

BY JOHN MARSHALL WADE.

the G. CLEPPER as a Candidate for
k ho- Clerk of Montgomery County.

Annexation & Union!!!



THE PATRIOT.

EDITED BY JOHN MARSHALL WADE.

Montgomery, July 2, 1845.

No States mail yet. Hard to get up a readable paper.

Owing to some typographical errors, of which we were not notified until after first side was "pressed," we have had to alter and re-set, on our inside page, several lines. Necessity has no law.

We presume as the Convention has unlimited powers of action, the suggestion will only be necessary that the Louisiana State House will be vacant in 1848; as by that time we shall be one of "these United States." Their State House would suit us admirably, and save expense!

The ever memorable Fourth is close upon us, and though we are de facto part and parcel of the U. S. sons of her bone and flesh of her flesh, yet we hear not the note of preparation, the shrill sound of the martial drum. What a contrast do the U. S. present at this moment! How full of life, and gaily and joy! How full of her volunteer corps turned out to drill in the course of the last few weeks! With what proud throbs do their bosoms heave, and what ardor and enthusiasm sparkles in their eyes as they flatter each other with the certainty that they will out-shine Uncle Sam's "reg'lars" in their tactics, discipline and gorgeous display!

"Ah! they can do that in the 'Old Twenty-six,'" says our solemn, business faced Texan, "but you seem to forget that we too have achieved an independence—ay! and maintained a banner and a larger strife than Uncle Sam had occasion to let that our foe was in our midst and our near neighbor. 'The Uncle Sam's' had to go to 3,200 miles to reach the border of his cannon could be heard!" to which then ought Texans award the first prize! And yet she lacked the funds to celebrate her own anniversary in becoming style!

"Ah friend! your first information was sufficient for a reasonable man, but your last assertion would bring down the most unreasonable mortal, as with a rifle ball! Better luck, next year! Hurrah for annexation!"

"Hurrah too! Take care of yourself, Colonel!"

The citizens of Crockett have been holding a public meeting on the 19th ult, for the purpose of expressing their dissent to the annexation resolutions. We should consider it ill timed at this late hour to hold such a meeting, but they know best. The proceedings are published at length in the Register, and as they are something of a curiosity, we almost feel disposed to insert them—but they are so long! Why, dear reader, they have positively passed no less than fourteen resolutions—the first being that they revere their adopted country—Second, they like it better than their native country—Third, the resolutions are too vague for their apprehension—Fourth, the U. S. are too late in opening the door for their entrance—Fifth, the Mexican proposals have destroyed the only good argument for annexation—Sixth, they deprecate annexation—Seventh, they equally condemn any entangling alliances with other powers—Eighth, Texas should treat with Mexico instantaneously—Ninth, they will do their best for independence, and keep away the odious northern tariff—Tenth, the clause making one of the Texan new states a free state condemned—Eleventh, our engagements with foreign powers being null on union, is repudiated—The three others are for committees, etc. Now have the synopsis while we have had all the trouble of picking it out for you. Thank us!

This meeting proves to us, conclusively, that if we had heaven on earth we should be discontented.

The Galveston News appears truly to delight in scandal. Whenever it thinks there is an opportunity of late, it clutches our illustrious warrior and statesman—General Sam Houston. We think there are reasons for every thing. Can it be that the News has its price? Are any I O U's given in Galveston? Cash cannot come from the navy or it would be in better repair. However, an I O U may be cashed, and a post capita should be able to issue a good post note.

We believe in one and the same paper there is a later addressed to the General, full of the most extraordinary charges, with a promise of more from same source, and a long tirade on the incivility of the General's professions while in New Orleans; charging him with being opposed to annexation, without a shadow of evidence to sustain it, while on the other hand, the proofs are legion—There surely must be some reason for this—some "weighty" reason—whence, with the sagacity of the ostrich, they think it is "on from the vulgar eye—but we will not let the cents we are not a hundred miles from the mark, and stake the money!"

The News winds up its lengthy article on the conduct of the General in the following style: "Such systematic deception, hypocrisy, falsehood and duplicity were never before practiced upon the American people! But what must now be the feelings of our British majesty's minister, who came to Texas with all the honors and laurels of his eastern embassy to China, when he finds himself defamed, not only in all the objects of his mission and indefatigable labors, but deserted by his former friend, General Houston, who has now expressed him to public ridicule and derision, by declaring in a public speech in New Orleans, that during all this time, he has only been coquetting with the British minister. This is the unkindest cut of all."

No system of laws to be adopted by general legislation. The state motto became a stock holder in any corporation—a company. Banking privileges not to be granted to any corporate body. Corporations to be created by special laws in general laws.

From and after January, 1850, the legislature may revoke the charters of those corporations not then expired—Corporations (have political or municipal) heretofore created not to endure more than twenty-five years. Exclusive privileges not to be granted for a longer time than twenty years—No person to hold or exercise at the same time more than one civil or military office.

The legislature may provide for the extension of territory.

Seat of government.

In addition to the remarks on this subject in our last number, we would now say there is in Texas no city which should be prescribed by our Convention, as is the city of N. Orleans, but every place should be open to the free and untrammelled choice of the people. Poor New Orleans! She must have grossly defamed her legislators! This is the unkindest cut of all.

When once created in this manner, it should not be renewable by a mere majority, but we cannot see the necessity of requiring a greater number than is requisite to amend the constitution. Instead of making it necessary to have the consent of four-fifths of the legislature. We would prefer its being submitted to a like test as an amendment to the constitution itself. This would most assuredly prevent so important a measure from being hastily consummated, and would completely destroy all hope of carrying it through by corruption.

Right of the State.

We admire the prudence of Louisiana, in prohibiting the legislature from loaning the name or credit of the state to any person, company or corporation. Not only will the state be exempt from risk of pecuniary embarrassment, but she will avoid that connection between government and chartered capital (real or fictitious) which is so apt to end in the corruption of the government. But her wisdom and justice are equally apparent in giving to the legislature the power to renew her old liabilities. We hope that our Convention will follow this prohibitory clause as to the future, and give to the legislature the full power to settle old scores. And whilst on this subject, we had just as well come out boldly, and make known our views as to what would be the proper action of the Convention thereon—Let it be ordained and declared in our constitution, that all debts due or owing from, and all liabilities of the republic of Texas, shall be and remain as valid against

the State of Texas, as they are against the republic, under her laws and constitution. Thus we leave the state freely to act in adjusting and liquidating them, according to the rules of justice, equity and faith, under all the circumstances of the case; and we would also by this course, avoid giving to the opponents of annexation in the U. S. Congress, an excuse for endeavoring to defeat our state constitution.

We think it politic to restrain the state from running in debt on her own account—or perhaps more properly speaking, for her own use and benefit.

Bankers. Upon the subject of banks, paper money and credit, a great many wise and many more foolish things have been said and written, and the experience of several centuries has left mankind divided as to their utility—gold and silver, if properly used, are real blessings. Bank paper, when good, is very convenient—and credit is not without its benefits—but is most valuable when least used.

Sundries.

Lotteries—change of venue and divorces—are worthy of the attention of our Convention—Laws should embrace but one subject; and have an appropriate cap. Our law-makers have taken advantage of the omission of such a clause in our present constitution, to embrace under one title, several and different subjects.

If an entire law is repealed, or a whole section, we cannot see the necessity of setting it out at full length, in the repealing statute.

The state should never deal in stocks, nor buy produce for sale.

No company chartered for other purposes should be permitted to exercise banking privileges; nor should any county or town or the state.

If our Congress had some few years ago enacted a general law, providing for the organization of corporations, much time and money had been saved. There should never be a vacuum in office—either the officer should hold until his successor is duly qualified, or some other person should be designated to take his place.

Charters when granted should not be revoked or repealed—but when the right is violated, by those for whose benefit it was granted, let proceedings be had against the corporation, in the courts. And we know not how the legislature of Louisiana is ever to revoke the charters of corporations before they expire, without violating that clause of the constitution of the U. S. which prohibits the violation of contracts.

One office at a time.

When a free people enter into government from the impulse of reason and a sense of their wants and weaknesses, and surrender many of their natural liberties to secure civil or political rights, it should be upon the basis of equality. Each should bear his proportionate share of the burdens, and receive a fair portion of the honors and profits necessarily arising out of the compact.

Office, with its incidents, is not created for the benefit of any man or set of men, nor to enable the government to reward its favorites; but is the unavoidable consequence of civil society; for laws have to be enacted, and interpreted, and executed. These must be done by men appointed, for a season, for the express purpose; and they should receive a reasonable compensation for the labor, skill and judgment properly exercised in the discharge of their duties.

If profit and honor; or either of them, were the only fruits of office, the citizens might even then say that the principles of equality were violated by one man's holding two offices. And when it is remembered that in the exercise of office, a man acquires a vast amount of valuable information—information useful in after life to himself and neighbors, none can doubt that the community and the country will receive greater benefits therefrom, the more it is extended—divided without being lessened—which can be done by confining a man to one office and to one term.

Congressional.

NINTH CONGRESS—Called Session. The proceedings of the extra session of the Congress are very lengthy during the week, but we believe from the casual view we were enabled to give them, their sum and substance will be found in the following:

Joint resolution giving the consent of the existing government to the annexation of Texas to the U. S.

An act requiring the commissioner of the general land office to issue patents in certain cases.

Joint resolution acknowledging the claim of L. S. Harpous and others.

Joint resolution for the relief of T. J. Chambers.

An act to establish certain mail routes therein named, and for other purposes.

An act making appropriations to defray the expenses of the Convention and granting the members the franking privilege.

Joint resolution tendering a nation's gratitude to General Jackson.

We also believe that the House of Representatives had passed a resolution for the relief of post-agent E. W. Moore.

Executive Correspondence.

The following correspondence was submitted to the Senate in secret session, and the propositions therein contained unanimously rejected, and the secret injunction withdrawn with orders for the printing of a thousand copies:

Executive Department, Washington, June 18, 1845.

To the Honorable the Senate:

The Executive herewith transmits to your honorable body for its constitutional advice and action, the conditions preliminary to a treaty of peace between Mexico and Texas, signed on the part of the former at the city of Mexico, on the 19th of May ultimo, together with an additional declaration made by the government of Mexico of the same date, in connection with those conditions.

The correspondence connected with the above is also transmitted for the information of the Senate.

The Executive requests the Senate to return the original papers as soon as they shall have received its examination and action.

ANSON JONES.

[Translation.]

Legation of France, in Mexico. Mr. President—I am happy in being able to announce to your excellency that the Mexican government, after having obtained the authorization of the two chambers of Congress, has acceded to the four preliminary articles which the Secretary of State of Texas had submitted to the chargé des affaires of France and England, near your government, and which these last had transmitted to me, and to the minister of our Britannic majesty, as requested to the executive power of Mexico.

The act of acceptance, clothed with the necessary forms, will be handed by Mr. Elliott to the Secretary of State of the Texan government, and your excellency will then find yourself in a situation to name commissioners to negotiate with Mexico the definitive treaty between Mexico and Texas.

The success which has crowned our efforts has only been obtained by much management of susceptibility. But I should say that the disposition of the executive power have never appeared doubtful to me, and that they give me the hope of a solution proper to satisfy the two parties, and to assure their reciprocal well being.

If in the course which must be given to this affair, I can contribute to the wise views and sound policy which animates your excellency, I shall lead myself to it with so much the more zeal that it relates to a well useful to humanity, and if the result answers to our hopes, I shall consider the part which I have taken in it as one of the deeds for which I may most proudly myself in my diplomatic career.

Receive, Mr. President, the assurances of the high consideration with which I am Your excellency's Very humble and Most obedient servant,

BARON ALFRED DE CYPRIER.

Mexico, May 20, 1845. His excellency Mr. Anson Jones, President of the Republic of Texas, etc. The foregoing is a correct translation of the original.

STEPHEN Z. HOYLE, Translator.

Conditions preliminary to a treaty of peace, between Mexico and Texas.

1. Mexico consents to acknowledge the independence of Texas.
2. Texas engages that she will stipulate in the treaty not to annex herself or become subject to any country which she would use to her injury.
3. Limits and other conditions to be matter of arrangement in the final treaty.
4. Texas will be willing to remit disputed points respecting territory and other matters to the arbitration of a commission.
Done at Washington, on the Brasos, the 25th March 1846.

ASHBEL SMITH, [L. S.] Secretary of State.

[Translation.]

The undersigned extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary of his majesty the king of the French, and minister plenipotentiary of her Britannic majesty, certify that the above copy conforms with the original, which

has been presented to them by Mr. Elliott, H. B. M. chargé d'affaires to Texas. BARON ALLEYE DE CYPREY, (L.S.) CHARES BARNHEAD, (L.L.) Mexico, May 20, 1845.

The above is a correct translation of the original.

S. Z. HOYLE, Translator.

[Translation.]

The minister of foreign affairs and government of the Mexican republic, has received the preliminary propositions of Texas, for an arrangement or definitive treaty between Mexico and Texas, which are of the following tenor:

Conditions preliminary to a treaty of peace between Mexico and Texas.

1. Mexico consents to acknowledge the independence of Texas.

2. Texas engages that she will stipulate in the treaty not to annex herself or become subject to any country whatever.

3. Limits and other conditions to be matter of arrangement in the final treaty.

4. Texas will be willing to submit disputed points respecting territory and other matters to the arbitration of umpires. Done at Washington on the 18th, the 29th March, 1845.

ASIBEL SMITH, (L.S.)

Secretary of State.

The government of the republic has asked in consequence, of the National Congress the authority which it has granted, and which is of the following tenor:

The government is authorized to hear the propositions which Texas has made and to proceed to the arrangement or celebration of the treaty, that may be fit and honorable to the republic, giving an account to Congress for its approbation and approval.

In consequence of the preceding authority of the Congress of the Mexican republic, the undersigned, minister of foreign affairs and government, declares—that the supreme government receives the four articles above mentioned, as the preliminaries of a formal and definitive treaty; and further that it disposed to commence the negotiation as Texas may desire, and to receive the commissioners which she may name for that purpose.

LUIS G. CUEVAS, (L.S.)

Mexico, May 19, 1845.

The above is a correct translation of the original.

S. Z. HOYLE, Translator.

[Translation.]

Additional Declaration.

It is understood that besides the four preliminary articles above mentioned, there are several essential and important points which also ought to be included in the negotiation is not realized on occasion of circumstances or because Texas, influenced by the law passed in the U. S. on annexation, should consent thereto, either directly or indirectly, then the answer which under this date is given to Texas by the undersigned minister of foreign affairs, shall be considered as null and void.

LUIS G. CUEVAS, (L.S.)

Mexico, May 19, 1845.

The above is a correct translation of the original.

S. Z. HOYLE, Translator.

Executive Department, Washington, Texas, June 6, 1845.

Sir—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your excellency's letter of the 20th ultimo, which, together with the official documents referred to in it, and by which Mexico has given her assent to the preliminaries of peace with Texas, upon the basis of an acknowledgment of the independence of the latter, were handed me by Mr. Elliott, chargé d'affaires of H. B. M. near this government, on the 2d inst.

For your kindness and courtesy in transmitting these interesting and important papers, as well as for your valuable services in producing the result which they announce to me, and the offer of a continuance of the same good offices when they can be useful, I beg you to accept my best thanks. Should the result be the establishment of a good understanding and a lasting peace between Texas and Mexico, with the concurrence of their people, the cause of humanity will assuredly be greatly indebted to your efforts in its behalf.

I have the honor to transmit you herewith, for such disposition as you may think proper to make of them, certified copies of the proclamation issued by me on 4th instant, announcing to the people the agreement of Mexico to the preliminaries of peace, and the consequent cessation of hostilities between the two countries.

The Congress of Texas will assemble on 10th instant, and a Convention 4th July proximo. These bodies have been convoked to consider the propositions made by the government of the U. S. on the subject of annexation. The subject of our relations with Mexico will also be presented to them, and their decisions will necessarily govern my future action in reference to the same.

Accept, sir, the assurances of high consideration and respect with which I remain, your excellency's most obedient humble servant,

ANSON JONES.

To his excellency, The Baron Alleye de Cyprey, etc.

The world is a long journey. Not so; the sun goes over it every day.

The Serenade.

There came a melting sound,
As of an angel's lulling voice,
That floated far around,
And made my heart rejoice.

The earth was wrapped in sleep,
In gloom and darkness deep,
And fondly did I weep.

With delight.

It seemed a vision's form,
On a dark and broken cloud,
Thus rode the air to charm,
Dearly hidden in the sound.

Other voices, fainter sound,
While Syrinx faltered slow,
As if her heart were ever true,
And more enchanting tongue.

Never spoke.

Methought my fluttering soul,
At the summons of the strain,
Sped forth beyond control,
And would gladly remain.

Free, unbound;

There in the lone retreat,
Its kindred life to meet,
And hold communion sweet.

With the sound.

Long lifted the pleasing note,
Through the quiet, gloomy sky,
Sped forth beyond control,
Then again approaching nigh.

Deep and shrill;

But soon its lady fell,
In a dying cadence fell,
And some through distant dell,
And still was.

Ah, melody like this,
Was more than earthly tone;
The fervent flowing lines
It inspired was alone.

Grand—muffled!

The heart throbb'd at its height,
Each chord rang in full night,
And trembled with delight.

"For a time!"

New slowly moved it on,
By the playful zephyr tossed,
Through gathering cloudlets drawn,
Till all the chain seemed lost.

Far off light!

I woke, and echoes rose,
Of the song they lingered there,
And long its dying air,
Pill'd the night.

Farmer's Song.

Air—"The Sex."

A life on my native soil,
A home in a farmer's cot,
I'll never exchange for gold,
Nor ask for no happier lot.

The city has not a charm,
With its turmoil and noise and strife;
O give me a smiling life,
With a kind and thrifty housewife.

A life on my native soil,
A home in a farmer's cot,
With my three little ones I'll toil,
And ask for no happier lot.

Go up! go up! go up!

Go up, go up, and go O!

On my own native soil I stand,
Midst blossoming fields around,
While the air, pleasant and bland,
And the hills with cattle abound.

The river is flowing by,
The boatman's song we hear,
And the laborers, how they play,
While echoes sound their cheer.

A life on my native soil, etc.

How cheerful it is to view

Whole valleys of waving grain,

And the husbandman's jovial crew,

With sickles gleaming the plain!

O, the song of my heart shall be,

While our summer's sweet products shall yield,

A life of a farmer for me.

A home in the forest and field.

A life on my native soil, etc.

Spring.

Spring—Spring—Spring—

Oh, happy, happy spring,

Of the love I adore,

Thou lovely, lovely spring,

Winter giving, verdure showing,

Spring, growing,

Green and fair, green and fair,

Pure rills flowing, soft winds blowing,

Warm skies glowing,

Bright and clear, bright and clear,

Watchers singing, flying, springing,

Hopping, clinging

In the trees, in the trees,

Music filling, sweet sounds ringing,

Gleaming, bringing

On each breeze, on each breeze.

Welcome, welcome, happy spring,

Pleasure, pleasure thou dost bring.

Spring—Spring—Spring—

Oh, happy, happy spring,

My heart to thee dost cling,

Thou lovely, lovely spring,

Lambkins skipping, children tripping,

Flowers tripping,

Full of glee, full of glee,

Have thee seeing, cattle tripping,

Swallows tripping,

Glad and free, glad and free

Sweet voices creeping, rose buds peeping,

Perfume sleeping

Every thing, every thing,

Lakelets sleeping, combs are peeping,

Laughing, leaping,

This is spring, this spring.

Welcome, happy spring,

Pleasure, pleasure thou dost bring.

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS

Administrators' Notice.

LETTERS of administration upon the estate of James Tinsley, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned at the May term, 1845, of the Probate Court, for said county, this is therefore to notify all persons having claims against said estate, to present them within the time prescribed by law, or they will be barred.

SUSAN TINSLEY.

Administratrix of the estate of James Tinsley, dec'd.

June 30, 1845. 10 6t

Republic of Texas,

County of Montgomery.

District Court.

To Fall Term, 1845.

BENJAMIN B. GOODRICH, plaintiff, versus Archibald W. Goodrich, James M. Goodrich, Edmund W. Goodrich, Maria C. Nelson, (late Maria C. James) and E. W. Goodrich and his wife, Lucy Ann Goodrich, defendants.

The defendants in the above entitled cause are hereby notified that I have been appointed guardian of the property of said estate, and that they must appear at the next term of said honorable court, to be held for said county, on the first Monday after the fourth of March, next, to answer to the petition filed by me, and to the estate of John C. Goodrich, dec'd, heretofore conveyed to me, by them, shall not be decreed to me, and my title to the same quieted. And that they must appear at the next term of said honorable court, on the first Monday after the fourth of March, next, to answer to the petition filed by me, and to the estate of John C. Goodrich, dec'd, heretofore conveyed to me, by them, shall not be decreed to me, and my title to the same quieted. And that they must appear at the next term of said honorable court, on the first Monday after the fourth of March, next, to answer to the petition filed by me, and to the estate of John C. Goodrich, dec'd, heretofore conveyed to me, by them, shall not be decreed to me, and my title to the same quieted.

B. B. GOODRICH.

June 30, 1845. 10 4t

WARNING

THE subscriber has been informed from a respectable source, (Col. J. Devoreux and Col. Matthew Wood) that one Seaborn Jones Travick has attempted to pass a note on said Wood, which he purports to be made by me to him, for 75 cowan calves. I do positively deny the existence of any such note under my hand, made by me in this county or any other, and I leave the community to judge how it originated, and warn them from trading for the same, as I will not pay it. L. W. BARNES.

Fanthraps, Montgomery co. 6-17 11

Notice.

LETTERS testamentary having been granted to the undersigned on the estate of Allen Green, deceased, late of Montgomery county, by the Honorable the Probate Court of said county, at its last March term, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to come forward and make immediate payment—and all persons having claims against said estate are required to present them duly authenticated within the time prescribed by law, or they will be forever barred.

JAMES L. GREEN.

JAMES SCOTT and

ABRAHAM WOMACK.

REPUBLIC OF TEXAS—COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY.

LIED on five hundred acres of land, the property of John Rankin, to satisfy a judgment and costs that A. McDonald obtained against him on the 7th instant. The lands are in Montgomery county, lying on the south boundary of John Rankin's head right league, commencing at the crossing of the road leading from Montgomery Court House to Swartwout's, running with the road; and the south boundary line on the west of the road, so as to include five hundred acres, to be laid off in a square or oblong, to suit the purchaser. The property pointed out by the defendant. Sale at Montgomery Court House, the first Tuesday, 5th day in August next, for cash, in the hours prescribed by law—without appraisement.

THOS. T. BAILEY, Const.

June 18, 1845. 10 630

Look Out.

ALL persons are cautioned against putting timber on my headright quarter league of land, adjoining land of Margt. McIntyre, near Grimes' place.

A. U. SPRINGER.

Montgomery, July 1, 1845. 11 4t

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS

Notice

IS hereby given that Letters of Administration upon the estate of William Burney deceased, were granted to the Sub scriber by the Hon. Judge of the Probate Court of the county of Montgomery, on the 28th day of July, 1845. All persons indebted to the Estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims against it, are required to present them within the time prescribed by law, or this notice will be plead in bar to their recovery.

10 4 SUSANNAH BURNLEY, Adm'r.

Notice

IS hereby given, that Susannah Wheeler, administratrix of the succession of Francis A. B. Wheeler deceased, has filed her account current and accompanying vouchers for final settlement of the estate of deceased, and will apply for a discharge at the next regular term of the Probate Court, to be held for the county of Montgomery, on the last Monday and 28th day of July, 1845, when all persons interested are requested to attend and contest the application and account of said administratrix if they think proper.

By order, J. M. SHARPEN, Judge of P. C. M. C.

G. MORRISON, WM. H. FOWLER, Clerk.

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M. O. DIMON

HAS on hand, and is constantly receiving a general assortment of Goods, suitable for the season, which he offers for sale as cheap as can be purchased in this market, and many articles as low as can be had in Houston.

More Goods Received.

2 SACKS Rio coffee
2 do Havana green coffee
2 barrels Texas sugar
4 barrels best Ohio flour
1 do Brazos molasses
1 box smoking tobacco, together with many other articles, Call and see.

M. SHARPEN & BRO.

FOR SALE

THE undersigned will sell cheap, and on accommodating terms, a pair of first rate STILLs, together with all the apparatus necessary to carry on a distillery.

3rd A. M. COWEN.

Methodist Protestant Convention

A CONVENTION of the Methodist Protestant Church will be held in Lindley's Prairie, Montgomery county, on Thursday the 24th July next, at which time and place the Clergy, and also the Laity of said Church, in this Republic, are most earnestly requested to attend, as matters of importance pertaining to the business of said church will at that period be transacted. The service will continue until the evening of the Sunday following.

H. M. A. CASSIDY, Superintendent.

All Editors in the Republic friendly to the cause of religion will confer a favor in the church by giving the above a few gratuitous insertions.

LEM. SMITH.

Cabinet Manufacturer.

AND

UPHOLSTERER.

RESIDENCE 2 MILES WEST OF

HOUSTON.

ALL kinds of work done to order at the shortest notice.

ON hand, a good supply of SHALLOON WALNUT, and other Lumber suitable for making SIDE RAILS, BUREAUS, &c. April 30th, 1845.

JUST received and will constantly keep on hand, a good assortment of Dry Goods and Groceries.

m28 tf P. J. WILLIS & BRO.

PROSPECTUS

OF THE

Montgomery Patriot.

"Let all the God then aim at, be thy Country's, thy God's, and Truth's."

The undersigned proposes publishing in the town of Montgomery, a NEWSPAPER of the above title, as soon as a sufficient number of subscribers can be obtained to justify the proprietor in the undertaking. In order that a perfect understanding may exist between the public and the Editor, we deem it expedient to issue the present number, as a specimen of what may be expected from us.

Although we do not arrogate to ourselves those high, classical, or literary attainments claimed by many of the editorial corps, yet we feel a confidence that our humble endeavors will contribute to the support of the institutions of our country generally, and the interests of our country particularly, and that at all times we will be governed by a respect for the maintenance of right, justice, freedom and humanity. Feeling almost certain of sufficient patronage from our fellow-citizens, we venture to promise that our first regular number will be published on Sunday, the 28th day of April next, and appear regularly thereafter, on every Wednesday morning.

For each volume of fifty-two numbers if paid in advance—Four dollars.

If paid within three months—Four dollars and a half. At the end of the year—Five dollars.

Advertisements per square—First insertion—One Dollar. Each subsequent insertion—Fifty cents. Announcement of Candidates under the canvass—Ten dollars.

Advertising for All Friendly or Benevolent Institutions within the county—Gratis.

J. M. WADE, Proprietor.

Montgomery, March 29th, 1845.

LOST.

A NOTE drawn in favor of Elizabeth Thompson, by Joseph T. Lynch, for seventy-four dollars and fifty cents. All persons are cautioned not to trade for the same.

Fashionable Tailor.

THE subscriber takes pleasure in offering his services to the ladies and gentlemen of the town and county, in the capacity of a fashionable tailor. He hopes from prompt attention to business, to merit and receive a liberal share of patronage. He is sure, from his experience in the business, that he shall be able to render general satisfaction to those who may favor him with their custom. Office—next door to M. O. DIMON.

B. F. DUNCAN.

Support the Patriot.

The following gentlemen will please act as agents in receiving and forwarding subscriptions to the Montgomery Patriot, and forward their lists of subscribers to this office as soon as possible.

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By the President of the Republic of Texas

A PROCLAMATION.

The Executive is now enabled to declare to the people of Texas the actual state of their affairs with respect to Mexico, to the end that they may direct and dispose thereof as they shall judge best for the honor and permanent interest of the Republic.

During the course of the last winter, it reached the knowledge of the Executive from various sources of information, independent of each other, but all worthy of attention and credit, that the late and present Government of Mexico were disposed to a peaceful settlement of the difficulties with Texas by the acknowledgment of our independence, upon the understanding that Texas would maintain her separate existence. No action was, however, could be taken upon the subject, because nothing authentic was known until the month of March last, when the representatives of France and Great Britain, near this Government, jointly and formally renewed the offer of the good offices of those powers with Mexico, for the early and peaceful settlement of this struggle, upon the basis of the acknowledgment of our independence by that Republic.

It would have been the imperative duty of the executive at once to reject these offers, if they had been accompanied by conditions of any kind whatever. But, with attractive catchwords in this respect, and great dissimulation to entangling alliances of any description, or with any power, he must declare, in a spirit of justice, that no terms or conditions have ever been proposed by the two governments in question, or either of them, as the consideration of their friendly interposition.

Naturally considering the situation of affairs at that time, the Executive felt that it was incumbent upon him not to reject this opportunity of securing to the people of this country, untrammelled by conditions, a peaceful, honorable and advantageous settlement of their difficulties with Mexico, if they should see fit to adopt that mode of adjustment.

This influenced, he accepted the good offices of the two powers, which, with those of the United States, had been previously availed by Texas, and placed in the hands of their representatives, a statement of conditions preliminary to a treaty of peace, which he declared he should be ready to submit to this people of this country for their decision and action as soon as they were adopted by the Government of Mexico. But he emphatically reminded these functionaries, for the special notice of their governments, that he was no more than the agent of the people; that he could neither control nor influence their decision; and that his bounden duty was to carry out their determination, constitutionally ascertained and expressed, be it what it might. Our representatives at the courts of France and Great Britain, in addition to the task of strengthening the friendly dispositions of those governments, was also especially instructed to press upon their attention, that, if the people of Texas should determine to put an end to the separate existence of the country, the Executive, so far as depended upon his official action, must, and would give immediate and full effect to their will.

The circumstances which preceded and led to an understanding with Mexico, have thus been stated; and the people speaking through their chosen organs, will now determine as they shall judge right. But in the mean time, and until their pleasure can be lawfully and constitutionally ascertained, it is the duty of the executive to secure to the nation the exercise of choice between the alternatives of peace with the world and independence, or annexation and its contingencies, and he has therefore to issue the following proclamation:

Whereas, Authentic proof has recently been laid before me, to the effect that the Congress of Mexico has authorized the Government to open negotiations and conclude a treaty with Texas, subject to the examination and approbation of that body, and further that the Government of Mexico has accepted the conditions prescribed on the part of Texas as preliminary to a final and definite treaty of peace.

Therefore, I, ANSON JONES, President of the Republic of Texas, and Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy and Militia thereof, do hereby make known these circumstances to the citizens of this Republic, till the same can be more fully communicated to the Honorable Congress and Convention of the people, for their lawful action, at the period of their assembling on the 16th June and 4th July next, and pending the said action, by virtue of the authority in me vested, I do hereby declare and proclaim a cessation of hostilities by land and by sea, against the Republic of Mexico, or against the citizens and trade thereof.

In testimony whereof, I have caused the great seal of the Republic to be hereunto affixed. Done at the Town of Washington, this fourth day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-five, and of the Independence of the Republic the tenth.

ANSON JONES.
By the President,
Ezekiel Adams,
Acting Secretary of State.

Navarro.

A TOWN bearing the above name has been laid out and commenced on the west bank of the Trinity river, in Robertson county, about thirty miles above the old San Antonio road and twenty miles south west from Fort Houston.

The site is both eligible and beautiful, being for near three quarters of a mile, and rising almost perpendicular to the height of near one hundred feet from low water mark to the top, and having a gentle slope or incline at each end, with a continuation to the top, and with a continuation to the top, thus furnishing a convenient and safe landing for boats and other craft.

From the front of the bluff, a perfectly level surface that extends back to the distance of a mile and a half at right angles with the river to where the country becomes gently undulating. There are a number of springs that break out in abundance of cold well water. The course of the river at "Navarro" is nearly north and south, and the bluff being on the west side, and having such vast elevation, gives the benefit of a morning sun before any of the surrounding country. This in connection with the water, which is supposed to be wholesome, fully justifies the belief that the place will be entirely healthy.

"It is a delightful prospect to see the sun rise over the bluff, extending back to the morning. It brings vividly to mind the following descriptive lines:

"Now it catches the gleam;
Of the morning's first beam;
In full glory reflected
Now shines on the stream."

In addition to the local beauty, the prospect of health, etc. Navarro combines many other important advantages as a town site; its contiguity to an extensive back country of fertile lands, that will admit of good firm roads, will make it a general depot and trading point. It is believed that the principal part of the trade from the upper Brazos, Navasoto and other tributaries of the Trinity and Brazos will center here. Among the other advantages there is one of the most safe and convenient crossings that can be found for many miles above or below; the river at the highest stage does not spread more than a mile and a half wide, and the other crossings, it spreads from three to five miles. When this fact becomes known, it will turn much of the travelling from the east and north eastern parts of the country by this place, and place it immediately on one of the great thoroughfares from those sections of the country to the west.

Building materials of good quality can be had convenient to the place, and in any quantity that may be wanted.

The proprietor is aware that misrepresentation has been almost universally resorted to in describing towns and that persons have been deceived. Being apprised of the fact, and having no wish to practice a fraud upon the public, he does not offer "Navarro" property for sale, unless it is to those who may rely upon the description here given, or such as may think proper to visit his place and examine for themselves; and he respectfully invites all such persons as may feel disposed to do so, to come and look at the place. He would further inform the public that (in order to give Navarro a start) conditions will be made for a short time to such persons as may desire to settle: one town building lot and ten acres of land adjoining the town site to married men, and one lot and five acres to young single men.

There is a regular ferry in operation at Navarro, and persons travelling from any part of the Brazos or lower country to Fort Houston or the colony, can cross at any time.

WILLIAM LITTLE, Proprietor.

Navarro, June 20, 1845.

VALUABLE LAND.

2,214 Acres

For sale.

SITUATED six and a half miles from the thriving Incorporated Town of Huntsville, and eight from Cincinnati, immediately on the "Trinity," the best navigable river in the Republic.

This tract of land will be disposed of at a low rate. It comprises about 800 acres of upland Switch cane, not in any way subject to any ravage of water. The reported healthfulness of the Trinity country—convenient to steam-boat navigation six months in the year—renders it desirable to cotton planters. The title, undisputed, granted to Allen, under the colonization act of Congress, and Texas, which character of claims have been recognized and sanctioned by legislative enactment of this government.

For more minute information, apply to Col. Joseph L. Bessard and L. Torrey, Esq. Cincinnati, or the Editor of this paper.

April 10, 1845.

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS

In District Court.

Republic of Texas. Notice to absent County of Montgomery, heirs.

THE undersigned, administrator of the estate of John C. Goodrich, dec'd., notices Archibald W. Goodrich, James M. Goodrich, Edward W. Goodrich, Maria C. Nelson, and Lucy Ann Goodrich, the wife of E. W. Goodrich, all of whom are non-residents of this Republic, that he has filed his petition in the office of the District Clerk of the county aforesaid, praying that the deeds made to the undersigned by the aforesaid parties as heirs and legatees of John C. Goodrich, dec'd., may be decreed valid by the Hon. District Court of the county aforesaid. And his notice is further given, that these interested may appear at the next term of said court, to be holden in the town of Montgomery, on the first Monday after the fourth Monday of September next, and show cause, if any they have, why said deeds should not be made, or forever disbar themselves of the rights which may be vested in the petitioner by said deeds.

B. R. GOODRICH,
93 m.
June 24th, 1845.

Notice.

LETTERS of Administration having been granted to the undersigned upon the estate of Charles M. Conrow, dec'd., on the 27th day of May, 1845, all persons having demands against said estate are required to exhibit the same to him within the time limited by law, or the same shall be barred.

E. M. CONROW, Adm'r.
Montgomery, June 24th, 1845. 96c.

NOTICE.

LETTERS of Administration having been granted to the undersigned upon the estate of William C. Clark, dec'd., on the 20th day of October, 1844, all persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit the same to her within the time limited by law, or the same shall be barred.

REBECCA CLARK,
Administratrix.
Montgomery, June 24th 1845. 96c.

NOTICE

IS hereby given that Letters of Administration upon the Estate of Solomon Smith, deceased, were granted to the Subscribing by the Hon. Judge of the Probate Court of the County of Montgomery, on the 31st of May, 1845. All persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment, and all persons having claims against it, are required to present them within the time prescribed by law, or this notice will be placed in their hands.

EMILY SMITH, Adm'r.
Montgomery, April 21st, 1845.

NOTICE.

RETAILERS of Goods, Wares, Merchandise, or Liquors in the County of Montgomery, who have not paid their license tax, in accordance with an act of Congress, passed February 23, 1845, are required to do so immediately, or they will be dealt with as the law requires.

E. J. ARNOLD,
Treasurer, M. C.

Montgomery, March.

Notice.

LETTERS testamentary having been granted to the undersigned on the estate of Allen Green, deceased, late of the County of Montgomery, and county aforesaid, by the Honorable Probate Court of said county, at its last March term, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to come forward and make immediate payment; and all persons having claims against said estate are required to present them duly authenticated within the time prescribed by law, or they will be forever barred.

JAMES S. GREEN,
JAMES SCOTT and
ABRAHAM WACK,
98 c.

NOTICE.

LETTERS of Administration having been granted to the undersigned, on the estate of George Galbraith, deceased, late of the County of Montgomery, and county aforesaid, by the Honorable Probate Court of said county, at its last April term: Notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to come forward and make immediate payment; and all persons having claims against said estate are required to present them duly authenticated within the time prescribed by law, or they will be forever barred.

E. J. ARNOLD,
Administrator.

Montgomery, May 1st, 1845.

NOTICE.

LETTERS of Administration having been granted to the undersigned on the estate of Zachariah Wilson, late of Montgomery county, deceased, by the Honorable Probate Court for the County of Montgomery, at its last June term of said court: Notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to come forward and make immediate payment; and all persons having claims against said estate are required to present them duly authenticated within the time prescribed by law, or they will be forever barred.

NANCY WILSON,
Administratrix.

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS

NOTICE.

LETTERS of Administration having been granted to the undersigned, on the estate of Lewis Ford, deceased, by the Hon. Probate Court for the County of Montgomery on the 27th December, 1844: notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to come forward and make immediate payment; and all persons having claims against said estate are required to present them, duly authenticated, within the time prescribed by law, or they will be forever barred.

E. J. ARNOLD, Adm'r.
Montgomery, March 27th, 1845.

NOTICE.

ALL persons are forewarned that trading for, or purchasing a note drawn in or of G. J. Carter, by James Ford and Samuel Stokes, for twenty-three cows and calves, payable on the 15th April, 1845, as the same was fraudulently obtained, and the drawers are determined not to pay it.

JAMES FORD.

Montgomery, April, 1845. 1 t. t.

WARNING.

THE subscriber has been informed from a respectable source, (Col. J. Devereux and Col. Mathew Wood) that one Seaborn Jones Frazer has attempted to pass a note on said Wood, which he purports to be made by him, for 75 cows and calves. I do positively deny the existence of any such note under my hand, made by me in this county or any other, and I leave the community to judge how it originated, and were then from trading for the same, as I will not pay it.

J. W. BARNES,
Punthaps, Montgomery co. m28 tf

LOOK OUT.

ALL those indebted to the Subscriber by note or account must make immediate payment, or their accounts will be placed in the hands of an officer for collection forthwith.

P. J. WILLIS

Administrator's Sale.

PURSUANCE of an order of the Probate Court of Montgomery county, made at its March Term, 1845, I shall, on the first Tuesday in July next, at the court house door in the town of Montgomery, on a credit of 12 months, proceed to sell six hundred and forty acres of land, situate on the waters of Trinity river, and belonging to the estate of John C. Goodrich, deceased. Bond with approved surety will be required.

JONATHAN S. CO. LARD,
Administrator.

Dissolution of Partnership.

THE Partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned and Wm. Clark, and known as the Lake Creek Settlement, and having a rich and industrious population, it is desired to be, in a short time, a town of considerable importance.

WM. CLARK.

Cincinnati, May 7th, 1845.

Justice's Court.

Republic of Texas.

County of Montgomery.

J. T. D. Wilson

vs.

John S. Stansberry.

THE Defendant John S. Stansberry is hereby notified to appear at my office in the town of Montgomery, and county aforesaid, on the 10th of July next, to answer said suit, or judgment will be taken by default.

R. B. MARTIN, J. P.

Montgomery June 10th, 1845. 84 c.

Justice's Court.

Republic of Texas.

County of Montgomery.

J. T. D. Wilson,

vs.

Wm. R. Sorle.

THE Defendant Wm. R. Sorle is hereby notified to appear at my office in the town of Montgomery, and county aforesaid, on the 10th of July next, to answer said suit, or judgment will be taken by default.

R. B. MARTIN, J. P.

Montgomery county.

Montgomery, June 10, 1845. 84 c.

HUNTSVILLE IN.

THE undersigned respectfully informs his friends and the public generally that he has opened a HOUSE OF ENTERTAINMENT, on the south side of the public square in the town of Huntsville, where he will at all times be supplied with the best of the country, and will be taken by the Subscriber to contribute to the comfort of those who may favor him with a call.

JAMES SKINNER.

Terms:

Single meal.....\$0 25

Horse feed.....0 25

For supper, lodging, breakfast

and horse feed.....1 00

Board per month, cash.....10 00

Do do do trade.....10 00

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Button, Buttons, Buttons,
Ready made clothing,
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Boys' Velvet Caps,
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