

## NEWS OF THE WEEK.

The orphans fair held in Natchez in February netted \$3,800.

General Santa Anna has reached the capital of Mexico and visited the president.

Omaha has taken a census and claims a population of 27,409.

The Chicago Jockey Club races at Memphis will begin the 27th.

The superintendent of instruction in Florida (a negro) fled from Louisiana about four years ago to escape the penalty of rape.

The Atlantic Delaware Company, of Providence, Rhode Island, has been declared bankrupt.

The deficit in the Virginia treasury is about \$30,000.

They are trying to organize a manufacturing company in Atlanta with the notorious I. I. Kimball as secretary and treasurer.

Cincinnati is called the dirtiest city west of Pittsburg.

Efforts are being made to get the Sprague in bankruptcy.

The government debt March 31st, was \$3,955,958.50.

The 1st, 15th and 16th buildings were burned in Millersville, Pennsylvania.

The Rhode Island state election was held the 1st.

The democrats run no candidates for state officers in Rhode Island at the late election.

Colonel Mays, state treasurer of Virginia, was arrested the 28th ult., charged with embezzlement.

The Louisville police made 605 arrests in March.

Atlanta invested \$8,700 in the Louisville lottery and got \$3,750.

Jackson, Mississippi, has nine churches, twenty-four barrooms, and a black-and-white legislature.

The Mississippi legislature have fixed their pay at \$200 a year and mileage to and from the capital.

The California legislature has passed a bill limiting the hours of labor of conductors and car drivers.

The Manchester print works at Manchester, New Hampshire, were sold at auction for \$1,000,000.

At Fort Wrangell, Alaska, the average temperature during the winter was thirty degrees below zero.

Every week, on an average, 450 misdirected letters are sent to the New York post office.

The New York Central, the Erie, and the Pennsylvania railroads have reduced immigrants rates of fare to the west nearly one-half.

Bishop Cummins is sick, and by the advice of his physician will desert from all public labor for a time.

Peter Anderson Hansen, the German astronomer, is dead in his 70th year.

The Great Eastern will start in August to the Cape Verde Islands, to Pernambuco, Brazil.

Of the thirty-five hundred new books published in New England last year, there were three-hundred as many works on science and art as works of fiction.

The Graniteville Mills, in South Carolina, run over 20,000 spindles and 700 looms, pay from ten to twelve per cent. dividends, have a handsome surplus, and are about to build a new mill.

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Two proclamations of reward, twelve of remission of fines and forfeitures, five for elections, and eight granting pardons, have been issued by the governor since the 10th of January.

There are eight organized public schools in Bexar county.

Jesse Andrews died recently in Austin.

Austin has a Sunday law closing business houses on that day.

There are 100 wholesale liquor dealers in the Austin internal revenue district.

There have been heavy rains all through the state.

There are three large beer breweries in Austin, one in Fredericksburg, three in San Antonio, two in New Braunfels, one in Castrolville, one in Seguin, one in Fort Worth, one in Jacksboro, one in Waco, and two in Bastrop.

The Austin dog-catcher earned and received \$450 for four months' service.

The State Grange will meet in Austin the 14th.

Farming operations have generally been retarded by rains.

Died in Marshall the 19th ult., R. P. Wornick.

Antoine Gohar of Galveston was born in Italy in 1776.

Colonel Chase, Dr. Morse will address the Veterans at their meeting in Austin.

Dr. Rainey, senator from the third district, has resigned to take the presidency of the blind asylum.

The wife of Judge Simeon English of Red River county died the 4th ult.

An abundance of grain has been planted in Hood county.

Attorney General Clark advises that it is impossible to get rid of the district judges by re-districting the state.

Postmaster Clark of Galveston has been permitted to resign.

Major S. B. Daniel has been admitted to a seat in the senate from Washington, vice Mat Gaines (negro), who was elected, but was a convict in the hands of the law at the time of the election.

A. B. Green has been appointed city marshal of Tyler.

L. A. Russell has been elected chief of police in Tyler.

Married in Cherokee county the 23rd ult., W. F. Hamilton, of Tyler, and Mrs. Ellen Ellis.

Married near Athens the 19th ult., W. Patterson, of Tyler, and Annie J. Wiley.

Epperson's steam mill near Tyler were burned recently.

Major S. B. Daniel is organizing granges in Hancock and Smith counties.

Colonel Isaac T. Finley died in Brazoria county the 17th ult. He went to Texas from Alabama in 1830.

Rev. Dr. Young lectured on temperance in Hempstead the 11th.

Longview will soon have a new Baptist church.

In Denison, milk sells at forty cents a quart.

The Episcopal church at Calvert has been twice robbed.

The negroes of Waller county are working well.

Wheat, oats, and corn in Travis county look well.

Post-office money orders at Austin amount to \$2500 a week.

The sanitary condition of Austin has been greatly improved.

The Comanche county wheat crop is promising.

Centerville has raised money to build a male and female academy.

There is a good deal of sickness in Bexar county.

Granbury will soon organize an Odd Fellows lodge.

A handsome stone church is being built at New Spring. Good country.

The Johnson county wheat prospect is very good.

In Hill county wheat looks unusually well.

The crop prospect in Nueces county is very fine.

A number of consumptives from other states are visiting San Antonio for their health.

**THE FARM AND HOME.**

**WORDS OF WISDOM.**

Aristotle says that a Persian philosopher asked what was the best manure for land, answered, "A wise thing for the land."

An African philosopher being asked what was the best thing to fatten a horse, replied "The eyes of the master."

There is a world of wisdom contained in these two proverbs, which some of our planters are just beginning to learn.

(From the Southern Cultivator.)

**BEE SWARMING.**

As natural swarming is always attended with more or less excitement, the query, "What is the best manure for land?" is very interesting to the bee keeper. In olden times strong colonies usually cast swarms in April, while weak colonies may not swarm until the month of June. None need, however, be excited by the appearance of swarms. When a colony determines to cast a swarm, they go to work to construct queen cells, and generally when these cells are made, the queen is ready to leave the hive, and the old queen with her many of the bees as conclude to go with her, leave the old hive in a rush and form a new colony. But in case the weather is not propitious, the queen and her court should suddenly diminish, they may abandon the idea of swarming for a time, and proceed to destroy the queen cells formed, and even to kill off the drones. A bright day is usually selected, and generally between the hours of 10 o'clock in the morning and 3 o'clock in the afternoon. Sometimes swarms appear earlier, and sometimes later, depending much upon the appearance of the day.

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men of all degrees crowded to see what remained of the hero, and many of them when they went away, the first indication of grief that had been seen in their faces.

The three partners sat down to supper, and gazed at the empty chair. The mother finally broke the silence.

"A child would have died more nobly," said he.

"Orestes!" exclaimed the deacon, "the publicans and harlots shall go into the kingdom. You say—what? No! Only offered our money, while he gave his life."

"Blessed be the promise," said the deacon. "Give and it shall be given unto you. You gave the life, and he gave the life."

"He burnt off his hair, and a stone-mason now-a-days," said the deacon, "he does his best, and he would not have done his best, had he not been a stone-mason."

The deacon took upon himself the mournful duty of making a head-board for his deceased partner, and painting the words "At Rest" on the head-board of the deceased partner.

"Greater love hath no man than that a man lay down his life for his friends," said the deacon.

But while it was dying, and the deacon was absent for a few moments, some heterodox person strolled in, read the inscription, and seized the paint brush, wrote:

"How about a fellow that saves his life, but loses his friends?"

[From the New York Metropolitan for April.]

## SPRING MILLINERY.

In olden times there were prophets for everything, but prophecy was then a dangerous profession; for he or she who foretold erroneously was stoned to death.

Fortunately, no such horrible consequences follow those who predict false in these uncertain days, or we should not venture to announce the approaching yet untried season.

The mystery of the future is surrounded the coming head-ornament of the fashionable woman adds much to its interest, but it is our duty to exhibit to the form, color, and material of the important portion of our costume, in advance of its sale in the shops.

As form is always the primary consideration in selecting a hat or bonnet, we have ten to announce that of two leading styles one has the coronet higher, wider, and saunter than ever, while the crown is also wider, and generally lower.

For very different styles, like the ultra-Alpine and the grandeur of last season, will be worn; though some ladies to whom they are especially becoming, will still adhere to the old style, which is really coquettish in appearance and likely to be preferred.

Wide-rimmed, with the crown crushed in to make room for bows and blossoms. The most faces, the shape is very becoming.

As usual, the real French style is much plainer than we have been wearing, but we have a passion for the decorative, of course the Parisian milliner engages us in purchasing elaborate and expensive trappings.

It is in her interest to do so, but at the same time she does not attempt to persuade her own countrywomen to imitate the graceful shapes of their hats and bonnets by over-draping them.

We have worn much lace, many floating ribbons, and numerous long trailing streamers of costly foliage and flowers drooping over the back of our hats. Such displays always signify extravagance, but the French woman refuses to destroy the virtues of her pretty bonnet in this manner.

Charm, or rather what she calls the "chic" would be destroyed by over-trimming, and many of our hats have of late come to understand this fact. Last season's hats and bonnets were worn with a leather tip, a short loop or two of velvet, or a cluster of flowers or leaves at the back, to soften rather than break the outline between the hat and hair.

Of course, delicate hair permits a drapery at the back, so that the lady who still clings to it for "a reason," will not find herself out of the fashion, though she will seem extravagant.

Among the desirable materials are soft chips in buff, cream, and gray, also long horns, as well as French felts, with surfaces as soft as silk.

Velvets, especially black velvet, will be the leading material for the autumn and winter. They will be used in foundations in the cool spring days, and as trimmings upon chip, straw, and Leghorn, all the spring and summer styles, are also certain of continued favor.

Dainty sprays of leaves and long wreaths of flowers, berries, mosses and buds, will curl about the brows under the wide coronets, and also about the crown, and these coronets will be irregular in form, deep indentations being made at one side as a nestling place for a bow of ribbon, or a cluster of small bright flowers.

price for placing counterfeit weapons of war in the hat is still as popular as ever. These brilliant ornaments are made of polished steel, silver, shell, jet, and ivory; and other material is charmingly barbaric when half-hidden in a bandeau of velvet.

[From the New York Herald.]

## The Express of France.

Eugenie Marie de Montijo was born at Grenada, Spain, on the 12th May, 1826, and is consequently—although no one would guess the fact from her face—forty-eight years old.

Those who believe in the omens of dates will not note that the 12th of May is one famous in Bonapartist annals, for it is that on which Napoleon I. died.

However, when Eugenie was born nothing seemed more improbable than that she ever would marry a crowned head, for her mother would not occupy the brilliant position which she now occupies.

Her maternal name was Kikri-pa-trick-Closterman. She was descended from a Scotch family, and was married to the Count of Montijo and Teba, who was a grandee of the first class, but who had not much money.

From some reason, the Count of Montijo soon tired of his wife's company, and the pair were separated long before the Count's death.

With her two daughters—for Eugenie had two—the Countess then traveled from country to country, and spent some years in London, where she lived in retirement, and went little into society.

On leaving London, which, it is said, she found too expensive, Mme. de Montijo returned to Spain and resided for about three years in different parts of the peninsula.

On the margin of the place of prediction being Seville. But toward the year 1845 she came to Paris, and some documents found at the Prefecture de Police, under the Commune, brought to light the following queer notes about her.

"There is staying at No. 45 Rue street, Antoine, in a rather shabby apartment on the third floor, a Mme. de Montijo, who professes to be the wife of a Spanish nobleman. Her style of living is modest and she receives no visits from ladies; but three or four times a week a number of gentlemen, principally foreigners, come and spend the evening with her and play cards. It is presumable that they are attracted as much by the beauty of Mme. de Montijo's two daughters as by the wish to gamble."

On the margin of the next statement, Mme. de Montijo is really what she asserts she is, the wife of the Count of that name, but the couple were virtually divorced three years after marriage, and the Countess professes to live on her jointure of 10,000 francs a year.

The word "professes" was underlined in both notes, and it is evident that the authorities there of the foreign lady derived the larger share of her income from the maintenance of one of those private gambling saloons which have at all times been the favorite resort of the French aristocracy.

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