salutatory: "In politics I was a whig up to the nomination of old "fuss and feathers," alias, General Scott, when I left that party in disgust, and have ever since worked with the Democratic party, and of which I claim to be an earnest, conscientious member."

DALLAS HERALD, March 27, 1875, p. 2, c. 3

The United States revenue collector's office has been removed from Tyler, Texas. Parties having business with Mr. Malloy, the collector, should address him at Jefferson.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, March 30, 1875, p. 1, c. 7

Many new houses are building in Tyler.

Workmen are employed on the East Texas University buildings at Tyler.

Tyler has a lively spelling class. The proceeds go to the Sunday school library.

The *Democrat* greets Gov. Hubbard as ray of sunshine to illuminate the dullest days of Tyler.

The *Tyler Democrat* says the very men who are utterly unfit for the position are seeking seats in the coming State constitutional convention. The candidature of jackasses and of second class people will cause decent white men to vote against the convention itself. Too much dead weight of genius.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, March 31, 1875, p. 2, c. 1

The Federal Revenue office—Col. Pat Malloy's—will be transferred to-day

from Tyler to Jefferson. Tyler is not in tears nor Jefferson supremely blest. In fact Tyler has not much of a "grip" on Malloy and Jefferson may not embrace him very ardently. He is a good man, perhaps, for all that. He is always in office in any event and when he drops out of one he always slides into another without the least effort. Therefore our concession of his eminent worth. The officeholders are the aristocracy of the country. Pay Malloy, not many months ago, was postmaster at Fort Worth. It didn't pay and Pat dived down out of sight into private life and came up to the surface a revenue collector at Tyler, and seeks a wider field for the development of his genius at Jefferson. Not many weary months ago he was a nice figurehead for a little Freedman's Bureau under the management, we believe, of one Buell, of happy memory—especially beloved in Marion county where he used a stockade for the entertainment of his white guests. Moreover Pat Malloy was at one time, if we are not mistaken, one of Gov. Davis's patented, sealed and approved mayors of Jefferson and was much beloved of the people because he was not of their choosing. But he served, nevertheless, like other mayors we read about, whether the people liked it or not. In fine we are somewhat inclined to believe that Pat is the fabulous "bully boy with a glass eye"—always in clover.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, April 7, 1875, p. 1, c. 7

Governor Hubbard is for and the Tyler *Reporter* against the constitutional convention.

Hon. W. S. Herndon, having abandoned schemes of ambition and follies of Washington life, is in the spelling match business at Tyler.

DALLAS HERALD, April 10, 1875, p. 1, c. 6

--The Tyler Reporter says: "Dallas county has put forward the name of John Henry Brown as a candidate for the constitutional convention. John Henry was all right when he stirred up radicalism in the legislature a few years ago, and he may now be relied on as one of the most industrious, sound and patriotic men to be found in that body when assembled."

DALLAS HERALD, April 10, 1875, p. 1, c. 3

--Tyler Reporter: "Colonel Marsh received on Tuesday night last, a telegraphic dispatch from Palestine to the effect that Green Williams (colored), who was sentenced here to be hung, with all the prisoners in the Palestine jail, made their escape on that night."

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, April 14, 1875, p. 1, c. 7

The Tyler *Reporter*, referring to the relative powers of the members of the Legislature and the convention, says the latter "can upset any or all of the former." The Tyler men had forgotten that its fellow citizen, Hon. Dick Hubbard, was of the Legislature. We would like to see any convention upsetting him. It wouldn't

have the constitutional power. Archimedes had not seen him when he spoke of that world-moving lever.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, April 15, 1875, p. 1, c. 7
Crops are backward, though all the girls are not, up at Tyler.

DALLAS HERALD, April 17, 1875, p. 2, c. 5
The United States court convenes at Tyler on the 26th.

DALLAS HERALD, May 8, 1875, p. 2, c. 4
--The Tyler Reporter has been merged into the Grange Reporter, and now "fights mit the horny-handed grangerers."

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, May 9, 1875, p. 2, c. 3
The Tyler *Reporter* is now the *Grange Reporter*, and the *Examiner* is in a brown study about it. It must let go Ireland or the Granges.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, May 19, 1875, p. 1, c. 7
The Tyler Tap must be gently tapped semi-occasionally to reproduce its vitality. But Humphrey & Allen have it in its charge, and will speedily built it, and when Tyler is tapped the dropsical word will be no more.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, May 21, 1875, p. 1, c. 7
Orthographophobia is raging at Tyler.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, May 23, 1875, p. 2, c. 3
Work on the Tyler Tap railway is going on with a vim.
The Tyler *Blade*, a tri-weekly paper, has made its appearance in Tyler.
The fruit shipments from Tyler this season will be large. The crops are doing remarkably well.
The clergymen at Tyler are generally indisposed. The *Blade* says that chicken cholera is the cause of this indisposition.

DALLAS HERALD, June 19, 1875, p. 2, c. 4
Conventions ought to be unvarying policy of the Texas democracy until the necessity for them, as a party measure, has passed away, let that be soon or late.—
[Tyler Democrat.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, June 22, 1875, p. 1, c. 7
Several ships and Federal squadrons should go to Tyler. The *Reporter* says such a mast crop was never known.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, June 26, 1875, p. 1, c. 7

The calaboose at Tyler was destroyed Wednesday by fire. The *Reporter* wasn't harmed. It was out at the time, I reckon.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, June 26, 1875, p. 6, c. 3

Starrville Circuit.

The following are appointments of meetings on the Starrville Circuit, East Texas Conference (Marshall District):

Chappell Hill, July 3, 4; Overton, (District Conference), July 8; Pleasant Grove, July 10, 11; Ebel, (Third Quarterly Meeting), July 24, 25; Red Springs, Aug. 7, 8; Antioch, Aug. 14, 15; White House, Aug. 21, 22; Bascom Chapel, Aug. 28, 29; Jamestown, Sept. 4, 5; Starrville, (Camp-meeting), Sept. 10; Canton, Sept. 25, 26.

All ministers are earnestly invited to attend the Starrville Camp Meeting who can do so. It will be on the self-sustaining plan; but ample accommodations will be provided for all ministers and their horses, and also all visiting brethren from a distance. We invite and request all the aid possible in all our meetings from brethren in the ministry. Come one; come all! and come in the spirit.

S. W. Turner, P. C.

DALLAS HERALD, July 3, 1875, p. 2, c. 4

--The Tyler calaboose was destroyed by fire a few days since.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, July 7, 1875, p. 1, c. 7

Col. C. W. Matthews, late Texas immigration agent at Chattanooga, is now a fruitgrower at Tyler.

Over in Tyler a hopeful boy, not strong enough to spade up a small onion bed for his [fold in paper] mother will dig over a ten acre lot any Sunday morning for fish bait.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, July 10, 1875, p. 8, c. 6

Gill.—The Rev. James M. Gill, after a protracted illness died at his residence in Tyler, on the 24th inst. He was about 67 years old, and had been a Methodist preacher for many years. He was an old Texan—converted and licensed to preach in Texas. He was universally esteemed as an honest, good man. His memory was remarkable, and the manner of his preaching unlike that of any one else—it was eminently his own. One circumstance connected with his conversion is worthy of note, especially as it may afford encouragement to pious wives whose husbands are irreligious. On their arrival in Texas they stopped in Harrison county, the young wife having been converted in Mississippi. Mr. Gill offered no opposition to his wife's religion, and at her solicitations often strolled with her on Sunday evenings in the wild

forests, on which occasions she would kneel at His feet and pray. This seemed to be a little embarrassing to the husband; but he would seek to throw it off by whistling some merry tune. How unseemly! But the good wife never flinched from duty nor yielded to discouragements. The test of her faith was even sharper than that of the prophet on Mount Carmel—no cloud of hope arose in the form of a word or act indicating the slightest interest on his part in reference to his soul. There were no revivals, and but little preaching in the new country. They went out to hear the circuit preacher—the Rev. Mr. Crawford, a local preacher now of Palestine—and, to the amazement of the delighted wife, Mr. Gill arose, advanced to the preacher, and joined the church. A gracious revival was kindled that day which swept the new settlement. Sister Gill survives, and though aged and infirm, moans as the dove which has lost its mate. They never had any children—they lived in harmony forty-six years. Death has dissolved the bands of life, but the separation will be of short duration. We mourn the loss of our venerable brother.—R. S. Finley.

DALLAS HERALD, July 17, 1865, p. 2, c. 5

--The fruit growers of Smith county propose to hold a convention for the advancement of their interests.

--Chief Justice O. M. Roberts has furnished the Tyler Democrat with the following synopsis of the business of the Supreme Court, from first Monday in October, 17 74 to 30th of June 1875, being two hundred and thirty-four working days:

	Cases	Dec'd	Op'ns	Und'c'd
Galveston	484	212	150	272
Tyler	277	247	150	30
Austin	<u>667</u>	<u>285</u>	<u>143</u>	<u>282</u>
Total	1,428	744	443	684

In the above is not included at least one hundred and fifty motions examined and decided.

DALLAS HERALD, July 24, 1875, p. 1, c. 9

--Crops in Smith county are burning up for want of rain.

--John H. Barton's saw mill, nine miles east of Tyler, was destroyed by fire on the 4th.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, July 24, 1875, p. 1, c. 4

On the night of the 16th a fire broke out in Tyler, Texas, and before it could be extinguished two frame warehouses, a cotton shed and merchandise; the Odd Fellows two story building; the Democrat office; a large quantity of lumber and eight or ten bales of cotton were burned. Loss \$13,000.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, July 30, 1875, p. 1, c. 7

The Tyler *Democrat* will soon reappear, fresh and bright and rejuvenated, from the ashes of the conflagration that swept it out of existence.

DALLAS HERALD, July 31, 1875, p. 1, c. 7

--Colonel C. W. Matthews, late Texas immigrant agent at Chattanooga, is now a fruit-grower at Tyler.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, August 4, 1875, p. 1, c. 7

Copious showers of last week rescued the corn crop about Tyler from absolute annihilation, and the people will make enough for home consumption.

Joe Lilly, near Tyler, coming home with his gun, about dusk last week, fired at his sister's hand lifted among the twigs of a bush by the roadside. He thought a squirrel was shaking the bush. The sister lived less than half an hour.

W. J. D. writing from Jamestown, says that the whole country has undergone the process of cremation. The drouth had been often weeks' duration, and W. J. D. is much depressed, and so with his combustible neighbors. They are naturally anxious.

The Tyler *Reporter* tells of a doctor fascinated by the splendid beauty of an adder's eyes, and was approaching it unconsciously when he was felled by a terrible blow. A friend came up and struck the snake, and the doctor fell. There is an absolute glory in the matchless brilliancy of a snake's eyes; but this story is almost incredible.

A lawyer named Penn is running a protracted meeting on his own hood in Tyler. He would succeed more gloriously if his name were stricken from the roll of *legum magistris*. People can't well see how the devil can properly reprove sin, and however pious a *limb* of the law, the *tree* itself is wrongly bent. It is a reversal of the case we were talking about when we said the constitution should prohibit office-holding by preachers.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, August 14, 1875, p. 8, c. 1

Basket Meeting.

We will have a basket meeting, two and a half miles south of Lindale, commencing on Thursday, August 26, 1875. All ministers are earnestly and respectfully solicited to attend. Come, brethren, and come in the spirit and preach as Peter preached. We anticipate holding some days. We will look for A. B. Johnson, of Terrell; Dr. Finley, of Tyler; Dr. Hamill, of Marshall, and others. Come without fail.

J. M. Langston.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, August 18, 1875, p. 1, c. 7

The grading of the first ten miles of the Tyler Tap will be rapidly

extended. Governor Richard Hubbard is still pumping thunder into it, and if that don't straighten it out and boost it and shove it along, there's nothing in nitro-glycerine eloquence.

The Tyler *Index* says that "the Baptist meetings which have been going on through a succession of twenty-four days is yet progressing with great interest. There have been thirty-three accessions to the church. The meeting is likely to continue two or three days. Mr. W. E. Penn has labored faithfully for the welfare of our people."

The Austin STATESMAN does think a lawyer can be a Christian, the *Grange Reporter* to the contrary, notwithstanding, and it is this *Reporter* that is "striking out wildly" and it should now strike out its absurd assertion. The *Reporter* says in another place that "Mr. Josephus Taylor, one of our most successful farmers, gave us a remedy for kidney worms in hogs." We haven't any kind of doubt that the Reporter will be immediately relieved, and then it will think better of the STATESMAN.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, August 20, 1875, p. 2, c. 3

List of Delegates

The Dallas *Herald* prints an alphabetically arranged list of the members elect of the constitutional convention. Having corrected and amended the same we publish as follows.

Henry, John L., lawyer, Tyler, Smith county.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, August 21, 1875, p. 1, c. 7

Major W. E. Penn, the preaching lawyer of Jefferson, has accomplished a great and good work at Tyler, and is again at home in Jefferson.

DALLAS HERALD, August 21, 1875 [page and column?]

Delegates to the Convention

Henry, John L., lawyer, Tyler, Smith county.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, August 21, 1875, p. 3, c. 2

The Starrville Circuit is holding its own under the pastoral labors of Rev. S. W. Turner. This is saying much, considering the elevated point it had reached under the successful ministry of their two former pastors, Bro. Mathis and D. M. Stovall. This charge has a membership of over seven hundred. The preacher who is assigned to Starrville circuit may regard himself as highly favored.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, August 21, 1875, p. 5, c. 1

Patents issued by Patent Office to the Citizens of Texas, for week ending August 12th, 1875.

166,149. Farm-Fences. Alonzo Rush and Fisher Yarbrough, Tylor [sic],

(Filed March 3, 1875.)—The rails, which overlap between uprights resting on the ground, are sustained above ground by encircling wire binders, which also serve as division-rests.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, August 21, 1875, p. 6, c. 1

Starrville Circuit.

As I have not sent you any items from the Starrville circuit, I will write you briefly. The drouth has greatly injured the corn crop in the bounds of my circuit; but I think there will be enough made to bread the country, if economy is used. The prospect for cotton tolerably good. The condition of the church is reasonably good. Some pruning of the vine has been necessary; but it is believed will promote its healthy growth. I commenced my two days' meeting the first Saturday and Sunday in July at Chappell Hill, had a very good meeting, good state of feeling in the church, but did not extend to the world.

The district conference for Marshall District was held in the bounds of my circuit at Overton, beginning on the 9th of July. We had a very pleasant and profitable session. But as Bros. Booth and Box have written of it, and I suppose Bro. Morse will finish such items as should be published, I will forebear.

I continued the meeting three days after adjournment of the conference, had several conversions and one accession to the church. The third Saturday we commenced a meeting at Pleasant Grove, which was continued until the next Thursday, resulting in six happy conversions, the same number of accessions to the church, and a general and gracious revival among the membership. I am indebted to Bros. J. C. Woolam and D. M. Stovall for valuable assistance at Overton, and my local brethren at Pleasant Grove. The fourth Sunday was occupied with our third quarterly meeting at Ebel. Our good Brother Morse was as usual at his post, and did valuable preaching—especially on Sabbath on "the relation of baptized children to the church." The Rev. Isaac Alexander gave us a rich sermon on Saturday night on "the providence of God."

The first Sunday in August I preached to a very large audience at Starrville the funeral of our departed Bro. Dan. Barcroft, who for 50 years had been a faithful member of our church and for many years an official member. He died in the triumphs of Christian faith, on the 18th of May, and entered upon his reward.

On last Saturday I commenced a meeting at Red Spring. The first invitation, thirteen penitents came forward for prayer. The meeting gradually increased in interest up to Monday afternoon, when there were about twenty seekers at the altar and the church in harness. One of my local brethren, Rev. A. M. Marler, who is a valuable and faithful man, was called away on Monday morning to return home and find his house and all its contents in ashes. The Lord bless him and put it in the hearts of his brethren to assist him in his hour of misfortune. There were two accessions to

the church on Monday. On Tuesday I was forced to leave, being nearly blind with sore eyes, and give the meeting into the hands of our good local brother, Albert Little. May the God of heaven be with him and the church in mighty power; amen.

Please publish the following changes, viz: The appointments for two days' meetings at Jamestown to embrace first Sunday in September, and Canton to embrace the fourth Sunday in September, recalled:

The Union Spring Camp-meeting (hitherto published as Starrville Camp-meeting) changed from second Sunday in September to Friday before the second Sunday in October. Brethren in the ministry please bear in mind and come to our aid. The friends of the Rev. A. C. McDougal of the North Texas Conference desires especially that he shall be in attendance. Truly and fraternally yours,

S. W. Turner.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, August 22, 1875, p. 2, c. 3

Mr. Lessums, of Bellview, Rusk county, has 3000 Concord vines on six acres that produce 20,000 pounds this, the third year. He sells them at twenty cents per pound.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, August 22, 1875, p. 2, c. 3

At the railroad meeting at Pittsburg last Thursday, \$7500 stock was subscribed on the spot to the Tyler Tap Railroad. We have not yet heard the result from Mount Pleasant and other points, but if they raised as much stock in proportion, the amount required by Mr. Douglas, president of the road, will be made up.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, August 22, 1875, p. 2, c. 4

Governor Hubbard made a magnificent speech at Pittsburg a few days ago, as did that solid gentleman, Col. Douglass, who accompanied him. They want Pittsburg to have access to the exterior world and a cheap railway has the same relation to temporal, as that "straight and narrow way" we read about to eternal blessedness, and that's the reason the STATESMAN is always telling about a narrow gauge to Lampassas and Luling and the prismoidal to the stone quarries.

DALLAS HERALD, August 28, 1875, p. 2, c. 6

The Tyler Reporter prescribes a teaspoonful of calomel, mixed in corn meal dough, for hog cholera.

If W. H. Stafford, late of the Tyler Blade, will address D. C. Williams care Evening News, Austin, Texas, he will hear something to his advantage.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, September 7, 1875, p. 4, c. 1

A meteor exploded with wonderful noise and violence, last week, at Tyler. Pieces of stone scattered over the country have been gathered up, and the Archaeological Society of Austin wants specimens. Who will send them?

Mr. W. D. Burness has been kept tied hard and fast for a long time at Tyler. In any event the *Reporter* says it "regrets to loose him." It is said he is going to Minneola [sic], and Minneola will be scared to death, and all because the *Reporter's* compositor doesn't know how to spell l-o-s-e.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, September 16, 1875, p. 4, c. 1

In Tyler, they call concealed weapons "Swamp Angels."

The country about Tyler "had a regular ground soaking and trash-moving rain, which was good for potatoes, turnips, peas, etc." We spoke for that rain first.

The Tyler *Democrat* says that "to make handkerchief flirtations successful, two fools are necessary to make the motions." Experience, we have heard, is a great teacher.

The Shreveport stockholders in the Tyler Tap Railroad has a junketing at Tyler on last Thursday, and a ride over the ten miles of grading. They were well satisfied, and show a determination to carry the work through instanter.

The *Grange Reporter* reports thusly: "Smith has the largest number of Grangers of any county in the State. Twenty-one million dollars have been saved to the members since the order of Patrons was organized." No losses, because of railroad legislation are reported in this statement.

DALLAS HERALD, September 18, 1875, p. 4, c. 4

--We are pleased to see among our exchanges once more the Tyler Democrat, which has risen Phoenix like from the flames, and is once more a candidate for popular favor and patronage. THE HERALD sends kind wishes for success.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, September 18, 1875, p. 3, c. 3

Starrville Circuit.—I have just closed a meeting at Bascom Chapel, on the Starrville circuit, resulting in the happy conversion of six young men and the addition of eight souls to the church, for which the Lord be praised. The church is greatly blessed. I am indebted to my local brethren A. M. Marler, A. Little, P. O. Tunnell; and Revs. R. S. Finley and C. H. Smith for valuable ministerial labors. I shall commence a meeting at Centre on next Saturday. May the Lord graciously meet with and revive us there. My charges in protracted and camp-meetings have been published in the ADVOCATE only in form of correspondence and the old notice still appearing in the paper will, I am fearful, mislead some in reference to them. Union Springs camp-meeting, near Starrville, on the Starrville circuit, East Texas Conference, will be held to embrace the second Sunday in October instead of the second in September as heretofore announced. We earnestly request as many of our ministerial brethren to be present as can possibly attend. The friends of Rev. A. C. McDougal, of North Texas Conference, (whose address is unknown to the writer), will anxiously expect him.—S. W. Turner, P. C.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, September 18, 1875, p. 5, c. 2

Camp-meeting, at Pleasant Retreat, Tyler cir., fourth Sabbath in September (26th).

Tyler sta., Oct. 30, 31.

Tyler cir., Nov. 20, 24.

Starrville cir., at Union Springs C. G., Oct. 10.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, September 24, 1875, p. 4, c. 1

The sweet potato crop promises a large yield in Smith county.

The *Grange Reporter* man—well, he can't help it. This is his last: "The way for a man to do when dogs barks at him—is just to walk on." *Barks* will do. For a knowledge of grammar and keen "sarkasm" this man can beat the "Flying Dutchman."

The Tyler *National Index* says: Mr. Floyd Wood, a young law student of this place, was arrested and taken before his Honor Judge Bonner on Tuesday last, charged with forgery. Defendant waived examination, and required to give bond in the sum of \$1000 for his appearance before the Federal court in November next.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, September 25, 1875, p. 4, c. 1

A man named Wood, of Tyler, Smith county, a late appointee for the postmastership at Longview, is said to be in trouble. The story goes that the bond presented bore the signature of the chief justice of Smith county, and the latter denying the fact of having signed the same bond, Wood has been arrested and lodged in jail. Who recommended this gentleman?

DALLAS HERALD, September 25, 1875, p. 4, c. 5

--Floyd Wood, of Tyler, lately appointed postmaster at Longview has been arrested on the charge of forging the name of Geo. W. Smith, presiding justice of Smith county. Floyd was held in the sum of \$1000 for his appearance at the next term of the United States Court. Up to last accounts he had failed to raise the necessary amount of currency, and still languishes in jail.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, September 29, 1875, p. 4, c. 1

Cotton nine and a half to eleven cents in Tyler.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, October 2, 1875, p. 3, c. 4

Harwell.—Joseph Harwell died in Lindale, Texas, July 10th, 1875. Bro. Harwell was born in Iredell county, N. C. in 1803, and when a young man married to C. Westmoreland. Early in life they joined the M. E. Church; in '45 they became members of the M. E. Church, South, and remained in said church until they joined the spirit of just men made perfect. During his pilgrimage he removed from North Carolina to Alabama, from thence to Texas. He leaves behind four children and his wife; and seven have gone before. Bro. H. was, for a number of years, classleader and

steward; and ever a pious, devoted and zealous Christian, adorning the doctrine he professed; a good father, always cheerful and happy.—J. M. Langston.

Swain.—Joseph Witcher Swain, son of J. H. and E. J. Swain, died in the vicinity of Garden Valley, Texas, July 20th, 1875. Joseph was born Aug. 28th, 1864.

Christ took him in his mercy,
A lamb untasked, untried;
He fought for him and gained the victory,
And Joseph is glorified.

J. M. Langston.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, October 7, 1875, p. 4, c. 1

The Grangers should know that the Tyler Tap is making property advance in value in Pittsburgh.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, October 13, 1875, p. 4, c. 1

The Overton and Henderson road is nearly finished.

We heard it stated that the iron on the so-called "Tyler Tap" weighed fifty-six pounds per yard, and it naturally followed that the broad gauge plan of construction was supposed to be adopted. Will the *Southern Patron* give the facts? What is the weight of the iron and width of the gauge? What does the road cost per mile?

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, October 15, 1875, p. 4, c. 1

Capt. Bogardus, the famous champion "shootist," has accepted the challenge of A. M. Murphy, of Tyler Texas, to shoot deer in the field anywhere west of the Trinity in Texas, the stakes to be from one thousand to five thousand dollars, optional with the challenged party. The sportsmen about Tyler are putting on "airs" and are willing to bet heavy on the favorite Texan.

DALLAS HERALD, October 16, 1875, p. 2, c. 7

--At the Tyler term of the Supreme Court, two weeks, commencing November the 15th, are assigned for hearing cases from the 9th and 11th district.

--Floyd Wood, of Tyler, Texas, who forged a signature in making up a bond for the Longview post office, was bailed out of jail by his brother, in the sum of one thousand dollars and at once left for parts unknown.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, October 27, 1875, p. 4, c. 1

The Tyler Index calls the attention of its readers to the [out of focus] advertisement in its columns.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, November 6, 1875, p. 4, c. 3

Brother S. W. Turner writes from Tyler: "I closed my protracted meeting

season last night. Results on Starrville circuit, 93 additions during the year. To God be all the praise.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, November 9, 1875, p. 4, c. 1

The great Baptist Sunday school convention is in session at Tyler.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, November 10, 1875, p. 4, c. 1

Judge James M. Charlton of Tyler is no more.

Col. John L. Henry has been telling the people about Tyler that the new Constitution will be a good thing and that it will be adopted. The possibilities lie in that direction yet.

A Jacksonville correspondent of the Rusk *Observer* says: Col. J. P. Douglas has been home on a short leave from the Convention. He is in good health, but does not seem to be enthused over the progress of the Convention in framing a Constitution. He has great hope that the labors of the Convention will meet the desires of the people. The truth is a great many voters seem to have already made up their minds to reject the new Constitution without waiting to see it."

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, November 11, 1875, p. 4, c. 1

The Federal Court is making Tyler lively.

The local of the Tyler *Democrat* is so tickled with the new Presbyterian church bell over there that he is taking a hand in every "ring" in the town. He says its very tones are "rich."

The Tyler *Democrat* wants it understood that they who say that it is controlled by railroad influence when it condemns the doings of the Constitutional Convention "speak what is infamously false, and to this we add no argument."

DALLAS HERALD, November 13, 1875, p. 2, c. 3

--The Federal Court is now in session at Tyler.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, November 21, 1875, p. 2, c. 4

The Tyler papers speak in most eulogistic terms of the eloquence and earnestness of Rev. Jas. Stribling of that city.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, November 21, 1875, p. 2, c. 5

The Tyler *Democrat* says that Hon. T. J. Word is in that city, as full of life as a young man of twenty-one. He belongs to a line of honest patriots. He was a member of Congress in 1838, from Mississippi, when Gov. Wm. Allen, T. H. Benton, Hugh L. White, Henry Clay, John C. Calhoun, Daniel Webster, John Forsyth, Silas Wright, John M. Berrien and men of that class shaped the legislation of the country. There were no Ben Butlers or Zach Chandlers in Congress in those days. Such characters would hardly have been suffered to enter the Capitol in the earlier days of the

Republic.

The *Index* thinks the STATESMAN will be gratified to know "that Judge Ireland is over there on the bench, hard at work." He is said to be a capital "carpenter," and we think the excellent Judge infinitely better fitted for a seat on the woosack than for the chairmanship of the executive committee of a party. He is too self-willed and bull-headed, and in this we conclude everything to his intellect and only derogate from his claims to absolute perfection, and he can't be very angry about it.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, November 24, 1875, p. 4, c. 1

Dr. W. J. Goodman, of Tyler, while returning from Shreveport, on Wednesday evening, on the International road, was attacked and wounded by a drunken man on the train. A dispatch was sent to Col. Hoxie, who ordered a special train to bring him on to Tyler. Though seriously wounded, it is hoped the wound is not very dangerous.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, November 26, 1875, p. 1, c. 7

The Tyler Tap will be finished by April 1. So saith the *Southern Patron* at Mount Pleasant.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, December 2, 1875, p. 1, c. 7

The Tyler *Index* is now publishing a very interesting serial entitled "The Heir of the Mills, or, The Attorney's Fee." It occurs to us and we "say it boldly."

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, December 3, 1875, p. 1, c. 7

Judge Duval, at Tyler declared the civil rights not constitutional, and yet white people would obliterate the color line in politics, even as Radicalism would have us do in social life. The one consummation will follow the other as the night the day, and blackness in morals and intelligence will be universal as the suffrage.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, December 9, 1875, p. 1, c. 7

The *Index*, of Tyler, declares that the school system provided by the Constitutional will, if adopted, prove a curse, "for it will neither educate the youth of the land nor allow it to be done by private teachers."

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, December 11, 1875, p. 8, c. 3

On the 6th instant, at Overton, Texas, a negro named Calvin Whipp cut the throat of a twelve year old boy, with a razor; the murderer was captured.

AUSTIN DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, December 25, 1875, p. 1, c. 7

Smith and Navarro counties have held Democratic meetings and instructed their delegates to Galveston to support Coke and Hubbard.

