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Lone Star Locals -- Vol. VI - No. 1

Wednesday, October 12, 1881

Mrs. W.W. Mills, wife of the deputy U.S. Marshal, is among the latest acquisitions to El Paso society.

A San Antonio theatrical troupe is speaking of a visit to El Paso. If they are first class let them come; they will make money.

The music box at the Texas News Co.'s store is attracting much attention. It is a very fine instrument and well worth listening to.

Mrs. J. Calisher left on Monday's train for a short stay at Hudson's Hot Springs, N.M., where he goes to enjoy the benefit of the baths having suffered a great deal of late with rheumatism.

Now that the plaza is being cleaned up, it would not be a bad idea to clear away John Woods' old blacksmith shop and the stables connected with it. They spoil the looks of the plaza and are besides a nuisance to the neighborhood, so we are informed.

The city prisoners have been employed by the marshal for some days past in cleaning the streets. Yesterday the mesquite bushes in the plaza were cut down and burned and one can now walk across to the S.P. depot at night without danger of running into a bush and tearing his clothes or scratching his eyes out.

W.B. Hooper & Co.'s warehouse near the S.P. depot is finished as also the railroad track leading to it and the two immense oil tanks which have been seen upon one of the flat cars at the railroad yards for some time past will in a day or two be moved into their places in the warehouse. They have a capacity of six thousand gallons each.

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Saturday, October 15, 1881

Go to hear Bishop Elliott preach at the gospel tent to morrow.

The physicians complain that the city is too healthy for them.

Judge Rice is fitting up a handsome office in the room adjoining the hotel office at the Central.

There has been quite a change in the business of El Paso for the better, here of late.

Strong, the painter, has just finished a prescription case for Davis, the druggist, which is "a thing of beauty," sure.

Twelve of the tracks into the roundhouse have been laid, and several of the iron horses, of that line are stabled there.

Governor Anthony is refitting a portion of the old Ochoa building on the other side for a residence and will soon bring his family out from the east.

If you take a hack and pass by the Santa Fe depot and on across the river to Old Town it costs only 25 cents, ferry included, but if you get off at the depot it costs half a dollar.

There is a regular opium den in the building and adjoining the *Times* building on the west, and it might not be out of place for the police to keep their eyes on it.

The Western Union telegraph office is to be established in one of the rooms of the Central hotel. The furniture, batteries, etc., are on the way from St. Louis, and the office will be fitted up as soon as they arrive.

Our carrier requests that subscribers to THE LONE STAR might contribute to his convenience as well as their own if they would run a saw underneath their front doors so that he can shove the papers under when the doors are closed.

We are placed under obligations to the gentlemen of the *Times* for the paper upon which this issue of THE LONE STAR is printed. Our stock of paper came in this morning and we will now be able to reciprocate the courtesy.

Bain's stages will be drawn off the road between this city and Camp Rice in a few days and the stage office removed to the latter point. The mails will then be carried by rail to Camp Rice, thence 145 miles to Ft. Davis by stage, and thence 60 miles to the Texas and Pacific.

Uncle Dan's balky horse attracted another crowd in front of the Palace drug store Thursday noon. After being belabored over the head with the butt end of a whip for half an hour and being knocked down a dozen times, he was conquered and pulled the load up the hill without any trouble.

The merchant tailoring department connected with Lightbody & James' gentlemen's furnishing emporium has developed into a large business of itself. It was begun simply as an experiment, but the success which has attended the new enterprise has fixed it as a permanent addition to the productive industries of this city. Four tailors are constantly employed in the manufacture of clothing.

The latest enterprise inaugurated in the city is a water wagon which delivers soft filtered water all over the city. The proprietor has been for a couple of days distributing it *gratis*, so as to let people see what it is, and we hear everyone declare that it will supersede the well water for drinking and washing. It is just such little convenience as this which makes city life preferable to that of the country or small towns.

We have been shown a letter from the governor of Chihuahua which assures the gentlemen of the City Railway Co., that the franchise they ask in Paso del Norte will certainly be granted them. The gentlemen of the first company chartered assert that the City Railway Co., cannot build on

the streets proposed in this city for the reason that several of them are not public streets but private property which has never been dedicated to the city. Others hold that the selling of single lot upon the basis of the town plat representing certain streets and alleys to be in existence is of itself sufficient dedication, and that such sale prevents the owners of the property from ever again obstructing such streets or devoting them to private uses. The cauldron begins to boil and in a few days we shall see what we shall see.

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Wednesday, October 19, 1881

That water wagon has become one of the regular institutions of the city.

Col. Bradley, of the 13th Infantry, is now in command of this military district.

The S.P. has built a section house at this end of their bridge across the Rio Grande.

The Central hotel front is being blocked off in imitation of stone and its appearance is thereby much improved.

The awning in front of the Senate saloon ought to be raised about a foot. Some passer daily strikes his hat or head against it.

The 23rd infantry is on its way to this district, and upon its arrival the 15th will probably be changed to some other part of the country.

We are informed that Mr. Hills agrees to grade Campbell street from San Antonio to the river at his own expense if the street railway track is laid upon that street.

Those immense oil tanks of W.B. Hooper & Co.'s have been slid into their places in their warehouse near the S.P. depot, and after they are once filled there is not likely to be an oil famine in El Paso. Their capacity is twelve thousand gallons.

Somebody suggests the organization of a Bachelor's Club in this city.

The City Railway Co. has obtained right of way through the streets of Paso del Norte from both the city and state authorities and it now only remains for them to get it from the general government. Gentlemen of this company express themselves well satisfied that the other company are hurrying up their work on El Paso street, as they themselves do not want to be compelled to build on that street.

It appears that the action of the city council in tacking to the ordinance granting right of way to the City Railway Co, a proviso compelling them to begin on El Paso street, provided the old company did not do so within three months, has had the effect of hurrying up the latter company; and our citizens may congratulate themselves upon this most desirable consummation. Let us have a street railway with a ten-cent fare and El Paso will begin to assume metropolitan airs.

Mr. Campbell, superintendent of the S.P., says that he will open up Octavia and Campbell streets through the railroad reservation and fix the railroad crossings, as soon as the city surveyor will survey them and stake them out. This will open up two handsome avenues through the city from north to south. Mr. Campbell says he is ready and willing to do all in his power to benefit the city; and now if he will only dig a good ditch on the north side of the railroad track, so as to drain off the water into the low lands to the east, he will meet with the thanks of a very large portion of the community.

The El Paso Street Railway Co. held a meeting last night at which among other matters relating to the early building of their road, it was determined to build down El Paso street to Fifth and thence east on Fifth to Stanton, and thence across the river to the foot of Ponce (Richardson) street and thence by way of Ponce through Richardson's place to the Mexican Central depot.

We are informed by Mr. Currie of the El Paso Street Railway Co., that his company has begun work. The line has been surveyed from the S.P. depot west on St. Louis street to the west side of the plaza, thence down El Paso street to Fifth and thence to the Santa Fe depot. Grading is to begin at once, and the company is now in correspondence with St. Louis, Chicago and San Francisco relative to material and rolling stock. Mr. Currie declares that the company means business and is going to give the people a street railway as soon as it can be built. This is what is needed and we hail it as an enterprise which will inure to the benefit of the city, while at the same time affording a handsome revenue to its promoters.

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Saturday, October 22, 1881

The recent rains have been hard on dirt roofs.

Hills' new two-story brick, corner of Utah and Texas streets, is under cover.

That corn crib erected back of the Davis block improves the appearance of neither the block nor the street.

The A.T.& S.F. water tank at the head of Overland street is beginning to assume proportions and will be finished in a day or two.

The stage company failed to make with the S.P. any arrangement for carrying the mails; so they will be carried to Camp Rice on buckboards.

B. Schuster & Co have on their counter the largest cheese we ever saw. It weighs 100 pounds and came from Switzerland, where they know how to make cheese.

The Fifteenth Infantry is expecting marching orders daily and will go to Colorado. It is thought the Ninth cavalry will also be ordered out of the district soon; in which case the district will get permanently rid of Col Hatch—a consummation most devoutly to be wished.

Look out for sneak thieves. The carpenter shop next door was entered on Thursday and robbed of a valise. Moral: Never leave your valise in a carpenter shop; or never build a carpenter shop next door to a printing office; or, never own a valise.

Wonder why Adams' Express Co. don't get a wagon! Wells, Fargo & Co.'s pretty wagon "looks like business" passing up the street from the depot every morning loaded down with express matter, while the Adams company has only an old lumber wagon to do its hauling.

Piontkowski, the jeweler on San Antonio street, locked up his shop last night and went off, leaving his lamps burning. One of them exploded and nearly set the house on fire, but a boy was shoved through the transom and extinguished the flames - the only ease on record of the small boy being utilized.

GOULD AND HUNTINGTON IMPORTANT RAILROAD CONSOLIDATIONS

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Wednesday, October 25, 1881

That new sign of the Texas News Co. is quite an adornment to the street.

The end of the Southern Pacific track is seventy-five miles east of here, and is rapidly pushing on.

The new Santa Fe depot is to be occupied in a few days and a kind of dedication is to take place to morrow, to which many of the citizens and the members of the press will be invited.

Mr. Harlow has sold his interest in the Central Hotel to his partner, John Dougher, and will leave on Friday for a trip to Chihuahua. Mrs. Harlow, with the children, will go east.

Why do not some of our real estate men put up a number of cheap cottages to be rented to poor people at \$12 to \$20 per month? It would pay a good interest on the money invested and be an inducement to poor laborers and mechanics to settle in the city. A few tenement houses are needed also with rooms single and in suits, to rent at reasonable figures.

A larger room is needed for the city council meeting. The crowd in attendance last Saturday night could not get inside the room and the reporters for the press had to sit around on the corners of tables and the hearth and use their hats and knees for writing desks. The people of El Paso want to know what their councilmen do, and they have a right to expect accommodations to be provided for a reasonable number of spectators and that the press be furnished with tables for reporting the proceedings.

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Saturday, October 29, 1881

The Marshal might employ the prisoners at filling up those mud holes on El Paso street.

Col. Marr has moved into that nice new office at the El Paso Transfer Co.'s stables.

We hear that a telephone exchange is spoken of, but we think the idea a little premature.

A few ladies and gentlemen met at Mrs. Porter's parlors last evening to consider the organization of a literary society. The meeting adjourned to.

The El Paso Transfer Co. yesterday bought \$1,800 worth of fine horses. Their new thirty-passenger omnibus, costing \$950, will turn in a day or two.

That old rookery in the plaza, where John Woods has kept his blacksmith shop time out of mind, is being pulled down and the plaza will look all the better for it.

The city is full of sneak thieves. Several hats have been stolen from the Central hotel, Geo. Speck had a vest and pair of pants stolen from his private room yesterday, and several other petty thefts are reported. People should be careful not to leave their doors unlocked when they leave their houses or rooms alone.

We heard on the street yesterday that a stock company was being formed to publish a daily paper in this city and that they would send immediately for a fifteen-hundred-dollar press. We hope the report is true, for we have calculated upon investing about a thousand dollars in a press for THE LONE STAR in about a year from now, and, if a company will start in with a fifteen-hundred-dollar press now, we think we will be able to buy it for about a thousand next summer.

We are reliably informed and believe it to be true that, of the twelve grand jurors now in session in Ysleta, ten of them cannot speak English and two of the ten are under indictment for murder . . . This matter should be looked into.

There are a lot of small boys in the city armed with rubber strings attached to forked sticks, with which they shoot buckshot and small stones. They appear to entertain especial animosity against the Chinamen and torment them on all occasions.

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Wednesday, November 2, 1881

The S.P. has begun the erection of a depot at Ysleta.

Reports says that the *Independent* is to be allowed to lapse and will be succeeded by the *Daily El Paso Texan*.

It is said that Wm. S. Hills will soon erect two more small cottages near those just completed on Texas street near Utah.

In a short time the Episcopal church will be commenced on lot 23 Block 4, fronting on Utah street near the public square. The lot has already been secured.

Several parties of contractors on the line of the T.& P. road are coming into town and pitching tents. Some of them are buying lots and will commence the erection of dwellings at once.

The Methodists have about closed the contract for the erection of a frame church, 36 x 60 feet at a cost of near \$4,000. The church will be built on the Southwest corner of Texas and Stanton streets.

Eighty-six men and six officers, of companies G and C of the 23d infantry arrived at Fort Bliss on Saturday to relieve company G of the 15th, which left on Sunday for Fort Lewis, Colo. Major Fletcher, of the 23d, assumes command.

One of the evidences of advancing civilization is the number of silk (stovepipe) hats seen on the streets of El Paso. They are now kept for sale by our merchants and will in a short time cease to be looked upon as novelties by our western people.

Dr. Samaniego has returned to his home on the other side, having doffed the gubernatorial robes and resumed his position of private citizen. It appears that the two street railway companies, recognizing his influence, have been desirous of securing it to further their enterprises. He has published a letter in the *Independent* addressed to Don Ynocente Ocha, in which he declines the honor of belonging to the company represented on the other side by that gentleman, for the reason that it "opposes and is detrimental to the interests of the City Railway Co.," of which the Doctor is a member.

The formal opening of the Santa Fe depot took place on Saturday last. The event was celebrated by an informal gathering of the principal citizens of both sides of the river and the members of the press, who at Capt. Thatcher's invitation assembled to participate in as pleasant a little banquet as has been our fortune to witness in a long time.

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Saturday, November 5, 1881

The literary society will meet this evening at Mrs. Porter's rooms over the postoffice.

Emerson and Berrien have leased to Wm. S Hills, several rooms on East Overland streets for two years. They will be used as a warehouse.

The Mexican Central commenced laying track again on yesterday, and the end of the track is now about six miles south of Paso del Norte.

The southern trade is increasing so rapidly that some of the wholesale men of this city, find it necessary to open branch houses in Paso del Norte and the City of Chihuahua.

There has been quite a commotion in newspaper circles during the past week. Mr. G.E. Sullivan, of the *Times*, has separated his connection with the editorial department of that paper and gone east; Mr. M.W. Carrico, proprietor of the *Times*, will arrive from the east to morrow with a new wife; Mr. Juan S. Hart, of the *Independent* left yesterday to get the material for the mammoth daily he is soon to start; the *Herald* came out Wednesday enlarged to eight columns, and THE LONE STAR has found it necessary to employ another reporter, Mr. Robert Gauss, late of the *Albuquerque Journal*, in order to meet the demand for a live independent paper.

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Wednesday, November 9, 1881

Joseph Schutz has just let a contract for a large warehouse in the rear of his store on San Francisco street. It will be of frame, 30 feet wide by 110 feet deep.

That new omnibus belonging to the El Paso Transfer Co. attracts a great deal of attention on the streets. It is a perfect beauty and as comfortable as it is pretty.

The management of the *El Paso Texan* expects to buy an \$1,800 Hoe press and a \$750 steam engine with which to print their proposed daily. They expect it within the next sixty days.

A special meeting of the city council was held last night to receive the petition for a charter of the City Railway Co. The petition was received and referred to the committee on street railways. The committee is expected to report on next Saturday night.

On last Saturday a special meeting of the city council was called by councilmen Blacker and Schuster, to take action in regard to the petition of the City Railway Co. Messrs. Blacker and Schuster and the city clerk appeared in the council room at the regular hour of meeting, but waited in vain for the other members. Four members are necessary to a quorum, and as no other members appeared, up to half-past eight o'clock, the members present went home, and no meeting was held.

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Saturday, November 12, 1881

The Catholic Bishop of Arizona was in the City last week.

Jno B. Tays and Mrs. Tays, with Mrs. Rohman and Miss Fisher have just returned from St. Louis.

The Methodists have staked off their church lot and expect within a few days to commence the erection of the building. The estimated cost of building and lot is \$4,000.

Lt. Olaggett, of company C, 23d infantry, and a detachment of ten men left on last Wednesday afternoon as an escort for a surveying party to Waco [sic] Tanks, and will be gone thirty days.

A wood and coal yard is on the necessities of this city. There is no coal in town and it is next to impossible to get wood. For an enterprising man a good wood and coal yard would be a splendid investment.

Mr. LaMotte, of the South Pacific, showed a reporter of THE LONE STAR this morning, one of the bones of the mastodon, which was found near Bowie, Arizona, at a depth of one hundred feet. It must have been buried thousands of years ago, yet it preserved its form remarkably well and seemed firm and compact with very little of the enamel destroyed.

The walk on the north side of San Antonio street is so blocked up with brick and material of all kinds in front of the new Bassett building, that a man cannot pass along it at night without the risk of breaking his bones. The contractor, or whoever has the work in charge, should see that the brick, mortar, lumber, etc. are placed in such position as to allow passers-by to get past the building without endangering their bones.

Something should be done to put the streets and sidewalks of this city in a passable condition. It is now almost impossible to cross El Paso street without getting covered with mud. The sidewalk on the west side of the street is full of little pools of water into which a pedestrian can hardly avoid stepping. A little earth thrown into these pools would remedy this evil, and a few days work on the streets would make them passable. A municipal government is of no advantage to a city if these matters are not attended to.

Several very excellent buildings are now being built in this city. Mr. S.W. Boring is now building a block of five business houses on east Overland street, three of which will be two stories high. The rooms will be large and well lighted, with handsome fronts. Mr. O.T. Bassett's new building on San Antonio street is going up rapidly. It will be two stories high with a large store room on the first floor. On San Francisco street the large building of Mr. J.B. Hague is nearly completed and will be an ornament to that part of the town. The cottages of Mr. Wm. Hills, on Utah street, are ready for the occupants and both of them are rented. Several other dwelling houses are being erected in various parts of the city. In the rear of the Senate saloon a new club room is being built and will be completed in a short time. Material is not very expensive and a better class of buildings is being erected in this city than is generally the case in southwestern towns.

THE FEAST IN PASO DEL NORTE

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Wednesday, November 15, 1881

B. Schuster and Company have established a warehouse in Paso del Norte.

The necessary funds for the erection of a Presbyterian church in this city have been received.

Major Livermore will while here, fix the exact boundaries of the Ft. Bliss military reservation.

The Nellie Boyd dramatic company is in town and will probably exhibit about Monday night.

Sergt. Loomis and a detachment of the 10th cavalry arrived at Bliss a day or two ago, looking after the telegraph line.

Jim Manning and Warner Philips are fitting up a feed corral and stables back of Manning's saloon, on the alley and will soon open up in fine style.

Wells, Fargo & Co. has put up a letter box in front of the Texas News Co.'s store, which will be a great convenience to the business community on lower El Paso street.

A movement is on foot to open a brick yard in this city and it is said that good clay is so abundant here that brick can be made and delivered for seven dollars per thousand.

Mr. Currie, of the El Paso Street Railway Company, says that the iron has been ordered for the track and that the company expects to complete the road during this winter.

The City Railway Co. are figuring with Joe Hampson on building their bridge across the river and say they will try to have it ready for vehicles in time for the Feast on the 8th of next month.

The poles for the Western Union wire from the Santa Fe depot to the Central Hotel are all up and the wire stretched today. The office will be in the hotel, adjoining and back of the present hotel office.

A platform has been erected alongside the Santa Fe railroad track at Ft. Bliss. The track passes directly through the parade ground and the platform is about as much of a nuisance as it is a convenience.

The merchants of the city are establishing quite a heavy trade with Mexico and several of them have already opened branch houses in Paso del Norte. It is probably only a question of time when all our wholesale houses will be thus represented on the other side.

The right of way granted to the City Railway Co., Saturday night, includes Santa Fe street (the first street west of El Paso street) to Overland and thence east on Overland to the Texas Pacific depot; also from the river on either Campbell or Utah streets to the Southern Pacific depot and thence east on St. Louis street.

The Western Union telegraph office being fitted up in the Central hotel will be the largest in the southwest. There will be four lines centering there - those along the A.T.& S.F., the Southern Pacific, the Texas and Pacific and the Mexican Central. The battery will number three hundred jars and the battery room already looks like a drug store.

Major Livermore, chief engineer of the department of Texas, arrived at Ft. Bliss on the 14th with two companies of cavalry and detachments of companies I and K, 16th infantry. He has been surveying and mapping out the country in the Guadalupe mountains. Some Indians were seen and the soldiers chased them for several days but failed to overtake them.

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Saturday, November 19, 1881

Preparations are very nearly complete for opening the new office of the Western Union telegraph.

We understand that Col. Marr intends to put a pontoon bridge across the river in time for the Feast.

The City Railroad Co. advertises that the subscription books of the company have been opened at the office of S. Schultz and Bros.

Town lots are falling in price and increased sales are the consequence. W.S. Hills sold about \$3,000 worth in one day this week.

George Ashbridge says that he found he could not afford to pay \$3 a day rent, \$10 a cord for wood and 50 cents a barrel for water and then give baths for 50 cents; so he has raised the price to 75 cents again.

The contract for building the bull pen for the coming Feast in Paso del Norte has been let to S. Woods of this city. Mr. Woods does the work and furnishes the material with the privilege of removing it, for \$1,200.

We are informed that a certain gentleman of this city a few days ago received \$400 for a town lot measuring 86 2-3x60 feet. This represents a value of \$3,350.76 per acre. The lot is for church purposes and was sold at half price.

Last night's wind unroofed one of the rear buildings of the Pacific house. It had been raised several feet for the purpose of building the walls up higher, and was merely resting on some very slender supports. The strong east wind struck it while in this position and blew it down without causing much damage.

And now the *Herald* after all its ridicule of the idea starting a daily paper in this city, is itself arranging for the publication of a daily. All right! THE LONE STAR has room in its office for the material of half a dozen aspiring weeklies and does not itself propose to expand until it sees a reasonable prospect of doing so success-fully.

Mr. W.S. Hills comes to the front in enterprise. The Nellie Boyd Dramatic troupe, which is to exhibit here next week, desired a suitable hall, and being unable to get one suitable for their purpose, Mr. Hills determined to build them a hall. He set men to work, on a lot adjoining the

Stanton building, on Thursday morning, and agrees to have a hall 24 x 80 feet ready for the performance on next Monday night. He has put up \$100 forfeit and the agent of the troupe has done the same, and the way saw dust is flying is a caution.

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Wednesday, November 23, 1881

The bridge of the El Paso Transfer Company across the Rio Grande is completed and the crossing of freight commenced today.

Nellie Boyd's theatrical troupe arrived in the city on Monday morning, and the new hall was completed according to promise.

The building boom seems to have struck El Paso, for contractors have all they can do for the entire winter, and there is much talk of houses to be commenced soon.

The city engineer has for several days been engaged in ascertaining the exact location of the principal streets of the city for the purpose of determining the boundaries to city property.

The Knights of Pythias will give a grand ball to morrow night at the building on East Overland street formerly occupied by the El Paso *Herald*. We acknowledge the receipt of an invitation.

The seats in Hills new hall were all ordered on Monday morning and completed during the same day. Both Mr. Hills and Mr. Buchanan, the architect, deserve credit for the rapidity with which the work of building and seating this hall was pushed through.

Our citizens have been treated for the past two evenings to dramatic entertainments by the Nellie Boyd opera troupe. On Monday evening the play was "Fanchon, the Cricket" and the house was well filled. Last night "A Case for Divorce" was rendered to an appreciative audience and to night "A Celebrated Case will no doubt draw a large crowd as the troupe is a good one and the entertainments given by it are high-toned, entertaining and instructive. There will be a matinee on to-morrow afternoon.

The Texas News Co. has removed to the corner of El Paso and West Overland streets, three doors south of its former location and that much nearer THE LONE STAR office, the central sun around which the planets of the EL PASO constellation revolve.

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Saturday, November 26, 1881

Hill's hall, now occupied by Nellie Boyd's Dramatic troupe cost \$1,150.

The *Daily Herald*, after four days' pre-carious existence, this morning publishes its own obituary.

Buildings are now going up in all parts of the city. Among those lately begun, is the new store room on San Antonio street to be occupied as soon as completed by the Rio Grande Pharmacy.

The report that the bridge of the El Paso Transfer Company across the Rio Grande had given way is without foundation. Col. Marr says that wagons are crossing as usual and that it has not sunk a particle.

Work will begin immediately on the depot grounds of the Texas and Pacific in this city. The grading for the track has already been ordered, a freight depot will be built as soon as possible, and a passenger depot will, in all probability, be built also.

On Wednesday night the Nellie Boyd Troupe played "A Celebrated Case" and then on Thursday night they did remark-ably well in the presentation of "The Banker's Daughter." Last night they had a very good house and the play was "Leah, the Forsaken." To-night they appear in "East Lynne," this afternoon, in "Hazel Kirke."

On last Thursday night, the Knights of Pythias gave a ball in the room lately occupied by the *Herald* office. The band of the Nellie Boyd troupe furnished the music and for all present the occasion was a very enjoyable one. The hall was handsomely decorated and all the arrangements were complete. There were present a large number of El Paso's best citizens, but, unfortunately, there were not enough ladies in attendance. The supper was a very excellent one and was served by Cummings.

Miss Nellie Boyd in her impersonation of Leah the Jewess, last night surpassed all her former efforts in this city. Not being critics, we cannot pretend to do more than simply assure the readers that in this character she is "immense." The passion scene where she is forsaken by Rudolph is the finest delineation of a woman's passion we have ever seen. The recollection of the mediocre playing of the first three evenings of the troupe's engagement in this city is obliterated by that of the talent displayed last night and the night before.

Notwithstanding the dangerous character of the ford opposite the city, people still persist in attempting to drive across the stream rather than pay a small bridge toll. During the week, two wagons and a Mexican *carreta* were lost in attempting to ford the river, and the animals rescued with great difficulty. The Rio Grande has a shifting bottom and is almost as treacherous as the Missouri. The ford may be at one place to-day and at an altogether different one to-morrow; and this accounts, in a great measure, for so many accidents.

On Thursday afternoon the cornerstone of the new Methodist church, on Texas street, was laid with imposing ceremonies. Rev. Mr. Carter delivered an able discourse and was followed by Mr. Merrill who made a few remarks appropriate to the occasion. The first \$500 which was contributed toward building the church was given by a number of Georgia ladies. The names of those ladies and the names of citizens of El Paso who subscribed to the fund for building the church, were placed in the box which was deposited underneath the corner stone.

The placita of the El Paso House is a scene of a great activity; for James McDaniels, the old Leadville theater manager, is building a theatre in it which he expects to open in time for the Feast. The theater proper will be in the rear of the old hotel building and will be owned and conducted by Jas. McDaniels and James Manning. McDaniels is an old showman and was in the variety theater business in Leadville during the palmy days of that camp. The new theater will be one hundred and ten feet long by forty-nine feet wide. It will be two stories high and will be fitted up with twenty-five private boxes.

Lone Star Locals -- Vol. VI - No. 15
Wednesday, November 30, 1881

Business of all kinds is improving.

The Junction of the T & P takes places to-day.

El Paso is booming. Look at the list of arrivals.

Scores of men looking for houses and none to be had.

The office of the *Independent* has removed to East Overland street, into the building formerly occupied by the *Herald*.

The Mexican Central is getting out stone for its depot from a quarry just opened five miles above this city. The stone is a fine soft sandstone.

The work on McDaniels' new theater is progressing rapidly, and an idea can already be formed of what it will look like when completed. It is ready for occupancy Dec. 6th.

New buildings are springing up all over the city and it begins to look as though we were on the eve of a building boom. Why don't the real estate men build houses! Fifty little cottages for residences could be rented easily at a rental of from 25 to 40 per cent upon the amount invested.

The firm of H. Lesinsky & Co of Las Cruces, has rented Hague's new building on San Francisco street and will open a store in this city. This is the heaviest mercantile firm in southern New Mexico and the removal to this city is a straw which shows very distinctly which way the wind is blowing.

On Saturday night the Nellie Boyd troupe played "East Lynne," on Monday night "Forget me Not" and the farce "Slasher and Crasher." Their presentation of "Forget me Not" was exceptionally good, and they should have a good house to night the play being Camile.

The music given by the band attached to the Nellie Boyd troupe is the finest ever heard in this country and is by no means the least attraction connected with the entertainments given by the troupe. Last night, during a recess between two of the acts in "Forget-me-not," the band played a medley that brought down the house. As a rule, the music given by the orchestras of traveling

theatrical troupes is the worst kind; but the Nellie Boyd band is composed of musicians who would grace the orchestras of the metropolitan theaters.

The Western Union telegraph office has been removed from the old office room at the Central hotel to the room on the right of the right of the entrance formerly occupied by the hotel bar. The battery will remain in the old room and the new quarters will be used simply as an office. The change is a good one, as the new location furnishes better light and is in every way more desirable. The manager for this city is expected this morning and there will be another operator besides. Every line running into the city will connect at this office. There are now four.

Messrs. Hart and Sullivan the managers of the new paper which is to take the place of the *Independent*, returned from their eastern trip yesterday. The latter gentleman informs us the material for the new paper will arrive in a day or two, and the first number be published in a week or ten days. He says no engine has been purchased. The press is a Campbell cylinder, and the name of the paper will be *The El Paso Daily International Link*. The head is a very artistic design, consisting of the words "El Paso" on the left and "Link" on the right, with an American silver dollar and a Mexican silver dollar in the center, joined by a link; above the link is the word "Daily" and below it the word "Inter-national." We wish *The El Paso Daily Independent International Illustrated Missing Link* the most abundant success and stretch forth to it the right hand of fellowship. It starts out very heavily handicapped with its names but, if it can survive the christening, it will certainly possess vitality enough and bottom enough to run a long and successful career.

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Saturday, December 3, 1881

A mattress factory will soon be started in this city.

The Campbell press for the *Daily Link* has arrived.

There have been several important sales of real estate lately.

A brick yard will soon be opened in this city by a Colorado man.

During the month of November Wm. S. Hills sold \$15,184 worth of real estate.

A large building is being erected in the plaza of Paso del Norte for gambling tables.

J.P. Hague's new block on San Francisco street will be finished by the 15th of this month.

The amphitheatre or bull pen, situated near the church in Paso del Norte will soon be finished.

The new drug store of the Rio Grande Pharmacy will be ready for the occupants within a few days.

The McLaughlin block on east Overland street is nearly complete and will be one of the finest in the city.

The Nellie Boyd troupe will give its last performance tonight and will, next week, go to Tombstone, Arizona.

The new Methodist church is going up rapidly, and it will not be many days until it is ready for the congregation.

McDaniels has secured the services of a good brass and string band for his theatre. It is expected within a few days.

It is thought the Adams' and Texas express companies will open a joint office in this town as soon as the latter company opens for business.

Joseph Schutz is putting a new front in the old adobe building opposite his store, and intends also to make the room much deeper.

Mr. Ridge Comly, late of the *Pueblo News*, has taken the position of city editor on the *Times* of this place. Mr. Comly will always be welcome at the office of THE LONE STAR.

The hall now occupied by the Nellie Boyd Dramatic Company will probably be occupied as a hotel after the departure of the troupe. The necessary additions and changes will be made as soon as possible.

The connection was made between the Texas and Pacific and Southern Pacific at Sierra Blanca Thursday. El Paso has now two railroad connections with the east and four independent lines of road contribute to its growth.

The ice factory seems at last an assured fact. The machinery has all been purchased and work will be pushed immediately. The factory will be situated on the western part of the city, and will be completed in time to supply an abundance of ice as soon as the first warm weather comes.

The lot of the southeast corner of El Paso and San Antonio streets on which the old adobe building is situated was sold yesterday to Jefferson Reynolds, president of the First National Bank. The lot has a frontage of sixty-six feet on El Paso street and the price paid for it was \$7,250. It is the intention of Mr. Reynolds to erect a fine building on it.

While the men were at work on Joseph Schutz' new storeroom on San Francisco street yesterday afternoon, the scaffold broke, and fell to the ground, mixing carpenters and masons in general confusion. The fall made a great noise and startled the bank officials across the street into the belief that an infernal machine or a charge of dynamite had been placed near them.

The El Paso Transfer company is again subjected to annoyance and trouble by the Mexican authorities. This time it is of a serious nature, for the officials have prohibited the use of the bridge built by the Transfer Company across the Rio Grande. Before building the bridge, the company secured the consent of the municipal authorities of Paso del Norte and also that of the custom

house officials to erect it. Everything was, apparently, working smoothly when on yesterday, an officer came down to the river and ordered travel stopped and closed the bridge on the Mexican side. The reason for this was, it seems, the failure of the Transfer company to get the consent of the Federal government of Mexico to build the bridge across the boundary line. This is annoying and it is to be hoped that the matter will be settled soon. It may, however take a month or more to secure the consent of the Federal authorities, and in the mean time the officials on the other side could well afford to permit the use of the bridge, even though a strict compliance with all the forms is wanting. If the bridge continues barricaded during the Feast the attendance from this side will be seriously affected by it.

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Wednesday, December 7, 1881

On Monday of this week Wm. S. Hills sold \$1,855 worth of real estate.

Mrs. Davis has opened a small select school in the Davis building up stairs.

Rev. J.A. Merrill will soon build a new residence near where the Presbyterian church will be erected.

The Presbyterians of El Paso will soon begin the erection of a church, and it will probably be of stone.

There is some talk of a new business house to be erected on the corner of El Paso and San Francisco streets.

Rev. J.A. Merrill has sold his cottage residence to Dr. G.F. Manning. T.H. Conklin negotiated the sale and the consideration paid was \$1,900.

The Nellie Boyd troupe played Hazel Kirke on Saturday night with much credit to themselves and on Sunday morning left for Tombstone, Arizona.

House room is the thing most needed in this city just now. Why don't some enterprising hotel men put up two or three more hotels! They would pay better than any other investment.

On Monday, the bridge of the El Paso Transfer Company was reopened to travel, a dispatch having been received from the secretary of foreign affairs of the republic of Mexico, authorizing its use.

Work is progressing very rapidly at the yards and depot grounds of the Texas and Pacific. A large freight depot will be erected, and trains will be running into the city over than route within a short time.

Mrs. Rebecca Borraddall has purchased the lot on San Antonio street adjoining the Stanton building on the north and expects to erect a business house upon it this winter. She expects to put up a cottage on the rear of the lot within a short time.

The store room adjoining M. Lindauer on the north has been rented and will in a few days be opened by L. Freudenthal, of Las Cruces, who will put into it a stock of general merchandise. The room adjoining Lindauer on the south, next door to the State National, has also been rented and will shortly be occupied by a saloon.

The El Paso Building and Loan Association has received its charter and the first meeting of the board of directors will probably be held to-morrow evening. The object of the association is to purchase real estate in the city of El Paso, lend money on real estate security, and principally to aid and assist its members in acquiring, holding, or improving real estate in this city. There will probably be 2,000 shares of \$200 each, issued immediately. The incorporators are T.H. Conklin, J.F. Harrison, A. Krakauer, B.H. Davis, W.E. Kneeland, W.H. Austin, O.T. Bassett, J.A. McKinney, R.M. McKie and W.M. Davis.

The new Hague building on San Francisco street has been rented by the well known firm of H. Lesinsky & Co. of Las Cruces, N.M. who will in a few days remove to El Paso their large stock of goods from the former town. The goods will begin to arrive to-morrow and within a week this firm will be ready for business in their new quarters. They do the largest business in southern New Mexico and their removal to this city is proof that the mercantile men of the southwest begin to realize the importance of El Paso as a commercial center. Messrs H. Lesinsky & Co. carry a stock of between \$150,000 and \$200,000 and have for years been the leading firm of southern New Mexico. They will continue their present business in Las Cruces but make the El Paso house the principal one. This city needs just such houses to open up its trade with Chihuahua and render tributary to it the mercantile interests of that state as well as northwestern Texas, southern New Mexico and southeastern Arizona.

The City Railway Co. is not asleep, but expects within a very short time to begin the construction of their line and bridge. It was one of the conditions of the concession which the company received from the Mexican government that the plan of the bridge should be subject to the approval of the chief of the department of public works. This plan has already been sent to the city of Mexico and an answer approving it is expected within a few days. It has already received the approval of the Mexican engineer in the offices of the Mexican Central railroad. As soon as possible after the necessary approval is received, the work of constructing the bridge will begin. The bridge proper will be 315 feet long, and will be situated over 600 feet below the Mexican Central bridge. On the upper or western side of it there will be a path for foot passengers; on the lower, or eastern side the street railroad track will be laid, and between the car track and the footway there will be a passageway for wagons and vehicles of all kinds. There will be a meeting of directors on next Friday evening to take action in the matter of securing material.

Saturday, December 10, 1881

The Rio Grande Pharmacy will remove to its new store, on San Antonio street, next Monday.

The church in Paso del Norte has been plastered and white washed, in preparation for the Feast.

The State National will shortly begin the erection of a fine block on the corner of Oregon and El Paso streets.

Every branch of business in the city is prospering. Mechanics are scarce and cannot do the work there is to be done. Good carpenters are receiving \$4 a day, and more are needed.

It is probable that an Austin man will purchase a lot on the west side of El Paso street a few feet north of Keating's saloon: and that he will tear down the old adobe building and erect in its stead a large business house of brick.

McDaniels' new theatre is very nearly complete and it is expected that it will be open to the public on next Monday or Tuesday night. A part of the scenery was painted in this city, and placed in position before the roof was on.

The first shipment of goods for the firm of H. Lesinsky and Co. arrived yesterday and the balance will follow. Their store in the new Hague building is being fitted up for the reception of their large stock, and they expect to open out on Monday.

J.W. Couch writes to the city clerk from Chicago asking what the license will be for a first-class circus, museum, hippodrome, etc., and says, if expenses are not too high along the line of the S.P. railroad, he will bring his show over that route. The tent is 120 by 200 feet and the performers will be the best that can be obtained.

For its passenger business the Texas and Pacific will use the depot of the Southern Pacific. But for freight the company is now building a depot on its reservation in the eastern part of the city. This road has already completed its grade inside the city limits to within a few hundred feet east of Utah street, where, for the present, it will stop; but connection will eventually be made with the Mexican Central.

The public school has been removed from the Ochoa building to a new building lately occupied as a theatre. The removal has been made the occasion of useless controversy, and bad feelings have been unnecessarily engendered. We fail to see in the affair anything but an exhibition of negligence on the part of the gentleman who had charge of the building, in not notifying the school board that the room was needed for other purposes; and how far that negligence was excusable, does not now signify.

The Feast in Paso del Norte commenced on last Thursday morning. Although the preparations are not yet complete, the plaza presents a strange and peculiar sense to the eyes of American visitors. Its entire is taken up by booths, refreshment halls and gambling tables. Nearly all the gam-

bling devices known in Mexico are represented there and are frequently by both boys and men. The amphitheatre, within which the bull fights will take place is not yet completed. It is expected that it will be finished by either to-morrow or Monday, and the first bull fight will take place immediately upon its completion. A large number of Americans have already visited the other side to look at the arrangement of things but the interest will not reach its height until Monday, which is the anniversary of the famous appearance of the patron saint of Mexico, Our Lady of Guadalupe.

New Buildings

The following is a partial list of buildings and improvements now in course of construction in this city.

J.P. Hague's block, on San Francisco street, two store rooms on the first floor and rooms to rent on second floor.

McLaughlin's block, on East Overland street, two stories high and three store rooms on the first floor and rooms to rent on the second floor.

Rio Grande Pharmacy store room on San Antonio street, one story high.

O.T. Bassett's two-story brick business house on San Antonio street.

Jos. Schutz' new store room on San Francisco street, two stories high.

McDaniel's variety theater, two stories high, on El Paso street.

Southern Methodist church on Texas street.

Senate club room, in the rear of the Senate saloon, on El Paso street.

The Texas and Pacific depot building.

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The *Progresista* has received a new large-sized Washington press.

A balloon ascension was one of the features of the Feast on Sunday.

Within ten days there will be plenty of brick in town to supply all the demands of builders.

Seven musicians and seven performers for Manning and McDaniels' variety show arrived from Leadville yesterday, and it is the intention of the managers to open to-morrow night.

The literary society met on last Friday night in Hills' hall, and the occasion was a very pleasant one. A large number of ladies and gentlemen were present, several of whom took part in the exercises of the evening, which consisted of readings, recitations and vocal and instrumental music. After the regular programme was concluded, the company enjoyed them-selves for several hours in dancing.

The vexations litigation between the Campbell estate and Pierson and Williams having been compromised, the parties, or their representatives, met yesterday to partition. This ends the controversies between all parties concerned in what is known as the Old Town Plat, and we may expect that in a few days each owner will be able to offer for a sale a lot instead of an undivided interest. If the parties concerned will now ask reasonable prices for lots we may soon expect to see purchasers erecting substantial buildings throughout the city.

The ball to be given on the 22nd by the El Paso Social Club promises to be the affair of the season. It will be first-class in every respect and only invited guests will be admitted. The young gentlemen who are managing the affair deserve credit for the manner in which they are executing the onerous duties devolving upon them. Contributions have been volunteered from Paso del Norte and Ysleta, but they have been politely refused, with the assurance that El Paso could provide for the entertainment of her own guests. The Chihuahua band has been engaged and great pains will be taken with the decoration of the hall. Invitations will be extended to a number of Mesilla and Las Cruces ladies and gentlemen, and the gathering promises to be the most select ever had in the city.

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Saturday, December 17, 1881

Who says a street railroad will not pay? On one day this week, 2,400 persons, by actual count, crossed the bridge at the river.

The depot line of the T & P (that is, the track which branches off from the S.P. to run to the T & P depot) leaves the S.P. track about two miles east of the city.

An attempt was made on Thursday morning by burglars to enter the warehouse of S.J. Obenchain on the north side of the plaza. Mr. Obenchain was awakened by the noise caused by forcing open a shutter. The thieves then gave up their attempt and ran off.

McDaniels and Manning's varieties opened on Thursday night to a good house, and the proprietors were much encouraged at the amount of the receipts. They have been too much expense in building and fitting up, but a month of such patronage as that enjoyed on the opening night will put them even again.

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Saturday, December 24, 1881

Laborers are at work at the Overland building, preparatory to giving it a new coat of plaster.

The store room in O.T. Bassett's buildings on San Antonio street has been rented to a Tucson man named Meyers, who will soon open a large stock of general merchandise.

The condition of some of the streets of El Paso is wretched in the extreme. Some-thing should be done to prevent the collection of impassable pools of water in the principal business streets of the city.

The El Paso Building and Loan Association is progressing favorably. Messrs. Zollars, Morehead and Hills, constitute the committee on finance, and Messrs. Magoffin, Bassett and Loomis the committee on validation.

The firm of Blacker, Flood & Bailey has been dissolved by mutual consent. Messrs. Flood and Bailey will continue the practice together under the firm name of Flood & Bailey, and their office will be in Woods' building on the southeast corner of Main street and the plaza.

Joe Hampson has the contract for grading and building the bridge for the City Railway Co. Maj. Vaughn, of the Mexican Central, is the engineer. Capt. Bate has gone east to see about the freight rates on the material and the latter will be shipped in time to have cars running by February 1st.

Jefferson Reynolds of the First National bank, will begin the erection of the new bank building on the corner of San Antonio and El Paso streets as soon as the material can be collected. It will be a two-story, brick building, and an ornament to the city. A little farther to the east will be the building of the State National bank. It will be on the corner of San Antonio and Oregon streets and will be pushed to completion as rapidly as possible.

The county commissioners have at last selected a plan for the new court house at Ysleta. The plan selected is the one presented by J.W. Angus, and he proposes to erect, in accordance with it a court house and jail for \$16,995. The court house will be built of sandstone, and will be two stories high. The first floor will be divided into five rooms to be occupied by court officials and will also contain two fireproof vaults, each of which will have iron doors with combination locks. The second floor will contain the court room and jury rooms. The jail will also be built of stone and will be divided by iron partitions into four cells. The floor, ceiling and sides of the jail will be covered with iron an inch and a quarter thick. There was another plan of a court house and jail presented by an architect from Santa Fe. The buildings he proposed would have cost more money, but the plan for a jail was unquestionably superior to the one adopted by the county commissioners. For some reason or other the majority of the board of commissioners did not see proper to notify Mr. Stanton, the third member of their intention to meet. He at any rate did not know of the meeting and was consequently not present. It would surely have been no more than just for only representative on the board from El Paso to have had a voice in the selection of a

plan for the court house. Mr. Angus, the architect, it is said, is a man of experience and has already built several public buildings.

On Thursday night the El Paso Social Club gave its opening ball in Hills' hall on San Antonio Street. It was the grandest occasion of this character ever witnessed in this city, and was attended by a very large number of the ladies and gentleman of El Paso. The hall was beautifully decorated with the national colors of America and Mexico and the music furnished by a Mexican band was very fine, Dancing was very generally participated in by those present, and was kept up until a late hour. It would be impossible to name all who were present but among the large number the following were noticed: Dr. and Mrs. Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. S. Schutz, Mr. and Mrs. Morehead, Mayor and Mrs. Magoffin, Mr. and Mrs. O.T. Bassett, Mr. and Mrs. Barradale, Mr. and Mrs. John Tays, Dr. and Mrs. Stitt, of Ysleta, Mr. and Mrs. J.P. Hague, Judge and Mrs. Blacker, Col. and Mrs. Marr, Dr. and Mrs. McKinny, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Davis, Mrs. Gillett, Mrs. Dolman and Mrs. Marsh, Misses Annie Dolman, Ella and Flora Rand, Porter, Ninn, Fisher, Stephenson, Jessie Vaughn, Morehead, Davis, Wood, Johnson, Thompson, Fourchet, Mr. and Mrs. Carrico, Dr. and Mrs. Ross, Mr. and Mrs. Blanchard, Mr. and Mrs. Fourchet, Mr. and Mrs. Slade, Mr. and Mrs. Merrick, Mr. and Mrs. Ochoa. Also the following gentlemen: Messrs. Wm. S. Hills, C.Q. Stanton, John Bailey, Hoeck, F. Merrick, William Marsh, B. Thomas, Carrico, Clinton Rice, Wood. J.R. Curry. J.A. Buckler, James Emerson, Medina, S.M. Boring, L.H. Davis, Michaelles, W.H. Austin, Wm. Caldwell, Joseph Schutz, A Krakauer, Degetau, Ben Schuster, Shoenfeld, Haas, Obenchain and Dougher.

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Rev. Mr. Merrill, of the Presbyterian church, preached an interesting and instructive Christmas sermon in Hills' hall last Sunday night.

The Misses Munger of Las Cruces attended the ball given at Hills' hall last Thursday evening and returned on Monday to Las Cruces.

The cornerstone of the new Episcopal church in this city was laid last Sunday morning. The work of building the church is now progressing rapidly.

The crowded condition of the streets of El Paso is one of the gratifying indications of prosperity. It is sometimes impossible to walk rapidly on the sidewalks of El Paso street, so crowded are they with people going in one direction or the other.

The transfer company has again got into trouble with the Mexican authorities in regard to the bridge across the Rio Grande. The privilege granted a short time ago by the federal government of Mexico, expired when the feast closed, and the *jefe politico* of Paso del Norte served notice on the company last Monday to take down the bridge. The Mexican half of the bridge will consequently be taken down, and the ferry boat will be run from the center of the stream.

The city council met last night in the council chamber, but very little of importance was done. The petition of the city railway company to establish the grade of Campbell and other streets was referred to the committee on finance. Several bills were allowed, and the council then adjourned.

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Saturday, December 31, 1881

The first number of the *Daily International Link* will appear next Tuesday morning.

The *Times* of this city will today issue a special edition giving much information in regard to this city.

THE LONE STAR has a new and elegant sign which will be placed in front of the office when the editors return.

Several adobe buildings in El Paso are undergoing repairs; the old buildings have not sufficient light for modern business.

The Central hotel, having undergone considerable repairs, presents an elegant appearance. The name of the hotel is neatly painted on the east side and on the southside of the building.

Albuquerque is making an effort to build a hospital in that city. The necessity for an institution of that character in this place is very great, and an effort should be made to establish one here.

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Wednesday, January 4, 1882

The Wallace sisters are coming.

All of the Bassett buildings on San Antonio street, is rented. It will be finished within a short time.

The Methodist church is very nearly finished, and will probably be occupied by the congregation next Sunday.

The State National bank expects erection of its building on the corner of San Antonio and Oregon streets on the 15th inst.

The little foot-bridge at the corner of the little plaza and El Paso street has been removed, and the hole which it covered has been filled up.

Rev. Mr. Tays has done quick work upon the Episcopal church, on Utah street. It will be completed within a short time and will be a very neat structure.

The work of tearing down the bull pen and other structures used in connection with the feast in Paso del Norte, was commenced several days ago.

The special New Year edition of the El Paso *Times* will appear today. We were in error in saying, in our last issue, that it would appear on the 31st ult.

Wells, Fargo and Company are thoroughly refitting the room on the corner of the plaza near their present place, and will soon have very commodious quarters.

Ketelson & Degetau are having the plans prepared for their new building on San Antonio street, and it is said that it will be a very large and fine house.

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Saturday, January 7, 1882

The site for the Texas and Pacific freight depot has not yet been selected.

A number of Mexicans are at work rebuilding the dam in the Rio Grande near Ft. Bliss.

A number of new dwelling houses have recently been erected in the eastern part of the city.

The Texas and Pacific track is being pushed to the end of the grade near the Knights of Pythias hall.

Mr. C.W. Crozier, who was in this city a few days ago, has taken charge of the *Rio Grande Republican*.

Messrs White & Davis are building a tin and plumbing shop in the rear of their store on El Paso street.

The Texas & Pacific company is building a round house in the eastern part of the city, that will contain twelve stalls.

The second story of the Central hotel will soon be extended back over the one-story rooms on the west side of the placita.

Rev. J.W. Tays, of the Episcopal church will preach in the Gospel tent to-morrow morning, and Rev. John A. Merrill, of the Presbyterian church, in the evening.

It was hoped that the new Methodist church would be ready for the congregation to-morrow; but the work has been unavoidably delayed and services will, therefore, not be held there to-morrow.

A. Glassford, Jr., business manager of the Wallace Sisters, was in the city during the middle of the week. The Wallace Sisters will give entertainment for one week in the Bassett building on San Antonio street, beginning next Monday.

Work will soon begin again on the coal prospect owned by Mr. Morehead and other gentlemen in this city, and which is situated just across the New Mexico line and about five or six miles from here. There are said to be very good indications of coal.

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Wednesday, January 11, 1882

The *Times* is building an addition to its composing room.

That Adams Express wagon has arrived, and Wells, Fargo & Co. will in a few days receive a second wagon for heavy freight.

The bridge across the Rio Grande will be opened again within a few days. The consent of the Mexican government will be given.

The Texas and Pacific is surveying up El Paso street for the purpose of ascertaining the proper location of a line they propose to run on Second street.

It is credibly reported that the Santa Fe road will shortly begin to make its trans-continental connection with the Southern Pacific at El Paso, instead of at Deming.

All trains running into the city over the various railroads now use one hour faster than local time. This uniformity among the railroads greatly simplifies the question of time in this city. There are now but two kinds of time local and railroad.

“The Cob Web” is the euphonious name under which one of the saloons of this city has recently opened out. It is not a dark dingy corner, the resort of spiders & scorpions either, but looks as though it might be a very pleasant place to get a morning’s cock-tail to brush away the cob-webs which are apt to accumulate in one’s brain these long winter nights.

Real Estate Conveyances

The following transfers of real estate have recently been filed for record in the county clerks office.

J.P. Hague and W.W. Mills, to Benjamin Schuster, portion of Lot 181, Campbell’s addition, lying east of El Paso street, north of second street, west of Oregon street and south of the north line of Magoffinsville acequia, undivided one sixteenth interest; consideration, \$200.

A.M. Loomis to The Southwestern Ice Company, 140 feet by 86 8-12 feet on the southeast corner of Pierpont 2-acre tract; consideration, \$1,000.

Martha P. Blacker and Allen Blacker to Catharine Davis, part and parcel of Lot 36, Block No. 6, Anson Mills’ survey; consideration, \$850.

Martha P. Blacker and Allen Blacker to O.T. Bassett, 25 feet by 86 8-12 feet east end of Lot 35, Block No. 6, Anson Mills' survey; consideration, \$1,250.

Mrs. M.L. Bacon to G.R. Morehead (Trust deed) east half of Block No. 208, Campbell's addition; consideration, \$1,893.54.

Thomas T. Gantt, et al., to Adolph Krakauer, Lots No. 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, and 20, in Block No. 213, Campbell's addition; consideration, \$900.

J.R. Currie to John W. Zollars, lot 45 feet by 120 feet south of Lot No. 15, in Block No. 135, 45 feet on Oregon street, as per map of Campbell's addition; consideration, \$562.50

William Allen to J.A. Buckler, west side of Utah street, 116 feet by 103 feet, Campbell's addition; consideration, \$250.

Thomas T. Gantt, et al., (Campbell's estate) to Dallas Stoudenmire, lot in Block No. 216, Campbell's addition, 60 feet from the southeast corner of Block 216, 130 feet by 60 feet; consideration, \$250.

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Saturday, January 14, 1882

A move is on foot to organize a fire company.

Col. Baylor's camp below the city is called Camp King.

Work has begun on the new court house and jail at Ysleta.

The T & P wire has been run into the Western Union office at the Central hotel.

Those new transfer wagons of the El Paso Transfer Co. have quite a metropolitan air.

The El Paso Transfer company opened its bridge across the Rio Grande this morning.

Ben Schuster is putting up a new frame house on the north side of east Overland, between Oregon and Utah streets.

The old adobe house near the post office, which is occupied by Chinamen, has received a new outside coating of plaster.

It is said to be improbable that the through connection of the Santa Fe with the S.P. will be made at this city instead of at Deming.

Both the First National and the State National banks will shortly begin the erection of new buildings, an indication that their business is flourishing.

Rev. Mr. Walsh, of the Baptist church, will preach in the Gospel tent to-morrow morning, and the Rev. J.R. Carter, of the Methodist church, the evening.

The round-house and turn tables of the Mexican Central, in Paso del Norte, will be commenced in about a month. The round house will contain twelve stalls and will be built of stone, with a cut stone front.

Ketelsen and Degetau have built a little frame house on the rear of their lot on San Antonio street. They will pile a large amount of material on the lot preparatory to erecting their new building, and a guard will be placed in the frame shanty.

An omnibus full of passengers was turned over in front of the Central hotel on Wednesday afternoon by the horses' making too short a turn. No one was hurt except Mr. A. Harlow, whose wrist was quite severely sprained. He meditates suing the El Paso Transfer Co. for \$10,000 damages. The company doubts whether a jury would value his neck at such a figure, unless his mines in Mexico were thrown into the bargain.

The Building and Loan Association held a meeting on Thursday night in the city council room, and the first loan was made, amounting to \$1,000. There were several bidders, the successful one being Mr. McKie, of the *Herald*, at \$100 *bonus*.

Mr. Conklin, the real estate man, has sold the building occupied by Beneke & Pierce to a man from Fort Worth. The house is one story high and the lot thirty-three feet front on El Paso street and one hundred and twenty feet deep. The consideration paid was \$8,000.

For some, doubtless good reason, work has been stopped on the round-house and other buildings of the Texas and Pacific railroad, in this city. A dispatch was received from Gen. Dodge, ordering the work to cease, and the supposition is that the Texas and Pacific depots. The building force will be removed in a few days to Toyah and, for the present; at least, no connection will be made with the Mexican Central.

Somebody tried to break into Mr. Hague's house on San Francisco street . . .

As you pass along El Paso street, cast your eyes up West Overland and get a good look at the new sign on THE LONE STAR building. It is the handsomest sign in town and was painted by Strong, the best sign painter who ever handled the brush in this city. It is an enlarged facsimile of the head of the paper, 18 feet long by 4 feet 6 inches high and surmounted by the figures "34," cut out of heavy iron, 27 inches high and gilded. It is a daisy and the best advertisement that the painter could have.

On Monday night the Wallace Sisters opened in the Bassett building with "Jaquette, or in the Toils." On Tuesday they presented "Minnie's Luck;" on Wednesday, Fanchio, the Cricket;" on Thursday, "The Pearl of Savoy," and last night "Kathleen Mavourneen." They have not met with the success they deserve, as some of their representations are very creditable. It is to be hoped

that to-night, when they are to present "Minnie's Luck; or the Ups and Downs of New York Life," they may be greeted by a full house. Miss Jennie Wallace was especially good on Thursday night in the character of Marie, the "Pearl of Savoy."

Mr. C.C. Cummisky says there is nothing in the rumor that the Texas and Pacific will make its terminus at Sierra Blanca instead of here. The building force has been drawn off because the necessary material is not here for the completion of the work in this city, and because the completion of dining stations is very urgent at several points along the road. As soon as possible, therefore, work will be resumed here, and in the meantime, only, the Texas and Pacific will use the depots and the round house of the Southern Pacific.

The Santa Fe road is doing great deal of building in the yards in this city. The blacksmith shop, the car-repair shop, and a large icehouse have all been recently completed. The pump-house will soon be removed to a point about 400 yards east of its present location, it having been ascertained that the water in the present place has too much alkali in it. The oil-house is also just finished. It is built of iron and stone, no wood being used. A full force of carpenters is now at work on the coal house, which will double the size of the original plan and contain twenty-four chutes. The round-house will be completed to about two months and will contain eight stalls. It will be in the bottom, near San Francisco street, and will have a cut stone front and a slate roof.

Work has commenced on the depot building of the Mexican Central in Paso del Norte. James Downing has the contract for the stone work, and his fore man, Thomas Hogan, kindly showed a reporter of this paper the ground plan. The building will be 128 feet 4 inches wide by 180 feet 8 inches long. There will be a placita in the center 96 by 126 feet and in it there will be two fountains. The offices and the baggage and waiting rooms will surround the placita, from which they will be separated by a wide porch. The foundation will be of sand stone and the walls of adobe. The stone is procured from quarries situated about five miles above this city on the Texas side of the river. The building will be supplied with water from a tank situated a mile south of the depot, from which it will be brought in pipes and it will be drained by an eight inch pipe connected with a cess pool in the rear. The foundation will be completed in about three weeks.

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The Methodist church is completed and the congregation expects to occupy it next Sunday.

A frame awning has been erected in front of the McLaughlin block, on East Over-land street.

Henry Wulff has moved his store from San Francisco street to the McLaughlin block, on East Overland street.

A new lodging house is being erected on the east side of the plaza between the postoffice and the Pacific hotel.

Counters and shelves are being rapidly put in the store room in the Bassett building, on San Antonio street.

Mr. Phillips has resumed work on his new buildings on Santa Fe street opposite Mr. Hague's residence.

The Santa Fe depot is supplied with water through a pipe connected with the tank in the upper end of the yard.

No room has yet been provided for the public school, and no school has, in consequence, been held since the first of the year.

The workmen have commenced breaking ground for the State National bank, on the corner San Antonio and Oregon streets.

Rev. Mr. Tays thinks the congregation of the Episcopal church will occupy their new church building on next Sunday a week, if the windows, which were ordered from San Francisco, arrive in time.

J.P. Hague and John W. Zollars have commenced work on their new building, adjoining the Bassett building on the west. It is to be of brick and will be of the same style and size as the Bassett building.

Trinity Methodist church, Rev. J.R. Carter, pastor, will be open for services on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock; Sabbath school at 3 p.m.; and preaching at 7:30 p.m. by the Rev. J.M. Merrill, of the Presbyterian church. The public generally is cordially invited to attend.

The new Methodist church, on the corner of Texas and Stanton streets, is finished and ready for occupancy, and, on Sunday next, services will be held morning, afternoon and evening. The building is a handsome Gothic structure, with rustic walls of California redwood on the outside and nicely plastered and finished within. It was designed and built by Messrs. Buchanan and Lurkins, of this city, and is a model of architectural beauty. The dimensions are thirty-six by sixty feet and on the front is a tower sixty feet high, in which the bell is to be swung. In the lower part of this tower is a vestibule seven by eleven feet, which serves as an ante room and entrance to the auditorium. There are sixty-two pews, with a seating capacity of three hundred persons. The pews, the altar, and the communion rail are of redwood oiled and varnished, and the ceiling, which in the center is thirty feet high, is arched, sealed and painted. Three chandeliers light the room, and within the chancel are two lamps, one on each side of the altar. The building just as it is, seated and ready for occupancy, cost \$3,750 and is an ornament to the city. It will be several years before the Methodist congregation in this city will need a larger or better structure and they are to be congratulated upon having at the outset succeeded in erecting such a comfortable, commodious, and beautiful one. It has been built in just two months, the carpenters having yet a month to spare before their contract time expires. The price of the lot, and a few other items, added to the cost of the building, make the total cost about \$4,100, all but about \$700 of which is already paid.

Eleven hundred shares of the El Paso building and loan association have been taken.

J.A. Buckler is removing his law office to the Bassett building, on San Antonio street.

The charter and by-laws of the El Paso building and loan association were sent on to St. Louis to be printed and are expected within a few days.

The building prospect in this city is said to be very good. The erection of a number of new buildings is talked about, most of which will be frame dwelling houses.

The city street railway company seems at last to show some signs of life. The work of surveying for the line of the road has commenced and a line has been run up Utah street.

Mr. McKie of the *Herald*, will this morning begin the erection of a dwelling house on the first lot west of the Methodist church on Texas street. It will be a neat frame structure, costing about \$900.

Invitations have been issued to a meeting of the business and professional men of this city and of Paso del Norte in the parlors of the Central hotel this evening. The object of the meeting is to take steps toward the organization of a board of trade and the erection of a public hall. The invitations are signed by a large number of prominent citizens.

The school board has at last waked up to a sense of the importance of securing a suitable school house. The board has made a contract with S.C. Slade of the Mexican Central for the erection of a frame house within the next four or five days for which they will pay thirty dollars per month rent. The building will cost about \$700 and will be situated on San Antonio street near Mr. Slade's residence. A dozen desks have already been procured.

Wells, Fargo & Co. have moved into their new office on the east side of the plaza. facing the Central hotel. The entire building and adjacent properties have been leased by Messrs. W.B. Hooper & Co., and is being remodeled and improved by tearing down walls in some places, putting them up in others, raising them in still others putting in new floors, doors, and windows and turning things over generally; and, by the time Mr. Julian is through with it, the old building which has so long been an eye sore to our people will be one of the neatest and most desirable business houses in the city.

New Buildings

Among the buildings now being erected are the following, which, however, does not pretend to be a complete list:

Methodist church on Texas street, just completed.

Episcopal church on Utah street.

A frame lodging house on north side of large plaza.

Zollars and Hague's two-story brick business house on San Antonio street.

State National bank two-story brick building on the corner of San Antonio and Oregon Street.

J.B. Schuster's frame house on East Overland street.

J.H. Anderson's two-story frame hotel, 24x60, on East Overland street.

Steinbuch's frame dwelling on the corner of Oregon and Franklin streets.

W. Phillips' dwelling house near Santa Fe street, between San Francisco and West Overland streets.

A.M. Loomis's ice factory in the western part of the city on Leon street.

Joseph Schutz' two-story adobe and frame house on San Francisco street, well under way, and building adjoining it just completed.

In addition to these there are a number of small houses, the cost of any one of which would not exceed \$250, and also the buildings in the yard of the Santa Fe railroad.

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Wednesday, January 25, 1882

A new troupe arrived at the Coliseum. from California, on Sunday night.

Work is being pushed rapidly on the Mexican Central depot. The foundation is nearly completed.

About six hundred people cross the Rio Grande daily between this town and Paso del Norte. This number would be largely augmented if a street railway were in operation, and yet there are those who believe a street car line can not be made to pay. Six hundred fares at 10 cents each would be \$60 per day or \$21,900 per year. The cost of constructing and stocking the line would not exceed \$10,000 or \$15,000.

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Saturday, January 28, 1882

A fine building is to be put up in Paso del Norte for public school purposes.

El Paso appears to be entering upon a building boom. It is almost impossible to keep up with the improvements going on.

Over \$700 have been subscribed by the citizens of El Paso, in lands, money, and material for the purpose of building a public school here.

We received by Wells, Fargo & Co.'s express yesterday a lot of handsome specimens from the Organs. They represent the Memphis, Little Buck, Merrimac, and R.E. Lee mines. Come and see them.

Ysleta promises to be the Oakland of El Paso. A number of our businessmen speak of putting up residences there and carry on business here. The distance from here to Ysleta is only twelve miles, and would be a ride of but a few minutes.

Many were attracted to the plaza night before last to ascertain the cause of the bonfire which illuminated the town. On arriving there it was soon learned that the crowd intended showing their approval of the good work done by the jury in the Guiteau trial, by burning Guiteau in effigy.

From Capt. J.A. Bates, superintendent of the City Street railway company, we learn that work has actually begun on his line. The contract for grading has been let and the contract for building the bridge across the Rio Grande is to be let soon. Mr. Millington, civil engineer, finished a day or two ago a design for the bridge and submitted it to the company, which we understand has been accepted. The papers of this company have all been approved by the Mexican government and no hindrance to the work will be encountered from that source. If the work is prosecuted vigorously we may expect to be riding across the river in street cars inside of sixty days.

. . . old furnaces at Montoya, twelve miles above here on the river, where evidences exist that extensive mining operations were one day carried on.

Real Estate Transfers

The following transfers of real estate have been filed for record with the county clerk within the past few days:

J.F. Crosby and W.S. Hills to Francis Parker; one fourth undivided interest southwest corner block No. 8. Campbell's addition 130 feet by 120 feet; consideration. \$625.

Thomas T. Gantt et al to P.A. and H Keller; lot No 3 on block 151, Campbell's addition; consideration, \$150.

Herman Keller to P.A. Keller; lot No. 3 in block 245, Campbell's addition; consideration, \$100.

Thomas T. Gantt, et al to Francis Parker; the undivided 6-8 of southeast one-quarter of block No. 3, Campbell's addition; consideration, \$1,876.

Thomas T Gantt to Cordella Conklin; lots 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20 in block 217, Campbell's addition; consideration, \$500.

Chapel Q. Stanton to Thomas H. Conklin; lots No. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 in block 207. Campbell's addition; consideration \$500.

Chapel Q. Stanton to Thomas H. Conklin; lots No. 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20 in block 207. Campbell's addition; consideration \$500.

Thomas T. Gantt, et al to Rosina Steby; the undivided 6-8 interest lots No. 11, 12, 13 and 14 in block 230, Campbell's addition; consideration, \$750.

James P. Hague, W.W. Mills and Josiah T. Crosby to Rosina Steby; 2-8 undivided interest lots, No. 11, 12, 13 and 14 in block 230, Campbell's addition; consideration, \$250.

Thomas T. Gantt, et al to Rosina Steby; the 6-8 undivided interest in block 3, 26 feet on St. Louis street by 130 feet in depth, part of lots 13 and 14, Campbell's addition; consideration, \$262.50.

W.T. Hills and J.T. Crosby to Rosina Steby, one fourth undivided interest in block 3, 26 feet on St. Louis street by 130 feet in depth, part of lots 13 and 14, Campbell's addition; consideration, \$87.50.

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Wednesday, February 1, 1882

Real estate transfers are not very numerous.

Paso del Norte contains from seven to eight thousand people and there is not a lawyer in town. Perhaps this explains why the town is so quiet and orderly.

Messrs. Percy Carrico and Hal Wagner will issue, next week, an extra edition of three thousand copies from the *Times* office, which will be devoted entirely to the interests of Ysleta. The enterprise of these young men is commendable and they should be encouraged by a liberal subscription to the extra.

A Spanish school would pay here if some competent teacher were employed. A Class of ten or more could easily be made up in the city of those who are anxious to acquire a knowledge of the Spanish language and prepare themselves for transacting business in a community where a large portion of the population is Spanish. Young men, who are following clerking for a living, should by no means fail to avail themselves of an opportunity to learn Spanish. To know it well is almost as good as letters of recommendation in getting positions, at least such is the ease in towns like this where fully one half the trade is Mexican.

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Many of the new buildings lately commenced in El Paso are approaching completion.

The Mexican Central depot is to be built with a square in the centre in which two fountains will play.

Grading on the City Street Railway is progressing timely. The contract calls for the completion of it by the 15th. The contract for the bridge will probably be closed to-day.

Mr. W.S. Hills has purchased the Magoffin addition on the south side of San Antonio street. Mr. Thomas Conklin, the real estate man, made the sale, which was for \$20,000.

El Paso is just now coming to the front will some creditable buildings. If the all adobe houses on El Paso street, which are an eye sore, could be torn down and replaced with good ones, strangers coming to town would be more favorably impress with the place.

We learn from a reliable source that there is no truth in the report that mayor Magoffin intends to resign. Yet it is so difficult to get a quorum of the city council together to transact any business that it is enough to disgust any one and make them want to resign.

It is understood that General Pope is down in this country looking for a location for a ten company post. He remarked to several citizens that the new post would be located at or near El Paso. While here General Pope met a great many old friends who served under him in 1857 in this country.

Dr. Mark M. Barnes, well known through New Mexico, Arizona and western Texas, returned to El Paso Wednesday from an extended visit to Chicago, bringing with him all the latest improvements in the way of dental instruments. The Doctor stands at the head of his profession and those who have been waiting an opportunity to have first class work done in his line will do well to call on him at his rooms in the Hague building.

About two hundred and fifty thousand adobes will be used in building the Mexican Central depot in Paso del Norte. One hundred and fifty thousand of them are made and ready for the walls. The continuous rains are seriously interfering with the making of the rest. If it had been known sooner that first class sand stone for building purposes could have been obtained at hand, as such is now the case, the entire building would have been built of stone. The quarry from which the stone that is put in the foundation is taken, is but a few miles above town, immediately on the line of the A.T.& S.F. road and furnishes an excellent quality of building material in the greatest abundance.

A formal reception was given General Pope and McKenzie in the parlors of the Central Hotel, last Wednesday afternoon.

MR. JAMES PERDUE MURDERED

Real Estate Transfers

The following transfers of real estate have been filed for record with the county clerk within the past few days:

Thomas T. Gantt, et al, to Virginia K. Baldwin and Samuel Davidson; lots 7, 8, 9 and 10 in block 199, lots 19 and 20 in block 147, lots 11 and 12 in block 139, lots 9 and 10 in block 138, Campbell's addition; consideration, \$1,365.

W.W. Williams to W.M. Pierson, three eights undivided in lot 168 in block 35, Anson Mill's map; consideration, \$1

Josiah F. Crosby to W. M. Pierson; twenty-four feet on El Paso street by 120 feet in block No___; consideration, \$1,200.

David R. Diffenderffer to W.M. Pierson; undivided 3-8 interest in fractional block No. 31, as per Anson Mill's map; consideration, \$150.

Simon Bolivar Newcomb to Ernest Angerstein and Henry Lesinsky; 11 3-4 acres of land, part of Concordia ranch; consideration, \$2,002.

G. Edwin Angerstein to Sam G. Ragsdale and J.A. Rust, 11 3-4 acres of land on the Concordia ranch; consideration, \$1,000.

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Wednesday, February 8, 1882

Iron for the city street railway has been ordered from Galveston.

The *Daily Link* passes under the control of the *Times* today.

Real Estate Transfers

The following transfers of real estate have been filed for record with the county clerk within the past few days:

Thomas T. Gantt, et al, to A.E. Willard and M.M. Spencer; lots No. 1 and 2, in block No. 151, Campbell's addition; consideration, \$300.

Bernard Schuster to Louis Schorn, Sr.; part of lots 78 and 79, in block No. 14, Anson Mills' map; consideration, \$8,000.

J.F. Crosby and William S. Hills to Elizabeth Gillock; 1-4 undivided interest in a fractional triangular lot, in block No. 17, as per Anson Mills' map; consideration, \$105.

J.F. Crosby and William S. Hills to Sherman C. Slade; 1-4 undivided interest in lots 107 and 108, in block No. 24, Anson Mills' map; consideration \$750.

T.P. Moad to S.H. Wilson; 1-2 of the undivided interest 160 acres in survey No. 1, 1-2 undivided interest 160 acres in survey No. 2; consideration \$300.

Thomas T. Gantt to Robert M. McKie, 3-4 of lot 65, block 12, Anson Mills' map; consideration, \$175.

William S. Hills and Josiah F. Crosby to Robert M. McKie; 1-4 interest in lot 65, block 12, Anson Mills' map; consideration, \$58.33.

Chapel Q. Stanton to Louis Shorn, Sr.; front on north side San Antonio street two hundred feet by a depth one hundred and forty-one feet, and a depth of the western end of 38 feet more or less; consideration, \$600.

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Saturday, February 11, 1882

A meeting will be held at the council rooms this afternoon at 3 o'clock to consider the sanitary condition of the city. Let everybody contend.

Miss Nunn will open the public school on Monday in the large tent formerly occupied as a boarding house by Mrs. Dollman. The new school furniture has arrived.

Four of the five small pox patients who were sent to the miserable hovel at Old Fort Bliss have died. The one, who did not die after he had been taken there, got up and walked back to town. It is nothing less than murder to send patients to such a place. The house has neither door, window, nor floor. Stock have used it for shelter for years, and it is in a terribly filthy condition. The patients, who were placed there, were poorly provided with covering and had no fire at all. A few dollars expended in fixing up the place would certainly reflect credit on our officials.

The two street railroad companies have adopted the suggestion made by THE LONE STAR several months ago and "pooled their issues." On yesterday a consolidation was effected and the route determined upon, and we are now to have street cars sure. The new board of directors is composed of the following gentlemen: Mayor Joseph Magoffin, Major Rand, A. Krakauer, Dr. Samaniego, Solomon Schutz and J.M. Thatcher. The route determined upon is from the Southern Pacific depot along St. Louis street to El Paso street thence along El Paso street to East Overland along East Overland to Utah, and along Utah to the river.

EDITORS LONE STAR: - In your issue of the 8th inst, I notice a local to the effect that a child of Justice Johnson died of smallpox at Concordia. This is a mistake. There has been no small pox at Concordia for years and, consequently, no deaths from that disease. The pest-house is located at Magoffinville much nearer El Paso than Concordia; and right here "I would call attention to

the fact that no flag, sign or other means are used to indicate the house. Knowing that the LONE STAR would not intentionally misrepresent this or any other matter I ask that you give this communication space in your columns.

Respectfully

JNO B. LEAHY

MESILLA VALLEY ITEMS

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Wednesday, February 15, 1882

There is just now more building going on in El Paso than ever before.

The Catholics will soon begin erecting a handsome church in this city.

Go to White Bros. & Davis and subscribe to the hospital fund. They have the petition.

The condition of the streets to-day is enough to shame the city council into doing something if they have any shame about them.

The public school did not begin last Monday as announced, but will begin, we are informed next Monday.

The people would like to see the result of the expenditures of the public money by the city council for the last year.

Nearly \$6,000 were collected by the city last year for taxes and the people would now like to know what has become of it.

Parson Tays sold the *Times* building a day or two ago for \$13,000 and at once invested \$10,000 of the amount in other real estate.

Juan S. Hart, formerly of the *Link* arrived Sunday evening from his Chihuahua trip. He intends to return to Chihuahua in a few days to engage in mining.

Enough money was collected by the city last year to have built a good jail, improved the streets of the town and to have done several other important things that have not been done.

A wire is being stretched from the Southern Pacific depot to the Santa Fe depot by the Texas and Pacific company. It will run through the Western Union office in the Central hotel.

Mr. Joseph Schutz telegraphed from New York directing that each person in the employ of his store should be vaccinated at once. They all proceeded to Dr. Manning's office and had their left arms scratched.

M.B. Davis, of Virginia City, Nevada, arrived this morning to take charge of Wells, Fargo & Co.'s express office at this place vice Mr. Julian resigned. Mr. Davis will also act as agent for the Texas Pacific company.

SHOOTING AFFRAY AT RANDALL

FATAL SHOOTING AT THE COLISEUM

On yesterday, about half past six o'clock p.m. a shooting affair occurred at the Coliseum theatre which resulted in the death of Dr. S.M. Cummings, proprietor of the Globe restaurant, at the hands of James Manning, proprietor of the Coliseum.

TROUBLE AT THE JARRILLAS

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Saturday, February 18, 1882

Nearly \$700 has been subscribed for the erection of a city hospital.

The foundation of the Mexican Central depot is about finished. Lumber for the depot is arriving daily from Chicago and San Francisco.

We learn that Crosby, Pierson, the Campbell estate, the Williams estate, and Mills and Hague have settled their differences and made a partition of their property in this city and are now competent to convey property separately and give good deeds therefore.

A HUMAN FIEND

INDIANS IN MEXICO

LAS CRUCES LETTER

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Wednesday, February 22, 1882

A shingle roof is being put on the old adobe block adjoining the Senate saloon on El Paso street.

The recent sale by H. Lesinsky & Co. of Las Cruces to Numa Reymond & Co., does not affect the house in this city.

The Texas and Pacific right-of-way could be made into a wagon road from El Paso to Ysleta and San Elizario, with little cost. Why not do it?

Several of our citizens contemplate stocking the lake below the city with choice fish and have entered into communication with the fish commission of the state for the supply.

Real Estate Transfers

The following transfers of real estate have been filed for record with the county clerk within the past few days:

Thomas T. Gantt to Rufus Currie; lot 16 and part of 17 in block 135, Campbell's addition; also lots 4 and 5 part of 6 in block 151. Campbell's addition, consideration, \$183.

Chapel Q. Stanton to Michael C. Foley; lot No. 16 in block No. 230, Campbell's addition; consideration, \$170

Thomas T. Gantt, et al, to J. Wilken Tays; 3-4 undivided interest in lot 24, block 4, Anson Mills' map; consideration, \$712.50.

W.W. Mills to James Manning; lot 15 in block 132, Campbell's addition; consideration, \$250.

J.W. Zollars to W.B. Lyon; 45 feet by 130 feet in block 136; Campbell's addition, consideration, \$1,000.

Thomas T. Gantt, et al, to John Merrill; lots 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 in block 218, Campbell's addition; consideration, \$600.

John A. Merrill to John Bailey; lots 8, 9, and 10 in block 218, Campbell's addition; consideration, \$400.

Clinton Rice to William Frazier; lots 3 and 4, block 39, Hart survey No. 9; consideration, \$160.

Crosby, Hills and Davis to Samuel W. Holladay; northwest corner of block 38, Anson Mills' map, 103 feet by 63 feet; consideration, \$1,000.

John B. Leahy and wife to H.M. Mundy; 3 tracts of land in Concordia; consideration, \$791.

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Saturday, February 25, 1882

Mr. Fewel has received a number of the well-known China trees.

Thirteen car loads of ice came in over the Santa Fe road last Thursday.

A new roof is being put over the building occupied by Dr. Newman's drug store.

A hybrid-house - half-tent and half-frame - adorns one of the lots near this office.

The number of new buildings just completed improves the appearance of the city wonderfully.

The much needed city hospital was completed to-day. It is situated about half a mile south of the Texas and Pacific round-house and will accommodate about thirty patients.

A petition is being circulated and has already received a large number of signatures requesting the city council of El Paso to abandon the old city charter and reorganize the city under the general law.

There was a meeting last night of the stockholders of the *Link*, at which it was determined to renew the publication of the associate press reports next week. Judge Blacker was elected secretary of the company.

Mr. O.T. Bassett's team created a great sensation in the streets to-day by running away. The first dashed up west Overland street, and wheeling around by the Santa Fe depot, came up El Paso scattering the crowd from right to left.

One of the enterprises in this city worthy of mention is the large brick manufacturing establishment in the eastern part of the city. One kiln is now burning which has a capacity of 250,000 brick. The burning of the kiln at night is an interesting sight to all who take the trouble to visit it. The sixteen eyes - the openings to the furnaces, glow with the light of the fierce heat that fills the interior, and makes the place look like a large foundry. The brick are of a very good quality and enough are made to supply the wants of the town.

A CURIOSITY

A MEXICAN CENTRAL TRIP

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Wednesday, March 1, 1882

Peach trees are in blossom.

The new roof being built over Dr. Newman's drug store is progressing slowly.

A new frame house is being put up on East Overland street between El Paso and Oregon.

Since the completion of the McLaughlin block, East Overland street presents with its new stores a business-like appearance.

Mr. C.W. Crozier, late city-editor of the *Link*, has instituted suit against the stock-holders for breach of contract. Damages claimed, \$1,000.

Considerable smuggling is reported at night a few miles below the city at the old ford. The Mexican natives find this road more convenient than the regular one, which is guarded at all hours.

The bright warm days are very suggestive of summer, and some of our society people are beginning to talk about going to some of the numerous watering places and summer resorts which surround El Paso.

The Concordia acequia has been cleaned out and repaired from its source to the city limits, and from the old fort to Mayor Magoffin's ranch. It is time now for the city to open up the old ditch through its limits.

Mr. Currie is making preparations to put up a handsome frame dwelling house in the upper part of the city, for the purpose of renting it. The lack of dwellings for rent is one of El Paso's greatest needs, and we are glad to see our citizens making a move to supply the want.

The damage from the wind storm of Monday was not very great. Some few buildings were unroofed; a considerable number of signs were blown down and carried off; the glass in a few windows was cracked by the stones hurled against them, and the occupants of most of the tents deemed it wise to seek new quarters.

The proprietors of Concordia ranch offer the government all the land necessary for the location of the proposed ten-company post and supply depot. The location is undoubtedly the best in this section, and the strong recommendation of Gen. Pope, backed by the exertions of our citizens will secure the much coveted prize.

During the wind storm of Monday, the teacher at the tent, the only place the school trustees have been so far able to secure for school purposes, acting under instructions of trustee Solomon Schutz, dismissed and sent to their homes the little ones. It was quite evident that by remaining in the tent the safety of the children would be endangered, and the trustee acted wisely in giving the instructions he did. This was shown by what subsequently happened. The stove-pipe was blown down and the wind, entering from all sides, threatened to carry the tent away bodily. The door was blown forcibly open and aforesaid stove-pipe scattered in sections over the floor. The desks, tables and chairs were well covered with sand and dust. It is the general impression that the trustees will have to abandon the idea of holding school in the tent. At this season of the year the winds are always severe in this section of the country, and it is but natural to anticipate during the coming month many storms similar to that of Monday. The lives and limbs of the children are of too much value to be thus risked.

Proceedings of the City Council

. . . A petition was presented asking the council to prohibit the emptying of slops into the streets and alleys. Adopted.

A petition was presented from Dr. Ross asking that he be appointed physician to the pest house, at a salary of \$75 per month.

Mr. Hills reported on part of the hospital committee that they had completed the pest house, a building 48 by 20 feet, had furnished it, and had provided a temporary nurse. They had also employed Dr. Koblough, of Ysleta, as attending physician for one month at a salary if \$150. They

had assumed payment of his salary, but hoped the council would take it off their hands. On motion the report of the hospital committee was approved.

The tent located in the rear of the Rio Grande drug store was declared a nuisance and ordered to be removed . . .

discussion of adopting new charter . . .

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Saturday, March 4, 1882

The bicycle has arrived

The Southern Pacific company have nearly completed their repair and blacksmith shops.

W.W. Mills has received from the school trustees the contract for repairing the Newton building.

Every time rain falls, the streets and sidewalks become impassable. Could not the city prisoners be profitably employed on the streets?

We are requested by Dr. Ross to correct the statement that he offered his services as city physician at \$75 per month. His price is \$150.

Lone Star Locals -- Vol. VI - No. 43
Wednesday, March 8, 1882

The office of Adams Express company is about to be removed to Schutz's block.

The Presbyterians are making preparations to build a handsome church. The estimated cost is \$5,000.

Paso del Norte is to have a first-class hotel. The building will be on the principal street, and is to be so constructed as to afford every comfort. Don Benito Acosta has prepared the plans, and will be architect and superintendent of construction. The stock-holders are about equally divided between Mexicans and Americans. The building is estimated to cost \$30,000, and will be completed about the time the Mexican Central road shall have been finished to Chihuahua.

Sunday last, the attention of pedestrians on El Paso street was drawn to . . . the English kitchen . . . Isidore Bergeron . . . attempted suicide. . . . About two weeks ago, the English kitchen was rented and opened as a cheap eating house by Alphose Ferry and Isidore Bergeron

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Saturday, March 11, 1882

Several commodious residences are being projected.

Work on the A.T. & S.F. round house is progressing but slowly.

There will be plenty of ice in El Paso during the coming summer.

Judge Blacker's residence on San Antonio street is nearly completed.

Plans are being prepared for a new hotel to be built near the Southern Pacific depot.

From the various real estate dealers in the city it is learned that the sale of lots during the past week has been quite lively.

A move is being made on the part of the reformers to organize a temperance society. As yet, however, nothing definite has been done.

The various brick yards in the city are running to their full capacity, thus showing that the demand for this class of building material is brisk at the present time.

It was discovered last Thursday that W.J. Baldrige, proprietor of the American restaurant, on the plaza, had a case of small pox. He was at once removed to the hospital.

Work was commenced yesterday on the Presbyterian church to be built on San Antonio street. The building when completed will have cost about \$5,000, and be the handsomest church in the city.

S.W. Boring has opened an insurance agency in the office of Flood and Bailey, on the little plaza, next door to W.B. Hooper & Co. and has also large lists of real estate for sale.

Real Estate Transfers

The following transfers of real estate have been filed for record with the county clerk within the past few days:

W.S. Hills to Noah F. Flood and John Watts; undivided half blocks 35, 46, 13 and the west half 11 and 39 and lot 181, Anson Mills' map; consideration, \$10, etc.; dated February 21st, 1882, recorded February 23d, 1882.

J.R. Currie to J.A. Buckler; one lot fronting on Utah street, in block No. 151, as per Campbell's map, 27x54 feet; also undivided half of block 136, 120x80 feet, Campbell's map; consideration, \$677.88; dated February 21st, 1882, recorded February 22d, 1882.

Wm. S. Hills to J.A. Buckler, undivided 1-8 of 115x36 feet in block 38; consideration, \$60; dated February 20th, 1882, recorded February 24th, 1882.

A.E. Willard and M.M. Spencer to O.T. Bassett; lots No. 1 and 2, block No. 151, Campbell's addition; consideration, \$1,200; dated January 21st, 1882, recorded February 24th, 1882.

J.P. Hague and W.W. Mills to Henry Walton; lot 12 in block No. 170, Campbell's addition; dated February 8th, 1882, recorded February 25th, 1882.

W.M. Pierson to J.W. Zollars; part of lot 181, 120x25 feet, on El Paso street; consideration, \$1,250; dated February 14th, 1882, recorded February 27th, 1882.

Wm. S. Hills to S.W. Boring and S.H. Wagner; 21 10-12x134 feet, north side of lot 139, in block No. 33, Anson Mill's map; consideration, \$1; dated February 15th, 1882; recorded February 27th, 1882.

W.W. Mills to T. H. Conklin; part of lot No. 1 in block No. 118, 25x120 feet. Campbell's addition; consideration, \$300; dated February 17th, 1882, recorded February 28th, 1882.

W.W. Mills and J.P. Hague to Joseph Wilken Tays; part of lots 4 and 5, in block 119, 34x134 feet; consideration, \$525; dated February 18th, 1882, recorded February 28th, 1882.

J.F. Crosby and W.S. Hills to J.W. Tays; 1-4 interest northwest half of lot No. 26 in block No. 5, Anson Mills' map; consideration, \$100; dated July 8th 1881, recorded February 28th, 1882.

J. Wilken Tays and wife to Lucius M. Sheldon; lot No. 27 in block No. 5, Anson Mills' map; also the northwest half of lot No. 26 in block No. 5; consideration, \$13,000; dated February 13th, 1882, recorded February 28th, 1882.

Joseph Magoffin and wife to Joseph Wilkin Tays and W.S. Hills, 5-8 interest in tract of land lying south of San Antonio street; said tract bounded on the east by Cotton & Rand's land, or addition to El Paso, on the south by the Rio Grande, on the west by the land of the estate of Robert Campbell and on the north by San Antonio street extended eastward; consideration, \$12,500; dated February 15th, 1882, recorded February 28th, 1882.

C.R. Morehead, John C. Brown, George Noble, H.S. Newman and O.T. Bassett to G.T. Newman; east part of lot 25, and lots 26, 27, 28 in block 16, Morehead's addition; consideration, \$200; dated February 27th, 1882, recorded March 2d, 1882.

Robert A. Creons and wife to George W. Walthall; undivided 1-3 of lots No. 32 and 33 in block No. 6, Anson Mills' map; consideration \$3,000; dated August 19th, 1881, recorded, March 2d, 1882.

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Wednesday, March 15, 1882

The Central hotel has a new register.

Work was resumed on Mr. Hague's brick building yesterday.

Workmen were engaged in digging out the old acequia yesterday.

Mr. McIntyre has the contract for building the \$10,000 addition to the Central hotel.

There are only eighteen restaurants, seven private boarding houses, and three hotels in the city; yet, with that it is a difficult matter to secure comfortable rooms.

The city engineer is busy spending the \$750 appropriated by the city council for the repairing of the ditch. He promises to have water flowing through the city and on to Concordia by Saturday.

The attention of the proper officers is called to the fact that the premises of a number of private citizens are in a most uncleanly condition. The proprietors should be compelled to clean them.

Messrs. Huning, Smith & Co., have commenced building a warehouse in the rear of their store on San Francisco street. The house will be 22 by 44 feet and will have a capacity of storing \$150,000 worth of goods.

Notice was received this morning of the death of J.W. Baldrige, proprietor of the American House. As stated in the last issue of THE LONE STAR, he was removed, a few days ago, to the city hospital, having a bad case of small-pox.

We are requested to make public the announcement that the Rev. H.W. Read, missionary bishop of the Baptist Church, will lecture to-night on the subject of temperance, at the Methodist Church. All persons are cordially invited to be present. The bishop is said to be a finished scholar, an eloquent speaker and to have given much time and study to the evils resulting from intemperance. We trust he will have an audience worthy of the occasion.

At the mayor's court yesterday M. Ullmann was fined \$2 and costs, amounting to \$6.80, for maintaining a nuisance on his premises. The "nuisance" is a pump on his sidewalk for the accommodation of the public, and we think the law has been stretched a little to meet this case. Besides, we cannot understand on a criminal process and fined while he is absent in San Francisco. A little more care must be exercised by our mayor and the city official generally, if they would not make themselves appear ridiculous in the eyes of the public.

Real Estate Transfers

The following transfers of real estate have been filed for record with the county clerk within the past few days:

Thomas T. Gantt, et al to Chapel Q. Stanton; east half of the southeast quarter of block No. 216, Campbell's addition; consideration, \$250; dated January 10th, 1882, recorded March 4th, 1882.

Chapel Q. Stanton to William J. Fewel; southeast corner of block No. 216, 60x130, Campbell's addition; consideration, \$300; dated February 22d, 1882, recorded March 4th, 1882.

A.K. Sigells to William A. Dobbin; lot No. 2., in block No. 45, Hart's survey No 9; consideration, \$85; dated January 9th, 1882, recorded March 7th, 1882.

Catrina Riley to J.W. Riley; north half of lot No. 12, in block No. 2, Anson Mills' map; consideration, \$500; dated December 1st, 1881, recorded March 10th, 1882.

William T. Hills to William Shepherd; east half of lot No. 4, in block No. 4, Anson Mills' map; consideration, \$675; dated March 3d, 1822, recorded March 10th, 1882.

Leonidas Beaty to Joseph Gist - vendor's lien; lot No. 4 in what is known as the two acre Pierpont survey; consideration, \$1,000; dated November 14th, 1881, recorded, March 11th, 1882.

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Saturday, March 18, 1882

The office of the Adams and Texas express companies has been removed to the Schutz building on San Francisco street.

Two more large business establishments have opened for trade, and we hear of several others to be established as soon as suitable location can be procured.

Numa Reymond & Co. are going to turn the Lesinsky residences into a first-class hotel. Mr. William Shields and another gentleman of Las Cruces will have charge.

The Transfer Company's new water wagon made its appearance yesterday. It is tastefully decorated with business advertisements painted in every color known to the art.

There was talk some weeks since of establishing water works in the city. It is believed that such an enterprise would meet with a liberal support from our citizens generally. What has become of the project?

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Wednesday, March 22, 1882

Four new buildings were begun since our last issue.

The city ice factory now supplies both towns with ice.

Alderman Phillips will soon begin the erection of several frame houses containing from two to four rooms each.

El Paso has a Delmonico restaurant and now all that is lacking to make her a western metropolis is a Fifth Avenue theater (?).

Work on the ditch is being pushed forward with all the speed possible. We will soon have plenty of water coursing through the city.

The Cobweb Hall is now supplied with a new fifteen ball pool table, where the lovers of the sport can while away a few hours pleasantly.

At the last sitting of the city council, Saturday, alderman Blacker suggested that the course of the acequia be changed so as to run from the river up San Francisco street to the plaza, thence to Campbell and down Campbell to San Antonio, and along San Antonio to Magoffin avenue; and that the ditch be constructed as far as practicable along the streets and not on private property, in order that the city may have control of it. The resolution was adopted.

Alderman Blacker called attention to the fact of their being several opium dens in the city, which are nuisances and should be closed up.

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Saturday, March 25, 1882

POST OFFICE REGULATIONS

RAILROAD TIME-TABLE

Mr. Fewel has planted a number of maple and other shade trees in his yard.

Nothing has been heard of the street railway lately. Is it to be or not to be?

Judge Pierson has begun the construction of a new hotel near the Southern Pacific depot.

Judge James Rector and Captain R.F. Campbell, of Austin, will soon commence erecting two iron front stores adjoining the new State National bank building, which will complete that block and make it the handsomest in the city.

Two new tents were stretched on the vacant lot near THE LONE STAR office, Thursday, for the accommodation of families. Parties at a distance who contemplate bringing their families to this city had better bringing tents along as it is impossible to get homes here at any price.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS (Bond Election)

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Wednesday, March 29, 1882

The new front to Messrs. B. Schuster and company's store is quite an improvement.

The Rio Grande rose twenty inches, at this point, during last Sunday and the night following.

A new enterprise in the way of a cigar factory, will be started in the city shortly by Mr. Louis Kohner.

Six frame buildings to contain four rooms each are be being built near the knights of Pythias' hall.

El Paso street in front of the Davis block has been filled in with gravel which will prevent waste water from the pumps stagnating in the street.

The ground purchased by the city for a cemetery is situated about three quarters of a mile west of the city, on the north side of the Southern Pacific track. We are told by the city engineer who surveyed the lot that the land lies well and with some improvements would make a very pretty burial ground.

The case against Mr. Kraten for building in a public street was called up in the mayor's court, yesterday, and laid over until to-morrow morning. Mr. Kraten leased a lot on the north side of San Antonio street including in the lease the street running from San Antonio to Texas street, which at the time was closed up with a double fence. He laid the sills for a building on this street when a warrant was issued for his arrest.

At the sitting of the city council Saturday night, the proposition of H.M. Mundy to let the city have an acre and a half of ground to be used as a cemetery, for and in consideration of \$75, was accepted.

Real Estate Transfers

The following transfers of real estate have been filed for record with the county clerk within the past few days:

Thomas T. Gantt, et al, to John A. Kinney; lot in block No. 217, 60 feet by 130 feet; consideration, \$200; dated December 10th, 1881, recorded March 11th, 1882.

J. Watt to Noah Flood; blocks No. 35, 46, 13 and the west half of blocks 11 and 39 and lot 181; consideration, \$6,000; dated February 24th, 1882, recorded March 11th 1882,

W.M. Pierson to The Galveston, Harris-burg and San Antonio railway company; one undivided 3-8 of the south 1-2 of block No. 9, and an undivided 3-8 of the south half of block No. 43, also an undivided 3-8 of the north half of block No. 42; consideration, \$2,280; dated October 22d, 1881, recorded March 11th, 1882.

J.B. Warren to Mary T. Clark; one undivided 1-4 interest of the eastern half of block No. 247, Campbell's addition, being lots 1 to 10 inclusive; consideration, \$300; dated March 10th, 1882, recorded March 15th, 1882.

C.R. Morehead, et al, to William A. Allen; lots No. 20 and 21, in block No. 6, Morehead's addition; consideration, \$100; dated February 6th, 1882, recorded March 16th, 1882.

W.J. Fewel to Frank Lesnet; west half of lots 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20, in block No. 216; consideration, \$350; dated Feb 11th, 1882, recorded March 16th, 1882.

Thomas T. Gantt, et al, to Charles Baker; lot No. 1, in block 148, Campbell's addition; consideration, \$208; dated September 20th, 1881, recorded March 16th, 1882.

Thomas D. Newton and wife to R.M. Russell; 35 feet by 135 feet on San Antonio street in block No. 38; consideration, \$350; dated March 18th, 1882, recorded March 20th, 1882.

Noah F. Flood to The First National Bank of El Paso - deed of trust; 1-8 interest in blocks 35 and 46, and 1-8 in west half of blocks 11 and 39, 1-4 interest in lot 74 in block 13, 1-8 interest in the east 1-2 of lot 181, 25 feet of lot 10 in block 184, 25 feet of lot 20 in block 118, 25 feet of lot 11 in block 73, 25 feet in lots 10 and 11 in block 61, 35 feet being lot 3 and parts of lot 4 in block 101, 35 feet being lot 19 and parts of lots 18 and 20 in block 101, 35 feet being lot 17 and part of lot 18 in block 133, 35 feet being lot 6 and part of lot 7 in block 132, 35 feet being lot 4 and part of lot 3 in block 73 and all of fractional lots 10, 11 and 12 in block 66 as is known on the several maps of said city; consideration, \$2,000; dated March 16th, 1882, recorded March 20th, 1882.

Jacob Strauss & Co. to Thomas D. Newton; 35 feet by 130 feet in block 38; consideration, \$1; dated February 16th, 1882, recorded March 20th, 1882.

W.W. Mills and J.P. Hague to Margaret McLaughlin; part of lot 15 and fractional lots 16 and 17 in block No. 180, Campbell's addition; consideration, \$750; dated March 10th, 1882, recorded March 21st, 1882.

Isaac F. Harrison to The Hazard Powder Co. of N.Y.; 1 acre of land near the junction of the Texas and Pacific and Galveston, Harrisburg and San Antonio railroads; consideration, \$112; dated March 10th, 1882, recorded March 21st, 1882.

Frederick O'Donnell to Joseph Magoffin in trust for the State National Bank of El Paso; lots 17 and 18, in block No. 218, in Campbell's addition; note for \$250; dated March 18th, 1882, recorded March 21st, 1882.

J.P. Hague and W.W. Mills to David P. Dryen; lot No. 9 in block No. 219, Campbell's addition; consideration, \$300; dated January 28th, 1882, recorded March 21st, 1882.

Lone Star Locals -- Vol. VI - No. 50
Saturday, April 1, 1882

General Sherman says that the matter of the 12-company post rests solely in the congressional discretion, his powers being simply advisory. He says a 12 company post is out of the question, however, inasmuch as there is not grass enough in the neighborhood to supply the cavalry company which would be necessary part of the 12 companies if sent here. It might be considered

wise, however, he thought, to increase the present force to four, six, or eight companies, all infantry.

At the meeting of the city council, Tuesday evening last, an ordinance was adopted providing for an election to be held, on April 18th, to determine whether or not the city will issue \$15,000 in bonds for the purpose of securing the where-withal to build a jail and to provide offices for the mayor and the city council. The building now used as a jail is said to be entirely inadequate. This is illustrated by the fact that a few weeks ago several prisoners cut their way out through the ceiling of it and escaped. It is also the intention of the city council, if the bonds be voted, to devote a large portion of the money realized from the sale of them to the establishment of a thorough system of drainage.

JARRILLA MINES

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Wednesday, April 5, 1882

The attention of the city authorities is called to the speed at which trains on the S.P. are run through the city. A special came down the road a day or two ago and ran nearly to the depot at a speed of forty miles an hour. The engineer ought to have been arrested and severely punished.

The question of what is to be done to keep down the dust in El Paso, this summer is becoming a serious one. Already the dust is six inches deep in some of the streets, and the passing of a wagon is sufficient to envelop a whole neighborhood in clouds of impalpable sand powder. Cannot the council devote a little time to this matter?

The owners of the bridge which has been doing valuable service between this city and Paso del Norte are spending considerable money in improving it. All travel over the bridge has been stopped for several days and travelers have been carried across on a ferry boat. The Rio Grande has been too high to be forded for eight or ten days.

Last Sunday the Baptist church recently erected in Ysleta was dedicated with appropriate services. Bishop Read preached both morning and evening. Generous contributions were made by those present and in amount sufficient to release the building from debt. This is the first Baptist church erected in this section and its friends are pleased with their work.

Lone Star Locals -- Vol. VI - No. 52

Saturday, April 8, 1882

Wells, Fargo & Co. have purchased the lot on San Antonio street now occupied by Piontkowsky and will erect a building for an express office.

What has become of the El Paso school? A gentleman who subscribed \$25 towards its support informed us a couple of days ago that he would double his subscription to start it again.

The Central hotel guests now take their meals in an improvised dining room, the court or *placita* having been roofed in for that purpose during the progress of the improvements going on in the old dining room. The latter is being widened and improved generally.

The back yard of the Davis building has for months past been the repository for empty boxes, old iron, store sweepings, straw, slops, old bottles and every other kind of trash that the storekeepers in the building have desired to get rid of. On Thursday afternoon Mr. Kierski who keeps the confectionery store on the corner and also a horse in the back yard, went out to the pile of old rubbish to feed his horse, and carelessly threw a lighted cigar into the straw. A few moments afterwards Lightbody and James' tailor emptied the lighted coals from his heating stove in the same place. He was followed by Mr. Schneider the grocer, who emptied a can of coal oil upon the rubbish heap and touched a match to it. Mr. Davis, the owner of the building, then placed a lighted candle in a pile of shavings nearby; and finally Mr. Casson, Lightbody and James' clerk went out into the yard and rubbed his nose against one of the boxes and set it on fire. The consequence was a conflagration, which threatened to destroy the building, and might have done so, but for the timely arrival of Dr. McKinney upon the back porch with a hundred feet of hose, which he threw in to the flames, following this action by tearing up the pump from its position on the porch and hurling it after the hose. A great danger was thus averted and the question which now agitates the public mind is: Who was responsible?

LAKE VALLEY

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Lone Star Locals -- Vol. VII - No. 31
Wednesday, July 26, 1882

Last Sunday a race for a gold watch and medal was swum in the Rio Grande at Rehbein's bath house. There were nine entries. A large crowd witnessed the race. The watch was won by T.J. Cockrell.

At the meeting of the city council last Saturday night an amended petition of James Marr *et al.* in reference to a right of way for the proposed new street railway, was presented.

Lone Star Locals -- Vol. VII - No. 32
Saturday, July 29, 1882

The hack fare to the other side of the river is again down to five cents.

The city council will meet to-night in its new quarters in the Campbell building, on San Antonio street.

The El Paso street railway company has ceased its work of grading, it is charitable to presume, only temporarily.

Mr. Watts, the water works contractor, is pushing work rapidly on the reservoirs, and they will be shortly completed. He has contracted to have water running into the city by the 1st of September and is making every effort to comply with his obligation.

The council chamber in the Campbell building, on San Antonio street, forms a marked contrast to "the tail end of the beer hall." It is an elegant room, and if the new surroundings have the effect to infuse a little more dignity in the council the money spent in renting it will not be entirely thrown away.

Lone Star Locals -- Vol. VII - No. 33
Wednesday, August 2, 1882

D. McKinney has removed his office from the Davis Block on El Paso street, and is now to be found next door to General Harrison's office, on San Antonio street.

The city is steadily progressing. Fine business houses and residences are going up on all sides and mechanics of all kinds find plenty of work at good wages. The beautiful cottages around the outskirts of the city are now quite an interesting feature.

Silvester Watts, the water works builder, has made a proposition to the owners of the gas works franchise to take it off their hands and supply the city with gas. Mr. Watts, we are informed is an experienced gas works builder and has recently constructed the San Antonio gas works if the city will agree to take fifty gas lamps at \$50 a piece per annum. For private use the price of gas will be \$5 per thousand feet.

The work on the water works is progressing rapidly. Seventy-five men are employed on the reservoir and promise to have it completed on about ten days. The cistern, on the bank of the Rio Grande, about 300, yards below Hart's mill, is nearly finished. It is 17x12 feet and goes some distance below the low water mark of the river. We are informed that Mr. Watts intends to construct a tunnel out under the bed of the river from the bottom of the cistern. All sides of the cistern have been walled up, except the side nearest the river, in order to prevent seepage. The engine to be used in forcing the water from the cistern to the reservoir, left San Francisco yesterday. The main distributing pipe will come down the mesa near Mr. Satterthwaite's quarry and thence continue down Utah to San Antonio street, whence smaller pipes will carry the water in all directions.

Don't forget the gentlemen's resort, the Blue Room, next door to the Globe dining hall. The Mesa Gardens will be open this evening with Music and Cool Beer. A Free Hack will run to and from the gardens.

Geo. Dunning & Co. on El Paso street below the Central hotel are prepared to supply Ice Cream by the Plate, Quart or Gallon.

D. Calisher at his new store on the east side of El Paso street will take the lead in the retail business of the city. He keeps everything and sells at a living profit only. Remember the California Store.

WANTED - An A No.1 Blacksmith. Apply to J.W. Koehler, Blacksmith, on the Main Plaza, El Paso, Texas.

Lone Star Locals -- Vol. VII - No. 34
Saturday, August 5, 1882

The work of laying the water pipes was commenced yesterday.

The probabilities are that next month El Paso will receive a visit from old John Robinson's world-renowned circus.

Hinning, Smith & Co. have closed up their establishment in this city and are moving their goods back to Los Lunas, N.M.

To-morrow at 6 P.M. a shooting match with pistols will take place at the Mesa Gardens between Messrs. Stoudenmire and Jones, for \$100 a side. Distance from 25 to 150 yards. We know a man in the city who can beat the winner for money.

As fine a piece of cabinet-work as was ever done in this city is a new counter for a tobacco and cigar stand in the Senate saloon. It was made by Krause and Brower and is now being painted by Crapser. If you want to see something nice go and take a peep at it.

A representative of THE LONE STAR yesterday morning visited the site of the proposed water works on the mesa. Considerable work has been done on one of the reservoirs but a great deal remains yet to be done. The work is being very leisurely prosecuted and to the initiated it looks as if the works would lack considerable of being completed by the 1st of September.

At the council meeting last night per-mission was given to Samuel Schutz to construct a spur from the G.H. and S.A. road to his proposed warehouse on San Francisco street. The discussion of lighting the streets was discussed at length . . .

During the last few days the owners of the gas franchise have been frequently in secret conclave discussing the proposition of Sylvester Watts to build the works. After reading the last issue of THE LONE STAR the former concluded that they did not know as much about gas and its worth as they thought they did. They therefore telegraphed on Thursday to Las Vegas and Ft. Worth for the desired information. No answer has been received up to this writing and, consequently, the matter is in abeyance. At the next meeting of the council, however, it may be relied upon that our city council will be asked to give something for nothing.

Yesterday morning about half past ten o'clock Dr. Rodgers was called to a room in Hill's old theatre building to see a woman named Mrs. Hunt, who . . . was dying.

Genuine Mexican Filigree Jewelry for sale at the Jewelry House of Kierski & Co., in the Davis Block.

Fine Watch Repairing at Kierski's Jewelry House, Davis Block, next door to Lightbody & James.

Mesa Gardens have had a Kitchen, Dining Room, and horse sheds added, and they will be open again this evening.

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Wednesday, August 9, 1882

A special session of the city council has been called for to-night for the purpose of making some provision for the organization of the public school system of the city, the reduction of certain occupation taxes, etc.

The shooting match last Sunday between Stoudenmire and Jones resulted in a victory for the latter. On Monday another match took place between Stoudenmire and Capt. J.H. White. The latter won by a score of eight to two.

The Palace barber shop opposite the Central hotel is the neatest and best in El Paso.

Mrs. Allen is agent for Butterick's Patterns, New York Bazaar, San Antonio street.

Lone Star Locals -- Vol. VII - No. 36

Saturday, August 12, 1882

The State National bank is getting to move into its new quarters.

The Cactus Club met last night and will meet again next Monday evening at Mr. Stanton's office.

Mr. Satterthwaite is erecting two handsome 2-story stone residences on Oregon street in his addition, and will shortly begin the erection of four more.

The Catholics have bought a large piece of property in the Satterthwaite addition and will erect their church on the high ground southeast of the Mesa Gardens, on Oregon street.

Col. Marr's granite quarry in the Satterthwaite addition, is turning out to be a big thing. He sold yesterday 1,100 perches of stone and wants to contract with some person to take out 1,000 perches a month for the next year. This stone is going to be a favorite building material in El Paso.

At the meeting of the city council Wednesday evening last Blacker, Flood, and Hague were appointed a committee on public schools. A communication was read from Sylvester Watts, asking that the council designate the places for the location of the 25 fire plugs. Referred to the committee of the whole, Keating, Phillips, and Schuster were appointed to inspect the work being done by the S.P. road on the ditch on Franklin street and were given authority to stop the work if not being done in accordance with the resolution of the council on the subject.

The enterprise displayed by J. Fisher Satterthwaite, in improving his addition to the city, is worthy of the highest commendation and is gradually arousing the old "moss backs" to a realization of the fact that "push" is worth more than location in the development of any particular part of the city. What they first declared to be the schemes of a visionary they now admit to have been wise business calculations. The Satterthwaite addition is now becoming the most popular part of the city and lots which a few weeks ago would have gone begging at any price now sell readily at \$150 and \$175. The location of the water works on the highest part of this property removes the only objection there was to it for building purposes and it will now take rank in a very short time as the most desirable residence property in the city. Indeed it is already so considered by many.

Spanish Grammars, Dictionaries, Books, and Stationery for sale at the Texas News Co. in the Davis Block.

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Saturday, August 19, 1882

The round house of the Santa Fe is now about completed and is in daily use.

Stewart and Sutherland are soon to move into the store now occupied by J. Schwingle.

Work on the First National bank building has been at a stand still for some days, owing to lack of material.

Mr. Satterthwaite has leased the Mesa Gardens for two months, with the privilege of renewing the lease, to William Marsh, superintendent of the water-works. Mr. Marsh takes charge to-night.

It is now pretty certain that the water works will not be completed by September 1st. It turns out now, too that the city has no bond from Mr. Watts to have them finished by the date, nor is there any ordinance declaring the contract void, if the works should not be completed on time. If such a bond is given, it was to the old company and is thus beyond the reach of the city.

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Wednesday, August 23, 1882

The city has been presented by Mr. Satterthwaite with three lots in his addition for the erection of school buildings.

Monday the Coliseum caught fire in some mysterious manner. The flames were extinguished, however, without much trouble.

There will be a meeting to-night at the Central hotel for the purpose of organizing a volunteer hose company. All members are requested to be on hand at 8:30 o'clock, sharp.

A large meeting of citizens took place last night on the balcony of the Central hotel for the purpose of discussing county politics.

At the session of the city council Saturday evening, the streets in the Satterthwaite addition dedicated to the city were accepted. The paragraph in the last issue of THE LONE STAR on the non-completion of the water-works on time was read and induced a lengthy discussion. The conclusion finally reached was that, through the carelessness of the council, the city had made an iniquitous contract, but one out of which she could not now "crawl-fish." At the session Monday evening it was decided to locate a hydrant in each of the following places: nw corner block 14, w side El Paso street opposite center of San Antonio street, ne corner block 14, se corner block 14, sw corner block 14, se corner block 15, sw corner block 34, se corner block 33, sw corner block 134, sw corner block 101, se corner block 151, se corner block 13, sw corner block 4, sw corner block 42, se corner block 17, sw corner block 17, nw corner block 27, sw corner block 25, ne corner block 209, ne corner block 6 Magoffin's addition, ne corner block 17, sw corner block 211, corner St. Vrain and San Antonio streets, nw corner block 227, nw corner block 171, se corner block 4, s corner block 17.

THE ORGAN DISTRICT AT DENVER

CALL FOR REPRESENTATIVE CONVENTION

For Soda, Sarsaparilla, Ginger Ale, Mountain Ice, etc., go to Hall and Kinne, Overland Building, El Paso, Texas.

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Saturday, August 26, 1882

The Santa Fe road is running out a new track to Ketelsen and Degetau's new warehouse.

Copious rains have fallen this week, both here and above in New Mexico, and it is probable the water in the river will increase in consequence.

The U.S. marshal for New Mexico went down to Jackson's rancho, 24 miles above El Paso, on Tuesday and arrested Fletcher Jackson for violation of the U.S. internal revenue law.

Lawrence and Potter, a firm that has been doing business on the main plaza adjoining W.B. Hooper & Co.'s store, have closed their doors, or, rather, their creditors have closed them, they having acted in such a manner as to arouse suspicion that everything was not right. A consignment of canned goods from California arrived at the S.P. depot for them on Thursday and was attached and taken possession of by Ketelsen & Degetau, Hans and Stewart & Sutherland, to which parties the firm was largely indebted.

Mr. Ullmann has begun the erection of his new furniture store, on El Paso street south of the ditch. It is to be 30 feet front by 134 feet deep and will be devoted exclusively to furniture, chinaware and crockery. That part of Mr. Ullmann's present store which is now devoted to furniture will be changed into a dry goods and fancy goods, department, and the present dry goods and clothing room will be changed to an exclusive clothing and furnishing department. Mr. Ullmann claims that, when these changes are complete, his will be the only establishment within eight hundred miles with three entirely separate and distinct departments.

Pursuant to call, last Wednesday a number of gentlemen interested in forming a fire company convened at the Central hotel, with M. Ullmann in the chair and C.L. Pierce as secretary. It was determined to christen the organization "El Paso Fire Department." After a discussion of the best course to pursue, the following persons were elected officers for the term ending December 31st, 1882: J.W. Zollars, president; Col. James Marr, vice-president; W.B. McLaughlin, secretary; W.A. Irvin, treasurer; C.L. Pierce, chief of department; Ben Levy, first assistant; W.H. Carter, second assistant.

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Wednesday, August 30, 1882

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITIZENS' MEETING

Dissolution of Partnership

The partnership of George Dunning & Co. is this day dissolved by mutual consent. Mr. Dunning will still carry on the business at the old stand and will pay all claims against the firm and collect all outstanding indebtedness.

GEORGE DUNNING

D.P. WITTER

El Paso, June 10th 1882

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Saturday, September 2, 1882

The citizens' committee held a caucus to-night in the rear room of the new State National bank building.

In 1880 the total expenses of El Paso county were \$1,900; in 1881 they amounted to \$7,000; and during the first six months of 1882 they rose to \$8,000.

The water mains are being laid throughout the city. A little water was let into them last night, we presume as a claim that the contract had been complied with but it was a day late nevertheless.

On Monday the 4th instant, the State National Bank will open in the new building on San Antonio and Oregon streets. By Wednesday the 6th instant, the officers will be fully settled in their new quarters and will keep Open House on that day from 11 o'clock A.M. to 4 o'clock P.M. Their friends and patrons, one and all, and the city officials are, cordially invited to call at any time during the hours above mentioned. This popular institution fully deserves the liberal patronage bestowed upon it. Their officials were the first to erect substantial brick buildings in the city. Mr. Bassett, Judge Magoffin, Mr. Austin and Mr. Morehead have all erected substantial buildings and the State National Bank block will pass in any city. These gentlemen have always labored to promote the interests of our merchants, mechanics and business men and have been untiring in their efforts to obtain lower freight rates and to concentrate the trade from all the surrounding country.

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Wednesday, September 6, 1882

THE CITIZENS CONVENTION

Mr. Joseph Schutz left on Sunday night's T.&P. train for New York, to visit his family.

During Mr. Joseph Schutz' absence the business will be in charge of Mr. Isaac Blumenthal, who has instructions to sell at cost to make room for a large fall stock.

The Empress Emina Lake each day appears with John Robinson's Great Worlds Exposition, Menagerie, Museum and 3 Ringed Circus, El Paso, September 20th and 21st.

Lone Star Locals -- Vol. VII - No. 44
Saturday, September 9, 1882

The river is now bank-full of water. Late rains up above did it.

Col. Marr will buy water for his tanks from the water works company to deliver to those who have no hydrants.

The attention of the proper authorities is called to a well in front of the boss saloon, which is insecurely covered.

A great dearth of household help exists, not only in this city, but throughout the southwest. It is almost impossible to get good servants for even high wages.

There is an opposition omnibus running from the depot to the hotels now. The old one carries passengers, free, while the opposition charges 25 cents. Yesterday the latter got a full load of passengers and only two persons availed themselves of the free ride.

Our thanks are due Mayor Magoffin for a fine basket of peaches, pears, and apples sent to this office as a specimen of the fruit he raises at his place. The pears were of the Bartlett variety and as fine as we ever saw. Accompanying the fruit were two ears of fine American corn which measured something less than a rod in length.

The State National bank is comfortably settled in its new quarters, and the president, cashier, bookkeeper, porter and even the cat look as proud as a small boy with a new pair of red-top boots. The room is splendidly fitted up and would do credit to any city. On Wednesday the officers kept open house all day and their friends called in large numbers and were well entertained.

The banquet, given by Sylvester Watts at the Central hotel on Wednesday night, to celebrate the completion of the water works, was well attended, and Mr. Watts no doubt succeeded in creating for himself some public sentiment thereat, which may be useful to him in getting the works received by the city council and himself released from the bond he gave to have them completed by Sept. 1st. The banquet was a little premature, we think, as it certainly cannot be pretended that the contract, as generally understood, has yet been complied with, notwithstanding the fact that nine days have elapsed since the expiration of the term fixed in the contract.

Very serious complaints reach us regarding the new cemetery established by the city on the hill west of the water works. The soil is a loose gravel in which it is claimed that it is next to impossible to dig a decent grave. Several burials have been delayed, after the corpse and funeral procession had reached the cemetery, by the caving in of the walls of the grave and the covering up of the box provided in the bottom of the grave to receive the coffin, it being necessary to keep the mourners waiting until the grave could be cleared out. Such interruptions at a funeral are more than annoying they are disgusting. If the case is as bad as represented to us, this cemetery should be abandoned and a better site selected.

The laying of water pipes through the streets is progressing rapidly and the fire plugs are being out in position. Trials made by attaching hose and nozzle to the plugs have shown the most satisfactory results, water being thrown high over the highest buildings in the city. Some leaks are encountered, of course, as was naturally to be expected, but these are being stopped and the city can in a few days more boast of ample protection against fire. No hydrants have yet been put into residences or stores, but in a short time everybody will be having pipes run to their property from mains in the public streets. Thus is El Paso gradually assuming the importance of a real live city. The next step will be the street cars, the track for which is now being laid, and then will come the gas works.

HORRIBLE MURDER

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Wednesday, September 13, 1882

The T. & P. will build its own bridge across the river at this point to connect with the M.C.

The street railroad track is now laid from the river to the ditch south of the Coliseum. It will be finished with two weeks.

The street railroad grade now reaches from the river to the Central hotel, on this side, and is all finished on the other side. The track is laid from the river to the ditch at Second street.

CORRESPONDENCE

JULIUS CAESAR TO THE PUBLIC NUMBER I

THAT BOND

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Saturday, September 16, 1882

The *Times* has changed its management. Mr. Carrico goes out and Parson Tays and Hal Wagner now have charge.

New building are going up on sides; West Overland street has several, and El Paso street from the ditch towards the Santa Fe depot begins to look as though she intended to make a bid for the constantly increasing business.

The street railroad track is now laid from the S.P. depot down St. Louis street to the little plaza and thence down El Paso street to the river. The grade has yet to be leveled up and we understand cars will not be put on the road until next week or the week after.

The street railroad company has improved the ditch crossing on El Paso street wonderfully. The approach to the bridge has been cut down two feet and a half and a flume run under the roadway, thus allowing the water to pass and at the same time doing away with the steep pull for teams. The bridge is now the full width of the street.

JULIUS CAESAR TO THE PUBLIC NUMBER II

Lone Star Locals -- Vol. VII - No. 47
Wednesday, September 20, 1882

The street cars have arrived and have been placed on the track. They will begin to run in a few days.

The stove-pipe water mains continue to show leaks in different parts of the city and men are constantly employed digging up the streets to stop them.

DEATH OF DALLAS STOUDENMIRE

THE MANNING-STOUDENMIRE AGREEMENT

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Saturday, September 23, 1882

Stove-pipes are being laid down San Antonio street toward the Magoffin addition.

Mr. Watts has run one of his stove-pipes through the roof of his engine house for a smokestack.

The streets of El Paso have never been in such a condition as at present. Between dust and mud, they are almost impassable. It looks as though we had no city council.

The attention of the marshal and his assistants is called to the condition in which the alley back of the Coliseum is generally to be found. It is no sooner cleaned by the jailer and his chain gang, than it is again made the receptacle for all manner of filth. If some one of our police force would "lay for" the dirty miscreants that befoul that part of the city and catch one of them to make an example of, it would be a good thing.

The circus has gone and the crowds that came to see it. We have seen worse circuses than this one; and we have seen better ones too. Some features of it are as fine as any we have ever seen, and others are comparatively poor; but, all in all, John Robinson's big show is very fair. It does not come up to the advertisements; but what circus ever did? We advise our readers in New Mexico to attend, by all means. To see the show is worth the price for admission, even if it is not as good as Barnum's.

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Wednesday, September 27, 1882

What has become of that smelter that was going to be erected in El Paso.

Already the stove pipes are busting and Mr. Watts is kept busy replacing them.

The river is very low again and, unless rains occur above, it is likely to soon be entirely dry.

Ullmann's new furniture store on El Paso street is almost finished and is one of the largest rooms of the city.

The mud holes and dust that disgrace the streets of this city are a standing advertisement of the lack of enterprise of El Paso people.

The street railroad is finished and it is time the council should either grade El Paso street or compel the property holders along that street to do so.

The telegraph pole at the corner of the Central hotel obstructs the street so that teams can scarcely pass between it and the railroad track. It should be moved a little to one side.

Mr. Watts is kept quite busy taking up and replacing his stove pipes in various parts of the city. He is rapidly acquiring some very costly experience and will know better how to build a water works next time.

Kid Moore, a man who was charged with some crime at Colorado City and had jumped his bond, was arrested last night by Assistant Marshal Scotten and placed in jail. During the night, however, he dug out through the roof and escaped. If the council would order the erection of the iron cages now lying in Ochoa's back yard and being eaten up with rust, this regular chronicling of escapes would be at an end.

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Wednesday, October 4, 1882

Strangers arriving in the city upon the railroads will find it to their interest to bear in mind that the distance from the Santa Fe depot to the Central hotel is less than six blocks and the distance from the Southern Pacific and Texas & Pacific depot to the same place less than half that distance. If you walk the distance you will save half a dollar, that being the outrageous price charges for carrying passengers a distance of from two hundred to six hundred yards to or from the depots, while they are carried to the other side of the river, four times as far, for twenty-five cents. We propose to keep this paragraph "standing," for the benefit of our readers at a distance who may visit El Paso.

The Fashion

The Fashion is the name of a new saloon just opened on the northwest corner of the State National bank building on San Antonio street. It is said to be the finest saloon in the state of Texas and certainly is far ahead of anything ever seen in this part of the country.

In the first place, the bar and billiard room is twenty-five feet front by seventy-five feet deep and the club room at the rear is twenty-five feet square; so that, to start with, the proprietors had a decided advantage over others in having fine rooms to arrange and decorate. This is everything in the saloon business. Without a good hall, no amount of decoration or expensive furniture will show off to advantage.

In the next place, Messrs. Conant and Hart, the proprietors, had plenty of money; and they have not spared it in fitting up their place. Everything about the house is first-class. The bar is one of the finest pieces [pieces] of workmanship to be had of any cabinet maker and the side boards, mirrors and bar fixtures generally, are the best to be found in the eastern markets. The walls are papered with the most costly paper and decorated with the finest oil chromos. The billiard tables are the best made by the world-renowned J.W. Brunswick and Balke company; and the floor is carpeted with striped cocoa matting. The doors and windows are adorned with handsome gold lettering, and the windows, in addition, are supplied with handsome and costly curtains. Magnificent chandeliers light up the rooms at night and show off to advantage the richly papered ceiling.

All the money that has been spent in fitting up the house, however, would not make it a favorite resort, were the bar not supplied with the best of liquors and cigars. These are dispensed by those veteran mixologists, Jim Danse and Frank Scotten.

The painting like all the other work is a fine job, and was done by N. Claspy, who has here shown not only what he can do in straight painting, but also that as a fancy sign painter, he has no equal in the city.

The paper hanging and decorating was executed by P.W. McCallen, a new arrival in El Paso, who appears to have "tried himself" on this job, in order to advertise himself to the people of this city.

The proprietors are well known in the west. The senior member of the firm is an old saloon man, recently removed to El Paso from Socorro, where he had the finest saloon in that city. The other member of the firm is Red Hart, who has for a couple of years past been in the saloon business here and across the river, and is known to everyone on this frontier.

The formal opening of the fashion took place on Saturday night last, and it was and is the unanimous verdict of all who have seen it, that it is the finest saloon within hundreds of miles.

The proprietors have certainly shown great faith in the future of El Paso to go to such expense in the face of the fact that the city is already overrun with saloons. But the city is bound to progress and the Fashion to prosper. The men who patronize saloons have a fondness for style and display and the Fashion comes up to every requirement in this respect. The club room is already becoming the most popular in the city, and if Messr. Conant and Hart do not make a fortune here in El Paso it will be a surprise to all who have faith in the city's future.

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Saturday, October 7, 1882

The street cars will make their first trip across the river to-day.

The street cars will knock the stuffing out of the omnibus monopoly.

The Beneke and Pierce building was sold a few days ago. The price named is \$8,500.

There is to be public speaking in front of the Senate saloon to-night. The citizen's committee provides the speakers.

Mr. Winfield, the agent of the T.& P. has taken the room lately occupied by the Western Union in the Central hotel, and is fitting up for himself a nice office there.

The First National building being erected corner of San Antonio and El Paso streets will be the finest building in the city. Now that the iron front is in place, it begins to show what it will be.

Among other results of the absence of the editor when last issue appeared, no announcement was made of the removal of E. Williams and Sons, as they had requested. They are now in the new Hague building on San Antonio street.

We understand that Mr. Watts has himself about concluded that his stove pipe water works are a failure. He must have been reading THE LONE STAR as we have seen no argument advanced anywhere else to prove that fact. He ought to subscribe.

RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE CHIHUAHUA EXCURSIONISTS

Lone Star Locals -- Vol. VIII - No. 1
Wednesday, October 11, 1882

A fountain has been erected in front of the Central hotel.

Gallagher and Nolan have arranged for a prize fight with hard gloves at the Coliseum next Saturday night.

Judge Pierson is in correspondence with John B. Drake, proprietor of the Grand Pacific hotel, in Chicago, with reference to getting a first class hotel man to take charge of the Pierson house.

Temperance lecture at the M.E. church to-morrow night at 8 o'clock by Bishop H.W. Read. Subject: The Twelve Successive Step in a Drunkard's Career, from his First to his Last Glass. Everyone is cordially invited. No admission fee.

THAT OMNIBUS FARE

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Saturday, October 14, 1882
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Lone Star Locals -- Vol. VIII - No. 3
Wednesday, October 18, 1882

The First National bank building is approaching completion and will be the finest building in the city.

M. Ullmann now has his furniture store connected with his dry goods and clothing stores by telephone, the first one erected in the city.

The thirty-foot addition to the store of Lightbody and James is about completed and in a few days will be occupied. This firm is rapidly increasing its trade and carries one of the finest stocks in the clothing line in the southwest.

We are reliably informed that Mr. Watts charges \$10 per month for water for sprinkling in front of business houses on El Paso street; also that he wants to charge the telegraph office \$5 per month for water enough to keep the battery jars filled.

The firm of L. Meyer and Company, San Antonio street has rented the store corner of West Overland and El Paso streets, now occupied by Kierski & Co., and will remove its extensive stock of dry goods to the new location November 1st.

Ullmann's large furniture store on El Paso street below the ditch is rapidly being filled with furniture of all grades, and one can now fit himself out there with anything he may need in furniture line, from the commonest to the very finest bed room and parlor sets. The front of the building has two immense show windows, one on each side of the main entrance. One of these windows is to be carpeted and fitted up as bed room with one of the handsomest bed room sets in the establishment, and the other will be fitted out in like manner as a parlor. If you have not seen Ullmann's furniture room, you ought to visit it at once. The telephone connecting it with the dry goods and clothing departments is the first thing of the kind ever seen in this city.

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All work guaranteed

J.W. ANGUS

West San Francisco St, near S.P. Railroad

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Saturday, October 21, 1882

The city council should provide some other place for the burial of patients dying in the pest house. There are some ten, graves, in the bottom near that building, of persons who died of small pox last summer, and these graves may serve to spread the disease.

Since the pest house was closed after the disappearance of small pox from the city, miscreants have broken open the doors and carried off two of them and four windows, nine bedsteads, two bed ticks, and the cook stove and stove furniture and dishes. The house is now in such a condition that a sick man would be just about as well off outside as in.

Small pox has again appeared in the city, and it behooves all persons to be on the lookout. Four Mexican children are down with it in a hut (jacal) on Ochoa street near the old acequia. The family takes in washing. A yellow flag has been put out. Near there in another house, another child has just been taken with the premonitory symptoms. An American appeared on the street broken out with the disease day before yesterday and is now in the pest house. He came from the Mexican Central. It is thought that, as a number of Mexican families have lately moved from the other side and erected huts and houses in the neighborhood where the children are sick, the disease must have been brought from the other side. The thieves who stole the beds, etc., from the pest house, will probably receive their reward in a just retribution.

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Wednesday, October 25, 1882

We are informed that Mr. Watts charges 20 cents a month per front foot for water for sprinkling purposes. This is downright extortion.

The Catholics of the city will meet at the Central hotel on Sunday at 3 p.m. to discuss church matters and arrange for the building of a church edifice.

Have you visited the furniture emporium of Robins and Carrico in the State National bank building? If you need anything in the furniture line, that is the place to go.

The street cars are now running and passengers on the railroads can reach the hotels for ten cents. Consequently we drop the gratuitous "ad" we have been giving the omnibuses.

OUR PLATFORM

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GRAND JURY REPORT

ORGAN MOUNTAINS

Lone Star Locals -- Vol. VIII - No. 7
Wednesday, November 1, 1882

Judge Pierson is making arrangements to lease his new hotel. The judge proposes to make it first class in all respects and in doing so will not spare expense. There are many applications for the lease of the building from parties here and elsewhere. One of the gentlemen here in El Paso, however, will be apt to get the prize. It is understood that the hotel will lease for \$700 a month.

The reporter made a visit yesterday to the rooms of the Cactus Club and was delighted to see the tasty manner in which they had been fitted up by the committee. The rooms would reflect credit on any of the "swell" clubs of New York or Chicago, and they speak well for the good taste and liberality of our young men. We are informed that it is in contemplation to inaugurate the opening of the rooms with a ball and supper in the cozy little dance hall forming part of the rooms.

Lesinsky and Co., who, it will be remembered, some months ago removed their stock of goods from their store on San Francisco St., in this city, to Clifton, Arizona, have bought the lots and buildings now occupied by Ben Schuster, on El Paso St., for \$19,000. The Lesinsky's, it will also be remembered, a month or so ago sold the Longfellow mine, at Clifton, A.T., for \$1,500,000. Ben Schuster, it is understood will shortly commence the construction of a substantial building, to be used as a store, on his lots south of the warehouse of Ketelsen and Degetau.

At the meeting of the city council last Saturday evening . . . Permission was given to M. Ullmann and others to erect a telegraph line on El Paso street for one year . . . The committee on streets and grades was empowered to purchase a lot on which to construct a jail.

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Saturday, November 4, 1882

GRAND JURY REPORT

Wednesday, November 8, 1882
Not Published

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Saturday, November 11, 1882

El Paso has two dozen wholesale and jobbing houses.

The new First National bank building is a thing of beauty.

The street railway seems to be more ornamental than useful.

The Pierson hotel will be opened for the reception of guests.

George Ashbridge has opened a new barber shop on San Antonio street next to the new first national bank building and on the corner of the alley. His place is first class in all respects and well worthy of the patronage of the public.

EL PASO COUNTY ELECTION

Lone Star Locals -- Vol. VIII - No. 10
Saturday [sic], November 15, 1882

It is to be hoped that the fire of last Saturday night will teach our citizens the necessity of at once organizing an effective department.

We understand that Mr. Carter, who was burned out last Saturday night, will commence immediately the erection of a new building on the site of the one burned.

Mr. Newman, of THE LONE STAR, left last Monday for St. Louis. The business of his eastern trip includes the purchasing of necessary material for the enlargement of this paper. That will be on the road here within the next week.

About 10 o'clock, last Saturday night a fire broke out in a frame building belonging to Messrs. Hogan & Dubell, situated on El Paso street just north of the old acequia. As soon as the fire was discovered the alarm was given, but the flames had made too much headway to be checked, and in a very short time the entire building was a heap of charred ruins. On the north was another wooden structure belonging to Mr. W.H. Carter and occupied by him as a dwelling. This caught fire from the burning one and soon it was enveloped in flames. A great many people were attracted thither when the alarm was given, and rendered ready assistance saving Mr. Carter's furniture, but nothing could be done towards checking the fire until the arrival of the fireman, who were delayed in procuring hose sufficient to reach the burning buildings. When they did get to work, it was too late to save what was already doomed, but their efforts undoubtedly proved the salvation of the new two-story brick just being erected on the lot north by Dr. Green. How did the fire originate, no one knows, as the house in which it was discovered had been vacant for

some time, Messrs. Hogan & Dubbell's loss is about \$1,200, covered by \$1,100 insurance. Mr. Carter's house was valued at \$1,500 and was insured for \$1,100.

Improve the Streets

ED. LONE STAR:

Our real estate owners on our improved streets show an apathy in regard to grading and graveling such streets unknown to any other city in the state. It would seem that neither the property holders nor the city council have given the matter any attention or have any fixed idea how the thing ought to be done. I have lived and owned real estate in several cities of the Union, and the practice was common that where a street was solidly unproved on both sides for one or two blocks, for the council to order the city engineer to let the grading and paving by the yard to the lowest bidder. Then to render the number of square yards in front of each lot to the center of the street. The city collector was then ordered to collect all the estimates and receipt therefore. The contractor was then paid out of the finds so collected and the matter was ended. It was thus good streets were secured in front of all blocks which were fully improved and bringing a rental to the owners. Now, I address myself to the property owners on San Francisco street from Hague's block to El Paso street. Gentlemen, this property on either side of the street is all improved and bringing you a large rental. Come forward then complete this work at once. Permit me further to address myself to all the property owners on El Paso street, from the Central hotel to the Coliseum. These blocks are all improved and bringing you almost a fabulous rental. Really, gentlemen, show your enterprise, by coming forward and completing the paving and grading immediately. And still further, both San Antonio and Overland streets are equally well improved from El Paso to Oregon streets I appeal to the owners on both sides of these streets where the improvements sustain the rule, to come forward and complete the work. As we have no good paving stone immediately at our doors, graveling will answer well the place of paving.

"Well," says neighbor Jinks, "how does this rule apply to your own interests in our city." Truly neighbor, I will answer you candidly, I own the Pierson house. The building fronts on Kansas street 140 feet. The property opposite is unimproved and belongs to the rich Estate of Robert Campbell, of St. Louis. Now, sir, I have graded this entire 140 feet, and full width of street, seventy feet. The work is done full and handsomely. It is ready for public use.

Come up all you property holders whom I have been addressing, and see the grading and graveling on Kansas street. Then "go and do likewise." We will the have streets that will do some credit to our city. Gentlemen, I have this to say, our apathy in this matter is a tarnish upon your public spirit and enterprise. Mayor Magoffin has the floor.

I am, Sirs, Truly Yours,
WM. M. PIERSON

OFFICIAL COUNT IN DONA ANA CO

El Paso Council of the American Legion of Honor meets in The El Paso Select School Room on Friday evening next, at 7:30 o'clock.

D.W. McKay
Secretary

You should try the Fargo restaurant situated opposite the Central hotel, El Paso, Texas. No pains is spare to make this eligible stand one of the best restaurants in the city. Meals, 50 cents. Board per day, \$1.25. Board per week, \$7.00.

San Antonio street meat market, corner of San Antonio and Florence streets two blocks east of New Postoffice building, keeps fresh Meats, Butter, Eggs, Chickens, Staple Groceries, and will sell them as cheap as any market in the city. This market is situated very conveniently for the citizens of east El Paso. We ask your patronage: you shall have fair dealing.

Asford & Co

PHOTOGRAPHIC NOTICE

The public are hereby reminded that first-class photographic work in all branches can be got at Parker's Gallery, near the S.P. depot. Copying and Enlarging in India Ink, Water Color, or Crayon Solicited. Views of El Paso and vicinity and the Cathedral at Chihuahua in stock. Also a stock of elegant Picture Frames just received.

FRANCIS PARKER
EL PASO, TEXAS

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Saturday, November 18, 1882

El Paso needs a foundry and machine shop.

The new Presbyterian church is to be completed.

The ice factory says it can't buck against this monopoly.

Four private schools in this city, and all is flourishing condition.

Several bad leaks have been discovered in the new stove-pipe water mains.

The post office will be moved into its new quarters about the 1st of the month.

The wall of Dr. Green's new two-story brick on El Paso street are nearly completed.

The city cannot afford to longer neglect the importance of building a more secure jail.

From the vote cast at the recent election it would appear that the city of El Paso has a population of near 8,000.

The number of new buildings going up is greater now than at any time previous in the history of El Paso.

The site of the burned houses on El Paso street is now the scene of activity. A number of workmen are on the ground rebuilding the premises.

S.M. Boring & Co. representing the insurance companies in which the property recently burned up was insured have promptly paid the losses.

Why don't the telephone man strike El Paso? It is certainly a better city for a telephone exchange than some of the New Mexico towns that are supplied with that useful appendage.

The city has ordered for the use of the fire department, 600 feet of first class hose, two hose carts and one hook and ladder truck, with all necessary equipments, which will be here within a few weeks.

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Saturday, November 25, 1882

Water-works. So do salts.

El Paso ought to have her streets lighted.

The street-cars are running into old town.

The water-pipes have sprung a leak several places.

THE LONE STAR will be enlarged the first of next month.

Over three hundred railroad men find employment in this city.

The finest looking residence in the city is occupied by scarlet women.

Fort Bliss is one of the handsomest military posts in the southwest.

The Odd Fellows have rented the upper story of the post office building for their hall.

Mr. Carter's new hotel building on El Paso street is being pushed to completion. He expects to have it finished and occupied by the 6th of December.

When the White Oaks road is built when we have a number of school house, when our stove-pipe water works or replaced by good substantial mains, and our city lighted with gas. El Paso will be a handsome town. All these improvements we can see in the near future.

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Wednesday, November 29, 1882

El Paso is to be relegated with the legitimate drama.

Rev. Merrill will soon commence the erection of a fine residence in Magoffin's addition.

J. Blumenthal who for some time has been clerking for Mr. Solomon Schutz, has gone to New York on a visit.

The Baptist church has inaugurated a series of weekly sociables to be held at the residences of the members in this city.

Mr. Ben Schuster circulated a subscription paper on El Paso street, Monday, which was very generously signed, to grade and improve the street.

With our one-mule power street railway and our stove-pipe water works, the main thoroughfares of El Paso are becoming like the straits of Gibraltar - impassable except by experienced navigators.

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Saturday, December 2, 1882

Street cars now run regularly from this city into old Mexico.

The post office was moved into its new quarters Wednesday.

Town lots a mile east of El Paso street sell for one hundred dollars.

El Paso street will soon be navigable. Our business men along that street the other day passed a river and harbor bill.

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Wednesday, December 6, 1882

The Osbornes last Saturday night played to a slim house.

Mrs. Porter is fixing up the post office in metropolitan style.

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Saturday, December 9, 1882

Mr. O.T. Bassett contemplates building a large two-story brick business house on El Paso street, just below the acequia.

The old concert hall on east Overland street, is a thing of the past. The building is being fitted up for something else.

A large force of laborers are at work cleaning out the acequia that runs through the city, and as soon as that is done water will be turned into it.

There is a very bad mud hole on El Paso street, in front of Kern & Co.'s Jewelry store, that ought to be removed. We imagine the water company is responsible for it.

Our city council should pass a fire ordinance. There are too many valuable buildings on El Paso, San Antonio, Over-land, and a number of other streets, to be jeopardized by permitting wooded structures to be erected in such neighborhoods.

R.W. Crews, Esq. of Fulton, Mo., who owns the property on San Antonio street opposite the State National bank, has been in the city for several days and has just completed a sale of the said property for \$20,000. He purchased it eighteen months ago for \$5,000.

If the readers of THE LONE STAR will bear patiently the limited amount of reading matter it contains for a week or two longer we propose an enlargement. The material has been purchased and is on the way here, and will probably arrive in the course of next week.

Walz's music house, on east Overland street was opened yesterday, and it is an institution of which El Paso can justly be proud. He has received and is setting up two carloads of pianos and organs, and musical merchandise, and one of sewing machines, probably the largest shipment ever made to one town at one time in the southwest.

The railroads centering in this city should build a union depot. There are now four different roads running trains into El Paso, and all have different depot buildings except the Southern Pacific and Texas & Pacific. Their depot is at least a half a mile distant from the A.T.& S.F. depot, and the Mexican Central is on the other side of the river. This is a very inconvenient arrangement for the traveling public, and should be remedied.

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Wednesday, December 13, 1882

Our streets ought to be lighted up at night, and our city ought to provide some way of doing it.

The federal government has finally perfected the title to land upon which Fort Bliss is situated.

Five cents toll is what the street car company charge footmen for crossing the river on their bridge.

It is reported that A.O. Robbins will remove his entire furniture establishment from Las Vegas to this city.

Mr. McClellan, proprietor of the Coliseum, turned over last week to the credit of the mayor \$164.50 to be used towards fitting up a city hospital. The money was the proceeds of a benefit performance at the Coliseum given for that purpose.

For the past two weeks a number of advertisements have been crowded out of our columns, but the material for enlarging THE LONE STAR has arrived, we shall be able to make up in the future for our delinquencies in the past. The paper will be enlarged to seven columns next issue.

The city council should make some provision to have the city ordinances published. Our citizens desire enlightenment in regard to their local laws, and if there is not a statute compelling their publication before they can become effective, they should nevertheless be given such publicity in order that they may be better observed.

At a meeting of the city council, last Saturday night the question of grading the streets was taken up and thoroughly discussed. A communication was read from a number of citizens in which they offered to fix up certain streets at their own expense provided the city would direct the work the council finally agreed to instruct the city clerk to draft a contract to be signed by the said parties, the citizens to pay two-thirds and the city one-third of the expense of such street work. Mr. Satterthwaite was elected street commissioner. A code of ordinances relating to the fire department was passed . . .

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Saturday, December 16. 1882

The unfortunate Globe restaurant is again closed, the proprietors having taken French leave of their creditors.

The El Paso building and loan association has been in existence eleven month and their stock is worth 42 percent above par.

The city is too large to have its affairs conducted by a council of six members. Let us have two more wards and ten councilmen.

The present city council neither represents the people of El Paso nor cares a fig for their interests. It ought to be requested to resign in a body.

The firemen's ball at the Central hotel last Thursday night was an enjoyable affair to those who attended it. About twenty-five couples were present and all are loud in their praises of the manner in which the boys conducted this, their first annual hop.

Messrs. Wm. B. Hooper & Co. have removed from their old stand to the new State National bank building on San Antonio street. They now have very hand-some and commodious quarters and are fitted up in a style quite in keeping with the immense business they transact.

The El Paso Silver coronet band received their new instruments the forepart of the week and the boys are very much pleased with them. They comprise thirteen pieces, eleven horns and two drums, all heavily triple plated silver and the handsomest set of instruments we ever saw. They were manufactured by C.G. Conn, Elkhart, Ind., and cost \$370, the lead horn alone costing \$70. The organization of this band and the procuring of the instruments are almost wholly due to the efforts of Prof. Darrow, the leader and instructor. The professor is said to be one of the finest band musicians in the west, and under his instruction and leadership the band is sure to become a success. As most of the members are more or less familiar with this kind of music, it is expected that within two or three weeks they will have become quite proficient.

The water pipes are continually leaking sometimes in one part of the city and sometimes in another, and there is not much prospect of a better state of affairs until the sheet-iron mains are all taken up and good substantial cast-iron or earthen pipes substituted. We trust the city council will surrender no franchises to the water company until this is done. We understand that Mr. Watts is in St. Louis endeavoring to sell the privileges granted to him by the city under his contract, and a gentleman in that city writes us inquiring as to what these privileges consist of. If our council but do its duty they consist of nothing. Mr. Watts has not fulfilled the conditions of the contract, and has therefore forfeited his franchises. Every good citizen of El Paso knows this, and if anybody buys out the water company as it is to-day they will simply get a barren charter and a few old stove pipes.

A special meeting of the city council was called by the mayor on Thursday night to consider the health of the city and discuss the measures necessary to prevent the spread of the small-pox. There were present the mayor and Councilmen Keating, Blacker, Schuster, and Hague. The mayor explained that there was considerable uneasiness in the city and he had called the council together to see what could be done. He had also re-requested the city attorney to draft an ordinance which was then read and, after some discussion and amendments, was passed. It provides for a board of three physicians who with the mayor and city physicians shall constitute a health committee, which shall have general supervision of the health of the city, with power to adopt any measures necessary to prevent the introduction and spread of small-pox or other infectious or contagious diseases; to remove to the pest house or places otherwise isolated persons afflicted with such diseases; and to provide for the compulsory vaccination of the persons exposed to such diseases. The ordinance provides for a fine of \$25 to \$100 upon persons refusing to be vaccinated; a fine of \$50 to \$200 upon any physician failing to report any case of such disease within 24 hours; a fine of \$20 to \$100 upon any person refusing to remove to the pest house or other designated place, or upon any person refusing to put out a yellow flag at a house where such disease was known to exist, or upon any person removing such flag; a fine of \$50 to \$200 upon any person leaving his abode and going into the streets after the eruption shall have broken out upon him. The ordinance requires the health committee to report to the council twice a month, or oftener if required, and makes it unlawful for any person to visit the pest house or other house where small-pox is known to exist, except under the direction of the committee, and affixes a penalty for violation of such section of \$5 to \$25. Drs. Hoffman, Irvin, and Ross were then elected as members of the committee. The city physician reported 18 cases of smallpox in the city and several others suspected. The council then adjourned to meet on Friday night and requested that the citizens of El Paso should meet with the members at that time to discuss the

question of quarantine. Last night, in pursuance of this invitation, a large number of the principal citizens met with the council at the council chambers and discussed the quarantine and all other phases of the health question. It was finally agreed that persons who were known to have recently been habitually in the presence of small pox, should be prevented from coming into the city, and an ordinance was passed to that effect. It was further decided that the health committee should be empowered to use all proper measures to prevent persons who had been exposed to the disease from landing here off railroad trains, or from being conveyed into the city by means of the street cars, hacks or other vehicles. The committee meets to-day at 2 o'clock to decide some course to pursue.

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The El Paso social club will render "Lady Audley's Secret" to-morrow night at Hill's hall, on San Antonio street.

Dr. McKinney has removed his office to the First National bank building and P.A. Eskins' office is in the adjoining room.

Dr. Barton, of Kansas, has commenced the erection of a 2-story double brick building on El Paso street, just north of Dr. Green's.

The Cactus club are making extensive preparations for their first annual ball to be given at the hall and parlors of the club on Christmas night.

Some good street work is being done on El Paso street where it crosses the acequia. The grade is being raised about three feet, or on a level with the street railway.

We understand that work will be commenced on the new palatial hotel to be erected on the corner of San Antonio and Oregon streets, early in the spring.

There should be some measures adopted at this place to facilitate the transfer of goods into and out of Old Mexico. Sometimes parties are delayed here a week before that can get the necessary transfer made.

While the innocent maidens of El Paso are wearing sun shades for the protection of their complexions, the northwestern damsels are flirting with the boys on skates or receiving stolen kisses under buffalo robes at sleighing parties.

Messrs. Gist, Eskins & Co. have opened a real estate office in the new national bank building corner of El Paso and San Antonio streets. These gentlemen are reliable and trustworthy, and we have no doubt they will build up an extensive business.

There are thirteen cases of small pox in the hospital, but Dr. Rodgers, the city physician, tells us all are doing finely and that several of them will be discharged in a few days. The disease now

seems to be under complete control, and with proper care it will not be long before it will have entirely disappeared.

Dr Rodgers requests us to state that he needs lint and bandages for the city hospital, and that if the charitably disposed citizens of El Paso who may have any old sheets of other white cotton good will leave them at the Palace drug store, they will be conferring a blessing upon those who are now suffering in the city's infirmary.

Mr. Parker, El Paso's photographic artist took some very perfect negatives of the bull fights, last week, from which he has printed a number of stereoscopic views. They were taken instantaneously and outline accurately the whole entertainment, from the entrance of the bull into the arena to the closing scenes of brutality where the animal is slaughtered.

Bids, including plans and specifications, for the building of a custom house on the other side of the river were opened in Paso del Norte last Friday. There were three bids on file, one from Mr. Buchanan, one from Col. Angus, and one from F. Krause. A government commissioner from the City of Mexico, was there to select the best plans submitted and it was decided to accept those made by Mr. Krause. The cost of the building, we understand, will be not less than \$100,000. It is to be constructed of brick and iron, two stories, with Mansard roof and tower, and supplied with all the modern improvements and convenience. The site selected is the south bank of the river between the railroad track and the street railway.

YSLETA PUBLIC SCHOOL

The El Paso Real Estate Co.

This is the name and style of the new real estate office which we have fitted up, corner of El Paso and San Antonio streets, over First National bank. We have secured two rooms the finest, and most central in the city, having a spacious portico from which can be seen almost any portion of the town. We have ordered a carriage for the benefit of our customers, that they can be shown property in any part of the city on the shortest notice. We shall do all business pertaining to the office, including the handling, buying and selling of real estate, both in the city and country. We will attend to the renting of business and dwelling houses will also do an insurance business, attend to the collection of notes and accounts, will execute deeds and all other business pertaining to the office of notary public. We have had a residence in the city of about two years and have watched its progress with a view of keeping thoroughly posted as to values etc., and have also traveled in all directions in the country with a view of ascertaining our resources, and we believe that our observations will assist us in giving such advice and counsel to our customers as may lead to profitable investment. We shall make the building up of our city one of the main features of our business, and to this end shall do all in our power to interest capital both local and foreign. We can most conscientiously advise the investment of capital not only in business blocks, but in the erection of dwelling houses which will pay from 20 to 40 percent on investment. We shall at all times invest funds entrusted to us, and, if desired, build or superintend the building of houses with as much care and economy as we would for ourselves, and on the most reasonable terms. We have the most abiding faith in this young and growing city of our choice, and with the liberal patronage which we expect to merit and hope to receive from the public we

shall make nor business contribute in no small degree to the end that El Paso may become what we believe she will, the great metropolis of the border. Address,

GIST, EAKINS & CO.
EL PASO, TEXAS

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Saturday, December 23, 1882

The El Paso *Herald* got out a handsome holiday edition.

There are rumors of a morning daily paper for El Paso in the near future.

A fire Saturday morning destroyed the blacksmith shop in the Santa Fe railroad yards.

El Paso is fast gaining recognition as the commercial and railroad center of the southwest.

The Catholic ball and supper at the Central will not take place until the night of January first.

The brotherhood of Railroad Conductors met in the hall of the Knights of Pythias, in this city, Saturday night.

When Mr. Newman returns he will have made arrangements for a 9-column power press, upon which to print THE LONE STAR.

The El Paso Real Estate association, capital stock, \$250,000, filed its charter with the secretary of state last week. Object to purchase and sell lands and city lots. Directors: Charles E. Morehead, Oscar Bassett, of El Paso; George Noble, of Lawrence Kansas; Henry L. Newman of St. Louis, and John C. Brown of Pulaski, Tennessee.

Arcade Beer Hall

Obenchain's old Stand. Clean Beds by the night or week, Lunch Baskets filled, &c.

Have you seen the new club room at the Senate Saloon? It has been repainted and papered, and is the nicest place of its kind in El Paso. S.C. Crapser did the work.

Notwithstanding the large number of Restaurants in El Paso, it has long been hard to get a good meal at a reasonable price. Dunn at the El Paso Restaurant, supplies the long felt want. His place is new and clean, and he gives a good meal at a price that makes a poor man come back again. He also Keeps Oysters, Fish, Chickens and Game.

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Wednesday, December 27, 1882

Fuel is in demand.

The Coliseum is having a big run.

A union depot in this city is one of the prime necessities.

Mr. Carter's new hotel, on El Paso street, is the Windsor.

Dr. Green's new two-story building is almost ready for occupancy.

Mr. E.P. Kern is again at his post in the popular Santa Fe jewelry house.

The foundation of Mr. Bassett's new brick block, on El Paso street is being laid.

On next Saturday we shall commence again setting our local news in smaller type.

This city needs reduction works. No better paying investment could be made here.

We have heard of no one as yet who proposes to keep "open house" in this city on New Year's day.

Today, 27th, is the day on which the Feast of St. John is celebrated by the Masonic fraternity.

The First National bank has moved into its new quarters corner of El Paso and San Antonio streets.

A number of small dwellings are going up in the outskirts of town, which will in the near future give way to palatial residences.

The ball given by the cactus club, Christmas night, at their elegant parlors on San Antonio street, was an enjoyable affair to all who participated.

The holiday edition of the *Times* was a beauty, and we are glad to see it was patronized. We trust it will do good as an advertising medium for our city.

The Catholic ball and supper at the Central, next Monday night, is the theme of conversation in society circles. Some elegant articles of jewelry will be voted to the handsomest and most popular ones of the city.

We are glad to note that the little folks were not neglected in this city on Christmas day. Christmas trees, were gotten up by a number of our churches, together with other innocent amusements, for the children.

The rendition of "Lady Andley's Secret" by the El Paso social club, last week, is spoken of in highly complimentary terms. We trust they will soon again put some-thing else on the boards, or be induced to repeat this same play.

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Saturday, December 30, 1882

Talk concerning the El Paso and Sonora railroad is being revived.

Next Monday night the grand event in the city will be Catholic ball and fair at the Central. A number of handsome and costly residences will shortly be commenced in Magoffin's addition to the city.

A gentleman from Ysleta has rented the old Globe restaurant building and is fitting it up for a grocery store.

The Nellie Boyd troupe, that has been playing in New Mexico for a fortnight, has concluded to "do" El Paso. The press of the territory is unanimous in praise of Nellie.

A female rope walkist was an attraction in the city yesterday afternoon, and attracted quite a large crowd on the corner of El Paso and Overland streets. She also performed some hazardous feats on the trapeze.

Dr. Rodgers informs us that he will discharge three or four patients from the city hospital next Monday and perhaps as many more the day following. He says the whole of them are doing finely and that all will recover.

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