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**ARTICLES ABOUT TYLER AND SMITH COUNTY, TEXAS
1868-1870**

DALLAS HERALD, January 4, 1867 [sic—should be 1868], p. 2, c. 5

The mail courier on the route between Tyler and Paris, Texas, was arrested in Quitman, Wood County, on Wednesday last by affidavit made by Mr. Pohst, P. M. at Quitman, for purloining a registered envelope from the mailbag while en route for Tyler, and taking therefrom 90 dollars. Mr. McIntosh, the mail carrier, was examined before Thos. McCarty, U. S. Commissioner, at Canton, Van Zandt county, and committed to jail at Tyler, in default of bail, to await his trial before the U. S. Circuit Court.—Marshall Flag, 14th.

FLAKE'S BULLETIN [GALVESTON], January 4, 1868, p. 4, c. 1

The Tyler Index thinks that, because FLAKE'S BULLETIN urges the improvement of the harbor, building the bridge and other improvements, that Galveston must be badly situated for a large empire, and that Texas had better look out for another site for her communicative city. This reminds us of the man, who growled at the sheep for producing only wool. He wanted the breeches grown ready made. God creates the sites for great cities. He leaves to the industry of man to properly use the materials which he has given.

The Boston Post talks rather flippantly of our poetess:

"Texas is agitated over its first poetess, who is, if we may believe one local paper, superior to Longfellow and Jean Ingelow, and equaled only Tennyson. The name of this prodigy is Mollie E. Moore."

TEXAS REPUBLICAN [MARSHALL], January 4, 1868, p. 2, c. 5

From the great and frequent efforts being made by the Bulletin to have the grade of the city raised, the inner bar removed or the channel deepened and the bridges built so as to connect the place with dry land; we have concluded that Galveston has but small pretensions to being a suitable site for a great commercial city.—Tyler Index.

TEXAS REPUBLICAN [MARSHALL], January 11, 1868, p. 2, c. 3

The Quitman Clipper learns that a few nights since the house of Mr. Craddock, of Wood county, was fired into, fortunately for the inmates, doing them no hurt. Negroes mounted and armed, from Smith county, did the deed. After this, the same party of negroes, and another of white men met, when a skirmish ensued, which terminated in the killing of several blacks, and dispersing the remainder of them.

TEXAS REPUBLICAN [MARSHALL], January 18, 1868, p. 3, c. 2

The proceedings of the Tyler Bar meeting, found elsewhere in this paper, show in what high appreciation Judge R. A. Reeves is held by the legal profession; and

while the bar could not lay aside the rules of etiquette to give expression to their opinion of the military incumbent, we opine that, with the exception of those who seek Radical favor, the opinion, if expressed, would have been in no way complimentary.

The only official act of the new incumbent, Judge Earle, which has come to our notice, is the refusal to grant a writ of *habeas corpus*, in the case of Mr. Chancey, who has been held in military custody at this place for months, and against whom there are not charges which will justify the military in bringing him before a court martial, and against whom our grand jury, at its recent sitting, could find no testimony to found a truebill, and whose release the Post Commander has recommended, and, we understand, expressed his entire willingness to deliver him up on the issuance of the writ. This remarkable decision is sufficient commentary upon the animus of Judge Earle. It is clear that "liberty of speech and the press," "write of habeas corpus," "trial by jury," and other terms used in the patriotic order of General Hancock, which comes like the voice of deliverance to our long suffering people, grate harshly upon his ears and awake no response of gratitude in his bosom.—Reporter.

TEXAS REPUBLICAN [MARSHALL], January 18, 1868, p. 2, c. 5

We learn that the Tyler Reporter, of the 8th inst. that Col. B. T. Selman died of apoplexy last Sunday morning, at his residence in that place. The deceased was one of their oldest and best citizens, a lawyer of established reputation, and a thorough gentleman. He has served the people of Smith county in both branches of the Legislature, and in the recent State Convention. In all these capacities he has proven worthy of the trust reposed by the people.

TEXAS REPUBLICAN [MARSHALL], January 25, 1868, p. 2, c. 3

We recently had occasion to rebuke the editor of the Tyler Index, a radical sheet, with associating the names of Webster and Clay with his atrocious doctrines, and to say that if those illustrious men could hear such language as he utters, coming from the South, they would turn over in their coffins. . . . Dr. Eason thinks just as we do, and desires the "wood"en headed editor of the Index to stick to Horace Greeley, Abe Lincoln, Wendell Phillips, Abby Folsom, Fred Douglas, and his other associates.

TEXAS REPUBLICAN [MARSHALL], January 25, 1868, p. 2, c. 4

"The National Index, a large, well printed, ably conducted, and soundly radical paper, published at Tyler, Texas, finds its way to our sanctum, asking an exchange; of course we Ex. A few years ago the reception by a citizen of Texas, of our News, to say nothing of the attempt to publish an anti-slavery paper there, would have cost him expatriation, perhaps, his life, but the war has changed all this, thank God. The number of the Index before us, contains an able defence [sic] of Phil. Sheridan, our candidate for Vice-President, against the aspersions of Southern rebels and Norther copperheads, which we will reprint next week. The Index has for its motto, the

glorious words of glorious old Jackson, "National Union, It must be preserved." Of course, the Index is in favor of the congressional plan of Reconstruction, negro suffrage and all."—McGregor (Iowa) News.

Of course it is, and a great deal more. But this Texas editor, whom you so highly compliment, was bitterly opposed, at the close of the war, to the abolition of slavery, and urged the President to protect it, contending that the negro was not fit for freedom, and that his elevation would ruin the country. But radicalism carried the day, the editor lost his negroes, and now he is in for—office! He is about as sincere as the thousand of other white radicals in the South, who have turned against their own section, and care not what follows, so that they are promoted, and make money.

TEXAS REPUBLICAN [MARSHALL], January 25, 1868, p. 2, c. 5

A Fiendish Suggestion.—In speaking of the interruption of the Caldwell-negro Radical meeting at Marshall, the National Index, an infamous paper published at Tyler, by one S. D. Wood, the following incendiary language is used:

"Harrison county has enough freedmen in it to suppress these mobs and a few more acts as this repeated, and they will most likely do it, if not we'll lend them some, long enough for Judge Caldwell to speak."

We trust the negroes will pay no attention to such suggestions. The man who can make such is unworthy the respect of the blackest freedman in Texas.—Henderson Times.

DALLAS HERALD, February 1, 1868, p. 3, c. 3

Hon. B. T. Selman, a prominent citizen, and able lawyer, died at Tyler, Texas, of apoplexy, on the 5th January.

TEXAS REPUBLICAN [MARSHALL], February 1, 1868, p. 2, c. 4

[Summary: Letter from B. R. Lignoski on a mass meeting in Palestine.]

The Tyler Reporter contains a feeling obituary notice of Mrs. Eliza R. Hubbard, wife of Col. R. B. Hubbard, who died at her home near Mount Sylvan, Smith county, on the 3rd of January, in the 28th year of her age. The writer says:

"No word of eulogy is needed to perpetuate her memory among the hosts of friends who know and loved her during those early years. Her virtues are enshrined in their hearts and her open, frank, and generous nature, ever radiant with kindness and charity, will be a bright and cherished memory forever. As a *child*, she was dutiful; as a *wife*, tender and affectionate; and as a *Mother*, faithful to her loving trusts. She was the mother of six children—the three eldest of whom have long since passed through the 'beautiful gates' of Paradise. The three youngest, so young in years, will never know a mother's love and a mother's gentle care. May the God of the orphan protect them! She was conscious of approaching death—and expressed the beautiful hope that her 'troubles and afflictions would soon be over,' in that better land 'where the wicked cease from troubling and the weary are at rest.'"

Our heartfelt sympathies are extended to the bereaved husband, in this hour of sad affliction.

FLAKE'S BULLETIN [GALVESTON], February 2, 1868, p. 1, c. 5

Telegraph Line from Tyler to Dallas.

Marshall, Texas, Jan. 11, 1868.

Editor Dallas Herald:

Sir: The line of Telegraph from this place to Tyler, via Henderson, is about being completed, and I propose extending it westward to Canton, Kaufman, and Dallas; that is, if the people of Canton, Kaufman and Dallas will assist in the extension. The cost of a line of telegraph from Tyler to Dallas, [distance one hundred miles,] will be (\$10,000) ten thousand dollars, U. S. currency. A joint stock company will be made—cash capital \$10,000—shares \$100 each—number of shares one hundred. If the people of Canton, Kaufman and Dallas will take eighty of these shares, I will obligate myself by giving bond with three good securities, to finish and put up a No. 1 line of Telegraph from Dallas to Tyler, at a specified time, which shall be mentioned in the bond; placing you in connection (elegraphically [sic?]) with the outer world.—The parties taking stock can retain it and receive their portion of the dividends or cancel it by telegraphing.

Please sound your people, and see what number of shares will be taken at your place. An early reply is requested.

Yours truly,

W. A. Wherry,
Sup. M & T Telegraph Co.

DALLAS HERALD, February 8, 1868, p. 2, c. 7
(from letter from Kaufman, Texas, Feb. 1, 1868)

The Assessor of Internal Revenue here seized two loads of whiskey, *en route* for the upper country, which did not wear the evidence that the tax had been paid. The teams are also held. It is all, I learn, the property of a firm in Smith County.

FLAKE'S BULLETIN [GALVESTON], February 15, 1868, p. 3, c. 3

The telegraph from Marshal [sic] to Tyler will soon be in working order.

TEXAS REPUBLICAN [MARSHALL], February 15, 1868, p. 2, c. 3

The telegraphic line to Tyler is up, in working order. The first dispatches were expected yesterday.

The Tyler Reporter of the 5th contains a caustic criticism upon the action of the Houston Conservative Convention, and winds up by saying, "that with present

convictions we are unwilling to do otherwise than advise the Conservatives not to note in the election."

TEXAS REPUBLICAN [MARSHALL], February 15, 1868, p. 2, c. 9

A few days ago we had the pleasure of taking by the *left* hand that veteran "tramp" and typo, old "Paddy" Burns. That good right arm with which in days of "auld lang syne" he clicked the speaking types so faithfully, is gone—torn off, as he says "by a thieving railroad in Illinois." We trust he may live to count over and over again every cent [scratch in film] he has against said road, and that in his declining years he may enjoy all the comfort which oney [sic] and the society of his loving "daughter" (of whom he is now in search,) can afford.—Tyler Reporter.

FLAKE'S BULLETIN [GALVESTON], February 20, 1868, p. 4, c. 3

We have a specimen of bituminous or stone coal, from a deposit just found near Thorn's Saline, in this county. The strata is said to be two feet thick, and was discovered eighteen feet below the surface of the earth, by some parties digging a well. The specimen we have is very pure, and if the quantity is sufficient the discovery may be made profitable.—Tyler Reporter.

WEEKLY AUSTIN REPUBLICAN, March 4, 1868, p. 1, c. 7

[Summary: Article from Tyler Reporter on hazards of planting too soon in the spring.]

FLAKE'S BULLETIN [GALVESTON], March 8, 1868, p. 4, c. 1

The telegraph line is completed, and in working order between Tyler and Marshall.

TEXAS REPUBLICAN [MARSHALL], March 14, 1868, p. 2, c. 6

The Tyler Reporter is now publishing the telegrams daily, and sees no reason why its subscription list should not increase rapidly. Neither do we. It is an excellent paper.

The postoffice [sic] in Smith county heretofore known as Selma, has been changed to Etna.

FLAKE'S BULLETIN [GALVESTON], March 20, 1868, p. 4, c. 4

A very fine specimen of native claret was presented to us by Mr. J. T. Waldert [sic--Woldert] of Tyler, Texas. Mr. Waldert has on hand also large quantities of Catawba and other native wine manufactured by himself from the different vintages since 1864.—Dallas Herald, March 7.

TEXAS REPUBLICAN [MARSHALL], March 21, 1868, p. 2, c. 5

We learn from the Tyler Index that on the morning of the 5th inst. the furniture

shop of Shepherd & Rogers was consumed by fire. It contained a considerable amount of furniture. Loss from 12 to \$1500.

FLAKE'S BULLETIN [GALVESTON], March 27, 1868, p. 5, c. 3

On mail route No. 8596, which is that known here as the Palestine route, A. B. Norton is contractor. The postmaster informs us that the Southern mail over this route arrives here at an average of about once a month by regular carrier. We believe that Col. Montgomery, heretofore in command of this military post, in order to secure his own mail matter, and for the accommodation of the community, has frequently conveyed the mail from Palestine to this place, which will increase the average arrivals considerably.—The paper mail was being brought up by a government wagon a few days ago, and was accidentally upset in a stream and literally drowned out. The P. M. invited us to take up our exchanges with a *spoon!* More than two-thirds of the mail matter by that trip is a total loss by the accident. All this is perhaps none of our business, but we refer to it to say that such imposition as Mr. Norton is practicing upon the government and community should not be allowed, and he ought either to be compelled to abandon his contract or carry the mail properly. The horseback service on this route is insufficient at best, and rendered doubly so by misconduct. If Mr. Norton would devote more time and attention to his mail contract, and less to making Radical speeches he would be nothing loser and this community much gainer.—*Tyler Reporter, March 18.*

DALLAS HERALD, March 28, 1868, p. 2, c. 7

In a series of orders from Headquarters District of Texas, dated February 25th, 27th and 28th, and March 4th, Gen. Reynolds orders nearly if not quite all the temporary posts in the Interior of the State discontinued and the troops now occupying them to the frontier, to garrison the new line of posts recently established by Gen. Hancock. . . .

The post of Tyler, Smith county, Texas, is hereby discontinued.

The Companies of the 26th U. S. Infantry, there stationed, will proceed to Point Isabel, Texas.

DALLAS HERALD, March 28, 1868, p. 3, c. 3

List of Delegates to the Convention

15—Smith—G. Whitmore, G. G. Slaughter (white radicals)

TEXAS REPUBLICAN [MARSHALL], April 16, 1868, p. 2, c. 3

The Tyler Index gives an account of a negro boy 15 or 16 years of age, who was hung in Upshur county, about the 10th of March last. The parties suspicioned him of attempting to steal a horse, and took him before a magistrate for examination. There not being sufficient proof to confine him, he was discharged. They started back with him, and afterwards reported he had escaped. He

was subsequently found in the woods, having been hung, without judge or jury. The Index says that Mr. Barlow and a young Mr. Jeter, who had him in charge, have fled. We agree with the Index in condemning all such crimes, and think the authors of them should be punished to the extent of the law.

TEXAS REPUBLICAN [MARSHALL], April 18, 1868, p. 2, c. 3

The Tyler Index publishes a list of cases in bankruptcy, filed in the U. S. District Court, at Tyler, up to the 7th of April, instant, alphabetically arranged. They comprise 206 cases. Among the names, there are many that have been long familiar to us, and are men with whom we sympathise [sic], in their present misfortunes. They wielded a few years ago their thousands to-day they are compelled to seek this means of [fold in paper] brings to the officers the snug little sum of \$30,900. Whitmore and his radical allies, are in a very appropriate business. They are growing fat upon other people's misfortunes.

TEXAS REPUBLICAN [MARSHALL], April 18, 1868, p. 2, c. 2

Major Bradfield upon reading the criticism of the Tyler Index upon the present management of the Southern Pacific Railroad, so far as he is concerned, and he thought he was doing pretty well. That he has taken charge of the road in December last, and, with the exception of four days, had made daily trips regularly, to and from Shreveport, carrying freight and passengers. That he had been abused during that period but by two people: the editor of the Index and an old Irish woman.

FLAKE'S BULLETIN [GALVESTON], April 24, 1868, p. 5, c. 2

From Tyler.—*Result of the trial of Dr. T. J. Warren.*—By a special dispatch from Tyler, we are informed that the case of the State of Texas vs. T. J. Warren and Wiley Adams, charged with the murder of James W. Bates, was concluded on Wednesday evening, the parties being held to bail.—Warren in the sum of \$50,000, and Adams (colored) \$20,000. It is thought that the case will be immediately taken before the Supreme Court now in session at Tyler. Col. Geo. W. Chilton and Hon. T. J. Jennings are the counsel for the defense, and Hon. S. P. Donley and Col. Herndon are prosecuting.—*Houston Telegraph, April 11.*

FLAKE'S BULLETIN [GALVESTON], April 26, 1868, p. 4, c. 5

The Marshall Republican has the following:

The Tyler Index publishes a list of cases in bankruptcy, filed in the U. S. District Court center at Tyler, filed up to the 7th of April, instant, alphabetically arranged. They comprise 200 cases. Among the names there are many that have long been familiar to us, and are men with whom we sympathise [sic] in their present misfortunes. They wielded, a few years ago, their thousands, to-day they are

compelled to seek this means of relief. Averaging each case at \$150, it brings to the officers the snug little sum of \$30,000. Whitmore and his Radical allies are in a very appropriate business. They are growing fat upon other people's misfortunes.

There are some papers so anxious to make ill-natured flings, that they overstep the bounds and become ridiculous. These officers are growing rich, if at all, on the good fortunes of the debtors. Were there no bankrupt law kindly provided to relieve them of obligations due in great part to Northern creditors, they would not pay the fees to officers.

FLAKE'S BULLETIN [GALVESTON], May 8, 1866, p. 4, c. 3

It is said that the prospect for a wheat crop in the interior is very poor. This should admonish farmers of the necessity of making every possible effort to secure a large yield of corn, so that corn bread at least may be abundant and cheap. Peas, potatoes, and other provision crops should also receive proper attention.—*Tyler Reporter*.

Horrid Murder.

From the Tyler Index, April 11th.]

We learn through a gentleman from Upshur, that a horrid murder has been committed in that county some 7 or 8 miles South of Gilmer, near the Hagan's Ferry road, upon the person of a negro boy some 15 or 16 years of age.

The negro boy had been at work for a Mr. Jeter, with whom some of the family had some difficulty. At night the negro was seen by Mr. Jeter's son in the horse lot with a rope in his hand. The next morning young Jeter and Mr. Barlow arrested the negro on a charge of horse stealing, took him before a Justice, who discharged him, as there was no evidence to convict him. The gentlemen started with him to Gilmer, but after being gone several hours, he returned, remarking that the prisoner had escaped. This occurred some time between the first and tenth of March. Some few mornings since, a lad in the neighborhood of Gum Branch was out turkey hunting and found the negro hung to a dogwood limb, his knees upon the ground, with evident marks of having been killed and then hung up to the tree in the position he was found. Circumstances lead to the suspicion of young Mr. Jeter and Mr. Barlow, his brother-in-law, who have fled from the country.

TEXAS REPUBLICAN, May 15, 1868, p. 1, c. 5-6.

[from Henderson Times]

The village of Jamestown and surrounding neighborhood, in Smith county, was principally settled by wealthy Alabamians in 1851. They gave name to the village. Some of the older Texans in the neighborhood thought "James" was rather

too aristocratic, and hence the contraction "Jimtown."

"Seven League," in Smith county, takes its name from its being on an old seven league land claim, about which there has been much litigation.

We have had the assistance of an old Texan, remarkable for his accuracy, and think the explanations given will be found strictly correct."

TEXAS REPUBLICAN [MARSHALL], May 15, 1868, p. 2, c. 2

We find in the Tyler Index, a radical sheet, two decisions rendered by C. C. Caldwell, one of the Associate Justices of the Supreme Court of this state under military appointment, that, in our judgment, invoke criticism. [one case of perjury from Marion county, one case against T. J. Warren and Wiley Adams in the murder of James Bates]

TEXAS REPUBLICAN [MARSHALL], May 15, 1868, p. 1, c. 1

Col. S. D. Wood, editor of the Tyler Index, passed through this place a day or two ago, on his way to Chicago, to attend the Radical National Convention. If the nigger delegates are admitted, he will have an odorous time of it.

TEXAS REPUBLICAN [MARSHALL], May 15, 1868, p. 2, c. 6

[Summary: Tyler Index criticism of the Texas Republican's "sanctum" as being a "free and easy concern"—evidently the TR's editor was caught drinking to excess.]

DALLAS HERALD, May 16, 1868, p. 2, c. 2

Col. Crockett informs us that the Supreme Court of the State and the United States District Court were both in session at Tyler last week.

Colonel John M. Crockett has our thanks for a copy of the Tyler Reporter of the 6th inst. Our mails from that direction are so irregular that we rarely get a late paper from Southeastern Texas.

DALLAS HERALD, May 23, 1868, p. 3, c. 1

Our contemporary, W. G. Barrett, of the Harrison *Flag*, spent last Sunday in our town, and we had the pleasure of taking hold of his honest, fraternal hand. Barrett is one of the best newspaper men in the State, as both the weekly and daily *Flag* attest, and if we know a word that would help him along we would not withhold it. He is now on a visit to the northwestern counties, and we commend him heartily to the good people wherever he may travel.

Tyler Reporter.

R. D. Coughanour, Esq., of this place has our thanks for a copy of the Tyler Reporter of the 14th, of course in advance of the U. S. mail.

WEEKLY AUSTIN REPUBLICAN, May 27, 1868, p. 4, c. 6

Again has the "Grim Monster Death," visited the household of our Editor. In

September last, Judge Wood had the misfortune to lose his amiable and affectionate wife, Mrs. Ophelia R. Wood, who died leaving to his protecting care seven children of tender years, the youngest of whom (less than seven months old) passed from this "vale of tears" on the 1st inst., and joined its mother already in Heaven. Early next morning, Judge Wood departed for Harrison county, whither he follows the remains of his lovely child to their last resting place, in the family tomb, beside those of its mother.—*Tyler Reporter*.

TEXAS REPUBLICAN [MARSHALL], May 29, 1868, p. 2, c. 6

The Editor of the Tyler Reporter on the Rampage.—The editor of the Tyler Reporter having offended our associate, who is at present editing the Jefferson Times, Mc, got fretted and denominated him a Jack, whereupon the Reporter man, comes back, and actually brays at both of us, as follows: "Baa-ee! Baa-ee! Baa-ee!" The reply is unanswerable. We haven't a word to say; and we do not think friend Mc can vouchsafe a reply. It reminds us of the Irishman, who, for the first time contemplating a mule going through this interesting performance, watched him with great interest until the close, and then exclaimed: "And be jabbers and he didn't puke after all."

TEXAS REPUBLICAN [MARSHALL], May 29, 1868, p. 2, c. 6

Lt. Gregory, in charge of the Bureau at Tyler, was shot, on the 9th, by the accidental discharge of a pistol. The Reporter says the wound is severe but not dangerous.

DAILY AUSTIN REPUBLICAN, July 3, 1868, p. 2, c. 4-5, p. 4, c. 1-2

Report of the Committee on Lawlessness and Violence, Republican Convention, Austin, Texas.

p. 2, c. 5

In compiling the number of homicides, for example, we have included only such cases as are either officially reported, or distinctly mentioned or remembered by affiants. And we have ventured no statement which is not fully warranted by facts. . . . We have directed our investigations to the homicides committed during the period of time intervening between the close of the rebellion and the 1st of June, 1868. . . .

	Whites	Freedmen	
Killed in 1865,	39	38	77
" 1866,	70	72	142
" 1867,	166	165	331
" 1868,	171	133	304
Year unknown	24	21	45
Of unknown race	_____	_____	<u>40</u>
Total,	470	429	

making a grand Total of 939 Homicides committed in Texas since the conclusion of the war—June 1865, to June 1st, 1868. . . .

Of these 939 homicides there were		
by whites,	464 whites, 373 freedmen,	833
by freedmen,	10 " 48 "	58
and by parties whose race is unknown		48

[includes conclusions and examples]

p. 5, c. 3

During the years 1865, 1866 and 1867, as shown by the State Department, there were 249 indictments for murder found in the District courts of the State, and only 5 convictions, about 2 percent. of the whole. And it is a fact known to all, that for the 900 murders known to have been committed since the conclusion of the war, there has been but one capital execution according to the forms of law; and that was the execution of a freedman in the county of Harris.

[Summary: G. W. Whitmore, of Tyler, was on the committee.]

TEXAS REPUBLICAN [MARSHALL], June 12, 1868, p. 2, c. 5

"We believe it is a medical truism, that an overdose of poison fails to kill, when a less quantity would have completed the job. We took too much—Loughery and McCutchan both at once; hence it did not prove fatal—did not even 'puke' us!"—Tyler Reporter.

It is also a medical truism that an overdose of poison fails to kill from the fact that it produces vomiting. Vomiting, in such cases, as a remedy, is regarded as indispensable. Our contemporary was therefore unfortunate, if his braying failed to produce such an effect. But we are really surprised that he had any difficulty in vomiting. We thought he could puke at a moment's notice.

TEXAS REPUBLICAN [MARSHALL], June 19, 1868, p. 2, c. 6

Lieut. Barrett, of the Freedmen's Bureau is taking some high handed measures at Tyler. A white man by the name of Crum, charged with rape upon a negro woman, was tried before Judge Earle, (a radical,) and after an impartial hearing was acquitted by the jury. "The negro woman who made the complaint was examined as a witness, and contradicted herself in a material fact stated on a former trial before the committing court. Against her solitary and uncorroborated testimony was the testimony of a white man and a lad some twelve years old. The defendant went to trial without the testimony of an absent white man witness who was sworn on the committing trial a few days before, and also contradicted the negress witness in question. The character and testimony of these witnesses were unimpeached." No sooner was the defendant turned loose than he was rearrested by Lt. Barrett, and held a prisoner until the next day, when he was released on a bond of \$500 to appear when called on. Why do the people of Tyler submit to such outrages?

TEXAS REPUBLICAN [MARSHALL], June 26, 1868, p. 2, c. 7

The Tyler Reporter states that "Bradley's Grand Illuminated Tableaux" is a humbug.

TEXAS REPUBLICAN [MARSHALL], June 26, 1868, p. 1, c. 6

List of Bankrupts.

From the Tyler Index.

The following comprises a complete list of cases in Bankruptcy filed in the U. S. District Court at Tyler, from the 7th day of April, up to the 1st day of June, 1868, with Docket number of each:

Awalt, Wm. J	261	Leftwich, Jas. A.	356
Adams, P. P.	284	Logan, A. H.	364
Adair, Geo. R.	292	Lang, Francis	366
Alsup, J. A.	322	Lybrand, D. D.	370
Allen, T. J.	374	Ligon, W. W.	372
Anderson, B. B.	418	Lewis, Thos R.	408
Baker, Chas.	228	Lawton, Geo. F.	441
Browder, E. C.	247	Matlock, T. B.	217
Burns, S. T.	265	Myrick, John	232
Beaty, James H.	275	Moore, W. J.	239
Brewer, Asa	285	Mount, R. C.	240
Brooks, Wm.	300	Matthews, W. D.	267
Bradfield, Wm.	328	Moore, James E.	286
Blackwell, R. B.	332	Mays, E. G.	294
Box, Jno. W.	335	Muckleroy, Jesse H.	295
Brown, Joseph M.	342	Milner, Geo. W.	346
Bruce, Wm. M.	357	Marrey, W. D.	355
Bruton, David	386	Marrey, J. A.	358
Bohannan, W. C.	400	Martin, Thos. G.	368
Bradbury, H. G.	401	Moody, Lewis	375
Burns, W. B.	405	Martin, Wm. H.	383
Beard, P. W. B.	406	Metcalf, V. S.	391
Brinson, M. J.	424	Moore, J. W.	415
Bell, B. M.	426	Michaux & Robison	425
Bright, H. S.	430	Morrill, W. W.	435
Cooper, W. H.	208	Moore, Samuel	440
Conner, A. J.	233	McFadin, James W.	264
Crawford, W. L.	234	McKay, A.	274
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TEXAS REPUBLICAN [MARSHALL], July 10, 1868, p. 2, c. 3

Our contemporary of the Tyler Reporter is a great man to "own up." He frankly acknowledges that he *is* a flea-bitten editor," and says:

"Yes; but it's a consolation to know that our black spots are only skin deep! What hit you?"

There it is again. More envy. This editor actually skips around glorying in his condition.

TEXAS REPUBLICAN [MARSHALL], July 10, 1868, p. 2, c. 4

The Tyler Index favors George W. Whitmore as the Radical candidate for Governor. Regarding that party as the meanest and vilest ever organized, the recommendation is most appropriate and timely.

TEXAS REPUBLICAN [MARSHALL], July 10, 1868, p. 2, c. 5

The Tyler Index contains five marriage notices. Among them is that of Mr. B. W. Reilly, the publisher of that paper, to Miss Elizabeth R. Featherston.

Three negroes recently escaped from the jail at Tyler, by running over the jailor when he opened the door. The Reporter states that two were recaptured; the other made his escape.

TEXAS REPUBLICAN [MARSHALL], July 10, 1868, p. 2, c. 7

The bowl of honey and basket of plums, it is presumed, made no perceptible change in the countenance of the editor of the Tyler Reporter. He says, with an exclamation point, as if he gloried in his ugliness, that "the principal change was in his stomach." He thus concludes:

"But upon what diet have you feasted, friend Loughery, to give you so pleasing (?) an expression of countenance? Don't you love green grapes and salt?"

Of course every sensible reader will attribute such remarks to downright envy.

DAILY AUSTIN REPUBLICAN, August 4, 1868, p. 2, c. 2

Judge Hancock stated in his speech on Saturday last, that there has been but one instance of opposition to the military authorities in Texas, and that took place sometime ago in Freestone county. . . . We would also inform him that at Tyler the officer in command has been for some time on the defensive, several of his men have

been killed and reinforcements have been called for by the officer to enable him to hold the post.

DAILY AUSTIN REPUBLICAN, August 4, 1868, p. 4, c. 4-5
[Summary: "Reign of terror" in Hopkins County, Texas]

TEXAS REPUBLICAN [MARSHALL], August 7, 1868, p. 2, c. 5
[Summary: Charge that George W. Whitmore took oath to support confederacy after secession while a member of the State House. Tyler Index denies.]

DAILY AUSTIN REPUBLICAN, August 15, 1868, p. 2, c. 3
We were pleased to notice yesterday that our old friend and former companion in arms, the Hon. G. H. Slaughter of Smith, differed with his colleague Mr. Whitmore and remained with the regular Convention.

DAILY AUSTIN REPUBLICAN, August 18, 1868, p. 3, c. 5
[Summary: Letter from Palestine on intolerable conditions]

TEXAS REPUBLICAN [MARSHALL], August 21, 1868, p. 2, c. 4
The Tyler Index thinks we ought to feel shabby about our fruit notice. Certainly among all our contemporaries we know of no one who is a better judge of what constitutes shabbiness.

TEXAS REPUBLICAN [MARSHALL], August 21, 1868, p. 2, c. 5
Seymour's physicians say he is likely to become crazy within a year. If he has any hopes of defeating Grant, he is crazy already.—Tyler Index.

TEXAS REPUBLICAN [MARSHALL], August 21, 1868, p. 2, c. 8
The editor of the Tyler Index thinks the agony just commenced with the radicals will close in November. He is mistaken. They will continue to writhe in agony even after the defeat and destruction of their party by the fiat of the people.

TEXAS REPUBLICAN [MARSHALL], August 28, 1868, p. 2, c. 6
The cotton worm, which made its appearance in our county a few weeks ago, has not spread beyond a few farms, some of which are badly injured. The dry weather of the past six weeks has kept back the worm, but has cut off the cotton in many places very considerably, by causing it to shed most of its squares. There is almost a drought prevailing at this time. Tyler Reporter.

TEXAS REPUBLICAN [MARSHALL], August 28, 1868, p. 2, c. 3
The present Bureau Agent [fold in paper] in a series of difficulties ever since he has been there, and there have been constant apprehensions of outbreaks, violence,

and bloodshed. Why is this? A more orderly, law-abiding pleasant place than Tyler cannot be found in the State. That has been the character of the place for years. We venture to say that any respectable officer, not disposed to assume more authority than reasonably belongs to him, and let the civil law take its course, rendering it only such assistance as may enable its officers to faithfully perform their duty, can get along without the slightest difficulty. More than this, he will be treated with respect and courtesy. But unfortunately, if all accounts be true, Lt. Barrett is deficient in good sense, as all such men are, and as his own conduct proves, and exercises neither judgment nor prudence. He is one of that class that forgets the war is over, and chooses to regard every man who objects to his tyrannical rule, as a "rebel," or "rebel sympathiser [sic]," and an enemy to the government. Such men are capable of doing an infinite amount of mischief. They disorganize and demoralize society, inculcate unnecessary and wickedly a hatred of the government, and form, by their own outrageous conduct, an excuse to the lawless for their violations of the law. But for them the people would, from their own virtuous and patriotic volition, put down everything in the shape of disorder. They poison all the springs of virtuous action. Violent politicians, when they ought to be soldiers, with "negro on the brain," when they should eschew politics, and tyrants by nature, when they ought to be impartial, their moral instincts are corrupted or rendered obtuse by their own passions. When a community is cursed by such a man, they ought to hold public meetings and pass resolutions exhibiting his conduct, and send to "headquarters" for his removal, until it is effected, and a sensible man put in his place. We are tired of hearing of Lt. Barrett and his insane difficulties. We hope that in a spirit of kindness and mercy, he will be sent to the frontier, where his fighting proclivities will find vent in either killing the Indians or driving them into the desert. The intelligence that his present position will be properly supplied, very soon, will be cheering to our Tyler friends.

DALLAS HERALD, August 29, 1868, p. 2, c. 5

[Summary: "Letter from Lignoski", McKinney, dated August 18, 1868]

DAILY AUSTIN REPUBLICAN, September 4, 1868, p. 3, c. 3

[Summary: Quitman Clarion—Wood County murder]

DAILY AUSTIN REPUBLICAN, September 12, 1868, p. 2, c. 2

[Summary: Continuing saga of the Bickerstaff gang at Sulphur Springs. This continues for several months]

DALLAS HERALD, September 12, 1868, p. 2, c. 4

Very fast for Uncle Sam.—One day last week we received by the Kaufman mail the Tyler papers printed about middle of last May.

DAILY AUSTIN REPUBLICAN, September 14, 1868, p. 2, c. 4-5
[Summary: Ku Klux Klan near Paris, TX]

TEXAS REPUBLICAN [MARSHALL], October 2, 1868, p. 2, c. 5

The following companies have been sent from this point to the interior of the State:

Tyler—Brv't. Maj. Jewett, with 1 company.

TEXAS REPUBLICAN [MARSHALL], October 9, 1868, p. 2, c. 8-9

[Summary: Letter from Canton, Van Zandt County to Tyler Reporter outlining problems and violence at Jordan Saline]

DAILY AUSTIN REPUBLICAN, October 12, 1868, p. 3, c. 2

Tyler, Smith County, }
Oct. 1st, 1868. }

Editor Republican:

The conservative party must be in a desperate condition when its supporters lower themselves to a meddlesome interference in the private affairs of their opponents, parading them falsely before the public for the double purpose of personal injury and political effect.

The statement made in the Galveston Civilian, and circulated in other conservative papers, that the undersigned, "Came the confidence game over Mr. James Raymond to the tune of several hundred dollars to be refunded out of his per diem pay as a member of the Convention," is a malicious falsehood, and also imputes to Mr. Raymond want of business capacity.

It is fully within the sphere of traitors who can deliberately plot and labor for the destruction of the government to traduce all who have sustained the honor of the old flag, and who now oppose the elevation to franchise and power those who trailed it in the dust.

H. C. Hunt

DAILY AUSTIN REPUBLICAN, October 17, 1868, p. 3, c. 1-2

[Summary: Account of Jefferson, Texas, riot]

DAILY AUSTIN REPUBLICAN, October 20, 1868, p. 2, c. 5

Personal—We were delighted to grasp the hand of our friend, Hon. G. W. Whitmore of Tyler, this morning. We congratulate him upon being still *alive*. He made it through from Tyler on horseback in the very short space of six days.

DAILY AUSTIN REPUBLICAN, October 20, 1868, p. 2, c. 5

[Summary: Jordan Saline incident]

DAILY AUSTIN REPUBLICAN, October 20, 1868, p. 2, c. 5

We also find in the Tyler Reporter of 30th ult., a long account of the troubles in Van Zandt county, from which it appears that several hundred Democrats, in Van Zandt and Kauffman counties, have resolved themselves into a grand vigilance committee, and have taken the reigns [sic] of government in their hands. The communication to the Reporter closes as follows:

P.S. The excitement is now over. Nearly all the radicals have come in and laid down their arms. For the first time in a great while we see some of the chiefs of radicalism on our streets without arms. A week's terror has brought them to their senses. Meditation in the lonely woods has opened their eyes. Radicalism in this county is dead. *Democracy lives.*

Yours truly,
J. J. H.

DAILY AUSTIN REPUBLICAN, October 21, 1868, p. 2, c. 3

On the other hand, the only loyal paper in Eastern Texas, (of course we except the Paris Vindicator, which properly belongs to Northern Texas) is, like the loyal men of that section, completely overawed and silenced on matters relating to the political condition of the East. Take for instance, the horrible murder of Geo. W. Smith. The Index does not dare to say a word in condemnation of the barbarous act, and if it did, the probability is that it would be in flames before the rising of another sun. We can see, therefore, a justification in its course.

TEXAS REPUBLICAN [MARSHALL], October 23, 1868, p. 2, c. 6

The Cotton Crop.—We are gratified to learn from the planters of Smith county that the cotton crop is turning out beyond their calculations. The crop will be much larger and better than last season, and at the price now being realized, will render money very plentiful hereabouts. We anticipate flush times in Eastern Texas.—Tyler Reporter.

The same paper is responsible for the following:

Remarkable Migration in Hawks.—During last week immense flocks of hawks passed over this county, flying from North East to South West. It would be safe to say that 1000 or more were seen. They were migrating, and showed no disposition to spend a season with us, for which all species of poultry may be thankful, as well as all lovers of fowls.

TEXAS REPUBLICAN [MARSHALL], October 23, 1868, p. 3, c. 2

Dishonored.—The Freedmen's Bureau Agent Horton, who figured so largely as an official financier at Dallas Texas, has been dishonorably dismissed the service of Gen. Reynolds. Hundreds of others in the South deserve a similar fate.—Tyler Reporter.

TEXAS REPUBLICAN [MARSHALL], October 30, 1868, p. 2, c. 4

The Tyler Index indulges in a great deal of useless exultation over the recent Northern elections, and has the impudence to say, he is sorry for us, and the still greater impudence to ask if we are not more ashamed of ourself than disgusted with the news. For a man who consorts and defends a free negro party, at the sacrifice of his own character and his own race, this is unparalleled except in times like these. He expects nothing better of us, but in his opinion every old whig ought to be a radical. Let us present him, in reply, with an extract from an article written by the venerable George D. Prentice. It speaks for itself and ought to make the editor blush, if he is capable of anything so delicate and refined. It certainly takes the *bark* off of *Wood*, and the *bark* out of him. . . .

TEXAS REPUBLICAN [MARSHALL], October 30, 1868, p. 2, c. 3

The radical papers are endeavoring to make a large amount of capital over the death of Geo. W. Smith, who was killed in the jail at Jefferson, a few weeks ago. . . .

The Tyler Index says of it:

"The blood of Smith stains not only the hands of the masked perpetrators of the foul deed, but attaches to the skirts of the citizens of Jefferson, and its voice cries from the ground like the blood of Abel in the ear of Heaven for retribution."

. . . Smith was a carpet-bagger from the North, without character, interest in the country, and perfectly destitute of principle.

TEXAS REPUBLICAN [MARSHALL], October 30, 1868, p. 2, c. 2

We learn from the Tyler Index that Capt. W. H. Mullins shot himself on the morning of the 24th, in Tyler, inflicting a dangerous, and it is thought a mortal wound. Whether the shot was accidental or with the view of committing suicide, is not stated. We infer the latter.

TEXAS REPUBLICAN [MARSHALL], October 30, 1868, p. 2, c. 4

[Summary: Maj. Blanch and others published repudiation of offer of N. V. Board to obtain for them a Congressional pardon.]

"The Tyler Index says that "Judge Board will not be very apt to again proffer his services in behalf of gentlemen so incapable of appreciating his kindness.""

TEXAS REPUBLICAN [MARSHALL], October 30, 1868, p. 3, c. 2

[Summary: Smiths and Gilcrest fracas at Jordan's Saline from McKinney Enquirer.]

DAILY AUSTIN REPUBLICAN, October 31, 1868, p. 2, c. 4

Probable Suicide.

We find the following in the Tyler Index of October 24th. Capt. Mullins was a member of the Constitutional Convention, but was the acknowledged leader of the Conservative element. He represented the county of Cherokee in the Convention, but has been living in Smith county:

Just as we go to press, we learn that Capt. W. H. Mullins shot himself this morning, the ball entering the lower part of the left breast near the heart. The effect, it is thought, will prove fatal. We have heard no reason assigned for so rash an act. Capt. Mullins was a gentleman of fine promise, and had many warm friends.—*Tyler National Index, Oct. 24.*

LATER.—Since writing the above, we learn from W. V. Tunstall, Secretary of the Convention, that he has a private letter from Tyler, stating that Capt. Mullins *died* from the effects of the shot.

TEXAS REPUBLICAN [MARSHALL], November 6, 1868, p. 2, c. 6

Judge L. D. Evans was to have made a speech at Tyler on Wednesday.

TEXAS REPUBLICAN [MARSHALL], November 13, 1868, p. 2, c. 6

Six prisoners, confined in the jail at Tyler, Smith county, made their escape on the night of the 27th of October. The Reporter says, that the cause of this jail delivery is chargeable to the inefficiency or complicity of the new jailor, Bethe, (a Radical appointee) who displaced Mr. Oners, an efficient officer.

DAILY AUSTIN REPUBLICAN, November 17, 1868, p. 2, c. 3

From every quarter we hear that the roads are crowded with wagons, taking cotton to market. The fact begins to demonstrate itself that the crop of East Texas, and especially of Smith county, is much larger than was supposed a few weeks ago. The rivalry between Marshall, Jefferson and Shreveport, as cotton markets, will become quite interesting in a week or two more. A kingdom for a railroad to some point.

[Tyler Reporter.]

DAILY AUSTIN REPUBLICAN, November 20, 1868, p. 2, c. 4

Personal.—We were honored with a call this morning from Hon. G. H. Slaughter, delegate to the Constitutional Convention from Smith county.

TEXAS REPUBLICAN [MARSHALL], November 20, 1868, p. 2, c. 2

[Summary: Republican chides Tyler Index for copying article in Jefferson Times on killing Geo. W. Smith instead of the calm dispassionate account in The Times, Republican, and Galveston News.]

[Summary: Index is delighted with Tom Ochiltree's card which Index believes hits Republican, but Tom's becoming a scalawag hurts himself more than any attack of others.]

TEXAS REPUBLICAN [MARSHALL], November 20, 1868, p. 2, c. 3

[Summary: Index condemns Harrison Flag for changing their political views since the beginning of the war. Telegraph gives a long impassioned reply.]

TEXAS REPUBLICAN [MARSHALL], November 27, 1868, p. 2, c. 7

The cotton factory of B. H. Hambrick & Co., of this place, will be in motion very soon. A call for women, girls and boys, to operate it, will be found elsewhere in this paper. The progress of this enterprise speaks well for the gentlemen concerned. We hope that the increase of capital in our county will lead to the investment of several thousand dollars more in this establishment. It will certainly pay well.—Tyler Reporter.

DAILY AUSTIN REPUBLICAN, December 5, 1868, p. 2, c. 3

We notice the following delegates in the city, viz:
Hon. Geo. H. Slaughter, of Smith Co.

TEXAS REPUBLICAN [MARSHALL], December 11, 1868, p. 2, c. 6

There was an "East Texas Medical Convention" at Starrville, Smith county, on the 1st of October, at which Professor Morgan H. Looney, of the Gilmer College, delivered an address of unusual interest and elegance. The Henderson Times publishes it in its issue of the 2nd.

TEXAS REPUBLICAN [MARSHALL], December 11, 1868, p. 2, c. 7

Judge L. D. Evans, in his speech at Tyler, sometime since, said, according to the Reporter, that he was familiar with the temper of the members of the convention, and that "he felt safe in saying a majority of them would adopt a moderate constitution—one such as the people, under the circumstances, could adopt." . . . — Gal. News.

TEXAS REPUBLICAN [MARSHALL], December 11, 1868, p. 2, c. 5

The Tyler Reporter states that, on the 1st inst. at a public sale "good improved lands sold for four dollars and sixty cents per acre, which shows that lands are looking up a little under the influence of a remunerative cotton market."

The same paper states that the Index has derived six or eight thousand dollars printers fees in bankrupt cases.

The Reporter gives an account of a cotton factory at Tyler. It also speaks thus of G. W. Whitmore:

Whitmore spoke from the courtyard steps on Monday to a crowd, mostly colored, on the subject of dividing the State. We agree with him in his views about division, so far as the location of the dividing lines and the capitals go, but we have not got the additional incentive, that of a desire for office to actuate us: hence, we are

less ardent. We are willing to accept of the Rads a division of the State on the proper plan, but not a whit-more.

TEXAS REPUBLICAN [MARSHALL], December 18, 1868, p. 2, c. 4

Death of Mrs. Gov. Murrah.—We were surprised and pained at the following editorial notice, which we clip from the Tyler Index of the 12th. Here where the deceased so long resided, it will be read with melancholy interest.

We are pained to have to record the death of Mrs. S. E. Murrah, widow of the late Ex-Governor Murrah, deceased, who died at the residence of Judge Samuel Earle, near this place, on Tuesday, evening, the 9th inst. Mrs. Murrah was taken ill on the evening of the Saturday previous, and although the best medical skill of the city was called to her aid, the ravages of the disease was so rapid that it was found almost impossible to do anything to mitigate or release her sufferings. How uncertain is life and how certain is death?

TEXAS REPUBLICAN [MARSHALL], December 18, 1868, p. 3, c. 1

Notice

Tyler, Smith County, Texas }
October 4th, 1868 }

G. A. Kelly, Esq.: Dear sir.—I promised when I bought my cane mill to let you know how it performed. I have now tried it on the sorghum cane, and can say to you that it is all that you recommended it to be. I have made up thirteen hundred and sixty-four (1364) gallons of syrup. The mill is as good as when I commenced, except the pinion that works in the driving wheel. The cogs are worn, but the fault was in not being geared deep enough. I think the mill worked better every day I used it. My force was too weak to give it a fair trial. I had five little boys and one grown hand to attend to both the mill and kettles. Our average was from 60 to 65 gallons of syrup per day. We always stopped grinding from 1½ to 2 hours by sun in the evening. One day we made an early start and made eighty-five (85) gallons of syrup. I am satisfied with a strong force I could average 100 gallons per day.

Mr. Starr's mill is also doing good work. Mr. Shelton who went with Mr. Starr to your Foundry, and didn't buy a mill, has been standing over a wooden mill and making ten gallons a day.

I have had the pleasure of seeing the celebrated Victor Mill, made by Norton, Blymer, & co., Cincinnati, Ohio, at work and would not exchange your mill for the "Victor" by one half.

In short, your mill is just good enough, and I am ready to give any recommendation you want from me.

(Signed)

M. J. Dean

DAILY AUSTIN REPUBLICAN, December 19, 1868, [page and column?]

The following is the report of Bvt. Maj. Gen. Reynolds, commanding the Fifth Military District, which embraces the State of Texas.

Hdqrs. Mil. Dist. State of Tex. }
Austin, Nov. 4, 1868. }

To the Adj. Gen. of the United States, Washington, D. C.

. . . Armed organizations, generally known as Ku-Klux Klan, exist independently or in concert with armed bands in many parts of Texas, but are most numerous, bold, and aggressive east of the Trinity River. The precise objects of these organizations cannot be readily explained; but it seems in this State to be to disarm, rob, and in many cases murder Union men and negroes, and, as occasion may offer, murder United States officers and soldiers; also to intimidate every one who knows anything about the organization, but who will not join it. The civil law east of the Trinity river is almost a dead letter. In some counties the civil officers are all, or a portion of them, members of the Klan. In other counties where the civil officers will not join the Klan, or some other armed band, they have been compelled to leave their counties. The examples are Van Zandt, Smith and Marion counties. . . .

J. J. Reynolds

Bvt. Maj. Gen., U.S.A., Comd'g.

TEXAS REPUBLICAN [MARSHALL], December 25, 1868, p. 2, c. 5

Mr. John Scott lost his kitchen and contents, by fire, at Tyler, on the night of the 11th inst.

DAILY AUSTIN REPUBLICAN, January 18, 1869, p. 3, c. 5

[Summary: Report of Charles A. Vernou, 1st Lieutenant, 4th U.S. Cavalry A.D.C. to Bvt. Capt. C. L. Roberts A.D.C. & A.A.A. Gen., Hdqrs, 5th Military District.]

I passed through Wood and Smith counties to Tyler. This place is one of the headquarters of the KuKlux, and it is almost impossible for a Union man to live in or around it.

All through the country which I have passed, I found the negroes had not only been disarmed but dismounted, and that they live in fear of their lives, not knowing at what time or hour their houses would be surrounded by armed men and their lives sacrificed. Through my whole trip I found them to be quiet and industrious, and in every way law-abiding.

At Tyler I was unfortunately taken ill, and, under telegraphic instructions from your office, I sent the detachment to Austin, under command of Lt. James W. Lutherberry, 17th Infantry. . . .

DAILY AUSTIN REPUBLICAN, January 18, 1869, p. 3, c. 2

[Summary: Ku Klux Klan groups "generally known as Democratic Clubs"]

DAILY AUSTIN REPUBLICAN, January 28, 1869, p. 2, c. 4

We return our thanks to Mr. J. G. Woldert, of Tyler, for a bottle of nice "Schiller," wine received through our friend W. H. Andrews, Esq., who recently returned from Tyler Court. We want our neighbor of the Dallas Herald to make a note of this, as he appears to have no faith whatever in any Attorney's honesty, when bridal cake, wine, &c., are entrusted to their care for editors. Mr. Andrews informs us that Mr. Woldert has about forty barrels of fine wine, of various kinds made out of the native Texas grape.—Ib. [McKinney Messenger]

DAILY AUSTIN REPUBLICAN, January 29, 1869, p. 2, c. 3

The editor of the Tyler Index is now in this city. Unfortunately for him, he left his office in charge of an Austin loafer, who recently went to Tyler. This scrub editor has a good deal to say about the Austin Republican and its proprietors, which we are authorized to say does not meet the approval of our friend Mr. Wood, the editor of the Index. Had Mr. Wood known the character of the person left in charge of his paper, no such mistake would have occurred. It is, of course, unnecessary for us to give any further notice to anything from such a quarter. Mr. Slaughter, the delegate from Smith county, also comes in for a share of the mud thrown out. Mr. Slaughter was a gallant soldier in our old regiment, and needs no defence [sic] from such attacks. He is amply able to take care of his villifier when he reaches home.

DAILY AUSTIN REPUBLICAN, February 2, 1869, p. 4, c. 1

TYLER.—The Reporter says that town is now in telegraphic communication with the outside world, and the Reporter proposes to resume the publication of its extra.

TEXAS REPUBLICAN [MARSHALL], February 5, 1869, p. 2, c. 2

The Tyler Index takes great pleasure in copying and alluding to the compliments paid Thad Stevens in Congress. We have had neither the time nor the inclination to read these testimonials of esteem. But we would like to know of our contemporary if any allusion is made in them to this model patriot's domestic relations? In other words, does his colored housekeeper come in for any share of this cheap praise.

DALLAS HERALD, February 6, 1869, p. 2, c. 2

The Tyler Reporter is of opinion that next session a larger breadth of ground will be planted in that region than in any year since the close of the war, induced by the present high prices of the great staple.

DAILY AUSTIN REPUBLICAN, February 9, 1869, p. 1, c. 4

During the absence of its editor, the Tyler Index has gone crazy. In its issue of the 23d ult., the jackleg who has usurped the tripod "does" the justices of the Supreme

Court superlative "nasty." We would not like to be in Jemmy's shoes when Mr. Wood gets home.

DAILY AUSTIN REPUBLICAN, February 11, 1869, [page and column?]

The Austin Republican calls Jack Hamilton the truest and noblest statesman in Texas. May God deliver Eastern Texas from such rotten statesmanship.—*Tyler Index*. "Jimmy" will get paddled when Wood gets home.

TEXAS REPUBLICAN [MARSHALL], February 12, 1869, p. 2, c. 7

The United States troops at Tyler commanded by Major Jewett, have been ordered to Canton, Van Zandt county, and the former place will be for the present, without a garrison.

The departure of Major Jewett and his command, is generally regretted by the law abiding citizens of Tyler; he has proved himself a faithful officer, discharging his duties without political bias, hence, the Radicals, as they could not use him rejoice at his removal.

TEXAS REPUBLICAN [MARSHALL], February 12, 1869, p. 2, c. 5

[Summary: Tyler Index attacks the Texas Republican who had given a complimentary notice of Gen. Hayden. Calls the editor of the TR a "Confederate Ku-Klux bumner." Says Hayden allows murder of Union men in his district.]

DALLAS HERALD, February 13, 1869, p. 2, c. 3

We return our thanks to Mr. J. G. Woldert, of Tyler, for a bottle of nice "Schiller" Wine received through our friend W. H. Andrews, Esq., who recently returned from Tyler Court. . . . Mr. Andrews informs us that Mr. Woldert has about 40 barrels of fine wine of various kinds made out of the native Texas grape.—[McKinney Enquirer.

DAILY AUSTIN REPUBLICAN, February 15, 1869, p. 2, c. 3

The Tyler Index, in the absence of its Editor, has fallen into the hands of a jack-leg, who is making it as ridiculous as himself.

DAILY AUSTIN REPUBLICAN, February 16, 1869, p. 2, c. 2

"Coming events cast their shadows before."—The significant fact that some of the prominent citizens of Austin are locating themselves in Tyler, would indicate an early dissolution of copartnership with East and West Texas, and a consequent change of the seat of Government.—*Tyler Index*.

The above paragraph was written by *Jim Cassidy* who has managed in some way to get into the editorial chair of the Index. For the sake of the Republican press of Texas, we earnestly hope he has only temporary control of that journal. He has been driven from Austin by the force of public opinion, and "the prominent citizens of

Austin" who are said to be "locating in Tyler," are Jim Cassidy and the saddle-bagger, Hunt. In the name of the people of Austin, we offer the citizens of Tyler our sincere condolence. They have one consolation, however. Harry Taylor, another "prominent citizen of Austin," left with Cassidy and Hunt, but found it convenient to go beyond Tyler. Austin was at one time cursed with the presence of the entire trio.

DALLAS HERALD, February 27, 1869, p. 2, c. 2

The Tyler Reporter, by Messrs. Douglass & Hamilton, is an excellent Democratic newspaper, and ought by all means to be liberally supported and permanently established.

TEXAS REPUBLICAN [MARSHALL], March 5, 1869, p. 2, c. 2

[Summary: Republican attacks Index's attack of the Republican on its coverage of the problems in Jefferson. Republican says the article shows the Index's "weakness, indecency, bad temper, and want of principle."]

TEXAS REPUBLICAN [MARSHALL], March 5, 1869, p. 2, c. 2

Brevet Major George Shorkley in command of a company of the 15th Infantry has been removed from Clarksville to Tyler. We have every reason to believe that he is a good man, and that our Tyler friends will be much pleased with him, the Index to the contrary notwithstanding.

DALLAS HERALD, March 6, 1869, p. 2, c. 4

Judge Wood and His Crimson Spectacles.

That old gentleman Judge S. D. Wood, editor of the Tyler Index is out in a leader imploring Gen. Grant to send the Fifth Military District Sheridan instead of Gen. Canby as a satrap. The old codger can't for the life of him, see Texas through ordinary specs. He continually has a pair of red ones on his nose, and everything on, in, over, under, or on either side of Texas looks bloody to him. We feel very kindly toward the clever old Judge—and fear his rest is broken every night by dreams of the "red reality" he sees every day through his gore-colored specs. To him, no doubt, the midnight croaking of a bullfrog is the groan of a wounded Union man, or colored 'man and brother,' and the wild, weird "to who, to who, to who-o-o-ah" of the "meusing owl" is the slogan of the kilted Ku-Klux. These vagaries must to a considerable extent be pardoned in an old man proud of his effete and out-of-date idiosyncratic dogmas and proud of his pride. . . .

TEXAS REPUBLICAN [MARSHALL], March 19, 1869, p. 2, c. 5

The Texas Index of the 13th contains an editorial in relation to the editors of the Austin Republican, in which he represents both Longley and Haynes as

unmitigated scoundrels, taking up their record during the war to prove it. Longley is not a man of talent, it contends, but one of straw, and very dirty straw at that; who does not write the editorials attributed to his pen, but is a tool in the hands of men of more sense, but fully as destitute of principles. All this is intended as a rejoinder to the charge of the Austin Republican that the pro tem editor of the Index was a very dirty Austin loafer. In this delightful scrimmage, we haven't a word to say, except that we hope they will fight it out on that line, if it takes all summer.

TEXAS REPUBLICAN [MARSHALL], March 26, 1869, p. 2, c. 6

Judge Jennings, of Tyler, and E. W. Bush, of Rusk, have formed a copartnership in the practice of law. The reputation of Judge Jennings as a lawyer is coextensive with the State, and his associate has no superior in the profession, for industry, promptness and dispatch.—Rusk Observer.

DALLAS HERALD, March 27, 1869, p. 2, c. 4

The Tyler Reporter discountenances the effort to make Jack Hamilton Governor, and suggests the name of Hon. John Hancock, of Austin, for the position.

TEXAS REPUBLICAN [MARSHALL], April 2, 1869, p. 2, c. 8

Col. George W. Chilton, formerly a resident of Tyler, in this State, a practicing lawyer, and elected to Congress from this District in 1867, has settled in Louisville, Ky., where he has resumed the practice of his profession. The Courier Journal pays him a merited compliment. We wish him a successful career.

DAILY AUSTIN REPUBLICAN, April 3, 1869, p. 2, c. 2

"But it is reserved for an impudent cub, who by some strange freak of fortune has the management of the Tyler *Index*, in the absence of its editor, to find out that Hamilton, Bell and Pease have sold out to the rebels. . . . As we said but two days ago, boys who never thumbed a grammar, learn to stick types, and *presto, change!*—they are editors. With little of intelligence and less of principle, they stick at no lies.—indeed their ingrained rascality makes them incapable of truth, decency, or even consistent falsehood. Hamilton, Pease, and Bell made their record before the "cub" to *which* we allude was born, and have in no way dishonored it. Mr. Wood, of the *Index*, may permit that mental abortion to abuse such men, and to violate every item of editorial courtesy by coarse denunciation and reckless charges upon "Col. Haynes and Major Longley," but in this indulgence he will make the *Index* the parallel of a Five-points magazine. It is a matter of taste, only. Mr. Wood owns the *Index*, and can do what he likes with it.

DALLAS HERALD, April 3, 1869, p. 2, c. 3

[Summary: Denton Monitor notes Houston Telegraph has "chewed up" editor of the Texas Observer, hopes it will not be next. Telegraph replies "As long as we can

tolerable beef at four cents a pound we shall not begin on jackasses."]

We don't see how it is, then, that you can swallow Jack Hamilton.—[Tyler Index.

When Judge Wood of the Index, looks at a man through his blood-colored spec's and then pronounces him a bitter dose, we think better of the man. The good old Judge, who, in a political way, is proud of his politics and proud of his pride, can certainly out-Herod Herod, and if Mr. Hamilton can't come up to his standard of Radicalism, we think he might be a better Governor, everything considered, than many persons seem to suppose.

TEXAS REPUBLICAN [MARSHALL], April 9, 1869, p. 2, c. 2

[Summary: Van Zandt County. Arrests by federals of alleged murderers of Dr. Page, including Moore gang.]

TEXAS REPUBLICAN [MARSHALL], April 9, 1869, p. 2, c. 6

The same paper [Houston Union] says:

"Mr. G. H. Slaughter, member of the late Convention, from the Tyler district, has been sojourning in our city for the past two days. He joins us in demanding a Republican State Convention.

DALLAS HERALD, April 10, 1869, p. 2, c. 3

Is it true?—Several straggling printers have recently reported to us that the proprietors of the Tyler Index have discharged their old printers merely to make room for Yankees. It is nothing strange that bluebellies can be found base enough to undermine and "rat" honest Southern workmen out of their situations; but we think there must be some mistake about the proprietors of the Index discharging hands because they happen to be Southern-born, merely, or hiring men merely because they are Yankees. The idea that Yankee printers do or can do better work, than Southern-born and reared workmen are doing, is false and absurd. . . .

TEXAS REPUBLICAN [MARSHALL], April 16, 1869, p. 2, c. 3

[Summary: Van Zandt County. Detailed account of Jordan Saline incident, also p. 1, c. 1 Judge I. R. Hubbard.]

DAILY AUSTIN REPUBLICAN, April 19, 1869, p. 2, c. 2

George W. Chilton, better known as the murderer of Captain W. W. Montgomery, near Brownsville, Texas, in 1863, has turned up at Louisville, Kentucky, where he has engaged in the practice of law. So says the Texas Observer. It ought to know.

DAILY AUSTIN REPUBLICAN, April 20, 1869, p. 2, c. 3

The eternal fitness of things would seem to render it desirable that the [San

Antonio] *Express* and *Tyler Index* should oppose his election. [A. J. Hamilton for governor]

TEXAS REPUBLICAN [MARSHALL], April 23, 1869, p. 2, c. 4

State Route to Dallas.—We noticed several weeks ago, that Messrs. William Bradfield & co. had established a direct stage from Marshall to Dallas. This is a convenience that has long been required, and our only surprise is, that it was not inaugurated years ago. At present the trip is made through in four days. After the first of May, this line will carry the mail, and will make the trip in three days, and without any night travel. The distances traveled are as follows: From Marshall to Tyler, 65 miles; from Tyler to Canton, 40 miles; from Canton to Prairieville, 16 miles; from Prairieville to Kaufman, 16 miles; from Kaufman to Dallas 36 miles. When we get our railroad completed, the entire distance can be traversed in eight hours.

TEXAS REPUBLICAN [MARSHALL], April 23, 1869, p. 2, c. 8

[Summary: Hanging in Henderson]

DALLAS HERALD, April 24, 1869, p. 3, c. 2

[Summary: Roberts on Reconstruction in letter to Gilmer Sentinel, copied in Galveston News]

TEXAS REPUBLICAN [MARSHALL], April 30, 1869, p. 2, c. 4

The Tyler Index turned States Evidence.

. . . What the radical associates in crime think of each other, may be seen from the Tyler Index of the 17th. Mr. S. D. Wood, the ostensible editor of that paper has been absent on a trip to Washington, in order [to] obtain a fat Federal appointment which he succeeded in securing. His pro tem., no doubt thinking it his last chance, pitches in to some of his radical brethren with a vim which challenges admiration. [Summary: Condemns Haynes, Longley, Jack Hamilton, Gov. Pease, Armstrong of Lamar, Judge Bell, A. P. Wiley of Galveston, Don Campbell of Marion, Max Mobins.—no mention of local radicals]

DAILY AUSTIN REPUBLICAN, May 1, 1869, p. 3, c. 2

Mr. W. M. Starr, of Tyler, Texas, now in Washington, D. C., has obtained a patent on a new breast water-wheel. A photograph of the model, the Register says, conveys a very perfect idea of the invention, as that paper expects to see this wheel applied to our small water power in Texas exclusively, as it seems well adapted to the purpose.

DALLAS HERALD, May 1, 1869, p. 1, c. 2

Judge S. D. Wood, of the Tyler Index, called upon us this week. He spent several days here, and expressed himself highly pleased with the city. He forgot his

blood-colored specs when he left Tyler, and when he came in and smilingly accepted the freedom of our sanctum, he didn't look like a murdered Union man at all. Personally, he is very agreeable, and we think if he hadn't blood on the brain, he'd be a number one editor, so, we would not quarrel with him if we could. He admired the ladies of Dallas very much. Editors are good judges of women. We hope our friend B. M. Reilly of the Index office, may hide those specs before the Judge returns to Tyler.

TEXAS REPUBLICAN [MARSHALL], March 14, 1869, p. 2, c. 4

[Summary: Marshall Texas Republican attacks Tyler Index of the 24th and its pro tem editor for accusing Gen. Boughton of dishonesty and advocating his removal.]

TEXAS REPUBLICAN [MARSHALL], March 21, 1869, p. 2, c. 4

A man was arrested at the Irvine House, in this place, on Monday morning last, by the name of Kennedy, formerly from Smith county, and taken to the stockade at Jefferson. We presume Kennedy is the man who had a difficulty with Capt. Barrett, at Tyler, several months ago.

DALLAS HERALD, May 22, 1869, p. 2, c. 4

Editorial Correspondence

Tyler, Texas. May 18, 1869

Dear Swindells:--The Tyler Hotel is literally full of lawyers. I slept in the same bed with one last night. [Z. E. Coombes] They are a noisy set, to be sure. They made Sanford's old frame tavern ring with their babble until "the wee small hours ayant the twal." About 1 A.M. I was awakened by one "casting up" his whiskey account in ad adjoining room. If the quality of Tyler whiskey is to be judged by the melody he made I should say it was a mixture of the needle-gun and tanglefoot varieties, and that the ingredients consisted largely of coculus indicus, Guinea pepper, ether, and a considerable amount of fusil oil. But, having slept in such a legal atmosphere, I arose this morning so full of law I could hardly help cheating somebody.

The Supreme Court is in session, but I did not go to the Court-Room, and have neither facilities, time, nor inclination to give you anything like an intelligent idea of the proceedings, so I shall not attempt any report at all.

I see some new houses for residence evidently but recently built, and others in process of construction. There are more old, dilapidated, deserted buildings than I have ever seen in one town, and Tyler is, like Washington, a city of "magnificent distances," the buildings being, except on the public square, like the visits of angels, "few and far between." Yet, altogether, I am much pleased with Tyler, and believe it is destined to be a place of much business importance.

The people of Tyler, like those of Dallas, it would seem to me, are very apathetic and indifferent as to politics. The only wide-awake politicians I have observed are the Radicals.

LATIMER is spoken favorably of here for Radical candidate for Lieutenant-Governor, while Judge Caldwell is preferred for Congress in the 1st District. This is all the political news I have heard, except that the Radicals had what a correspondent of the *Index* terms "a large and enthusiastic meeting," near Gen. Buell's encampment, near Jefferson, on Saturday, May 8th, the object of which was to organize a Republican Club and to revive the infamous Loyal League. The meeting was addressed by T. C. Garland, Esq., Clerk of the Marion District Court. I know nothing about the man, except that he is intensely radical, and that he is considered as a speaker the biggest gun of the Radicals in "these parts."

Our readers will be pleased to learn that hereafter, the coaches between Marshall and Dallas will be drawn by four-horse teams, changed every 16 miles, and by four mules across the mud of that infernal East Fork bottom. This information I have from the lips of Major J. W. Bradfield, chief contractor, himself. I have been requested by one of their number, to name the drivers on the route, and as a good stage-driver is a good thing, I cheerfully comply, as follows, commencing with the one driving to and from Dallas: John W. Over, John Charles W. Bradfield, John Freeman, John Myers, and O. E. Snow. I found these men *au fait* in their business. Major Bradfield says the line *shall* meet the public necessity, and as far as lies in human possibility, meet all reasonable public expectation. This line makes the trip from Dallas to this place in two days. I regret to learn that J. O. Echols, of this line fell from a coach a few days since and broke his arm. He is doing well.

I found the "Press-gang" in fine health and spirits—saw Mr. H. V. Hamilton, of the *Reporter* and Judge S. D. Wood, of the *National Index*. I made the *Index* sanctum my headquarters because I could not help myself, the Judge nailing me pretty soon after I reached the town. I was one of the guests at his table today, and he lives nearly as well as we do "at our house at home." He is a *very* clever *man*,-- what a pity that he is a Radical, a divisionist, and wears those horrible blood-colored specs.

I will write from New Orleans.

Yours, V. H.

DALLAS HERALD, May 22, 1869, p. 2, c. 7

Crops.—This season, up to this time, has been an unfavorable one for crops. Late frosts, protracted and washing rains, cut worms, and other drawbacks, have placed the crop in a bad condition. Corn is backward, cotton is sickly, with a bad stand, and still in the grass.—A few weeks of good weather will probably put a different phase on things, but it is time the change were taking place, if a good crop is made. [Tyler Reporter, 15th.

DALLAS HERALD, May 22, 1869, p. 2, c. 2

Not "blood on the brain" for us, if you please, friend Virginius. For "blood," says "Woods," acknowledges you can sympathise [sic] with us for having suffered the same, and we will plead guilty. B. W. is too busy fondling little Willie (the new boarder) and the young mother, to think of our specs just now. Could you spend an hour with him you'd hurry up the contemplated trip across the Mississippi. But, old bachelors are slow to appreciate the realities of life.

[Tyler Index, 15th inst.

DALLAS HERALD, May 22, 1869, p. 3, c. 2

[Summary: Article of appreciation to Dallas from S. D. Woods after trip there, from Tyler Index May 8th.]

DAILY AUSTIN REPUBLICAN, May 26, 1869, p. 3, c. 2

(Appointments)

Smith Count.—J. C. Lindsay to be Sheriff, vice D. B. Luckey, removed.

TEXAS REPUBLICAN [MARSHALL], May 28, 1869, p. 2, c. 2

Mr. H. C. Manning, late pro tem of the Tyler Index, who so boldly charged wholesale fraud in this collection district, involving the assessor, collector, Sub Assistant officers, and the officers of the U. S. District Court, was summoned before the late Grand Jury at Tyler, and on persistently refusing to testify, we are informed was committed to jail until the next term of the court, six months hence.

DALLAS HERALD, May 29, 1869, p. 2, c. 7

A man was arrested at the Irvine House in this place, on Monday morning last, by the name of Kennedy, formerly from Smith county, and taken to the stockade at Jefferson. We presume Kennedy is the man who had a difficulty with Capt. Barrett, at Tyler, several months ago.

Marshall Republican, May 21.

TEXAS REPUBLICAN [MARSHALL], June 4, 1869, p. 2, c. 8

The Tyler Index is not pleased with A. J. Hamilton. He accuses him of having sold out to the "rebels." By "rebels" he means all who havn't [sic] nigger on the brain. Poor Index!

DALLAS HERALD, June 12, 1869, p. 2, c. 2

Our Junior has been very reticent since he left Tyler. We have not heard a word from him since the third day after he left us, but we hear of him as being at New Orleans on the 24th ult. We learn that he left Tyler in company with our good friend, Col. S. D. Wood, of the Tyler *Index*. Personally we know he could not be in better company, but politically we are not so certain.

DALLAS HERALD, July 3, 1869, p. 2, c. 2

[Summary: Tyler Index calls for support of Maj. William H. Bradfield and Co.'s line of stages, from Marshall to Dallas, by way of Tyler]

DALLAS HERALD, July 3, 1869, p. 3, c. 2

We learn from the Tyler Reporter that after a nine day trial before the District court for Smith County, the case of Geo. W. Whitmore [sic--Whitmore] vs. R. T. P. Allen, *et al.*, was decided last week, by the rendering of a verdict for the defendants. Col. R. T. P. Allen, C.S.A., while commanding the post at Tyler, had Whitmore arrested and imprisoned on a Charge of conspiracy and design to liberate the federal prisoners then confined in the stockade at that place. After the close of the war, Mr. Whitmore instituted the suit with [sic] has just been tried, against Col. Allen and several of his subordinate officers and soldiers, laying his damages at \$100,000.—Marshall Flag.

DALLAS HERALD, July 17, 1869, p. 3, c. 4

"The tyranny" was again felt in our locality a few days ago, in the arbitrary and unnecessary arrest of two of our citizens and their deportation to Jefferson to be thrown into the military prison at that place. These persons were Capt. R. B. Long and Bobby Roberts, the latter a son of Judge O. M. Roberts, of Gilmer. From what we have been able to gather, neither of these gentlemen has been guilty of anything for which a bill could be obtained before any fair-minded grand jury of Texas, or any other State. They have committed no offence known to the laws of Texas. So it goes.
[Tyler Reporter.]

DALLAS HERALD, July 17, 1869, p. 3, c. 3

The Railroad.—We have a communication from a citizen of our county, over the signature of "Hopewell," on the railroad topic, to which we invite attention. Mr. E. F. Swann, of this place, writes us briefly from Shreveport upon the same subject. Mr. Swann's letter gives the important information that the President of the Southern Pacific Railroad will visit this place at an early day to confer with our people. We are glad that he is coming, and we hope he will find in our intelligent people a community ripe upon the subject of building railroads. We predict that he will find the landowners of Smith county only require a centralizing influence to bring their efforts together upon a point, to make them efficient in building a road through the borders of this county.

[Tyler Reporter, 10th.]

DAILY AUSTIN REPUBLICAN, July 19, 1869, p. 2, c. 4

The Tyler Index.

With a fine sense of the ludicrous the Tyler Index hoists what it denominates the Republican (Davis) State ticket, and then says:

"We shall oppose the adoption of the constitution whenever the election does come, and can endorse no platform or nomination that favors its acceptance. We oppose it not on account of its enfranchising clause, but because of the vast amount of special legislation the convention thought proper to engage in, and which is legalized and fastened upon the country if the constitution is accepted. We assumed the ground in a letter to our paper, written in Austin, about the 20th of January, before General Hamilton had perpetrated his swindle upon the convention, and we have seen no reason to change our views."

DALLAS HERALD, July 31, 1869, p. 2, c. 5

Railroad Meeting

From the Tyler Index, July 17.]

At a recent meeting of the citizens of Tyler, Texas, General T. J. Jennings, having been called to the chair, explained the object of the meeting in his usual terse and elegant style.

On motion, R. E. House was appointed Secretary of the meeting. The following gentlemen, to-wit: C. L. Dawson, R. E. House, J. P. Douglas, and G. W. Whitmore, being called on, made short spirited, and practical speeches on the subject of Railroads generally, and their peculiar importance to the people of Smith county and the State of Texas in particular.

Capt. J. P. Douglas introduced the following resolution, to-wit:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed by the chair to confer with the President and officers of the Southern Pacific Railroad, to ascertain when it will suit them to meet the people of Smith county for the purpose of conferring with them on the subject of extending their road through Smith county and the town of Tyler. And that said committee, so soon as they shall have ascertained the time suitable to the parties interested, shall be constituted a committee of arrangements for the preparation of a Barbecue, and the calling of a mass meeting of the citizens of Smith county, to be assembled at such time.

The chair then appointed the following committee under said resolution:

Committee.

J. P. Douglas, S. D. Wood, J. C. Robertson, C. L. Dawson, G. W. Whitmore, F. A. Godley, F. N. Gary, J. M. Seeton, M. L. Fleishel, Willis Roberts, W. H. Cousins, J. H. Brown, S. H. Boren, George Yarbrough, R. E. House, S. L. Earl, F. M. Hays, W. J. Goodman, W. W. Grinnan, W. S. Walker, S. P. Donley, T. W. Jones, Beverly Walker, F. W. Holland, B. G. Duval, Thos. Erwin, L. A. Denson, Ed. Sharp, H. C.

Hunt, E. D. K. Walters, Geo. Adams, W. H. Park, Thos. Smith, Stephen Reaves, G. W. Humphrey, John A. Sanford, S. D. Gibbs, H. McFarland, J. J. McDaniel, E. H. Wells, George Woldert, James McFaddin, Elif Albertson, H. O. Hunson, Marcellus Scott, Prof. Flynne, Carroll Rogers, W. Shepperd, Ira Ellis, H. J. McBride, W. H. Carter.

Thomas Jefferson Jennings, Ch'n and Peter MacGreal were added by the vote of the meeting.

T. J. Jennings,
Chairman

R. E. House, Secretary.

DALLAS HERALD, August 7, 1869, p. 2, c. 2

Judge Wood, of the Tyler Index, is still advocating the division of the State, and in his last issue makes a lame but ingenious attempt to bolster up the rotten, dishonest, and hypocritical Flanagan.

DAILY AUSTIN REPUBLICAN, August 10, 1869, p. 2, c. 4

The Tyler Index has lowered the Davis-Flanagan ticket, after flying it at its masthead for a few weeks. The Index will not support either of the candidates for Governor now in the field, intimating that a new nomination is likely to be made, and rather expresses a preference for George W. Whitmore as the coming man.

"Hamilton," says a letter to the Galveston News dated Tyler, "will get a heavy majority in this part of the State, not as a sold out Democrat, however, but as a Republican of ability and statesmanship, with the motto, Let us have peace."

DAILY AUSTIN REPUBLICAN, August 17, 1869, p. 2, c. 1

Mis-spelt.—The Tyler Index, in its "official directory," publishes the name of J. H. Lippard as U. S. Marshal of this district. We, in this benighted section, have always supposed that our popular and efficient Marshall did not spell his name that way. Will the Index explain by what process of transmutation, or hocus-pocus, it has changed Blocker into Lippard.

DALLAS HERALD, August 21, 1869, p. 1, c. 2

Judge Wood, of the Tyler Index seems to have "soured" on politics, and makes a right good talk in favor of State and local improvements. That's right, sir, we're with you on that track. Let Davis and Flannagan go to H—Halifax, and stick to your present text, and after a while the people will forgive you for all your upholding of radical carpetbagery and scallawagery.

DALLAS HERALD, August 21, 1869, p. 1, c. 2

We don't race against you in cattle, mustangs and grass, but in cotton bags and pretty girls we claim the premium.—[Tyler Index.

DAILY AUSTIN REPUBLICAN, October 5, 1869, p. 2, c. 4

I was compelled to discontinue my former appointments on account of the shortness of time between them and the heavy rains, which made the roads in many places impassable. The following will be met by me, life and health permitting: . . .

Tyler, Wednesday, November 3

A. J. Hamilton.

DALLAS HERALD, October 9, 1869, p. 2, c. 4

The Crisps are playing to crowded houses at Tyler. So says the Jefferson Jimplecute. We understand that this troupe will spend the winter at Shreveport, where a handsome theatre is being [illegible] up for them.

DALLAS HERALD, October 9, 1869, p. 4, c. 1

6. Smith and Upshur—White vote, 2017; colored 2019; total, 4036; one senator and three representatives.

DAILY AUSTIN REPUBLICAN, October 14, 1869, p. 4, c. 1

The Tyler Index suggests the 23d inst., as the day for holding a convention of the electors of that Senatorial district, "for the purpose of nominating candidates for State and county officers, and for the purpose of organizing the Republican party."

The Reporter thinks they'll be there—twenty-five negroes and thirteen whites.

DAILY AUSTIN REPUBLICAN, October 18, 1869, p. 2, c. 2

[Summary: Tyler Index one of seven papers supporting Davis. Forty support Hamilton, including Austin Republican and Tyler Reporter.]

DAILY AUSTIN REPUBLICAN, October 19, 1869, p. 2, c. 3-4

The Radicals are exceeding melancholy over the refusal of Horace Greeley to countenance their efforts for the continuance of proscription, [c. 4] and the irritating passions of the civil war in our community. The Tyler Index sounds the following funeral notes:

We sometimes think Mr. Greeley only wishes to give the rebels loose reins, that they may commit such excesses as will insure the triumphant election of a President in 1872, of the republican party. If such is his idea, we warn him not to rely upon his martyrs' endurance. The blood of loyal men did much to carry the election in 1866 and again in 1868; but they are on their last legs, and if they are now abandoned by the government they will never rally again. The white Unionists will give up the contest, and the negro unaided is helpless, no matter whether in the majority or minority.

DALLAS HERALD, October 30, 1869, p. 4, c. 1

The Tyler Reporter says two negroes, of Smith county, have announced themselves candidates for congress in the first district.

DAILY AUSTIN REPUBLICAN, November 2, 1869, p. 2, c. 2

In another place we publish a communication from Headquarters Fifth Military District, which will set at rest the agitation regarding the Declarations of the Convention—The Hamilton Stuart papers declare that the adoption of the Constitution gives validity to all these Ordinances. The Tyler Index, a Davis paper, *opposes* the Constitution on the same ground.

DAILY AUSTIN REPUBLICAN, November 3, 1869, p. 2, c. 2

Gen. Davis and Geo. W. Honey, Esq., started to Eastern and Northern Texas yesterday, on a regular canvassing tour. They will speak at Crockett, Rusk, Palestine, Henderson, Marshall and Tyler. They will, if convenient, meet Gen. Hamilton at the latter place.—*Houston Union*.

Gen. Hamilton's appointments have been published in the newspapers for more than a month. He speaks "at the latter place" (Tyler) to-day. Ten to one, Davis and his *Honey* don't find it convenient to meet him.

DAILY AUSTIN REPUBLICAN, November 5, 1869, p. 2, c. 1-2

[Summary: Tyler Index calls upon Austin Republican to answer five questions about 1000 neatly bound copies of the new Constitution printed with "compliments of W. V. Tunstall" on them.]

We will answer all these questions with pleasure, and our answers will satisfy the people, although we have no idea they will satisfy the *Index*. We expect the editor of that paper, when he sees our answers, instead of publishing them, that he may disabuse the minds of his readers of the false impressions which the above article was intended to create, will reply, as he usually does, that our word is not to be taken, although he calls on us for our statement. . . .

DALLAS HERALD, November 6, 1869, p. 2, c. 3

Col. Morris, one of the members of the Military Commission now in session in Waco, passed through this city last week *en route* for Waco. He has been in command of the Post at Tyler for several months. Col. M. has won the esteem of every good citizen, wherever he is known in Texas.

DALLAS HERALD, November 6, 1869, p. 2, c. 1

[Summary: Judge T. H. Duval ordered to hold federal court in Brownsville, will not hold court in Tyler, Nov. 1, 1869.—from Index]

DAILY AUSTIN REPUBLICAN, November 12, 1869, p. 2, c. 2
HUNTSVILLE, Nov. 11th, 1869.

To Major A. H. Longley: I stand and work for Hamilton and
Reconstruction. I heard Hamilton at Rusk, and Tyler. All bright in the East.
A. T. Monroe.

DAILY AUSTIN REPUBLICAN, November 16, 1869, p. 2, c. 2-3
Tyler, Texas, Nov. 3d, 1869.

Dear Longley:

As any information in reference to the political contest now agitating the State, will probably be acceptable to you as a public journalist, I have thought perhaps that a few words in regard to the "situation" here might not be without interest. This portion of the State, and particularly this county, has, as you are aware, always been regarded as the stronghold of extreme ab initio, "curl tailed" radicalism, resulting mainly from the preponderance of the colored element. Here flourishes that immaculate "man and brother" George W. Whitmore, now a candidate for Congress, whose antecedents are not unfamiliar to the people of Austin. An extremist and demagogue by nature, Whitmore, in the present contest, out-herods Herod, and however unworthily, carries with him a political importance not to be despised.

But it is not my object to weary you with affairs of mere local importance, but rather to give you some information as regards the main question at issue, Gen. Hamilton's prospects for election.

The failure of Gov. H. to meet his first appointments in the East was a severe disappointment to us of his friends who were anxiously looking for him, and gave the "curled tails" a brief season of exultation, which they improved with a zeal worthy of a better cause. The "Index" (Whitmore's organ) was jubilant—"Jack was sacred"—"Jack was played out." He had gone home, and confessed himself "dead beat." He was no longer in the field. He dared not meet the champion of the "curl tails," Geo. W. Whitmore, because he knew Whitty would drive him from the field—Such were the cries of men who were only giving expression to the relief which they felt, after a season of fear and trembling. But they "hollered before they were out of the woods." Jack wasn't "dead." He was not even sleeping. Yesterday he came, and Hamilton stock at once rose to a premium.

General Davis also made his appearance, and today will always be remembered in the annals of Tyler, as the day of a great contest and a decisive victory. The two candidates spoke, occupying about two and a half hours each, to a very large crowd of white and colored people. I will not attempt to follow the speakers, but only allude to the effect, which was marked.

Gen. Hamilton's able exposition of the true issues between the Republican party proper and the Davis faction, was succinct and clear—it carried conviction to the mind of every fair and honest man (white or black) who heard him, and was not

shaken by the frantic efforts of his opponent to counteract the effect.—Gen. Davis, as you well know, is intellectually, to Hamilton as a pigmy, to a giant; but in addition to this the Governor has the strong side of the question, and well did he present it. The speeches were listened to with respectful attention by both parties, but the enthusiasm of the crowd was all for Hamilton.

As well as I can determine in so short a time, Gov. H's presence has worked a wonderful change in the morale of the ab initio camp. Many of their most trusted allies have already deserted them, and the disaffection is rapidly spreading. I say, without fear of contradiction by the result of the election, that today nine tenths of the white Union Republicans of Smith county are Hamilton men, and many of the colored [c. 3] people, who have hitherto regarded Whitmore as their political Moses, will no longer follow his lead. All we have to do to insure the defeat of Davis and Whitmore in this county, is to follow up the advantage which Gov. Hamilton's triumph has given us. Rest assured we will not be found "lying on our cars."

To sum up: The canvass in Eastern Texas is an important one, but a large majority for Gov. H., even here, is no longer a question of doubt. The only counties which those best informed upon the matter seem to have any doubt about, are those of Anderson, Rusk, Smith, and Harrison. They all poll heavy colored votes, and this is the element we have to fear. But even this element, if the questions before the people are properly explained and ventilated, will be largely divided. As to *Smith Co.*, my humble judgment is, (and I don't write this without information and reflection,) that Governor Hamilton will get all the white Republicans, and at least one third of the negroes. The Conservative element will vote for him to a man.

Governor Hamilton will leave here tomorrow for Marshall.

G.

DAILY AUSTIN REPUBLICAN, November 22, 1869, p. 2, c. 2

A Good Haul.

While "Colossal Jack" was speaking at Tyler, he observed little Geo. W. Whitmore in the crowd, and proceeded to demolish him. George W. is a candidate for Congress and lives at Tyler. When General Hamilton charged him with drawing *one thousand dollars* from the Treasury as his share of the Washington Commission money, and that he put it in his pocket and went home to Tyler, instead of going to Washington, the little fellow could stand it no longer, but jumped up and assured the crowd that the money is safe and should be returned to the Treasury.

Jack will get the rest back some of these days.

DAILY AUSTIN REPUBLICAN, December 14, 1869, p. 2, c. 2

[Summary: Smith—not reported election totals]

DAILY AUSTIN REPUBLICAN, January 3, 1879, p. 3, c. 2

[Summary: Proposals for fresh beef for troops in 9 places including Tyler. Contract to begin February 1, 1870, deadline January 19.]

DALLAS HERALD, January 8, 1870, p. 1, c. 4

The Tyler Reporter of the 11th says: There is nothing transpiring around us now which so cheers us as the constant appearance of immigrant trains upon our streets. From every direction the best class of people are pouring into our great State. We shall soon have our troublesome labor question settled by having an abundance of intelligent white men to till our rich soil. The equally troublesome political question will also be settled, by the presence of large majorities of intelligent white voters in every county in the State. Our land owners should hold out every inducement to these newcomers to settle among us. Sell them land on time, rent them land on favorable terms, give them a cheerful welcome here.

DAILY AUSTIN REPUBLICAN, January 12, 1870, p. 2, c. 2

Senate.

District 6. Jos. P. Douglas [sic]

House.

- 6. W. C. Pierson
- Isaiah N. Browning.
- George H. Slaughter.

DALLAS HERALD, January 15, 1870, p. 1, c. 5

Smith	652 Hamilton	1017 Davis	1 Stuart
	1374 for constitution	159 against constitution	

DAILY AUSTIN REPUBLICAN, February 1, 1870, p. 2, c. 2

Division seems to have entirely played out. Even the Tyler *Index* would now be satisfied with the removal of the Capitol from Austin.

DALLAS HERALD, February 12, 1870, p. 2, c. 3

An amiable daughter of our friend Hon. S. D. Wood, of Tyler, was recently married to the man of her choice. Joy and Love and Peace and Happiness ever bee with her who was lately Miss Wood, but is now Mrs. Mary E. Askew. May each ever be able to say to the other, in the words of Mrs. Osgood:

"Ah! could you look into my heart,
And watch your image there!"

You would own the sunny loveliness
Affection makes it wear."

DALLAS HERALD, February 26, 1870, p. 3, c. 2

Capt. F. L. Hale, the energetic manager of the Branch Office Department of Texas, for the Piedmont and Arlington Life Insurance Company, has by his lectures and able exposition of the benefits of life insurance, eliciting the attention of the best portion of our business community who have taken policies in this company, as well be seen by the following lists of Officers and Directory. Capt. Hale leaves us in a day or two, for other points in his extended department, and we commend him to the press and the people of our State, as a business and social gentleman of high order. The many warm personal friends Capt. H. has made at Tyler, and the extended hospitalities bestowed upon him, indicate the interest of our people in sustaining those engaged in building up institutions identified with themselves.

At a meeting of the policy holders of the Piedmont and Arlington Life Insurance company of Richmond, VA, at Tyler, Smith County, Texas, Feb. 17, 1870, the following named gentlemen were elected as Board of Managers for Tyler district, Texas Branch Office Department for Life Insurance of the Piedmont and Arlington.

J. H. Brown, of J H Brown & Co., President.

George Yarbrough, of Yarbrough & Wimberly, Vice President.

W. S. Herndon, of Robertson & Herndon, Secretary.

Dr. E. H. Well, Medical Examiner.

Dr. F. W. Holland, Medical Adviser.

Managers

S. H. Boren, of B. N. Boren & Co.

Burk Yarbrough, of Yarbrough & Wimberly.

G. C. Wimberly, of Yarbrough & Wimberly.

W. W. Grinnan, of Grinnan & Wiley.

F. N. Gary, of Gary & Sharp.

W. G. Cain, of Davis, Cain & Co.

W. H. Cousins,

W. R. Jones,

Dr. H. J. McBride,

C. L. Dawson,

J. P. Douglas,

H. V. Hamilton,

Thos. A. Flewellen.

Capt. W. F. Hamilton,
Special Agent

for Tyler and Smith county. When the business objects of the organization were discussed at some length with Capt. F. L. Hale, manager of this department, and general agent for the State, following which the Boord [sic] adjourned, subject to call

of its President.

["Tyler Reporter" Feb. 19, 1870.

DALLAS HERALD, February 26, 1870, p. 3, c. 1

Mr. V. Hall, Vice President of the Southern Pacific Railroad, has dispatched to the manufacturers North to forward immediately two additional locomotives for the use of the road. The business of the road has increased to such an extent that it is impossible to transport the freight with the present amount of rolling stock. Mr. Hall and his Superintendent are making every exertion to remove all just cause of complaint upon the part of the public.—[Tyler Index.

DALLAS HERALD, March 19, 1870 [page and column?]

Judge S. D. Wood has lately retired from the "National Index," published at Tyler. Under his able management, the Index has been one of the very best Republican papers in the nation. Judge Wood, socially, is one of the pleasantest gentlemen in our acquaintance. In his retirement from the onerous duties and consuming cares incident to the conduct of a newspaper, we wish him good health, happiness and "Elegant ease."

DAILY AUSTIN REPUBLICAN, March 21, 1870, p. 1, c. 5

The Houston Telegraph says a corps of engineers are now in the field surveying the Houston, Trinity, and Tyler Railroad, said company completing fifty miles of this road this season. Mr. Converse, Chief Engineer, commenced the survey on Friday, and intends making a thorough examination of the line proposed before any definite location will be determined upon.

DALLAS HERALD, March 26, 1870, p. 3, c. 2

Fire.—The cotton factory, located at this place, was totally destroyed by fire on yesterday. Cause, not definitely ascertained. This is a great loss, not only to the owners, but to the town itself. When will Tyler be supplied with a fire engine? We have not space for a more extended notice this week, and will give details in our next issue.

[Tyler Index, March 19.

DAILY AUSTIN REPUBLICAN, March 31, 1870, p. 2, c. 3

The Tyler Index, the leading paper in East Texas that supported Gen. Davis for Governor, and which has ever been controlled by loyal men, in its last issue gives Mr. Tracy a lashing which e will not soon forget. The Index says:

Mr. Tracy, of the Houston Union, and now editor of the Austin State Journal, has employed *blood and thunder* Gillespie to write for the Union. This makes us sorry, not for the Rev. Gillespie, but for Mr. Tracy and the readers of the Union. Sorry because he would employ such a miserable, God-forsaken wretch to

write for a loyal paper to be read by loyal men. We call this "doing evil that good may come of it" with a vengeance.

There is no reason why the Index should be surprised to learn that this "devil incarnate" has been placed in charge of the editorial columns of the Union. Gillespie and Tracy were associated together in the publication of the Houston Telegraph as late as the summer of 1868.

The only difference between them now, that Tracy could smell the flesh pots farther than his drunken associate, and therefore was converted to Radicalism twelve months in advance of Gillespie.

The Index continues:

* * * * But alas he has employed that miserable assassin, remorseless rioter, who had the audacity as late as July '68 to try, even in Houston, to raise a mob to murder Senator Hamilton, then a delegate from the Constitutional Convention to Washington City. God save us from the man who so lately wanted to hang every Union man in the State of Texas.

The Index in the course of its article warns Mr. Tracy as follows:

Mr. Tracy, we know, is apt to accomplish his undertakings, but does he expect to hitch the devil himself to *Traceys* and make him work? If he does, *we warn him of the fate of all the great men of ancient and, we may say, modern times, who have vainly believed themselves Gods.*

And then after inquiring why, if he must have Democratic assistances, he did not employ some respectable Democrat like Capt. Josselyn, the Index closes as follows.

But it seems Mr. Tracy would like to try his hand with the Devil, and will only ask,

"Is Tracy now as he used to was,
as he used to was,
as he used to was,
Is Tracy now as he used to was,
When his Houston Machine was new."

Change of Editors.—Col. S. W. Wood has retired from the National Index, having sold his entire interest in the paper to Messrs. Maning and Hunt. Mr. Maning has frequently written Editorials for the paper and is an able and forcible writer.

H. C. Hunt, was the Commissary of our old Regiment (1st Texas Cavalry,) and represented Comal, Hays and Blanco Counties in the Constitutional Convention. He, too, is a fair writer. Both are young men and have always been true to the old flag. Under their management the Index will be, of course, Republican in politics. We wish our young friends abundant success in their new undertaking.

DAILY AUSTIN REPUBLICAN, March 28, 1870, p. 2, c. 1-2

The Tyler *Index* is the only paper [c. 2] in Texas that favors a division of the State prior to reconstruction. . . During the canvass the *Index* did more than everything else combined to make people believe that Gen. Davis, if elected, would endeavor to procure division through Congressional interference.

DAILY AUSTIN REPUBLICAN, April 9, 1870, p. 2, c. 1

Assessor 4th District.

We notice that H. C. Hunt, Esq., of Tyler, has been nominated and confirmed Assessor of Internal Revenue for the 4th District of Texas. We congratulate our old comrade upon his success, and can cheerfully testify to his eminent qualifications for the position. Mr. Hunt was 1st Lieutenant and Regimental Commissary of the 1st Texas Cavalry, and after the regiment was mustered out of service, he resided for some time in this county, and was a member of the late Constitutional Convention from the Comal District. He succeeds Hon. F. W. Sumner, of Grayson county, to the assessorship.

We are not informed whether Mr. Sumner has been removed or whether he resigned, but from our acquaintance with the two men, we do not hesitate to express the opinion that the change is a very fortunate one for the Government.

DAILY AUSTIN REPUBLICAN, April 14, 1870, p. 2, c. 2

Hon. Geo. H. Slaughter, of Smith county, accompanied by his lady, arrived in the city last evening.

DALLAS HERALD, April 16, 18970, p. 1, c. 5

Desperado Killed.—We learn that a desperado, named Matkins, was killed in Jacksonville, Cherokee county, on the day of the circus exhibition of C. W. Noyes, at that place. This is the same one who killed a man attached to Orton's circus, on a previous occasion, and report says has been guilty of other like crimes of a most revolting nature. On the day of the Noyes' circus exhibition a party of troops were sent down from this place to ascertain the whereabouts of the murderer, and, if possible, arrest him. As was expected, the assassin came into town, armed, and fully prepared to defend himself. The officer in command, Lt. Bothwick, attempted an arrest when he at once resisted, firing a double barrel gun at the party. The troops then fired, killing him on the spot. It was the general impression among the citizens that rather than be taken alive he would fight to the last, and so it proved. The people of the neighborhood where he lived are highly elated that so desperate a villain has paid the penalty of his crimes. He had become a perfect terror to all the surrounding country. We are also informed that a young man by the name of Smith, who had been

in company with Matkins, was killed on the same day; under what circumstances we have not learned.—[Tyler Index.

DAILY AUSTIN REPUBLICAN, April 20, 1870, p. 2, c. 2

We called yesterday evening to see our friend Hon. Geo. H. Slaughter, who is suffering from an attack of pneumonia. We were pleased to learn that the symptoms are all favorable for a speedy recovery.

DALLAS HERALD, May 7, 1870, p. 2, c. 3

Mr. G. W. Humphrey, of Tyler, Texas, agent for the Brooks Revolving Cotton Press, gives us a call yesterday. . . . Mr. H. was one of the owners of the Tyler Cotton Factory which was recently destroyed.

DAILY AUSTIN REPUBLICAN, May 27, 1870, p. 1, c. 5

From the Tyler Reporter we learn that two of the parties confined in the stockades at that place, Mr. J. H. Bullard and Mr. James Gordon, have been turned over to the civil authorities. The Reporter says:

We understand that the commandant of the Post has offered to deliver the prisoners, still in custody, to our sheriff, but as they are citizens of other counties, against whom he has no process, he does not feel authorized to receive them.

DALLAS HERALD, May 28, 1870, p. 2, c. 2

Personal.—We had the pleasure of making the acquaintance of Capt. H. C. Hunt, of the Tyler Index, yesterday. We extend to him the liberty of our sanctum.

DALLAS HERALD, May 28, 1870, p. 2, c. 4

Personal.—Judge S. D. Wood, late of the Tyler Index, gave us a call yesterday. We think that little god, of whom Psyche was sweetheart, whom the painters paint and the sculptors chisel with bow and quiver full of arrows, was the active cause that brought him hither. Success attend his tender wooing. But, Judge, don't be too soft and sighing after that prize so well worth the winning, for she is much like Eliza Cook, who said:

Tell me not of a soft sighing lover,
Such things can be had by the score;
I'd rather be bride to a rover,
And polish the rifle he bore.

DALLAS HERALD, June 11, 1870, p. 4, c. 1

[Summary: Tyler Reporter notes death of Judge A. E. McClure of the Palestine Advocate]

DAILY AUSTIN REPUBLICAN, July 1, 1870, p. 2, c. 1

Mr. Whitmore of the 1st District has appointed Master William L. Ricks, son of George Ricks, Esq., of Liberty, to the West Point vacancy, and has offered the Annapolis vacancy to a son of Professor John Flynne, of Tyler.

DAILY AUSTIN REPUBLICAN, July 14, 1870, p. 2, c. 3

HEARD FROM.—The negro man who, some two or three years ago, killed another in Starrville and threw him in a well, and who was sentenced to be hung by our District Court, but broke out of jail and escaped the day before his execution was to have taken place, has turned up recently in Harrison county, being rearrested, and is now in jail in Marshall. Our Sheriff has gone after him. We understand that his sentence has been reduced to penitentiary for life, by Gov. Davis.—Tyler Republican.

DAILY AUSTIN REPUBLICAN, July 15, 1870, p. 2, c. 2

The State Council of the Friends of Temperance of Waco on the 4th upwards of thirty councils were represented. The Register gives the list of officers of the State Council: . . .

J. M. Hockersmith, Tyler, Conductor.

DAILY AUSTIN REPUBLICAN, July 16, 1870, p. 2, c. 4

We have had some rain again this week, but not as much as for several weeks past. Our information is that the cotton prospect is not as favorable as could be wished, the plant having been somewhat injured by wet weather and cold nights. It is improving rapidly, now, however. There is likely to be plenty of corn everywhere, and that is one good thing at least.—[Tyler Republican, July 3.]

DALLAS HERALD, August 6, 1870, p. 4, c. 1

Smith County can boast of having a first rate furniture factory.—[Reporter.]

DALLAS HERALD, August 13, 1870, p. 2, c. 1

Money Order Offices.—The following is a corrected list of the money order offices at present in Texas. . . .

Tyler.

DALLAS HERALD, August 13, 1870 or August 20, 1870 [??]

Buy Your Gins from the
Aetna Gin Works.

We are now manufacturing a first class Gin at Etna, Texas, which we offer to the trade at three dollars and twenty-five cents a saw, payable in coin on delivery at the shop. All gins warranted to give satisfaction.

Gins repaired at short notice; charges reasonable.

We have on hand at this time a good lot of Gins, ranging from 40 to 70 saws. Are prepared to do any kind of Iron Turning. Will repair Engines and other machinery.

W. W. Ross, Agent, Dallas, Texas.

Douglas & Rhome.

July 9, 1870.

DALLAS HERALD, August 20, 1870, p. 1, c. 3-4

Traveling Correspondence.

Tyler, Texas, July 20, 1870.

To the Editors of the Dallas Herald:

After near a week's absence from Dallas, we check up to noon it in Tyler, to-day.—The infinite luxury of friendly hospitality about 12—middle of July; a whole night's lodging is the merest circumstance to it. . . .

Nothing new or strange down this way, only crops are inferior, and great complaint of "grass worm" destroying cotton. Its ravages are fearful, it is said, on many plantations. Hence business is comparatively dull—people generally waiting to see what a day may bring forth.

W. H. Scales.

Shreveport, La., July 28, 1870.

To the Editors of the Dallas Herald:

Dear Sir:--Excitement on the war question somewhat subsided, but serious fears are still entertained of a general European entanglement and almost universal prostration of business. All are waiting for affairs in the Continent to assume shape.

One can but observe, passing down from Tyler, the marked improvement in plantations and [illegible] along the [illegible] thoroughfare within the last three years, especially as he nears the terminus of the Southern Pacific, or, as better known, the Marshall railroad. The road is a stream of wagons, even in mid-summer, and one is puzzled to guess why all this passing to and fro. Business grows brisker in ratio to proximity to Railroad—don't you believe a total stranger, suddenly put down within forty miles, could instantly tell that the locomotive was somewhere about. These old fields and houses and elderly people between the Sabine and Marshall seem actually rejuvenated. About Earpville, known among teamsters by the more classic name of "Steal-easy," we imagined was brushing up and putting on its tidiest best to extend a hearty welcome to the long-hoped for steam horse, the coming winter. Four or five miles west of Hallsville we suddenly drove up to a huge embankment of red dirt

across the road, a multitude of men, digging and shoveling away, cutting through a hill over there, and busily pushing off with mules and carts the dirt to fill up the valley below. All is life and system—nature yields to the magic touch of art—it is the railroad stretching itself with might and main towards you people in the regions of Dallas. The company complete ten miles more by winter, any way. I learned upon the very best authority, that the finances of the road were in the most excellent condition, and should the State extend that favor asked, the company would be able to push it right forward into the very heart of Texas speedily. This road will be built eventually, but how soon and upon what line is contingent. It is scarcely safe or prudent for counties and towns west of the present terminus, to rest supinely at ease and wait for it to come as a matter of course. Small circumstances often produce great changes and immense results. While this company may, *ecteteris paribus*, prefer Dallas as the ultimate line, might not, in view of the people's reluctance in identifying themselves substantially, with the interests of the road, and their seeming apathy in forwarding otherwise this grand internal improvement scheme—might not, I ask, Dallas be [illegible] and left to lament its inactivity when too late? I don't mean, grand railroad barbecues and court house gatherings where pent-up oratory may find disembogement, and huge preambles and resolutions may be read and adopted. The occasion demands action, not gas. No difference what you have seen or read of elsewhere, of railroad companies doing this [c. 4] or not doing that, of running here and there or elsewhere; the question is, do you people in Dallas want the Pacific Road, and do you intend to have it? Would not aiding it develop your country? Will not every dollar invested in it be returned with compound interest [sic] into your pocket? Could you not actually give it one-fourth of your land, and then be 100 per cent. better off than if it should not be built, or run thirty miles North or South of you? The truth is, this subject ought to be laid calmly and dispassionately before the people, and when so done my judgment for it, they will see how inseparably connected is their prosperity with the speedy completion of this ultimately destined grand trunk railway through that section. Once laid on another line and it is forever too late.

Crops are below an average between Tyler and Shreveport. Indeed in many places, especially between Marshall and this place, corn seems to be an almost total failure. Great complaint of "worm" in cotton—not the genuine cotton, but the grass worm, they say. Its ravages are peculiar, consisting mainly, not of riddling the leaves, but of nipping off the buds and squares and leaf at the stalks. So one riding along the road would not detect its presence. It is also contended, that its ravages are confined to grassy crops—that which has been well cultivated not suffering seriously. Any way, it is producing much alarm, and has already done very material damage. The worm has stripped the corn even of its blades up to the ear. A few weeks will determine the matter. It is said to be damaging the cotton on Red River below—for the correctness however of this, I cannot vouch—there is no complaint here on river at

Shreveport.

Of politics I have heard but little. As to the militia bill men give a sigh and are silent. A similar law prevails in Louisiana, as you are aware, and they are now organizing under its provision. I presume the people of Louisiana are harmonizing readily under the present political regime.

One thing is very potent down this way, the condition of the freedmen, as far as I can see, is not bettered by freedom. They are still the same dependent creatures of other days—not accumulating and scarcely as comfortable as in slavery, toiling in poverty and ignorance to meet the necessary wants of nature. They are, too, far more easily managed than two years ago. True, they work for part of the crop, but the end of the year generally finds them with debts enough over them to absorb all the fruits of their labor. They are said to do about two-thirds work, while they are very punctual to all political demands. Politics too much at least, will ruin any people—thrust upon the negro, and engineered by shrewd office seekers, how could he hope to be otherwise than obliterated.

W. H. Scales.

DAILY AUSTIN REPUBLICAN, August 24, 1870, p. 4, c. 1

Richard Gregory, of Tyler, is ill but still "hale and hearty."

DALLAS HERALD, September 10, 1870, p. 2, c. 2

The Tyler Index attributed the refusal of the State Senate to ratify the appointment of T. C. Carland to a Judgeship to that fellow's "unimpeachable integrity." Pretty good for a Radical paper to say of a Radical Senate. Hit 'em again, Mr.

DALLAS HERALD, September 10, 1870, p. 3, c. 3

[Summary: Six prisoners escaped from Dallas jail two weeks ago. Dooley and Camp recognized on stage from Tyler to Hallsville by Dallas resident. At Starrville, Beavers obtained assistance and Dooley arrested but Camp escaped, and is being pursued. Camp later recaptured, also in Tyler jail.]

DAILY AUSTIN REPUBLICAN, September 13, 1870, p. 2, c. 3

There are now ten official journals of Texas: State Journal, Central Journal, Jefferson Radical, Tyler Index, McKinney Messenger, Goliad Guard, Civilian, Union, S. A. Express, Free Press.

DAILY AUSTIN REPUBLICAN, September 17, 1870, p. 1, c. 5

The Tyler Reporter says: The latest accounts we have of enrollment of militia in this county, about one thousand names had been taken, and nary \$15. We suppose the work is about half done in the country. A "terrible army with banners," but very little plondulix.

DAILY AUSTIN REPUBLICAN, September 26, 1870, p. 2, c. 3

The Tyler Reporter, of the 17th inst., gives an account of the killing of Henry Gilliland by David Spivey, on account of a quarrel about a saddle. Rather a poor cause for taking the life of a human being.

H. C. Hunt, the saddle-bags delegate to the convention from Comal county, has been appointed by his majesty to the post of alderman of Tyler in Smith county. Hunt is well muscled for an office in any county in the State.

DALLAS HERALD, October 1, 1870, p. 1, c. 7

The jail at Tyler was set on fire by two prisoners who lately escaped from the Dallas jail by the same trick. It didn't work at Tyler. The jail was soon extinguished.

DAILY AUSTIN REPUBLICAN, October 6, 1870, p. 2, c. 1

We find in the Tyler Index of the 24th ult., a full report of the speech of Mr. M. Priest, late Senator from Houston and Cherokee counties, written out by himself for publication. We take two short extracts from the speech. . . .

DAILY AUSTIN REPUBLICAN, October 11, 1870, p. 4, c. 1

The Galveston Mercantile Library Committee have tendered the post of Librarian to Miss Mollie E. Moore, the song-bird of Texas.

DALLAS HERALD, October 22, 1870, p. 2, c. 4

The Crisp Troupe [actors] are announced to give a series of performances in Tyler, after which, we believe, they go to Shreveport for the winter.

DALLAS HERALD, October 29, 1870, p. 2, c. 2

They are stirring things considerably in and about Tyler, on the division question. A portion of the people of that place are very anxious to have a State carved out of Eastern Texas, with the Trinity River as the western boundary. We are not on that line; if you want division, gentlemen, please cut off a slice of the Northern line of counties, say down to the 32d parallel, and perhaps we may talk about it then.

DALLAS HERALD, October 29, 1870, p. 3, c. 2

George W. Baird, recently returned from Shreveport, tells us of meeting Judge S. D. Wood, at Tyler, that gentleman inquiring if we had any *woods* in this county. Of course we have, Judge—as beautiful as ever charmed a human eye. May Time but lightly touch its bloom, and no rude tempest ever disturb its sweet serenity or dismantle its Paradisean beauty.

DALLAS HERALD, October 29, 1870, p. 3, c. 2

On Thursday of last week, all the business houses of Tyler, Texas, were closed

and draped in mourning in token of respect for the memory of General ROBERT E. LEE.

DALLAS HERALD, October 29, 1870, p. 2, c. 3

The Tyler Index on Gen. Lee.

If zeal in wholesale abuse and general vilification of all who sustained the Southern Confederacy constitutes loyalty, then the Tyler Index is the most loyal newspaper in Texas. It is hotter, by several degrees than the San Antonio Express, and that is like a fiery furnace. The Index of the 15th instant contains an article in abuse of Gen. Robert E. Lee, informed with a malevolence that would kick the clod from the coffin and spit upon the grave. It abounds in epithets which the Radical press consider most opprobrious.—It is true it can never harm the illustrious dead; but its writer must blush with shame when he looks upon a nation in mourning for the great man whose character he has so wantonly and gratuitously maligned. Does the Index propose to hasten reconstruction by abusing and denying amnesty and pardon to all the greatest and best men of the South? General Lee is in his grave, and ere long, in all human probability, Mr. Alexander H. Stephens and Gen. Joseph E. Johnston will follow him; but the finger of public scorn will be pointed at such traducers as the Index as long as the world shall admire true heroism, lofty intellect and spotless honor.

The Tyler Index loads the name of Gen. Lee with infamy and opprobrium, but the New York Tribune, in speaking of his demise has said: "The best loved leader of the South, Lee was not absolutely without honor, and even affection in the North. It cannot be shown that he ever did a mean thing." The head and font of Radicalism—The New York Tribune—can praise, but the tail of Radicalism—The Tyler Index—hyenalike, follows the illustrious dead with savagery to the grave.

DAILY AUSTIN REPUBLICAN, November 4, 1870, p. 1, c. 5

The Tyler Index states that the cotton does not readily seek a market on account of the low price. Whether it rises or not, it must sooner or later be disposed of. A good crop has been made in Smith county, and planters have had a favorable time, so far, for gathering.

DAILY AUSTIN REPUBLICAN, December 9, 1870, p. 1, c. 4

Gen. James A. Barnes, of the International Railroad, writes to Col. J. P. Douglass, of Tyler, that the company is now fully organized, having promptly paid down \$400,000 in cash, and are ready to advance the \$2,000,000 out of their own private funds. He writes in a very hopeful strain as to the completion of the road in compliance with the terms of the charter; but we cannot see the importance, and regret the necessity, if it exists, of abandoning Jefferson in favor of the Central road as the

initial point for beginning the work.

He says:

"I am satisfied that the company will construct this road even more rapidly than the charter demands. The shortness of the time to build the first fifty miles of the road, and the difficulties in the way of commencing work at Jefferson will force the company to commence their operations of the Central (working eastward,) as a base of supplies."