

age in the service can do so by making application, either at Charleston or Indianapolis, at both of which places we understand a rendezvous will be opened for that purpose. *Indianian.*

A Badger City.—The Philadelphia Public Ledger says, that every thing in New York is going mad, and, in illustration of this, adds the following:

Dogs go mad and bite, editors go mad and fight, brokers and stock jobbers go mad and fail, judges go mad and prevent the laws, public prosecutors go mad and discharge their duties as if afraid of them, juries go mad and acquit the guilty and condemn the innocent, fashionable ladies go mad and run away with a footman of their daddies, and last, not least, slaves go mad and run bellowing through the streets trampling upon little children, upsetting apple women's tables, knocking down the big bugs of Wall st., and in short playing all sorts of mad pranks.

Anecdote—a fact.—At a baptism in the western part of the state, a few weeks since, a girl of a shy disposition about to be immersed, very naturally resisted the attempts of the minister to lead her into the water, and after a short struggle began to sob and cry with great violence. At this moment while a crowd of spectators were anxiously watching the result, a younger brother stepped up to her and exclaimed in an under tone, "Don't be scared, Sis, they're only in fun!" *Desdemona Patriot.*

Steam vs. Horses.—It would require 12 stage coaches, carrying 15 passengers each, and 1,200 horses to take 180 passengers 210 miles in 21 hours, at the rate of 10 miles an hour. One locomotive engine will take that number, and go two trips in the same time, consequently will do the work of 2,400 horses. Again, it would require thirty mail coaches (six passengers each) and 3,000 horses to take 180 passengers and mail 210 miles in 24 hours at the rate of ten miles an hour. One locomotive steam engine will take that number and go two trips in the same time consequently will do the work of 6,000!

A fight between a Porpoise and an Alligator.—A few days ago, some gentlemen standing on the shore at St. Andrew's Bay, had an opportunity of witnessing a singular contest between a porpoise and large alligator. The combat lasted about half an hour, at the end of which time the alligator gave in, and soon floated on shore in a dying condition. He was found to have been literally bruised to death by the strokes which the porpoise was seen to inflict upon him with his tail. *Pensacola paper.*

Take care of your checks.—An incident occurred the day before yesterday, which shows that persons drawing checks should take care how they throw away a blotted or mutilated one.

A gentleman went into the New York bank and drew a check for 100 dollars, but whilst tearing it out of his check book he rent it partly asunder, and not wishing to present it in that state, he threw it away and drew another.

Whilst waiting to present it to the teller, he perceived another check for 1500 dollars, drawn by a citizen of well known wealth lying on the outside of the counter, without any claimant for it being present.

The circumstance naturally attracted his curiosity, and he took it in his hand, and, on examining it, found that in being torn out of the owner's check book, it had been rent in almost precisely the same way as the first check which he had himself drawn for the 100 dollars, and it immediately occurred to him that the drawer of the check for 1500 dollars had thrown it away for a similar reason.

In a few minutes the drawer of the 100 dollar check presented it and was paid, and he then handed the teller the check for 1500 dollars, and told him where he got it; and asked him if he knew any thing about it. The teller examined the check, pronounced it to be genuine, and said that he had but a few minutes before paid the drawer of it a check for a similar amount, and expressed his astonishment at the owner's extraordinary carelessness, in leaving a check where any person who came into the bank might take possession of it, present it to the teller, and, as a matter of course be paid it. The drawer of the \$100 check then told the teller what had occurred to himself, and suggested that perhaps the check for \$1500 had been left on the counter for a similar reason.

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TEXAS NEWS.

[From the Louisville Gazette.]

TEXAS.—Col. Wilson, with a large portion of his soldier-emigrants, has returned from Texas. That country no longer has a demand for the nerve and valor of Kentucky's chivalrous sons. Immediate danger from Mexico not being apprehended, they have time and leisure for intestinal commotions, and they so abuse the respite, which should be improved in strengthening their weakness, rather than diminishing their strength.

The lands which were promised to the gallant emigrants, have been refused by the government of Texas, the laws all owing bounty lands, (it is said) having expired on the 1st of July. *Texas is said by the Government*, not to check the gallant impulses which have induced many of our young townsmen to prepare to migrate to that country; but would it not be well, before they proceed any further, to inquire whether they will be acceptable to the Texan government, or if they will be benefited by migrating at this time. Col. Wilson took with him a gallant corps—men who would have thrown their breasts between Texas & danger, yet the government declined awarding to them the promised bounty land, and chagrined and disappointed, they have returned to old Kentucky, who never gave a pledge, but she redeemed it.

Col. Wilson left Texas, an order from the army for the arrest of the Cabinet, had reached Velasco. This discord between the government and the army not only weakens them at home, but produces a want of confidence and respect abroad.

Gen. Austin is said to be a prominent candidate for the Presidency. That he will be elected, is not so certain—the probability is, that he will not. There are so many conflicting interests—so many ambitious spirits to satisfy, that it is not believed a judicious selection will be made—one in which the whole people will have confidence.

It is said col. Wilson will make a public appearance, as soon as he reaches Lexington. Although his corps were much afflicted with the diseases incident to a camp life, he lost only one man, during his absence. Those who returned with him, give but an indifferent account of the morals and virtues of the people of Texas. Thefts and robberies are so frequent, that they are scarcely noticed at all, and if noticed, they are very rarely punished.

The publication col. Wilson is about to make, will doubtless, be fraught with much interesting information, and is very anxiously looked for, as furnishing a correct view of the affairs and condition of Texas.

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