

but that party which guaranteed his honesty and ability in the administration of such public office? The Courier is right. When the people begin to hold parties responsible for the acts of their favorites, then the parties will exercise more care in the selection of men to make and execute the laws. The time has about passed when a party can place a thief in charge of the public's money and yet stand acquitted of all blame.

Beaumont Journal: Nero fiddled while Rome burned. Napoleon McKinley attends female college commencements while American soldiers are slaughtered by disease and bullets in the Philippines.

And why should he not attend them and conduct himself just as if nothing to disturb him or the people was going on? Besides, Otis has assured him that everything is all right. McKinley is a politician and that politician is the greatest who can smile the sweetest and look the calmest when the earth is rocking under his feet.

Farmer Headlight: Beware of the croaker!

There are only a few of them left. But just wait till the political campaign begins. There will be croaking from every schoolhouse, courthouse, stump, log and bush in the state. It will be the croak of the man who wants office. It will be the croak of the politician and political paper, who and which would croak if the streets were paved with gold that they were too hard on the feet.

San Antonio Express: The State Fair at Dallas has been what might be termed a successful enterprise from its inception. This is indicated by its uninterrupted continuance through a series of years and its continuous improvement year after year. One reason why the Dallas Fair has been so marked a success is that all the elements of that city and of the surrounding country have combined to make it so. It has been the pride of Dallas city and county, and, to a large extent, of all north Texas. A few days ago one of the county commissioners of Dallas county said to a local reporter concerning the avenues of travel:

"The fair grounds are in my district and I am macadamizing all the roads leading to them. Grand avenue is macadamized to the grounds and the new road to the southeast is completed to a point three miles beyond White Rock creek. Haskell avenue is open clean to the grounds. Before the fair opens I will have the best steel and oak bridge in the country across the ravine on Grand avenue just west of the fair grounds. In fact, by the time the big show begins all of the roads approaching the fair grounds will be as smooth as a floor, so that the people of Dallas and those of the surrounding country in vehicular reach of the fair can get there with greater ease than ever before."

When the Dallas fair grounds were first laid out and inclosed the approaches were few and far more or less circuitous, and the two or three roadways by which the grounds could be reached were practically impassable. The grounds were about as distant from the heart of the city as are the San Antonio fair grounds from the center of this city, and far less accessible. One of the first things done was to open a new and direct road, which then ran through a long stretch of vacant bog wallow land, but which is now a grand avenue, hard and smooth and lined on either side by handsome residences its entire length. Of course the fair did it. When the grounds were dedicated almost the only means of getting there was by the steam railroad. Now there are electric car line capable of handling many thousands of visitors comfortably, and accessibility has been one of the main factors in the success of the fair, for visitors would not go unless they could get there and back with some degree of comfort and expedition. Experience is a great teacher, and example affords some of the most useful lessons.

It was the Dallas people who made the State Fair at Dallas the greatest fair in the United States. Neither the first or last statement is open to contradiction. But they were years doing it and for years the question of success was unanswered. But the energy and public spirit of those men behind it won, as energy and public spirit will win. San Antonio can do as well; but it takes time, patience, courage, indifference to cost and unceasing hard labor. In the end nothing has ever contributed more to the growth and prosperity of Dallas than this same public spirit and energy which developed the state fair idea into the state fair reality.

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Sherman Democrat: There is a \$500,000 cotton mill in Denver and it pays well. The managers say they use north Texas cotton altogether.

When one considers this item, positively, it's enough to excite a laugh. Denver is in the heart of the mountains. It is hundreds of miles from a sea port and hundreds of miles from the cotton fields. It is not naturally a distributing point and has only one advantage and that is that it is in a mining country. And yet it hauls the raw cotton from the fields nearer the sea, hauls it from points which are better distributing points, and makes the hauling pay. There is not a town in all the state of Texas which might not be able to make a cotton mill pay better than the Denver mill.

Houston Herald: Whiskers Peffer has defined his politics. He is an anti-democrat.

Which is about as definite as the term, "anti-expansionist." There are anti-expansionists who believe in the annexation of Porto Rico and against the annexation of the Philippines. There are expansionists with limitations.

Rusk Journal: If Uncle Sam would assume a little backbone in the Alaskan boundary controversy he would find it much easier to adjust matters with John Bull.

Uncle Sam is moving along all right in this business. England is anxious to accommodate him, but England has a daughter, Miss Canada, who is disposed to have something to say about the matter of boundary. Canada must be coaxed into consent and England has undertaken the task. In the meantime Uncle Sam is waiting. This is no time for the display of "backbone."

Ablene Times: Fighting Joe Wheeler will be sent to the Philippines. He had rather fight than to get married any old day.

The general's record in love and war is about the same. He has been in two wars and has been married twice.

Clarendon Industrial West: Bland's district was composed of thirteen Missouri counties, and already thirteen democratic office-seekers have announced themselves as wanting the office made vacant last week.

He kept them out a long time and the longer he kept them out the hungrier they grew. The ambition in the Bland district in Missouri seems to be as great as it is in the Balley district in Texas.

Bartlett Right Thing: The fishing party, composed of Judge White, M. B. Hairston, D. H. Stockton, Joe Knight and Robert Jones, that left here several days ago for the Colorado river, returned Tuesday. They report a general good time, although Mr. Jones accidentally scalded his foot, inflicting a painful though not serious injury.

They are coming back, one at a time, these fishing parties, and they are quiet, too. All report a good time. But none report any catch of fish. Aunt Julia Chapman, the ancient colored woman of Port Lavaca, is still the champion. As has been recorded in the Calhoun County News, she lately caught a five-pound red fish.

Wallisville Age: It is the custom in Texas to abuse the legislature as a whole, but to praise the members individually. The legislature, we are usually told, was a misable bungler, but each member was a prodigy of statesmanship.

It is much safer to bundle the legislature as a whole and swear at it than to segregate. For when it comes to taking up one member of the body and criticizing him then he is apt to be unpleasant. He might talk back and swear and do other unpleasant things.

Yoakum Times: Those doubting Thomases who laughed at the diversification idea a few years ago are dumb with astonishment now.

They are not to blame. The results are enough to almost stupefy the state with astonishment. For there are cotton communities in this state which have this year made more clear money by diversification than they ever made in two years in raising cotton.

Tyler Courier: Texas, fortunately or otherwise, has but one political party and it is in the saddle from balliff and town policeman to governor. No other party can be charged with the laws under which we now live so far as Texas law goes. The Courier has complained of certain laws and certain governmental conditions; and because it has done so certain blind party organs run by one-eyed politicians call the Courier editor a populist, but the Courier will continue to hew to the line, let the chips pile up where they will.

If a political party selects a man and turns over the administration of a public office who, in the name of all that is sensible, should be held responsible for his acts