Albany Tegister.

Columbus Whig, and the head, column. and date rules in position, I asked Colonel Davids, who stood by, watch-ing with evident interest the work go-ing on, if he had selected a motto for

"I never gave the subject a thought," he replied. "But come to my room "But come to my room for a few minutes, and we will decide

I followed him into his sanctum, an elegantly furnished little room, and found a number of gentlemen present. canvassing the prospects of old "Rough-and Ready's" election.

"Senator," said the Colonel, address-ing a stout, florid-faced man, who sat tilted back in his chair, and with his feet resting on the side of the window. we want a motto for our paper. Sit down, Mr. Ransom;" turning to me and handing a chair. "What shall it

Well, Colonel," said the Senator, "I am not an adept at such matters; but probably our learned friend Blake can dig us a pearl from that oyster he master of the piace. Blake was about thirty-five years of age, a Yankee; but, notwithstanding that for the piace. entree into the best society. He was a loved thorough gentleman and a fine scholar. "N

pearls much more valuable than can had been improvised, and that the ise taken from the oyster, as you are single male passengers were about to pleased to term it, which I possess," begin play. I knew that brandy

Here a cirniverous specimen of the south-western lawyer, named Harris, suggested that each present write a sentence, with his name, upon a slip of paper, and have the motto drawn by lottery, which suggestion was acted

in a few minutes each one had a sentence written and placed in Senator hat, which, being shaken, Major Howard, a noted politician of Mississippi at that time, was chosen to draw. The first slip drawn was to be the motto. With a handkerchief over his eyes, he put in his hand, and feeling around for a second or two, drew out a slip. The Senator read it: "BE JUST AND FEAR NOT. -John Rausom.

Ransom, you are the lucky man!" said Colonel Davids, as all turned to look at me more closely, I being a a stranger in their midst.

"Yes," I replied; "now I can go on with the paper," and I rose to go, "Wait a moment said the Colonel, "That motto brings back recollections of one of the most eventful epochs of my life. Wait and hear the story. Gentlemen, I am not much of a storyteller, but after you have heard it, you will say there is a strange coincidence in the drawing of this motto to-day. "Give us the story, then," said Har-

I took my seat again, and after hav-ing a cigar banded to me by Major Howard, we sang out, Ready! and

the Colonel began. THE COLONEL'S STORY.

"Gentlemen, you all remember the excitement that prevailed in the South, subsequent to the annexation of Tex-1845. Well, in 1843, rumors reached our Government that strong influence was about to be brought to bear upon the Texas independents, by which British and Spanish interference might take place in the internal ar-

rangements of the country.
Through a friend of mine in the War Department at Washington, and my own personal solicitations, I was appointed, with two others, as commissioner to visit that country, and feel, as it might be said, the pulse of the people in regard to the que stion of annexation, which was being furiously agitated in the States. What is now the State of Texas was divided into three sections for our inspection. The northern tier was given to a Captain Ordway, a very fine officer, which department included the country from the Brazos to Sobine rivers, and north-west, nearly as far as the Red River country. The second tier, and the easiest commission of the three, was the country contiguous to the Brazos. This department fell to the lot of a young civil engineer, named Parks, from Philadelphia, Pa., through the political influence of triends. He was a splendid specimen of manhood, full of buoyancy and hope, but unfortu-nately the poor fellow was killed by a roving band of Indians only one month after entering upon active daty. The third tier was an extensive one; it included the settlements from the Colorado River south to Matamoras, and northwest along the course of the Rio Grande. To this division I was assigned.

"Traving met my fellow-commis-sioners in New Orleans, at which point we received our final instructions, we took passage in a sailing ves-sel for Galveston, from which place we were to separate to our respective departments. After a stay of three days in the latter city. I parted comdepartments. pany with my fellow-inspectors and salled for Matagorda, arriving there on the 13th day of August—this very day five years ago.
"Eager to commence work at as

eurly a day as possible, I concluded to start up the Colorado River and reach Austin, from which place I would begin my tour of observation. I therefore engaged passage on board a small dat-bottomed steamer, advertised to go up the river to Wharton, or, in case the water would allow, as far as

"Next morning I stepped on board the vessel, and in a short time after we were moving up the river. After a deposition of my luggage, I began to look about me for my fellow-pasa deposition of my luggage, I began to look about me for my fellow-passengers. There were about forty, all told, and a curious mixture they were; Mexican greasers, as they are called, and cut in several places. Heeding not know of it, and no one felt inclinities as to my appearance, I looked around for the ones who had been the involuntary actors lift the bloody scene. The captain told me they were in his cabin; that the lady had received such latter part of November, when the

Some had women with them, others a shock that fears were entertained as principals and seconds in the tragedy sat in groups telling stories of Texan life and bloodshed, while around each knot of men perfect rivers of tobacco-juice were running. Apart from their fellow-passengers, sitting as if for se-who had been taken away by one of juice were running. Apart from their fellow-passengers, sitting as if for se-clusion's sake near the port wheelchiston's sake near the port wheel-house, I noticed a young couple, who were evidently of a different class from the rude people strolling over the vessel. The superiority of their dress and bearing attracted my attention, and I at once sought a seat in their vicinity, without any i dention, howev-er, of intruding my-elf upon them, As they sat taiking with each other I had a fair chance to observe them closely. They were a beautiful pair. From their actions and their accent, I which he met his death. It was evisions and their accent, I

shot was fired.

Ned will be after ye.

looking pale, but otherwise well. As

they saw me enter, they both arose

and came forward to meet me, and held

out their hands. Introductions follow-

which the thanks of both were profuse as to my interference in their behalf.

Their names I found to be Mr. and

"A change of clothing and a little

again. "We arrived at Wharton late in the

mentally decided that they were new-ly married, and Yankees, but well-tempts were made to interfere with bred. The lady was apparently about seventeen or eighteen years of age: and I thought then, and have never changed my mind since, that she was the possessor of the loveliest face I well, Bill Burton, I never thought. the possessor of the loveliest face I ever beheld. The words of Edmund Burke on Marie Antoinette reverted to my mind. It was east in an oval form, and seemed to be framed in ringlets of gold, as her hair played loosely around it, and over her calls his brain?" This was said with and shoulders. Her eyes I could not an ironical look in the direction of a get a glimpse of, as she kept them

"Not wishing to be observed by the He laughingly replied: "Seastor, you do me to much honor. Your a stroll agong other passengers. I moved away and began a stroll agong other passengers. I found—which is inevitable in the external placed you in possession of the south-west—that a card-table begin play. I knew that brandy would follow, and my thoughts were pleased to term it, which I possess.

This was a shot at a vulnerable spot of Senator W—'s; his advanced age troubled him.

"Lawyers and school-mates always differ." he pleasantly retorted.

"Lawyers and school-mates always differ." he pleasantly retorted. life, a dispute generally ends with a shalt of the kulfe, or a shot. A groun —the death-rattle—and back they go to their eards as if nothing extraordi-

uary had happened.
"Among those at eards I noticed one Mrs, Geo, A. Peck. "During the rest of the trip, both by man who appeared to be a bully of the river and overland, to Austin, Hearned fire-eating order. His voice was the loudest, and his oaths most picutiful. He had produced a bottle of spirits when I approached the table, and, to use his own peculiar words, was preparing to Take a couple of slines out. paring to take a couple of slings out of the critter.' I had a presentment that there would be trouble with that man. So, leaving the spot, I went forward, and taking out my pistols, I ducements of his nucle, who resided in Austin, and owned large tracts of land. he had been tempted, after his marriage, to immigrate to that place, and start a newspaper to advocate annexation to the States. Boxed up and being conveyed as freight with us, was made an examination to be sure they were in a proper condition in case ne-cessity called for their use. I then strolled toward the bride and groom. the necessary material for a printing-They were watching the scenery Both Mr. Peck and his wife had we passed on the river with interest, and did not notice me. Feeling measy, I sauntered back to the eard table, and been liberally educated, and their conversation was a source of gratification to me. Altogether, Lalways look back to that journey as one of the happlest

were, his arm was around her waist.

a scene on the river, dealt the rufflan such a blow as laid him on his back.

Quickly recovering the senses the blow

had stunned, the drunken brute pulled out a knife and sprung at the young

man, who appeared like a boy in com-

that his life was in danger. There

was no time to loose-the lady had

fainted. I caught hold of the arm that held the knife, and forced its holder

back; but being a powerful man, I did

not hope to cope with him in main strength. My interference maddened

life depended on my getting out a re-

from rolling over each other on the

I was becoming weak; I therefore felt that something decisive must be done.

Gathering my strength for a final ef-fort, I give the curaged flend a sudden throw, letting his arm, which I had

his companions astonished me. I fully expected to be the victim of their re-

deck.

the onlookers.

just in time to observe a scene at that time new to me. The bully had lost all his money, and was accusing the others, who seemed to be afraid of him, "After we arrived in Austin, which was then a scattered hamlet, my young of cheating, with such obscene onths friends were taken in charge by their that I fairly turned away in disgust. He had emptied his bottle, and his relative, whom I found to be an intelligent, well educated, shrewd, money passions were inflamed the mere at his losses. Evidently in a state of mind making Yankee. He is now one of the Supreme Court Judges, and a great friend of General Houston. capable of any mischief, he left the party and walked forward to the spot "Not earing to lose time. I remained in Austin only three days, and started, with a Mexican half-breed as a guide. where the young man and his wife were sitting. I followed. He stood for a moment bitterly cursing the players who had fleeced birn. Upon seeing the beautiful face of the girl bride, he walked over to where she sat, and be-fore she was aware what his intentions

for the western confines of my division; and for two months, nearly, I was out of the civilized world. My mission was a success, however; so that when I reached Austin again, prior to examining the scaboard settlements, and wishing to stay a few days with the new friends I had made, I forwarded I involuntarily stepped forward, but before I reached him, the hu-band, whose attention had been diverted by to my government a most favorable

"When I arrived in Austin from the West, young Peck had just got his office in the condition ours is in to-day. And what may seem strange, a party of gentlemen, I among the res, sat in perison with his assailant. I saw that his sanctum on the evening following the young husband was unarmed, and my arrival. The subject under discussion was a motte for his paper. As we all sat making our suggestions, a tall, ill-favored Texan entered the room. He appeared to be known to

him. With an oath he attempted to free his arm. I told the assailed party to look after his lady—that I would at-tend to the ruillan. A terrible strug-gle ensued between us. I felt that my by the request of Peck's uncle. The motto drawn was 'RE JUST, AND FEAR and H. W. Carbing, Secretary, and NOT.—George A. Peck.'
"The Texan whom I had noticed entering the room was the first to bail volver. By this time the oaths and imprecations of the baffled drunkard the successful motto and its writer. 'Fine motto! Lucky Peck!' he re-

had brought to the scene the captain of the steamer and the rest of the pasmarked in a peculiar voice.

"Every one present turned to look at the owner of the voice. Observing sengers. I still managed to hold his knife arm and thus controlled the weathe attention he had attracted, he conpon, although cut in several places, tinued: That is a good motto, Peck; but I know a better one. Did you ever hear the old Indian proverb. Fast he runs, faster follows: The captain attempted to inter-The rough characters who sur-

rounded him threatened to shoot him if he did. 'Let them fight it out,' I could hear them saying; 'Bill Burton knows his business. It'll be all day with that lean coss in a minit or two.' "There was an insulting look in the man's eyes, and menace in his tone, which Peck noticed. "What do you want here, sir?" be

said, addressing the intruder.

"A life for a life! My name is Ned

Burton. "Every one present thought the man insane. I, however, knew what he wanted, and, on the spur of the moheld so persistently, go at the same moment. Quick as thought I hadout a pistol, and, as he sprang at meagain, I sent a ball whizzing through his head. With an oath gurgling in his throat, he dropped dead at the test of the outsiders. ment, rose to confront him; but too late. He had struck my poor friend Peck a heavy blow across the face, and then spat upon him. For the moment all was confusion, during which the assailant escaped from the room. Peck was frantic with rage and grief at the indignity put upon him, which we tried to assuage, but with little suc-The philosophical indifference of

expected to be the victim of their revenge. 'Ye done fust-rafe, stranger; jest as good as I could ha' done myselt,' remarked a big, burly fellow, who had been one of the card-players. Then speaking in a whisper, 'Eut look out for bis brother Ned, when you get in the neighborhood of Austin.' With this advice, he walked away with his fellows: and they were soon deen in "Next day, a characteristic note from the man Burton was handed to Peck, by a friend of the former's, in-viting a challenge, which Peck instant-ly dispatched, without consulting his friends. When I leavned of it, I tried to dissuade him from so foolish a step. I painted to him the worthless charac-ter of his assallant, but to no purpose. The blow he had received was rankfellows; and they were soon deep in the game of cards again, as if nothing musual had happened. The captain, a rough but kind specimen of the river steamboat commander, pointed to my clothing, which was stained with blood, ling in his breast. His uncle and the friends be had made in Austin entreated

about to be enacted met on the plateau near Austin. Peck had, by his chal-I nge, given Burton the choice of wealpons, and he had selected pistols. Before the combatants got into posi-tion. I walked over to Burton and the temale passengers when the fatal asked him to apologize, as Peck was innocent of the death of his brother;

court-plaster soon put me in condition that I was the one who killed him. "Yes, you killed him; but he, yonder, was the cause,' he remarked, One at a time. Your turn will come

afternoon, and found that the river 'One a would admit of a farther journey up next.' "The sneering way in which this was said enraged me so that I struck him. The seconds interfered, and the preparations Went forward again. The ground marked off, and the weapons being examined, the combatants took their positions. In those days, the signal in Texas was the firing of a pis-tol. Peck whispered to me, "If I fall, tol. Peck whi-pered to me, "If I fall, break it gently to her. Good-bye," A slight quiver ran over blun—the only ign of weakness I lad noticed. you would be doubled up by such a thin fellow as that. Then, turning to shake of the hand—a report—another —and poor Peck fell dead. He was his negroes, continued; 'Tore this shot through the larain. Tears rose to korps away! Come, be lively!' Looks my eyes as I looked at him. I then ing at me a moment, as if calculating thought of his wife. How could my prowess, he went on: "Stranger, how did ye do't?" Bill was an ugly break the sal in diligence to her? It took me till noot to summon up cour-age to do it. I shall never forget the scene that followed. cass to grapple. I reckon his brother

For months the girl-bride-the Upon my answering that I was fully capable of taking care of myself, he remarked, with a sly kind of smile. girl-widow now-lay fluttering be-tween life and death. I went off upon my commission, after seeking in I reckon ye was playin' a losin' hand vain for Burton, who never came near Austin after the due!. Returning, after "No." I replied. "I never saw blue my labors were completed, I found Mrs. Peck convalescent, but spiritless and melancholy. I undertook to see her safe back to Massachusetts, and "Well, ye did putty well for a The negroes baving removed the body, my interrogator left inc.

In the cabin, that evening, I met
the husband and his wife. She was did so. The change did her some good, but it was two years before she recovered her old looks.

"Burton, the numberer of Peck, I shot in the city of Mexico, when we took possession, as he was in the act of robbing a private dwelling, against

ed, which led to a conversation, in "And, gentlemen, Mrs. Peck that was, is now Mrs. Davids. So go on with your paper, Ransom; and may your motto be less fatal in its results than poor Pecks. That's the story."

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

FINANCIAL-Gold in New York 113. Legal tenders in Portland-buying, 80e; selling, 90,

PARAGRAMLETS .- Onlons and radshes plentiful in market. New potatoes (California) in mar-

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thing in the stove and tin line, go to W. H. McFarland & Co. C. B. Comstock & Co. are selling

the best of agricultural implements. On Saturday a back belonging to Bartges & Merick, fall of men, upset, on corner of Second and Lyon streets. But slight damage sustained by any

per & Co's.

Good Templars. C. B. Comstock & Co. are erecting a building on First and Ellsworth streets of it. for the reception of a large invoice of Wood's reapers, mowers, Haine's headers, etc.

Gov. Grover defend's Democratic over whenever he refers to that grasp-

few present, so no questions were put to him. Taking a seat, he listened to the various mottoes suggested. Drawing by lottery was finally agreed on.

The present to be known ing monopolist, Ben Holladay.

On Tuesday a base ball club was organized in this city, called the Quicking by lottery was finally agreed on. next Saturday, on the grounds south of residence of Mr. S. Althouse,

Wm, R. Cannon will soon put a new coach on the line between this city and

Dow, of Dow & Crane, says the reason they shut up their store was, the flies got so terribly bad there was no living with them. Not wishing to be fly-blown, they closed for repairs. A good deal of enquiry during the

week for reapers, mowers, and other agricultural machinery.

On the whole the present season is pronounced by farmers to be the best for crops ever experienced in the Willamette valley.

As a boot-black, Hart, on Tuesday right, was pronounced a success.

Gov. Grover lectured on how "I run the possum convention at the Dalles," on Wednesday night, at the Court House.

Wool has receded in price lately. A few days ago buyers were eager to obtain it at 55c a pound; now 48c is all that is offered, withdownward tenden-

On Saturday evening, about twenty five couples, participants in the picuic, assembled at Parrish Hall and whiled away the hours until twelve o'clock, 'tripping the light fantastic toe." For genuine silver or plated-ware,

go to Titus Bros. If you want the latest style in furniture, the Dolly Varden, go to Chas. Mealey's.

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VARIOUS ITEMS.

A movement is on foot in Philadelphia to raise \$50,000 for the purpose of erecting a monument to the late Major General Geo. H. Thomas.

The Bible is forbidden to be used LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S in public schools at Davenport,

Secretary Fish has got over his resignation fits, and gone back into THE UNDERSIGNED HAS OPENED A his old residence at Washington.

A stone was lately quarried on Lake Superior which was 110 feet long and 81 feet thick.

The small pox has broken out in southwest Missouri, and the people are alarmed.

Jim Fisk's widow has only about two millions from his estate. Florida has two State Governments in successful operation, There are sixty-two weather sig-

nal stations in the United States, Portland, Key West, Galveston, San Diego and Portland, Oregon. Milwankie, Wis., has given \$1,-

500,000 to railroads, One hundred and fifty-four of the John Smith family have graduated at Yale College.

There is a bust of John Brown, the martyr abolitionist, in the museum at Genoa.

The bank notes of England are printed on paper manufactured of the common raw palmetto of Flor-

A million dollars in gold, according to the figures at the mint,

weighs just two tons. General Simon Holivar Buckner is building a six story marble block in Chicago. With him the cruel

war is over. A pepper-box for salt is the latest Yar kee invention.

There are probably not more than 500 Christian Jews in the United States.

The Iowa Division of the Illinois Central Railroad employs in the machine shops at Waterloo about two hundred hands. These shops alone, it is estimated, sustain a population of over six hundred,

At the recent town meeting in Moseow, a small town on the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad, about forty miles west of Davenport, Iowa, women were elected by a large majority to fill all the town offices.

Horace Greeley closes up a recent manifesto with the following para-Sioshins of nice goods at P. C. Hargraph: "Such is our position; and On Saturday the weather was very going to the picule.

George Turrell has a spleadid lot of goods, and he knows how to display them to advantage.

Fair attendance at the Wednesday night entertainment given by the didn't earry his speculations up to "G" is significant, to say the least

An Ohio man has been married seventy-five years, and has had his mother-in-law as a boarder during swamp land monopoly and other Dem- the whole time. He says he has ocratic monopolies, but violently slops never had cause to regret her company, and recommended her as a model mother-in-law. She is now one hundred and five years old.

The Emperor William rides about in Berlin in a very plain-looking carriage, without escort or guards. He always appears in full uniform, and graciously touches his helmet to the crowd, who bow and appland until he is long out of sight. Bismarck seldom rides or drives, nor does Moltke, as the Americans

A curious phase of the "duello" has just come to light in the French papers. Pending the first siege of Paris, two French officers had a quarrel, and a duel was decided upon. The conditions were left to the colonel. He ordered both to march right to the enemy's outpost, killing as many Prasslans as they could; the survivor of the two was to return. Soon one of the antago. nists was shot, and the other carried the body back to camp.

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