

Elections and Miscellaneous Notices – 1852

By Bill Page

County Democratic Committees ... Brazos: Capt. -- Lyons, , Wm. Sparkes, Andrew McMillan, Harvey Mitchell, Arthur Edwards ... Texas State Gazette (Austin), 17 Jan. 1852, p.171

There is water plenty now in the Brazos for navigation, and boats have commenced running regularly in this trade. The Buffalo arrived last week with a full freight and passengers, and the Camden arrived on Monday night, also heavily laden for this place and Sullivan's Bluff [Port Sullivan] for which place she left on Tuesday morning. The effect has been very visible and decided on the business appearance of our town. All is life and activity now. Cotton is arriving from the plantations, and drays are rattling through our streets, hauling cotton to the landing and merchandise from it. Everything seems changed in our town. An animated business aspect is visible in every direction, and the prospect is fair that it will now continue so for the rest of the Season. There is scarcely a doubt but that the navigation will be good at least till July. The Camden only draws 15 inches of water, and consequently will probably be able to run all summer, and we learn that it is the intention to do so. *Ranger*. Weekly Journal (Galveston), 19 March 1852, p.4

The Buffalo on her last trip ascended about 120 miles above Washington, and reports only three feet water in the channel at that point when she left. The Brazos Delta learned from one of her passengers that five hundred bales of packed cotton had been washed away and destroyed, between Buffalo and the point to which the Buffalo ascended. Weekly Journal (Galveston), 9 April 1852, p.2

Texas advices report a violent tornado in the lower part of Washington County. The corn and cotton crops had been seriously injured in many places by the frosts. The Brazos River had overflowed the whole country through which it runs, doing immense damage. The Barre Patriot (Barre, Massachusetts), 7 May 1852, p.3

The Washington and Reliance are holding on at Washington for a rise in the Brazos to enable them to proceed up the river. Weekly Journal (Galveston), 14 May 1852, p.4

We learn from the *Washington Star*, that some gentlemen when out on an excursion discovered some interesting fossil remains among which were the tusk, a portion of the leg bone, and a tooth of some huge animal. They were found at Hidalgo Falls. The tusk is said to be ten feet long, and to measure at its largest point 23 inches in circumference. Star State Patriot (Marshall), 8 May 1852, p.2

The *Ranger* says that the steamer Reliance has succeeded in getting below Munson's shoals, with over 500 bales cotton, but on her way down run on a sand bar, about 30 miles below Washington. She is doubtless off e're this, as they have had heavy rains since Sunday, and the river rising. Weekly Journal (Galveston), 4 June 1852, p.4

Married. On the 21st inst. at the residence of Mr. Willis Randall, in Washington County, by the Rev. R.C. Burlson, Mr. William Randall, of Brazos County, to Mrs. Ann C. Terrell, of Grimes County. Texas State Gazette (Austin), 30 Oct. 1852, p.86

Our Correspondence,
Port Sullivan, Milam Co., Texas,
October 11, 1852

Mr. Editor: I arrived at this place last evening, and as it is a new village, only a 12 months place, perhaps some of your numerous readers would like to know something about it ... He was induced ... to lay out a portion of his land immediately on the river, in town lots, as being the most eligible place for a town at this point, about 500 miles from the mouth of the river (Brazos) and at the head of navigation. The village is just opposite the falls, and about two miles above the mouth of "Little River." The "Reliance Capt. Maffit and "Camden" Capt. Smith, are the first steamboats that reached this point, and are the only steamers that have ever reached this place before

Weekly Journal (Galveston), 5 Nov.1852, p.2

[ad] Land for Sale.

Brazos County – 1 League on the Navisota, originally granted to T.W. Splane ...

A.F. James, Galveston. Weekly Journal (Galveston), 5 Nov. 1852, p.1