

NOTES ON BRAZOS COUNTY POLITICS, 1861-1889

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County surveyor ... Brazos – Harvey Mitchell. Texas Almanac, 1861, p. 220.

The vote on secession. The following official returns are published in the State Gazette: Brazos County: 215 (for secession), 44 (against secession) ... Galveston Weekly Civilian, 2 Apr. 1861, p. 1.

Names of the delegates who served in the convention of the people of Texas, assembled at the City of Austin, January 28, 1861 ... McINTOSH, Wm., merchant, age 40, immigration 1852, Brazos County, Boonville ... Texas Almanac, 1862, p. 23.

Advertisement Confederate States Post Office Department ... Route 13 (8517) From Millican to Booneville and Wheelock, to Owensville, 50 miles and back, three times a week. Leave Millican Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9 a.m. Arrive at Owensville next day by 9 a.m. Leave Owensville Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday by 10 a.m. Arrive at Millican next day by 10 a.m. Texas State Gazette, 29 March 1862, p. 1

The election ... Millican -- MURRAH, 53; CHAMBERS, 26; GENTRY, 9; DARDEN, 19; KITTRELL, 12; STOCKDALE, 31; GRAY, 37; BRANCH, 20; BROADDUS, 22; SHEPARD, 30; SHELLY, 31; STEDMAN, 14; LIPSCOMB, 27; McDONALD, 35; WASHAM, 47; INGE, 13. Houston Tri-Weekly Telegraph, 5 Aug. 1863, p. 2.

Millican, Brazos County, Texas. March 25th, 1865. Mr. Editor: ... From the number I beg leave to select, for the consideration of the people of Texas, Col. Wm. P. HARDIMAN ... (continues at length). Galveston Daily News, 29 March 1865, p. 1.

The following additional appointments have been made by Gov. HAMILTON: ... county officers, Brazos County -- Mr. REED, Chief Justice; James PERRY, District Clerk; Samuel COOPER, County Clerk; Henderson HARDY, Sheriff ... (Austin) Weekly Southern Intelligencer, 25 Aug. 1865, p. 3; Galveston Daily News, 30 Aug. 1865, p. 2.

We learn that Mrs. L. LOFTIN has been appointed Post Master at Millican. We are glad to hear it, and hope every office in the State will be filled by ladies. They are fully competent. Houston Tri-Weekly Telegraph, 27 Nov. 1865, p. 2.

Post-Offices Opened & Post Masters Appointed Up to March 1st, 1866: Boonville, Harry W. JONES; Millican, Mrs. LOFTIN ... Galveston Daily News, 3 Apr. 1866, p. 4.

To the People of Texas ... [letter endorsing slate of candidates for state-wide offices] ... [signed] A.P. McCORMICK [and 21 men from other counties] (Austin) Weekly Southern Intelligencer, 19 Apr. 1866, p. 2.

Vote at Millican ... District Attorney -- BRIETZ, 176; ALEXANDER, 17; WHEELER, 11. State Senator -- J.P. BOYD, 156; J.S. JARRETT, 16. Representative -- WEAVER, 157;

WORSHAM, 32; NEAL, 62; UPPER, 61. At Boonville, says a correspondent, there were about 128 votes cast ... Houston Tri-Weekly Telegraph, 29 June 1866, p. 4; also Galveston Daily News, 30 June 1866, p. 2.

The citizens of Brazos County are requested to meet at the town of Millican on Saturday, the 14th, for the purpose of appointing delegates to the State Convention to be held at Navasota on the 25th inst., to select delegates to the Conservative National Convention to be held at Philadelphia in August. Jesse BATTIS, B.S. WHITTAKER, Geo. T. HASWELL, G.A. WHEAT, H. HARDY, Harv. MITCHELL, Wilson REED. Galveston Daily News, 7 July 1866, p. 2.

At a meeting of the citizens of Brazos County, held at Millican ... Col. S.D. DRENNAN was called to the Chair and James W. FORSGARD appointed Secretary. Capt. E.V. McLENDON explained the object of the meeting in a few appropriate remarks. On motion, the following named gentlemen were appointed a committee to draft resolutions expressive of the sense of the meeting: E.V. McLENDON, Maj. McKAY, H. HARDY, Maj. F. CLARKE, J.N. GUEST, James PERRY. On motion, the following gentlemen were added to the committee: B.S. WHITAKER, J.W. WEAVER ... On motion, the following gentlemen were appointed delegates from Brazos County: B.S. WHITAKER, G.H. LOVE, E.V. McLENDON, J.N. GUEST, Jesse BATTIS, Harvey MITCHELL, A.C. BRIETZ. On motion, the following gentlemen were added: S.D. DRENNAN, H. HARDY, G.A. WHEAT, F. CLARK ... Galveston Daily News, 19 July 1866, p. 2.

Bryan ... This is now the they are preparing to build a magnificent courthouse and jail of brick, and also a large brick depot and warehouse for the railroad. There are three hotels already, and a large new one nearly finished. Town property is considered high; but holders are confident of still higher rates when the road is completed to this point. Two, and probably three, papers are soon to be published here. There are wagon makers, blacksmiths and other artisans shops; and stores are springing up and rapidly filling with goods, which seem to go off as fast as they can get them. We want, in addition, a good barber or two, saddlers, tailors, &c. Carpenters seem to be plenty, and there are two brick-machines, which will soon turn out brick ad infinitum – We have a daily line of stages from here to Waco, via Wheelock, Owensville, &c., &c., with hacks coming daily to and from Millican. The indefatigable agent, Col. B. Hubert, is accomodating, and will show property to all applicants, or answer any inquiries. The city is now incorporated.... Galveston Daily News, 18 April 1867, p. 2.

Bryan City, Brazos Co., Texas, Apr. 26, 1867. General GRIFFIN ... I write to be informed if any one out side of the Military can get a situation in this state in which they might render themselves useful to their country and the cause of human freedom in which I have for many years taken a deep interest. I am from Ohio, left that state ten years ago and lived in Mexico, and never took any part in the late war, but from necessity was compelled to say nothing, and being over fifty was not required to taken any part in any way. In Ohio early in life I was elected Brig. Genl. and assisted Genl. SCOTT in putting down the Patriot troubles with Canada in 1837. I was collector of the port at Sandusky and, subsequently appointed by Genl. STEDMAN to settle the claims against the state by reason of the

construction of the Ohio canal ... In 1838 I was admitted to the practice of the law, and subsequently was elected judge in a city of 20 thousand, during my days of prosperity, I gave thirty thousand dollars for the good of the colored race and think I might yet render to them and my country some good were I in a situation where I could advise those to be faithful and live up to their contracts and compel, honest payment to me made at the expirations of the time of service ... [signed] Respectfully, Alex ANDERSON (In Freedmens Bureau Records, letters received, entered in register 1, 1866-1867, a-c).

Bryan City, Texas, May 27, 1867.

Genl. GRIFFIN, Sir: On the 13th day of April 1867, an election was held in this place for Mayor and Aldermen and town constable at which election the undersigned was elected mayor -- and Jas. S. HOOD, S.D. CONGER, --- McCORMACK, --- EAVES & John BARKLEY were elected aldermen and J. YELVERTON was elected constable. Which said election was duly returned to the county court -- and approved -- but about that time, your order came to hand and we have not proceeded to act -- for fear that we might come in conflict with your orders -- We would respectfully ask whether or not we will be permitted to act -- for the purpose of having law and order in our place -- and for the general welfare of society. Be please to answer, I remain your most obt. servant, L.J. WILSON. (Freedmen's Bureau, Correspondence of the Office of Civil Affairs, letters entered in vol. I, reel 8, frame 0777).

Bryan City, Texas, June 9th, 1867.

Col. H. PRIME. Dear Sir: Your favor of 30th ult. is at hand contents noted. And it is very much regreted on the part of the citizens of our place that you could not approve of the election that had been held, for the purpose of organizing our Town, as this will leave us without any organization whatsoever for the "preservation of law and order and the well being of society." And as to forwarding through the Gov. "the names of persons qualified & willing to act who at the same time can take the oath of July 2, '62" with due respect allow me to saw tot the comdg. genl. through you that I feel certain that there is not a man, nor men, thus qualified in our place, who can take the oath required -- It is true that there may be a few men -- say 3 or 4 -- who could take the oath spoken of but they are not men who are qualified to fill any office. As to where "Bryan City is" I will say that it is 20 miles north of Millican, on the line of the Houston Texas Central Railroad in Brazos County. The county site of said county and some say by the 1st of Sept. is to, and will be, the "terminus" for a time of said rail road -- At which time, there we be a population of from 5 to 6 thousand people in said town who will be without any municipal law or regulation -- for the prompt punishment of crime -- and offenders must of necessity go unwhipt of justice. Very respectfully your obt. srvt. L.J. WILSON. (Freedmen's Bureau, Correspondence of the Office of Civil Affairs, letters entered in vol. I, reel 8, frames 791-792).

The post-master at Millican, after closing the post- office, addresses the following letter to the Telegraph: P.O. Millican, Texas, September 9th, 1867. P.M. Houston, Texas: Sir: Yellow fever is in our midst -- four deaths have already occurred and several more cases exist. The citizens are badly frightened, all who can, have left; `twill be useless to send mail matter to this place from this date, as no one will be here to receive it. I have my

goods packed and am ready to leave, will send you notice upon my return. I am, very respectfully, Chas. W. GARDINER, Acting P.M.; P.S. -- Please inform citizens. Texas Countryman, 14 Sept. 1867, p. 2.

place. The P.O. at Millican is now discontinued. The postmaster has fled to the woods, and the telegraph operator is dead. Galveston Daily News, 2 Oct. 1867, p. 2.

To His Excellency Gov. E.M. PEASE. Dear Sir, Enclosed you will please find a recommendation of Capt. MILLER of the U.S.A. to the commanding Genl. of this district, desiring my appointment as Mayor of this City [Bryan]. Will you please hand the letter to the Genl., and you will buy me under many obligations to you if you will unite with the Capt. in procuring me the situation (or the appointment more properly). Should it ever be necessary I can do as much as any one with the colored people. Please let me hear from you when convenient, the City is growing rapidly, and the appointment of some one is very necessary for the good of the City. Respectfully, Alex. ANDERSON. P.S. The Citizens have taken a vote and the City incorporated, according to the Statute, all that is wanted is the appointment of a Mayor to fully organize. (From Texas State Archives, Gov. PEASE Papers, call number 301-56, folder 18. Letter is undated but may be from about Oct. 1867).

State of Texas, Brazos County. I, David McINTOSH Clerk of the County Court of said County do hereby certify that at an election held on the 2nd day of last March in the town of Bryan a majority of the citizens of said town voted in favor of the incorporation of said town to be known by the name of "Bryan City," to be included within the bounds specified in an order entered of record in the minutes of the police court of said county on the 25th day of last March. I further certify that at an election subsequently held for corporation officers L.J. WILSON was elected mayor and Spencer FORD, Calvin McCORMICK, W.B. EAVES and John BARCLAY, were elected aldermen and S.M. YELVERTON, city marshall of the City of Bryan. Witness my hand and the seal of the County Court of Brazos County at Office in the town of Bryan this 9th day of November A.D. 1867. David McINTOSH C.C.B.C. (Texas State Archives, Gov. PEASE Papers 301-56-21).

To Hon. Alexander ANDERSON, Brazos Co. Dear Sir: Enclosed I hand you appointment as County Judge of Brazos Co. and oath of office to take. You will at once take oath of office and in all other respects qualify in accordance with existing laws. See that Charles W. GARDINER county treasurer, James SURGEON and Wm. J. PEIRCE Justices of the Peace are duly qualified and advise this Department ... [signed] W.D. PHILLIPS, Secretary of State. (Early State Records, reel 49, page 132).

fashioned grand juries of this State fell out recently and had a general fight, resulting in many black eyes and bunged noses. "These are the men set up to right our wrongs. Save us, oh ! Save us, from this evil, corrupt, and perverse generation !" Galveston Daily News, 11 Dec. 1867, p. 2.

Bryan City, Dec. 25th, 1867. To His Excellency Gov. PEASE. Dear Sir: At the request of many Citizens of this City I write you to learn if any thing can be done to organize this City, by the appointment of a mayor who could who could appoint a common council and

police to protect the city against all manner of deprivations committed during the dark hours of the night, and thereby rendering night hideous by shooting, etc. A few nights since a few drunken fellows attacked my own house ordering me to get up or they would shoot into my house, soon after they left one tried to raise the window to steal some clothing nearby. You wrote me some time since that some legislation was necessary before you could act in the matter, but I think under the circumstances a temporary appointment might be made until legislative action can be had. We have now full five thousand of a population in this City, and you may reasonably infer that many came here knowing the insufficiency of the law to put a stop to their base conduct. Many of the citizens have requested me to take hold, and regulate the matter, and if not inconsistent with my official duties, and you will see proper to confer upon me the mayoralty I will at once put the city in proper training, and I think in a short time bring about order, and full security for life and property. Yours most truly, Alex. ANDERSON. (Texas State Archives, Gov. PEASE Papers, call number 301-57, folder 2).

Bryan City, Texas. Jany. 16, 1868. To His Excellency, E.M. PEASE, Gover. of Texas. The undersigned chief justice of Brazos County is induced to represent to your Excellency that our county is without any court house or jail and that the permanent or fixed population of the county is limited, and generally poor -- but few wealthy, or heavy tax payers residing in the county, and that the head of the Central R. Road is now at this city it has for some years been at Millican in this county, and the terminus at this point has induced a very large floating, or transient population amongst which are a very large percentage of felons, and paupers have been thrown in our midst, and to provide for whom has entirely exhausted the treasury consequently we have not as of yet been able to erect suitable buildings for court house or jail from which fact the present resources of the county are found to be inadequate to the constant draft upon them in the way of [illegible]. Mr. MITCHELL an old, and one of the leading citizens of the county will hand you this communication, and fully explain particulars. He has proposed a plan by which it is believed the much needed buildings may be procured, and if it be possible for the desired aid from the state to be furnished our police court will not hesitate to secure its payment by interest bearing notes or warrants upon the county treasury of the county. I trust that if it be legally within your power to do so the emergency of the case will secure from you your kind offices in our behalf. With my best wishes for your political and personal welfare I am most respectfully yours, Alex. ANDERSON, Chief Justice. (Texas State Archives, Gov. PEASE Papers, call number 301-57, folder 30).

To defeat the Negro franchise, and thereby save our country from the degrading and ruinous result of Radical rule and Negro supremacy, is the one thing left to be done.

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Man alive, don't you know that the Negro has a vote already, and that you are utterly powerless to take it from him. What is the use of pretending you can do that which you have no power to accomplish? You might as well try to whistle a norther out of countenance, or stop a woman's tongue, or do any other impossible thing, as to prevent Sambo from voting.

Flake's Bulletin (Galveston), 6 February 1868, p.4

A report of the proceedings of a meeting of the citizens of Brazos County, held recently at Millican, was sent us by the secretary, Mr. A.P. EDWARDS ... Jim MEEKS, a colored man, was called to the chair. Col. McLENDON was then called on to explain the object of the meeting ... Col. R.C. MYERS offered a resolution to the same effect ... Alfred VENABLE, a colored man, replied at length ... (Marshall) Texas Republican, 7 March 1868, p. 2.

Brazos County, March 24, 1868. To the Secretary of Civil Affairs, Austin. Dear Sir: Yours of the 16th inst. is this moment rec'd. I received the appointment of Register of Brazos Co. at Bryan City on the 27th day of Jany. 1868 and the business ended on the 15th day of Feby 1868. Mr. SHELTON I presume neglected to send up my appointment and I did not know that my letter of acceptance was necessary, or I would have sent it long since and therefore hope you will accept this as my letter of acceptance. You will please find enclosed the required oath. Respectfully yours truly, Alex. ANDERSON. (Freedmen's Bureau, Correspondence of the Office of Civil Affairs, letters entered in vol. 1, reel 5).

Dept. of State, Austin, Texas May 27, 1868.

To Alexander ANDERSON, Esqr, Bryan, Brazos County.

Dear Sir: Enclosed I hand you Order No. 112 appointing you Mayor of Bryan and A.B. FOREMAN, Lemuel PRESTON, A.B. BOWMAN, Thomas HALL and William HAVEMAN Aldermen. You will all take the enclosed oath of office and in all other respects qualify in accordance with existing laws and advise this department. I have the honor to be very respectfully your obt. svnt., W.D. PHILIPS, Secretary of State. (Early State Records, reel 49, State Dept. Letterbooks, p. 317).

Incorporation of Bryan -- It having been reported by Governor PEASE that the citizens of the town of Bryan, having taken the measures prescribed by the laws of the state to incorporate the said town, upon the recommendation of his Excellency, approved by Brevet Major General J.J. REYNOLDS, commanding the District of Texas, the following list of town officers have been made by Gen. BUCHANAN: Alexander ANDERSON, to be Mayor; A.B. FORMAN, Lemuel PRESTON, A.B. BOWMAN, Thomas J. HALL, and William HAVERMAN, to be aldermen. Texas Countryman, 10 June 1868, p. 2.

The following resolution, offered by Mr. NEAL, of Brazos, was unanimously passed by the Rebel Convention, held recently at Bryan ... Daily Austin Republican, 15 July 1868, p. 2.

Military appointments -- W.J. PEARCE to be county surveryor, vice John GNATY, who failed to qualify ... municipal officers of the town of Bryan -- J.W. PEARCE, to be alderman, vice Lemuel PRESTON, resigned; J. McGUIRE, to be alderman, vice A.B. BOWMAN, who has left the county; J. ERWIN, to be constable, to fill an original vacancy. Houston Daily Times, 13 Sept. 1868, p. 4.

Military appointments to civil offices ... Bryan City -- George W. FARROW and A.H. EDGAR to be Aldermen, vice Thos. J. HALL and Wm. HAVIMAN, resigned. Houston Daily Times, 2 Feb. 1869, p. 4.

Bryan City, Feby 7th, 1869.

To His Excellency E.M. PEASE. Dear Sir: I take pleasure in introducing you to Mr. McCRAW atty. at law who visits Austin on business. He is an honest man and holds much influence with our party. Any civilities you may extend to him in Austin will be esteemed a favor conferred on me. Respectfully yours tr. Alex. ANDERSON. (Texas State Archives, Gov. PEASE Papers, call number 301-58, folder 56).

A.B. CUNNINGHAM, of the Bryan News-Letter is a candidate for the State Senate to represent the 17th District, composed of the counties of Brazos, Burleson and Milam, in the next Legislature. Judge J.S. PERRY is a candidate for the lower house from the same district. Both gentlemen were called out by the most prominent citizens of the district. Galveston Daily News, 14 March 1869, p. 2.

The *Austin Gazette* is authorized by the chairman of the state Democratic Executive Committee, to state that he deems it his duty to call a convention at Bryan, to determine what course should be taken to insure both wise and harmonious action. Cleburne Chronicle, 20 March 1869, p. 2.

Bryan. The News-Letter tells us of a radical meeting being held at Bryan, composed of blacks principally. Little Eddie QUICK, of the Union, and a blatant lawyer by the name of THURMOND, recently located at Bryan, harranged the darkies ... Houston Daily Times, 13 Apr. 1869, p. 1.

Appointments -- A.G. THURMOND has been appointed mayor of Bryan; Galveston Daily News, 20 Apr. 1869, p. 2.

Military appointments ... Brazos County -- J.R. STEEL to be Justice of the Peace, precinct no. 2, to fill a vacancy. J.B. SANDERS to be Justice of the Peace, for precinct no. 3, to fill a vacancy. Galveston Daily News, 28 Apr. 1869, p. 1; also Houston Daily Times, 30 Apr. 1869, p. 4.

The postmaster at Bryan has been removed and one Robt. C. MILLS appointed. MILLS is on his way out from New York, but has not yet arrived. Of course he is simply a radical spy, ordered here by REYNOLDS, "HAMILTON's friend." Houston Daily Times, 5 May 1869, p. 1.

Bryan ... We are informed that the corporation has during the past week rid itself of its last debt, its indebtedness being a few weeks ago over three thousand dollars. Houston Daily Times, 19 May 1869, p. 2.

Our correspondent writes us from Bryan that the Mayor, J.M. THURMOND, has been busy all the week past ferreting out several cases of fraud committed by the county and city officials. It appears that several of the former officials were in the habit of collecting specie for fines and costs of judgment, and rendering their accounts to the Treasurer, accounted for the same in scrip. Ex-Mayor ANDERSON was called upon to reimburse the sum of \$ 452, amount received by him in excess of his just dues. Several other ex-officials are in the same predicament, but as the matter is undergoing legal investigation, we refrain from mentioning any names. Houston Daily Times, 29 May 1869, p. 1.

Bryan ... There has been an interesting case progressing here for the last two days. One of our best citizens, Capt. ORR, of the well known firm of HANNA & ORR, was arrested and confined in the military camp for forty- eight hours, on the sworn affidavitt of a certain BOULDRIDGE -- recently appointed deputy sheriff -- who charged the Captain with being at the head of a conspiracy to release a prominent Jefferson prisoner. The examination shows that some time since this man BOULDRIDGE obtained the sum of thirty dollars from Capt. ORR as an advance on cotton which he promised to deliver, but never shipped ... [article continues at length]. Houston Daily Times, 4 June 1869, p. 2.

Adams & Hearne, bankers at Bryan, and the Central Railroad have refused to pay taxes to the corporation of that city. A suit has been instituted against each, and the probabilities are that the Bryan officials will be well sustained by the people of Bryan, and that they will gain the suit. Houston Union, 26 June 1869, page 1

"Bryan City," that was, is now simply the town of Bryan. Houston Daily Times, 21 July 1869, p. 1.

The Radico-Negro Convention at Bryan ... The convention met this morning at 10 o'clock, in the New Theatre, which was speedily filled with blacks and whites -- principally blacks. "The Hon." G.T. RUBY occupied the chair, and the Reverend George Washington HONEY acted as temporary secretary ... Mr. J.G. TRACY, of the Houston Union moved that a committee of three be appointed to examine the credentials of the delegates ... J.G. TRACY, of Harris, Dr. S.M. HASLEA, of Brazos, Matt BULLOCK, of Washington ... Your committee on credentials find the following named gentlemen entitled to seats in this convention ... Seventeenth District -- Brazos, Burleson, Milam: W.A. SAYLOR, R.N. MILLS, S. CURTIS, John ADKINSON. Alternates -- Claiborne OVERSTREET, E. JEFFERSON, Wyatt BUTLER, Johnson STAFFORD, T. JEFFERSON, A. BERGES [BURGESS] ... officers of the convention ... seargeants-at-arms, S. CURTIS, Brazos; Alfred SMITH, Brazos ... During the absence of the committee on resolutions Dr. W.H. FARNER, proprietor of the News- Letter addressed the convention ... He stated that he had been a surgeon in Sibley's Brigade (Confederate) during the late war, but that his sympathies were now entirely with the Republican Party. Houston Daily Times, 5 Aug. 1869, p. 2.

Judge THURMOND, of Bryan, is a live and progressive officer. He has brought the city out of debt, established good order, and keeps things straight generally. As a carpet bagger, he went into office opposed by nine-tenths of the community. To-day he is the most popular man in Bryan, and every one acknowledges that his administration of the affairs of the town could not be bettered. Houston Union, 5 August 1869, p.1

The Republican Convention for the Third Congressional District met at Bryan on the 3d inst., and after organization, passed the following resolutions ... Gen. W.F. CLARK was then put in nomination as candidate for Congress by J.G. TRACY, and he was unanimously nominated. Galveston Daily News, 5 Aug. 1869, p. 2.

The Republican Congressional Committee met at Bryan Tuesday last. Texas Countryman, 6 Aug. 1869, p. 2.

The *Bryan News-Letter* of the 7th comes to us with the salutatory of W.H. FARNER as the new editor and proprietor. It hoists the names of W.T. CLARK for Congress and W.A. SAYLOR for Senator, the nominees of the Bryan Convention, but does not say who it supports for Governor. Galveston Daily News, 8 August 1869, p.8, col.1

The *Bryan Appeal* of the 11th says ... The corporate limits of the town have lately been considerably extended ... Galveston Daily News, 13 November 1869, page 1, col.2

The following appointments of Registrars, for the purpose of conducting the revision of the Registration lists and holding the election ... Brazos Co. First Lieut. Max WESSENDORFF, U.S. Army; R.J. SHELTON; C.W. GARDINER. Daily Austin Republican, 5 Nov. 1869, p. 2; also Galveston Daily News, 26 Nov. 1869, p. 1.

Bryan ... To Hon. Wells THOMPSON: Being satisfied you are the strongest candidate against FLANAGHAN, we fully endorse you, and give you our votes and influence ... E.F. BAXTER, Judge W. DAVIS, C.M. RANDOLPH, B.H. DAVIS, T.W. WILSON, W.L. SAUNDERS, Isaac FULKERSON, A.D. MARCHBANKS, and others. Galveston Daily News, 28 Nov. 1869, p. 4.

To the Editor of the *News*:

At 2 p.m., to-day, the total of votes polled in Brazos County was eleven hundred and fifty-one (1151), whites three hundred and thirty eight (338), Negroes eight hundred and thirteen (813); Negro majority four hundred and seventy-five (475). Galveston Daily News, 4 December 1869, p.2, col.3

R.B. HUNT and Dr. FARNER were arrested by a file of soldiers at Bryan on the evening of the 1st inst., and lodged in jail. The *Bryan Appeal* says: What offences these gentlemen had been guilty of we were unable to learn precisely. We understood, however, that HUNT had hurraed for Jack HAMILTON – was, perhaps, accused of firing his pistol. Dr. FARNER was incarcerated for merely saying that the jail could be torn down. Galveston Daily News, 4 December 1869, p.3, col.4

Bryan, Brazos Co., Texas, March 24, 1870.

To Maj. General REYNOLDS, Commanding 5th Military District, Austin. The Petition of the undersigned sheweth that Richard SLOAN of this county was in the month of June last appointed by you as one of the County Commissioners of this city ... [petition accuses SLOAN of mishandling funds allocated to assist indigent African Americans] ... [signed] Thomas J. HALL, C.C. - B.C.; W.T. NEALL, atty. for Brazos Co.; W.B. FORMAN, sheriff Brazos County; C.F. MOORE, Clk D Co - B Co; Benj. F. BOLDRIDGE, special Depty Shff; W.J. PEIRCE, J.P. B.C.; R.N. MILLS; Wm. HAVEMAN, mayor town of Bryan; H. MORDECAI, county treasurer. (Freedmens' Bureau Records; Bureau of Civil Affairs; Letters Recorded in Vol. 4, C-E, frames 415-418).

The Bryan Appeal learns that Geo. L. SCOTT, Judge of the District Court of the Third Judicial District of Texas, will soon locate permanently in that city. Galveston Daily News, 29 March 1870, p. 3.

The Radical brethren in Bryan do not dwell together in unity. The Appeal of Saturday has an account of the caning of C.W. GARDINER, member of the Legislature, by Judge J.M. THURMOND, "just because GARDINER had been 'shooting off his mouth' about THURMOND's affairs." Galveston Daily News, 20 Apr. 1870.

Fifteenth Amendment Ratification at Bryan, Texas, April 15, 1870

Pursuant to a call by public notice and circular, published by order of C.F. Moore, chairman of the Seventeenth Senatorial District, comprising the counties of Brazos, Milam and Burleson, a meeting of the Republicans of said district was held at Bryan on the 16th inst., and organized by appointing Hon. Wm. Haveman, chairman; Dr. W.H. Farner, secretary; Hon. John Mitchell, of Burleson, Hon. John Wilson, of Milam, Hon. Stephen Curtis, Revs. Chas. B. Foster, Warren Norton and Willis Van Hook, vice-presidents.

It was doubtless the largest and most enthusiastic meeting ever held in the district, and one that will tell at all future elections, each county having large delegations.

Dr. Farner briefly stated to the auditory the object of the meeting, after which Judge J.M. Thurmond addressed the meeting at length, in one of his happy efforts, hurling back all the foul imprecations that had been cast against the Republican party by its insidious foe.

After the close of the Judge's speech, the following preamble and resolutions were offered by Dr. R.N. Mills, chairman of the Committee on Resolutions:

Whereas, The required number of States have, in their majesty, ratified the Fifteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, Congress agreeing to the same, and the President having issued his proclamation announcing to the world its adoption,

feeling its justness, and the impress it will make on our national destiny, we offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we hail with joy the adoption of the Fifteenth Amendment.

2. That the restoration of the Lone Star State to the Union, one of the last of the prodigal daughters returning to the bosom of its mother, meets our cordial approval.

3. That we recommend Hon. J.M. Thurmond as chairman of committee for Seventeenth Senatorial district (wherefor he was elected without a dissenting vote).

4. That we regard the Hon. J.M. Thurmond as a true and faithful exponent of the Republican cause, and recommend that he be added to the Republican Executive Committee.

5. That we, the Republicans of the Seventeenth Senatorial District, unanimously recommend Hon. J.M. Thurmond, as Judge of the Judicial District, of which Brazos County may form a part.

6. That we earnestly solicit his nomination to the Honorable Senate of the State of Texas by his excellency, E.J. Davis, Governor, as our Judge, being our first, last, and only choice.

7. That we recognize in him the courteous gentleman, the able lawyer, the true and unswerving Republican, and, with gratitude, we gladly announce to the Republican party that Judge Thurmond took the stump for our ticket and did effective service for the good cause, and no one contributed more to our success in the late election.

8. That Senator Saylor, Representatives Haswell and Mitchell, have our utmost confidence.

9. That we recognize in the *Houston Union*, *State Journal* and *San Antonio Express*, able exponents of the Republican party, and tender to the editors our heartfelt thanks for their earnest zeal and ability in the promulgation of the principles of "equal rights to all men."

10. On motion of W.A. Farner, Dr. R.N. Mills was unanimously elected secretary of the Seventeenth Senatorial Committee.

11. That the secretary of this meeting be requested to furnish a copy of the proceedings of this meeting to the *Houston Union*, *State Journal* and *San Antonio Express*, and request the publication of the same.

Meeting adjourned with three cheers for the Republican party, three for the constitutional amendment, and three for the union of hearts and the union of States.

Wm. Haveman, President

W.H. Farner, Sr., Secretary

(Austin) Daily State Journal, 23 April 1870, p.4, col.2

A white man married a Negro woman at Millican three or four weeks ago, and the ceremony was performed by the Rev. J.W. TAYS, who has been elected chaplain of the radical Senate at Austin. For this offense against decency many of his flock at Bryan refused to hear him preach. Times (Houston), 12 May 1870, p. 1.

United States District Court ... met on Monday [in Austin] ... Grand Jurors ... R.M. MILLS, J.T. TONEY, W.N. DANTON, W.D. HERRICK, R.F. BALDRIDGE, J.B. THOMAS, J.H. BUTT ... of Brazos Co. ... Daily Austin Republican, 8 June 1870, p. 2.

Bryan ... I take this occasion to say that in February last the Rev. J.W. TAYS did, at the town of Millican, unite in the bonds of holy matrimony, one J.H. McDONALD, a white man, to one Ann PERRY, a freedwoman, and that the marriage license is now on file at the clerk's office in this county; and that the clerk has refused to furnish me a copy of the same. W.H. FARNER. Times (Houston), 12 June 1870, p. 2.

Bryan ... A citizen named John BENA refused to give his name to the census taker when called upon to do so, as required by law, and the result was that he was arrested and fined \$ 30 and costs. Times (Houston), 6 July 1870, p. 3.

Col. MYERS returned to Millican on last Wednesday, from an imprisonment, and on the following day opened his drinking saloon, announcing to the Negroes that it would be "free drinks" for them until Saturday, and that on that day they must meet at the African Methodist Church at that place for important business. The meeting took place at the appointed time and place, and organized by calling a colored man to the chair and appointing David MYERS secretary. Col. MYERS then announced that the object of the meeting was to recommend some man to the appointment of Justice of the Peace for that precinct, and moved that a committee of ten be appointed to select a suitable man. The committee was appointed and reported unanimously in favor of Col. MYERS. Thirty-two Negroes were present, and two white men who took part in the meeting, Col. MYERS and his son, David. The Negroes were drunk and boisterous during Friday and Saturday, one of them firing his pistol off in the air, and another firing his into the store of Mr. SWANN. These two later were arrested by the citizens and put into the town jail until they sobered off. We suppose, as a legitimate consequence, that R.C. MYERS will be the Justice for that precinct. It is unnecessary for us to say what respectable citizens think of such conduct. Galveston Daily News, 22 July 1870, p. 3.

City of Bryan. Appointments ... 25 July 1870. H.T. DOWNARD, Mayor; S.D. DEARING, H.A. MOORE (failed to qualify), T. McCARTY, Charles B. FOSTER, Willis VAN HOOK, Geo. JAMESON, aldermen; G.W. FARROW, marshall. (Texas Election Registers 1838-1972.)

Bryan - The *Brazos Eagle* has the following ... A dispatch from Austin gives the following as the newly appointed common council for the city of Bryan: Mayor, H.T. Downard. Aldermen, T. McCarty, S.D. Dearing, H.A. Moore, Willis Van Hook and Charles B. Foster; City Marshal, George Farrow. Houston Daily Union, 30 July 1870, p.3, col.2

The Bryan *Eagle* complains that cows are allowed to roam about the streets after night. (Austin) Tri-Weekly State Gazette, 1 August 1870, page 2

A meeting was held at Bryan on Saturday last, at which it was resolved that every endeavor should be made to rid the State "of the present oppressive tyrannical, unconstitutional, corrupt and extravagant administration." Col. H. MITCHELL presided, and W. LAMBDIN, Esq., of the Bryan Appeal, was the Secretary. Speeches were made by Col. T.J. BEALL and C.L. EVANS, Esq. The meeting convenes again on the 17th. Organization against Radicalism is going ahead in Brazos County. Galveston Daily News, 12 Aug. 1870, p. 3.

From the *Brazos Eagle*:

On Thursday last, a man in a state of intoxication, armed with a six-shooter and bowie knife, sat down in the entrance of the store of ex-Mayor HAVEMAN, of this city, and with an oath asked if could get anything to eat. There being some ladies in the store, Mr. HAVEMAN requested him not to swear. He placed his hand on his pistol, and said if Mr. HAVEMAN wanted anything, he could get it, and used quite violent language. Mr. HAVEMAN stepped out and went to the courthouse and informed Lieut. FARROW of the above facts. The latter, accompanied by officer BAILEY, went to Mr. HAVEMAN's store and found a man sitting in the doorway with a cocked pistol in his hand. Lieut. FARROW approached him and informed him he was under arrest; the prisoner made a movement as if to use his pistol, when Lieut. FARROW caught it and threw him down. The prisoner pulled the trigger of his pistol, the hammer striking the Lieutenant's finger, which prevented it from going off. Officer BAILEY pulled a pistol, and placing it at the prisoner's head, told him he would shoot him if he did not drop his pistol. The latter gave up his pistol and was taken before Mayor DOWNARD, who fined him twenty-five dollars and cost. Houston Daily Union, 12 August 1870, p.2

First meeting of the Bryan Fire Department ... the company organized by calling J.M. STOCKTON to the chair as chairman, and E.F. BAXTER as secretary pro tem. C.A. STEARNE was nominated and elected president by acclamation. J.M. STOCKTON was nominated and elected secretary by acclamation. O.P. YATES was nominated and elected treasurer, vote 9 to 1. B. Frank LEMAN, nominated and elected foreman by acclamation. George GENDER, nominated and elected first assistant foreman by acclamation. L.G. LeGRAND nominated and elected second assistant foreman by

acclamation. Moved and seconded that the president appoint necessary committees ... Constitution and By Laws: J.S. FOWLKES, N.B. DAVIS, and W.G. BUNGER. Uniform and Dress: N.Q. WILSON, O.B. BEALL and O.P. YATES. Finances: L. SANGER, J.O. JACKSON, and Milton PARKER. On Contracts, etc.: S.L. HORNER, J.M. STOCKTON, S.M. HUNTER and C.A. STEARNE. Weekly Bryan Appeal, 18 Aug. 1870, as quoted in Bryan Weekly Eagle, 31 Jan. 1934, p. 1.

Hon. C.W. GARDINER, member of the Legislature from Brazos, gave us a call last evening. Mr. GARDINER is just from Austin, and will go North soon to spend a few weeks. Mr. GARDINER is a Republican morning, noon and night. The Houston Daily Union, 20 August 1870, p.2

In the Houston Union of the tenth, we find a letter from the Mayor of Bryan, reflecting severely on the published report of a Republican meeting at Bryan, which was furnished for the press by Dr. R.N. MILLS. Dr. MILLS desires to say emphatically that his report was correct, and that Mr. DOWNARD's attack was uncalled for, false, and malicious. The Union has undoubtedly been imposed upon in this matter. (Austin) Daily State Journal, 13 Sept. 1870, p. 2.

The [Bryan] Appeal says the Mayor of Bryan, Dr. H.T. DOWNARD, gives universal satisfaction. The same paper reports that HARN [HEARNE] and PATRICK, two of DAVIS' state policemen, met A.B. HENDERSON, of Brazos County, a few days ago -- too his six-shooter from him, according to tlaw, as they said, and then offered to let him redeem it for ten dollars. HARN was arrested, and gave bond to appear before the District Court. A warrant is also out for PATRICK. Galveston Daily News, 3 Nov. 1870, p. 2.

Wm. Thompson, colored, of the Loyal League, and a voter of the "whole" radical ticket, was up before his honor Justice Hardy, on Saturday, charged with the felonious taking of \$63, specie. The immaculate Bill pleaded guilty and was bound over to the District Court, in the sum of \$250. Not being able to rig out the necessary bond, he was consigned to the tender protection of the county jailor. Weekly Bryan Appeal, 9 November 1870, p.3, col.2

In Bryan, the Republican candidates were elected by the following vote: for Justice of the Peace, Precinct no. 1 -- ABBOTT, 238; PREWITT, 24; MYERS, 418; JAMESON, 10. Precinct no. 2 -- JONES; 277; STEWART, 385. (Austin) Daily State Journal, 8 Dec. 1870, p. 2.

State Police Stations ... Brazos Co. FARROW, G.W. (Lieut.), Bryan; BOLDRIDGE, B.F. (Sergt.), Millican; SMITH, Alfred, Bryan; SANDERS, Thos. D., Bryan; EDWARDS, Samuel, Millican. Texas Almanac, 1871, p. 227.

The Washington (D.C.) *Chronicle* informs us that H.A. MOORE, one of the proprietors of the *Brazos Eagle*, has been appointed postmaster for Bryan, Texas. Those who are in a position to know, say that this is a good appointment, and one that will give general satisfaction to the people of Brazos County. (Austin) Daily State Journal, 1 February 1871, p. 2.

Gen. G.T. CLARK – Our Congressman, whose name leads this article, need not be ashamed of his record since he has occupied the position he now holds. No one in Congress from this state has given such universal satisfaction. He has proved himself a working representative, and on all occasions he has made party considerations secondary to what he deemed the public welfare. He has not only given entire satisfaction to his own party, but he has made innumerable friends in the party that opposed his election, and were he once more a candidate for the position he now holds, he would be re-elected by an overwhelming majority. As soon as we are able, we will publish in full the Congressional record of Gen. Clark, and we think it will verify this tribute to a meritorious representative -- Bryan Appeal. (Austin) Daily State Journal, 18 Feb. 1871, p. 1.

Bryan ... S.M. GARDNER, alias MILLS, etc., was arrested last Tuesday in this place, by Mr. Joe NELLY, town policeman, and Bester SOUTH, of the State Police. He is charged with participating in the murder of Dr. McDANIEL, which occurred in Madison County last year. Galveston Daily News, 18 Feb. 1871, p. 2.

The Brazos Eagle contains the proceedings of the Brazos County court, from which we clip as follows: A report was received from C.F. MOORE, District Clerk, stating that he had negotiated the sale of county bonds to the amount of \$ 3,000, at eighty cents on the dollar, C.F. MOORE being the purchaser. That is about the coolest piece of acquiring within our recollection. Galveston Daily News, 17 March 1871, p. 2.

Bryan ... The Democratic Convention of this county met here on yesterday, and nominated Col. Spencer FORD and T.J. BEALL, Esq., delegates to the Houston State Convention. The meeting was large, and every man seemed enthused with a determination to do his whole duty. Such a spirit we have not seen manifested before since the war. Galveston Daily News, 12 May 1871, p. 2.

Republican Senatorial Committee ... Seventeenth District. W.A. SAYLOR, Chairman; Charles W. GARDINER, John MITCHELL, George T. HASWELL, R. VAN SLYKE ... (Austin) Daily State Journal, 23 May 1871, p. 11.

Statement giving the votes by counties for Justices of the Peace ... Brazos County Precinct No. 5 R.S. MOTLEY 331, Wm. S. STUART 325 ... (Austin) Daily State Journal, 16 July 1871, p. 4.

Millican ... Editors News: There was a large enthusiastic meeting held in this place on yesterday, the 15th, for the purpose of nominating a candidate for the office of Justice of the Peace ... Mr. Albert G. PREWETT, a very worthy gentleman and one possessing all the necessary qualifications for the position, was then nominated. Mr. GOODWYN, of Bryan, addressed the meeting ... Galveston Tri-Weekly News, 24 July 1871, p. 1.

The Democrats of Bryan will hold a barbeque on the 10th of August. Galveston Daily News, 25 July 1871, p. 4.

... chosen by the Democratic State Convention, are as follows ... 17th Senatorial District G.J. GOODWIN, Bryan ... (Austin) Democratic Statesman, 26 July 1871, p. 1.

Governor DAVIS will address the people on the issue of the canvas as follows ... Millican on Wednesday, August 23 ...(Austin) Democratic Statesman, 8 Aug. 1871, p. 1.

Hon. G.J. GOODWIN, of Bryan, member of the Democratic Executive Committee for the Seventeenth District, reports: "Every county of my District is thoroughly organized, and every man will register and vote." (Austin) Democratic Statesman, 8 Aug. 1871, p. 2.

The Bryan barbeque was a grand success. At least five thousand people were in attendance, and the enthusiasm was immense throughout. The barbeque was held in a fine grove, a mile from town. Stores and shops were closed or deserted, and everybody spent the day at the mass meeting. At least a thousand ladies were present, and were eager listeners. The Negroes, nearly one thousand strong, were among the crowd, and listed with strict attention to the speakers, who were Col. GIDDINGS, E.J. BELL, S.B. BURLEY, Judge THOMAS and a colored orator. The dinner was perfect in all its features -- plenty for all, good cheer and good music. Galveston Daily News, 11 Aug. 1871, p. 2.

Bryan, August 10. Thursday morning broke clear and cool, promising a fine day. At an early hour the stir in town told something unusual was to occur, and that something unusual did occur, is our pleasure to record. All along the Bryan folks have been wide awake to the importance of the issue now before the state, and they made preparations for this BARBEQUE in accordance with their sense of its importance. At an early hour the flow of people was toward the grove. Vehicles of every description were pressed into service, and at 9 a.m. the crowd gathered beneath the cool shade, numbered at least 5000. Near the entrance to the grove an enterprising citizen had spread his canvas, and gathered beneath it a full supply of the lighter refreshments -- no whisky being allowed. Beyond the speakers' stand a ditch at least one hundred yards in length had been dug, fire placed within, and over this was spitted whole carcasses of beeves, sheep and hogs, cooking for the multitude about the stand. Ample table room had also been provided. In a word, the entire arrangements were complete, and the committee deserve the hearty thanks of all who attended. In the shadiest part of the grove a speakers' stand was erected, and about this seats for 2000 or 3000 persons had been arranged. Here gathered the crowd, who were seated by the Marshals, and at 10 a.m. the speaking commenced. Col. GIDDINGS was introduced to the audience by G.T. GOODWIN, Esq., and for an hour held the

attention of the audience. As at Houston and Galveston, he gave his attention to the questions most important in the issue now before the people, dealing with those matters in the quiet dignified way so characteristic of the man. He gave the people assembled the facts of the case, leaving them fully exposed to the judgment and good sense of the voters of the county. He made a thorough expose of the tax question as the one most absorbing the attention of the people. He said that "the cotton a planter could raise would not pay his taxes," and "the land itself, would have to be abandoned by and by, if this misrule continued, for no planter could force enough from the soil to keep up his tax payments." "Parties who had paid \$ 200 tax a year ago would be obliged to pay \$ 460 this or more than double the sum of last year. Some had done so already," and he asked: "Where will such a state of affairs carry the people but to poverty and ruin ?" Col. GIDDINGS was evidently suffering much from fatigue, having spoken at Houston on Tuesday evening, at Hempstead on Wednesday afternoon and evening. After resting here to-night, he will go to Belleville to-morrow. He was followed by T.J. BEAL, who held the audience in the closest grasp for a full hour, now and then indulging in brilliant oratorical flights, which made his speech a very effective one. While he was speaking the stand proved insecure and gave way in the back part, mixing up committeemen, reporters and sight-seeing urchins considerably. The speaker was not the least disconcerted, keeping right on to the end. Several other speakers followed, among them (after dinner), Judge THOMAS, who made a most effective, well-timed speech, of forty minutes. Before we close let us again repeat ... Galveston Daily News, 12 Aug. 1871, p. 2.

Gov. E.J. DAVIS spoke at Bryan Courthouse, last night, to a large audience, composed mostly of colored people. The Governor expresses very much the same sentiments as his speeches at other places. After the Governor finished, the crowd raised long and deafening cries for Capt. BEALL, of Brazos County, a good Democrat, who rose from the audience and stated, in a few words, and in a very gentlemanly, dignified manner, that he did not think it right to take advantage of the time or place appointed for a meeting by the Governor, by himself, and declined speaking. Major Tom OCHILTREE then rose and made a short speech. He was followed by Gen. CLARK, who also made a short and spirited speech, and Richard NELSON also spoke. During the meeting the excitement ran very high, and the greater part of the audience leaving the courthouse at different times, no disturbances occurred. The special train leaves here this morning, with the Governor and party, for Calvert, where the Governor intends speaking at night. I think the Radicals are sadly disappointed with their reception in Brazos County. Galveston Daily News, 20 Aug. 1871, p. 2.

The *Brazos Eagle* understands that Col. Spencer Ford and Mr. Harvey Mitchell have been appointed by Gov. Davis as two of the judges of election. If the report be true, the Eagle says Gov. Davis can recall his police, as there we be no need for them in Brazos County. Galveston Daily News, 8 Sept. 1871, p. 4.

The *Brazos Eagle* says two State police men were arrested there and lodged in jail. It appears that they arrested a man for carrying deadly weapon. He pleaded ignorance of the law, and offered them \$ 10 to let him go. They did so, when he made complaint before a justice of the peace the next morning and had them arrested for robbery. After an examination, they were committed to jail in default of \$ 250 bail. Galveston Tri-Weekly News, 15 Sept. 1871, p. 2.

Congressional elections, October 1871, Third District ... Brazos County GIDDINGS, 1,233; CLARK, 1,050; STEVENSON, 0 ... (Austin) Democratic Statesman, 17 Oct. 1871, p. 2.

City of Bryan. Appointments ... 9 Nov. 1871. Geo. D. HASWELL, alderman. (Texas. Election Registers 1838- 1972.)

The following seems to be a rather left-handed compliment from an editor to his own town: "We notice that the Legislature has changed Bryan from a town to a city. While at work at this job we wish it would also change its name, and call it either Dogtown or Pupville. Either would cover the case. As Bryan has outgrown her town breeches they are for sale cheap. They can be bought at a bargain, and they will do as well as new ones to start a town with. Apply to the mayor. The contents of the pockets go with the breeches without additional charge." – *Eagle*. (San Antonio) Daily Express, 11 Nov. 1871, p. 2.

City of Bryan. Appointments ... Dec. 4, 1871. H.T. DOWNARD, mayor; T.J. DEARING, marshal (resigned 3 July 1872); T. McCARTY, W. VAN HOOK, G.B. FOSTER, C.F. MOORE, H.A. MOORE, Geo. D. HASWELL, aldermen. (Texas. Election Registers 1838-1972.)

L.D. MILLER, a colored man, made a good Democratic speech at Bryan the other day and the Appeal says he was "entertaining and impressive." Galveston Tri-Weekly News, 12 April 1872, p.3

The city [Bryan] by its mayor, H.T. DOWNARD, publishes an ordinance giving him power to appoint as many policemen as he may think necessary for the maintenance of the peace ... In the city directory of the paper, H.A. MOORE is named as postmaster. The office was open from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and from 2 to 5 p.m. ... Geo. WOLSTON was secretary of the hook and ladder company ... Weekly Bryan Appeal, 26 Apr. 1872, as described in Bryan Daily Eagle, 25 Apr. 1917, p. 3.

Bryan ... The Republican County convention ... was called to order by H.A. MOORE, Chairman of the Executive Committee ... On motion of Hon. C.W. GARDINER, a committee of five was appointed to draft resolutions ... During the absence of the committee, eloquent, stirring and patriotic remarks were made by Hon. W.A. SAYLOR, H.A. MOORE, Dr. A.W. LEEDOM ... that Hon. W.A. SAYLOR, Hon. C.M. GARDNER, W.B. FOREMAN, H.A. MOORE and Alford SMITH be chosen as delegates and Willis VAN HOOK, Alfred BURGESS, Stephen CURTIS, Union PILLOW and James ADAMS be selected as alternates to represent the County of Brazos

in the Republican State Convention ... On motion of E.W. PELLIS, the proceedings of the convention was ordered to published ... H.A. MOORE, chairman, W.B. FOREMAN, secretary. (Austin) Daily State Journal, 1 May 1872, p. 4.

Public Meeting! A public meeting will be held in front of SMITH & BOWLE's brick building tonight, to celebrate the triumph of law and justice over corruption and fraught in dismissing CLARK from the halls of Congress and admitting Hon. D.C. GIDDINGS to his seat. Galveston Daily News, 14 May 1872.

Bryan, May 15th ... The meeting last night was large and enthusiastic. Speeches by Maj. J.D. THOMAS and Col. Spencer FORD. The firing of the guns were answered by loud cheers for GIDDINGS, GREELEY and BROWN. Galveston Daily News, 17 May 1872, p. 1.

Bryan ... On Wednesday last, the 29th inst., the Democracy of Brazos County met in mass convention at the Courthouse in this city. Col. A.S. BROADDUS was elected Chairman and Wm. LAMBDIN, Secretary. Messrs. T.J. BEALL, G.I. GOODWIN, J.D. THOMAS, C. STERNE, and W.L. ABBOTT, G.H. LOVE, K. WOMBLE were appointed a committee on Resolutions, who reported the following ... [text of resolutions follows] ...The following gentlemen were appointed delegates to the Corsicana Convention: Capt. T.J. BEALL, Major B.H. DAVIS, A.S. BROADDUS, J.D. THOMAS, Wm. LAMBDIN, Judge R.J. SMITH, Dr. D.A. JAMESON, J.J. KIMBROUGH, K. WOMBLE, Len HUDSON, J.N. HENDERSON, James MARTIN, J.M. ZIMMERMAN, W.T. ABBOTT, Will HASSELL, James WALKER, Hammett HARDY, C.I. EVANS, T.V. WALKER, J.M. HOOD, G.L. GOODWIN, Frank CLARK, G.H. LOVE. ... [article continues] Galveston Daily News, 4 June 1872, p. 1.

City of Bryan. Appointments ... Thos. McCARTY, marshall. July 6, 1872. (Texas. Election Registers 1838-1972.)

City of Bryan. Appointments ... 2 Oct. 1872. J.J. ADAMS, David McINTOSH, Spencer FORD, judges of election. (Texas. Election Registers 1838-1972.)

Bryan, Oct. 20, 1872

At the Radical pow-wow there were six hundred Negroes, four Radical orators, eight white Radicals, and ten Democrats present. An immense fog of dust and considerable odor were raised.

At about the hour of 12, the motley crowd, with a lot of freedmen attempting to act as a brass band, assembled in the grounds prepared for the occasion, about one mile from town - sufficiently near - when the Hon. A.J. Evans was introduced to the audience. Jim Russell overlooked, giving the sign off applause.

Andrew said he was happy to meet his friends of Brazos County, and was glad to see their faces; that he would have been very happy to have met his honorable competitor, also, who had refused to meet him in joint discussion of the political issues before the country, etc. He did not give Mr. Giddings' reason for declining the joint discussion.

The speaker said he was an impudent man, and wanted to be sent to Congress to ask for and demand larger appropriations, and more of them, etc.; frequently pausing to give Jim Russel and opportunity to signify applause.

The next speaker in order, the Hon. J.W. Flanagan, ostensibly a Senator in the Congress of the United States, was introduced, Don Moore acting as a ring-master. This venerable gentleman said he was very happy to meet his friends and to see their faces; that he was a Baptist, and that as a Christian, loved the brethren, even so he loved his Republican friends; that he loved to study character, and that he felt a high degree of satisfaction in the evidence of an appreciative intelligence exhibited in the cheerful faces of his Republican friends. He said Mr. Grant expected and deserved their support; that they were indebted to him for their freedom, and all the privileges of citizens before the law, etc.

Occasionally Jim Russell caused a moderate applauding to be inflicted.

Next Loney, still acting as ring-master, rose and announced that dinner was ready, remarking that the ladies would first be accomodated. The word ladies does not specially signify what, and that the invitation was extended to the Democrats. Here Jim unsheathed his sabre, and placing his corps of Lietenants at given points, to prevent a rush in that direction, the ladies, and Republicans, and Democrats, all partook of a very decent barbecue, after which, succeeding another effort by the band, the Hon. G.T. Ruby was the third speaker introduced to the audience. Ruby (which doesn't signify red) said he was very proud to meet his fellow-citizens, etc. - he didn't mention their faces particularly. He said he overheard a Democrat in the crowd inquiring if Senator Flanagan was elected by the people, or whether he had been appointed by the Governor? That Democrats were very ignorant, etc. Jim Russell attended pretty promptly to the intervals in this speech.

Next the Hon. Webster Flanagan was introduced. He spoke with more earnestness than either of his predecessors, and buncomized considerable, remarking the land of the free and the home of the brave. At the conclusion of Flanagan's harangue, the entertainment adjourned to a night session at the court house. No reasons were urged vindicating the administration, other than that Grant had conquered the rebellion and liberated the slaves, and certainly no accessions were made to the Radical ranks. [signed] Romeo

Galveston Tri-Weekly News, 23 October 1872, p. 1.

Bryan ... There was a grand rally of the GREELEY and BROWN Club, torch light procession and turn out of fire company last night. Col. Roger Q. MILLS, candidate for Congress from the State-at-large, addressed a very large meeting. Galveston Tri-Weekly News, 28 October 1872, p. 1.

One of the candidates -- We understand that Judge R.B. WALLACE, of Bryan, the man who took such a prominent part with the "Austin ring" in procuring the indictments against the Governor and other State officers, is a candidate for Sergeant-at-Arms of the House. No doubt he has come to claim his award at the hands of the "Ring." (Austin) Daily State Journal, 15 Jan. 1873, p. 2.

Brazos County Deed Records, Book N, page 285: H.T. and E.F. Downard sold the city of Bryan 22 feet off the front of lot 3 in block 9 in Bryan for \$600 "gold dollars"; deed dated 16 January 1873.

Brazos County Deed Records, Book N, page 368: J.B. McLelland, mayor of the City of Bryan, "by virtue of the authority vested in me by an order of the common council of said city" dated 3 March 1873, for \$1 sold the Bryan Hook and Ladder Company, 22 feet off the front of lot 3 in block 9 in Bryan; deed dated 17 March 1873; this was the same land purchased by the city from H.T. & Eliza F. Downard on 16 January 1873, as recorded in Brazos Co. Deed Book N, page 285.

The mayor of Bryan has issued a sanitary notice, calling attention to the unhealthy condition of the town. Galveston Daily News, 17 June 1873, page 4

The Democrats of Brazos County held a primary election on the 2d instant, at which the following gentlemen were nominated: G.I. GOODWIN for the Legislature, T.D. SANDERS for sheriff, and H. HARDY for clerk of the District Court. The ticket is very strong. Galveston Daily News, 9 Aug. 1873, p. 2.

The dispatch of yesterday, reporting a case of yellow fever, was incorrect. There is no case here, nor has there been for three weeks. James B. McLELLAND, Mayor of Bryan, Galveston Daily News, 8 Nov. 1873, p. 2.

Brazos County -- The registration list shows a white majority of 410 votes. Galveston Daily News, 2 Dec. 1873, p. 4.

Brazos County ... The election is progressing quietly. There has not been a single disturbance. A solid vote is being polled for COKE, who is two hundred ahead in the city, and other wards yet to be heard from. The State ticket is running solidly Democratic, but the city, county, and senatorial tickets are considerably mixed. A great deal of scratching is going on. I will send full particulars to-morrow. Galveston Daily News, 3 Dec. 1873, p. 2.

Bryan ... The vote in this city (precinct no. 4) stands as follows ... for Representative, GOODWIN 629, PATRICK 616, RIED [REED] 270, COTTON 264. The other precincts of this county are not yet heard from ... The entire Democratic county ticket, with the exception of a Liberal sheriff, is elected. Galveston Daily News, 4 December 1873, p. 2.

Election returns ... Brazos County, democratic majority 300 and county ticket elected ... Bastrop Advertiser, 6 Dec. 1873, p. 2.

At the recent municipal election at Bryan, L. ERWIN was elected Mayor. Galveston Daily News, 10 Dec. 1873, p. 1.

The following is the official vote of Brazos County ... For Representative, Eighteenth District, G.I. GOODWIN, 1169; W.W. PATRICK, 1122; Warren REED, 813; Giles COTTON, 802 ... for Sheriff of Brazos County, T.D. SANDERS (dem) 922; W.B. FORMAN (liberal) 996 ... for Clerk of the District Court, Hammett HARDY (dem) 1113, C.F. MOORE (liberal) 869 ... for County Treasurer, W.G. BENIGER (dem) 1169. For County Surveyor, J.B. THOMAS (dem) 1450, S. GARNETT (rep) 5. For Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 1, N.R. GOIN (dem) 1129, A.T. HETH (rep) 833 ... Precinct 2, J.F. LEE (dem) 1135, John H. JONES (dem) 12, J. VANNOY (rep) 829 ... Precinct 3, J.S. RILLEY (dem) 1084, Hugh REED (dem) 883 ... Precinct 4, A.H. HARLAN (dem) 1089, G.P. FOSTER (rep) 884 ... Precinct 5, R.S. MOTLEY (dem) 1353, Allen HERVEY (rep) 501 ... Galveston Daily News, 11 Dec. 1873, p. 2.

COKE's majorities ... Brazos 381 ... Bastrop Advertiser, 20 Dec. 1873, p. 2.

Bryan ... Bill TABOR, who was indicted for the murder of HIGGISON, the City Attorney of this place, a year ago, broke jail at Caldwell a few days ago, and has fled. Galveston Daily News, 25 Dec. 1873, p. 2.

From Bryan ... the city election, which was held here during the general election, having been declared void, another election is being held here to-day. No disturbance has occurred. Waco Daily Examiner, 8 Jan. 1874, p. 1.

Official vote ... Brazos County ... COKE 1197, DAVIS 816 ... Bastrop Advertiser, 7 March 1874, p. 2.

Judge J.M. ONINS, of the Twenty-eight Judicial District, announced in a bar meeting on the 19th inst., at Bryan, that in consequence of continued ill health he was compelled to resign and leave Brazos County. Col. Spencer FORD and P.L. BROADDUS are spoken of as Judge ONNIS' successor on the bench of the twenty-eighth Judicial District. Cleburne Chronicle, 28 Mar. 1874, p. 2.

From Bryan ... District Court is in session, and our new judge Col. A.S. BROADDUS, is making it lively for the officers of the court. Galveston Daily News, 14 July 1874, p. 1.

At a called meeting of the Board of Common Council of the city of Bryan, held this day, the following resolution was unanimously adopted: Resolved, that all business houses of the city are requested to close this morning from 10 a.m. to 12 m., in respect to our late respected citizen and alderman, William McIntosh. Galveston Daily News, 26 July 1874, p. 1.

Bryan ... A telegram was sen this morning to Mr. Frank LEMAN, foreman of Bryan Hook and Ladder Company No. 1, on the down train at Hearne from here to invite all his brother firemen on the train to partake of the refreshments that would be prepared for them on their arrival here ... Galveston Daily News, 8 Aug. 1874, p. 1.

From Millican ... There is little or no talk of the approaching election. The whites will vote nearly to a man for the Democratic nomination, and the darkies for who ever Mr. Carpet-bagger tells him. Galveston Daily News, 24 Oct. 1874, p. 1.

From Bryan ... The District Court is in session, and is doing good work. Judge RECTOR, presiding. Galveston Daily News, 31 Oct. 1874, p. 1.

Bryan ... The election passed off very quietly. Fourth precinct -- R.Q. MILLS, 364; P.M. YELL, 157. First precinct -- MILLS, 63; YELL 152. Other precincts not heard from. This county will give from 300 to 400 majority for MILLS. Very light vote polled. Galveston Daily News, 4 Nov. 1874, p. 1.

From Bryan ... The official vote of this county stands: MILLS, 520; YELL, 350. MILLS' majority 170. Only 870 votes polled out of 2500 registered voters. Galveston Daily News, 17 Nov. 1874, p. 1.

Bryan ... The city election passed off quietly. The following are the officers elect: J. R. EVANS, Mayor; W.H. BOWMAN, Marshal, W.V. WALDROP, D.T. WILLIAMSON, Geo. CHAMBERLAIN, W.H. HARMON, W.C. PADGETT, Aldermen. Galveston Daily News, 6 Jan. 1875, p. 1.

Bryan ... The Democratic convention of Brazos County met here to-day to appoint delegates to the District Convention which meets at Hearne. The meeting was called to order by Dr. D. Port SMYTH, Chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee of Brazos County. Judge J.D. THOMAS was elected chairman and J.M. STOCKTON secretary. The following named gentlemen were elected delegates to the District Convention at Hearne: M.W. McCRAW, Charles DAVIS, A.C. BRADY, W.R. CAVETT, J.J. BERRYMAN, J.A. BUCKHOLTZ, Henderson HARDY, F. HOLLIDAY, T.J. SCATO, J.F. LEE, Len. HUDSON, A.F. WILSON, Henry KURTEN, J.L. JONES and H.D. LAWLESS. Capt. J.H. LOVE, whose name was before the convention as a candidate for the constitutional convention, withdrew his name. By a unanimous vote of the convention the delegates appointed were instructed to cast the vote of Brazos County for Major B.H. DAVIS, as a candidate for the Constitutional Convention. Galveston Daily News, 13 June 1875, p. 1.

Bryan ... Three precincts have been heard from. The official vote is as follows: For convention 776, against convention 552. Representatives to constitutional convention: Democrats, B.H. DAVIS, of Brazos County, 776; S.B. KILLOUGH, of Robertson County, 678; Robert LAERL, of Leon County, 767. For County Treasurer of Brazos County: J.B. McLELLAND, 736; W.H. BOWMAN, 298; Isaac FULKERSON, 274. No Republican ticket in the field. Galveston Daily News, 3 Aug. 1875, p. 1.

Pursuant to a call by the chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee of Brazos, a primary mass meeting of precinct No. 4 was held at the court-house in Bryan on the 11th. The following endorsements were made, to be ratified at the county convention on the 18th of this month: For Justice of the Peace, A.W. CEARNAL; Constable, W.A. BEALL; County Judge, J.A. BUCKHOLTZ; County Attorney, John N. HENDERSON; District Clerk, J.C. GILLESPIE; Clerk County Court, Hammett HARDY; Assessor of Taxes, W.H. HARMON; Sheriff, W.H. BOWMAN; School Commissioner, D. McINTOSH; Senator, deferred; District Judge Spencer FORD; Representative, H.S. NEWLAND ... Galveston Daily News, 14 Dec. 1875, p. 1.

The Bryan Appeal favors the nomination of a full party ticket by Brazos County. The Appeal favors the nomination of Col. FORD for district judge. Galveston Daily News, 16 Dec. 1875, p. 2.

Bryan ... The Democratic County Convention met at the Court-house on the 18th inst. ... After affecting an organization the convention proceeded to the nomination of the various county officers by ballot, with the following result: Assessor, W.H. HARMAN; Clerk of County Court, Hammett HARDY; Clerk of District Court, J.C. GILLESPIE; County Attorney, J.N. HENDERSON; County Judge, J.A. BUCKHOLTZ; Sheriff, Robert HUDSPETH. For representative of the lower branch of the legislature the following names were presented: G.H. LOVE, H.S. NEWLAND, J.P. AYRES, and A. McMORDIE. Capt. NEWLAND withdrew his name upon his own motion. Balloting continued to a late hour in the evening, finally resulting in the nomination of A. McMORDIE as a compromise man, but some dissatisfaction is expressed in public in regard to his nomination. For the Senate, Hon. J.D. THOMAS was recommended to the District Senatorial Convention by acclamation. For District Judge, Hon. Spencer FORD was recommended to the district convention as the unanimous choice of this county. The following gentlemen were elected as delegates to the district convention: A.C. BRIETZ, J.S. FOWLKS, L. ERWIN, J.G. ANDERSON, Dr. Deporte SMYTHE, T.J. KNOX, T.D. SANDERS, Charles DAVIS, T.J. BEALL, R.J. SMITH, S.M. HUNTER, G.H. LOVE, J.A. BUCKHOLTZ, Dr. A.R. CANFIELD, M.W. McCRAW, J.D. THOMAS. The following gentlemen were elected as delegates to the State Convention at Galveston: G.H. LOVE, J.T. CLASE, J.W. MORRIS, J.W. BECKHAM, W.L. ABBOTT, W.A. McMICHAEL, W.L. STEELE, M.W. McCRAW, T.J. BEALL, B.H. DAVIS, H. MITCHELL, J.N. HENDERSON, A.C. BRIETZ, Guy M. BRYAN, Jr., T.D. WILSON, R.J. SMITH, H. HARDY, J.W. GEORGE, R.M. SMITH, Dr. A.R. CANFIELD, J.F. LEE, Sr., J.P. AYRES, J.B. DALE, H.B. STODDARD, Dr. Deporte SMYTHE, J.D. THOMAS. Various resolutions were adopted, among which one recommending HON. B.H. DAVIS to the State convention for nomination to a seat on the Appellate bench ... W.B. FORMAN, the present sheriff, is also a candidate for re-election. Galveston Daily News, 21 Dec. 1875, p. 1.

Bryan has had a city election, and Dr. L. ERWIN was elected Mayor and A.L. CARR City Marshal. Galveston Daily News, 11 Jan. 1876, p. 2.

On the night of the 14th there will be a bonfire meeting in Bryan, when all of the candidates will be present, who, together with our best speakers, will address the people. Gov. COKE is expected to be present. Galveston Daily News, 13 Feb. 1876, p. 2.

Bryan ... This county polled 2500 votes. The counting will not be through with until to-morrow; it is progressing slowly on account of much scratching, independent Democrats being in the field. The election of the following is considered certain: T.J. McCULLOUGH, Senator; W.B. FOREMAN, Sheriff; H.S. NEWLAND, Representative; W. HARDY, County Clerk; J.N. HENDERSON, County Attorney; D.C. BARMORE, County Judge; S. FORD, District Judge. The county will go Democratic by three to four hundred majority, with the exception of Senator. FAULKNER will have a good majority. Galveston Daily News, 17 Feb. 1876, p. 1.

Bryan ... Returns from two precincts sum up as follows: COKE, 761; CHAMBERS, 769; HUBBARD, 823; MILNER, 547; BOONE, 760; BURNS, 516; DARDEN, 752; BRYANT, 614; DORN, 759; UMDENSTOCK, 517; GROOS, 761; KEUCHLER, 517. District Judge -- FORD, 1250; BROADDUS, 286. Senator -- FAULKNER, 800; RECTOR, 3; and McCULLOUGH, 415. Representative -- NEWLAND, 850; McMORDIE, 537. County Judge -- BUCKHOLT, 566; BARMORE, 734. Sheriff -- FORMAN, 834; HUDSPETH, 495. Clerk District Court -- GILLESPIE, 1350. County Clerk -- H. HARDY, 1343. County Attorney -- HENDERSON, 850. County Treasurer, J.B. McLELLAND, 1275. Assessor -- HARMAN, 706; HUDSON, 646. Surveyor -- THOMAS, 398; MITCHELL, 825. For the Constitution, 680; against, 650. Galveston Daily News, 18 Feb. 1876, p. 1.

Bryan ... The official vote of this county is as follows: For the constitution, 1132; against, 983; COKE, 1330 CHAMBERS, 973; HUBBARD, 1234; MILNER, 970; BOONE, 1331; BURNS, 957; DARDEN, 1333; BRYANT, 967; DORN, 1325; UMBDENSTOCK, 969; GROOS, 1290; KEUCHLER, 928; ROBERTS, 1324; MOORE, 1312; GOULD, 1307. Appellate Judges -- ECTOR, WINKLER and WHITE, 1307 each. Judge Ninth District -- FORD, 1745; BROADDUS, 573. Senators - - FAULKNER, rad., 1287; RECTOR, 4; McCULLOUGH, 959. Representative -- NEWLAND, Ind., 1280; McMORDIE, 982. County Judge -- BUCKHOLTZ, 978; BARMORE, Ind., 1215. Sheriff -- FORMAN, Ind., 1335; HUDSPETH, 903. County Attorney -- J.N. HENDERSON, 1244; no opposition. District Clerk GILLESPIE, County Clerk HARDY, and County Treasurer McLELLAND were all elected without opposition. County Surveyor -- MITCHELL, 1264; THOMAS, 631. County Assessor, W.H. HARMAN, 1137; HUDSON, Ind., 1113. All the Democratic precinct officers were elected, and the whole straight-out Democratic ticket was carried, with the exception of Senator, Sheriff, Representative and County Judge, Independents. Galveston Daily News, 22 Feb. 1876, p. 1.

Bryan ... Politics is the theme of every conversation, and the adherents of TILDEN and HENDRICKS are organizing for the fray, and you may rest assured that old Brazos County will do her duty nobly in the cause of Democracy and Reform. The few Rads among us seem to have given it up as a foregone conclusion that TILDEN and HENDRICKS will be

elected, and have either joined that party of Reform or are sitting idly by in supine and sullen indifference ... Galveston Daily News, 9 Aug. 1876, p. 2.

Millican ... The Democrats of Precinct No. 1 have formed a TILDEN and HENDRICKS club, with Mr. J.M. MORRIS as Secretary. Galveston Daily News, 15 Aug. 1876, p. 1.

Bryan ... The county convention to nominate delegates to the Congressional Convention, which takes place here on the 30th of August, met at the Court House today and elected forty-eight delegates. A resolution to support Capt. T.J. BEALL, in case he should be placed as a candidate before the Congressional Convention, was adopted, and it is thought that his name will be brought forward. There is no doubt but that he will get a strong support, as Capt. BEALL, of the firm of DAVIS, BEALL & TALIAFERRO, is well known all through this district. He is a man of fine sense and one of the most successful and best lawyers in this part of the state. At a meeting of the TILDEN and HENDRICKS club, a few days ago, a resolution was introduced by Capt. J.N. HENDERSON, censuring the Galveston News for its conduct towards Gov. COKE in vetoing the Sheriffs bill. The resolution was adopted, although many were opposed to it. There is talk of getting up a meeting in opposition and to indorse the News. Galveston Daily News, 20 Aug. 1876, p. 1.

Bryan ... It was not the TILDEN and HENDRICKS club that passed the censure on the News. It was done at a mass meeting held on the 18th inst., of which J.A. BUCKHOLTZ was chairman and Jno. B. DALE secretary. Galveston Daily News, 22 Aug. 1876, p. 1.

Bryan ... The convention will assemble in about an hour at the Academy of Music ... The situation is as follows: R.Q. MILLS is far ahead ... MILLS' opponent is BEALL, of Bryan, whose friends are grouped at his headquarters on Main Street ... The Convention was called to order ... Wm. CAVITT, of Brazos, was appointed temporary secretary, and Wm. R. KING, of Brazos, sergeant-at-arms ... As a committee of credentials the following gentlemen, one from each county, were appointed: Brazos, A.C. BRIETZ ... Galvetson Daily News, 31 Aug. 1876, p. 1.

Bryan ... The telegram to the News of the 30th ult., that Beall headed the opposition to Mills, etc., does that gentleman an injustice. Capt. Beall remarked in a speech to the Democratic club here two weeks before the convention met, that he was not a candidate. He was absent at Austin when the resolution passed the Brazos Convention recommending his name, and on the morning of the convention here, so far from having headquarters, etc., positively decline to receive a complimentary vote of his own delegation. H.B. Stoddard, Chairman Brazos Co. Delegation. Galveston Daily News, 3 Sept. 1876, p. 1.

Bryan ... A grand rally of the TILDEN and HENDRICKS Club took place here last night. Speeches were made by Gov. COKE and Lieut. Gov. HUBBARD to an immense audience. About two hundred ladies were present ... (article continues at length). Galveston Daily News, 8 Oct. 1876, p. 1.

Bryan ... A TILDEN and HENDRICKS flag was raised this evening. A grand rally of the TILDEN and HENDRICKS Club and the Democracy in general will take place around the pole Friday night. Judge J.D. THOMAS will be the orator for the occasion. Galveston Daily News, 29 Oct. 1876, p. 1.

Millican ... There were 515 votes polled here yesterday for President: TILDEN and HENDRICKS, 183; HAYES and WHEELER, 332. All votes polled for Congressman were for R.Q. MILLS -- no opposition. The election passed off quietly. Very little interest was manifested by the voters. Galveston Daily News, 9 Nov. 1876, p. 1.

Bryan ... The streets were crowded last evening. The enthusiasm of the Democrats is unabounded. The streets were lighted with bonfires. One hundred guns were fired in honor of TILDEN and HENDRICKS. The boys during the night decorated the postoffice in mourning. Galveston Daily News, 10 Nov. 1876, p. 1.

The Appeal and Post, in common with the majority of the press of the State, complains of too much court. It says the expenses of the courts of Brazos County are simply enormous. The makers of the new constitution made all these extra courts, and until the legislature amends the law, the courts will continue to grind, and the people continue to pay, and at the same time exercise their constitutional right to grumble. Brenham Daily Banner, 28 Nov. 1876, p. 2.

Bryan Appeal: At the election of city officers the following were duly elected, viz: For Mayor, J.M. ROBINSON, by a majority of 95 votes; for Marshal, A.B. CARR, by 197 votes. The old Board of Aldermen were re- elected, and are as follows: A.C.L. HILL, W.V. WALDROP, J.W. TABOR, Guy M. BRYAN, Jr., and M.D. COLE. Galveston Daily News, 11 Jan. 1877, p. 2.

Bryan is enforcing the street law. Citizens have to pay the tax or give ten days work on the streets. Galveston Daily News, 18 Jan. 1877, p. 2.

Bryan ... The work of inclosing the courthouse square has been completed. The fence is neat and substantial, and is being painted. The ground has been broken and leveled, and will soon be set in grass and trees. Galveston Daily News, 25 March 1877.

Mr. H.A. MOORE, who has been postmaster at Bryan for six years past, has been removed by Postmaster-General KEY, and Mr. A.D. McCONNICO has been appointed in his stead. MOORE is a Radical, and McCONNICO is a Democrat. We learn that the ground of complaint against the former was that he had left his office without leave of absence, and Mr. MOORE himself says that after TILDEN's election he concluded that his time was up, and he accordingly went to Galveston in quest of other employment. Galveston Daily News, 15 May 1877, p. 4.

H.A. MOORE, Radical postmaster at Bryan has been removed and A.D. McCONNICO, Democrat, appointed to his place. Brenham Daily Banner, 23 May 1877, p. 1.

A mass meeting of the citizens of Bryan is called for the purpose of considering the question of public free schools, the propriety of the city of Bryan assuming control of free school matters within the corporate limits, and to discuss the graded school system, with a view to its adoption. Galveston Daily News, 22 July 1877, p. 4.

The citizens of Bryan held a meeting on Saturday evening to consider the propriety of assuming control of the free school. Brenham Daily Banner, 22 July 1877, p. 1.

The question of this city [Bryan] taking charge of the public free school fund to be apportioned to this school community, under authority of a general act of the last Legislature, and otherwise managing and controlling the educational affairs vested within its corporate limits, was put to a test of a vote of the property tax payers at an election held for that purpose on Friday 31st ult.; and the result was a majority in favor of the measure of 118, the vote standing 118 for and 1 against it. Although the election which has just occurred was, upon its face, simply to determine whether the city should take control of the public free schools within its limits, yet it has a much greater significance, for it is understood by all that it was only preliminary to another election, soon to be held, for the purpose of authorizing the City Council to levy a property tax, not to exceed one quarter of one per cent, for the establishment and further support of a first class school, to be organized under the graded system – a system which almost universally obtains throughout the Western States and through which alone the assistance of the Peabody Trustees can be obtained, and there is but little doubt that at this second election a unanimous vote will be cast for levying the tax. With the taxation of one-fourth of one per cent on the taxable property within Bryan, together with the State appropriation and the Peabody Fund, the citizens of this place will have an annual reserve of \$5150 for the support of schools, and this will be as much as she will ever need, perhaps, after the erection of suitable buildings. Galveston Daily News, 7 Sept. 1877, p. 4.

Bryan is to vote upon the question of levying an ad valorem tax of one-half of one percent to maintain a system of public free schools. (Austin) Daily Democratic Statesman, 16 Oct. 1877, p. 3.

Hand organs are not allowed on the streets of Bryan, Texas. The Daily Picayune (New Orleans), 3 January 1878, page 4

Bryan ... In the county court this evening, several of the attorneys were considerably out of order. Capt. AYERS charged the firm of HENDERSON & HENDERSON with unprofessional conduct in regard to some papers in a case then before the court, which was resented, and resulted in quite an exciting combat with chairs, about a dozen being used before it could be quieted, wherein AYERS & PHILLIPS and HENDERSON & HENDERSON did their best to demolish each other. Capt. AYERS received a blow across the head -- not very serious. No other damage, except that each of the parties was fined \$ 10. Galveston Daily News, 27 Jan. 1878, p. 1.

Bryan ... As some misapprehension may have arisen from a special sent the News of the 27th inst., it is due to Messrs. HENDERSON & HENDERSON to state that Capt. AYERS has withdrawn the accusation of unprofessional conduct against them and has apologized. The accusation was made under a total misunderstanding of facts of the part of Capt. AYERS. The friends of the parties will be gratified to learn that the matter has been thus honorably and amicably settled. Galveston Daily News, 31 Jan. 1878, p. 1.

Brazos Pilot: The financial statement of Brazos County shows a surplus of \$ 8,430.31 over the indebtedness ... The courthouse is an ornament to the county, and reflects much credit on the commissioners and the county judge, under whose direction late improvements have been made ... Brenham Daily Banner, 14 Feb. 1878, p. 1.

The County Commissioners of Brazos County have purchased a farm of something over one hundred acres, lying a few miles north of Bryan, for the purpose of establishing a county or poor farm, as a home for paupers and indigent persons. This is a highly commendable and progressive step. Brenham Daily Banner, 9 March 1878, p. 1.

The authorities of Bryan have purchased the old county jail of Brazos County, and will use it for a mayors office, court-house, clerk's office, council meetings, etc. Denison Daily Herald, 18 March 1878, p.3, col.1

Bryan ... W.M. WHEAT, deputy sheriff and jailer of this county, who died at San Antonio on the 22d inst. of consumption, was buried here to-day. The ball given by the Bryan Rifles on the night of the 22d inst. was a grand success. Music was furnished by the splendid brass band from Calvert. Three companies of our fire boys returned yesterday from the annual parade at Houston delighted with the magnolia city and their free ride. Galveston Daily News, 25 Apr. 1878.

Bryan ... Discussing local politics seems to be the order of the day here now ... There is a strong feeling here among all classes that Bryan should have a representative on the state ticket and furnish the next congressman from the district, and Major DAVIS, Judge THOMAS and Capt. BEALL are spoken of in that connection. Galveston Daily News, 28 April 1878.

Bryan ... In the county court a party was convicted for failing to work on the streets, in violation of an ordinance of the city of Bryan. The case was appealed from the Mayor's court. Galveston Daily News, 8 May 1878.

Bryan ... A call for a county convention to select delegates to the state convention will be published in the Pilot to-morrow. The numerous candidates out for the different county offices have no desire to submit their chances to a nominating convention, the prevailing opinion being that a nominee can be defeated by an independent. Galveston Daily News, 10 May 1878.

Bryan, May 18 – Jim Russell, a colored drayman of this place, made a speech today in the courthouse to about thirty of his brethren, announcing himself as a candidate for representative, and advised his people to vote for men of their own party or color when any were in the field. His announcement was well received by some, but the more intelligent openly said he was not qualified for the position. There are several candidates out, and there is some uneasiness lest Jim may run in between; while a good many others express the opinion that some Democrat put him up to announce himself in order to force a nominating convention. Galveston Daily News, 19 May 1878

Bryan ... The Democratic precinct meeting elected twenty delegates to the county convention. No instructions ... Our candidate for attorney general, John N. HENDERSON, Esq., delivered an entertaining lecture on the Supreme court rules, before members of the bar, the other night. Galveston Daily News, 22 May 1878.

A strong opposition to the Convention system in Brazos County together with the fact that there are many candidates for the Legislature, encourages Jim RUSSELL, a Negro drayman, to announce himself a candidate for that responsible position. Of course, if there is no convention -- if there is no unity of action among the white people -- Jim will be elected. Navasota Tablet, 31 May 1878, p. 2.

Bryan ... The proceedings of the convention were stormy and exciting ... The convention was called to order by H.B. STODDARD ... the election of J.P. AYERS as chairman pro tem ... Delegates to the state convention ... N. FARQUHAR, S.B. BUCHANAN, Durant DANSBY, Dan. M. DANSBY, P.D. PAGE, J.P. SAYERS, L.D. COLLINS, H.K. DOWSER, James LAWRENCE, J.M. ZIMMERMAN, L.F. REYNOLDS, W.L. ABBOTT, E.F. JONES, H. MITCHELL, G.H. LOVE, J. THOMAS, A.K. CANFIELD, J.R. STEWART, J.M. LAWLESS, Robt. HUDSPETH, Peter KIEFER. The delegates to the congressional convention ... are: W.A. FLETCHER, Flourney COLE, JOHN YOUREE, C.C. SEALE, Pinckney FORD, T.J. BEALL, W.L. ABBOTT, R. McDONAL, J.M. ZIMMERMAN, L.D. COLLINS, J.P. AYERS, J.T. THOMAS, H.B. STODDARD, Wm. McMICHAEL ... Galveston Daily News, June 18, 1878.

Millican ... The colored people of our town, assisted by the whites, had a large and well conducted barbecue to-day, which, of course, caused office-seekers to come out in full force, regardless of race or creed. About five hundred people were in attendance. Several candidates for county offices were down from Bryan gathering votes. Circulars have been distributed in this end of the county giving reasons why the county convention was dissolved, and calling for another convention to be held on the 25th. Galveston Daily News, 20 June 1878.

Bryan ... H.B. STODDARD, Esq., as chairman of the county Democratic executive committee, has issued his call for another convention to be held on the 25th. Galveston Daily News, 21 June 1878.

The chairman of the Democratic executive committee of Brazos County has issued his call for another convention to be held at Bryan on the 25th. Brenham Weekly Banner, 23 June 1878, p. 1.

The Burst-Up in Brazos ... Mr. J.P. AYRES, a lawyer and a farmer, a gentleman ... came to the News reporter to-day ... and introducing himself, remarked: "I was president of the recent Democratic county convention here, and learning you were in town, I thought I ought to come to you and give my version, and a truthful version, of the split in the convention ... The convention met according to the call made by the chairman of the County Executive Committee, Mr. STODDARD ... Capt. STODDARD approached the chair and announced that he held a proxy from Isaac FULKERSON ... The only arguments made against the adoption of the committee report were based upon the fact that Col. P.D. PAGE was a leader of the LANG wing in the convention. Col. PAGE held the proxy of Capt. G.H. LOVE ... When STODDARD declared the convention dissolved, Dr. D. Port SMYTH, surgeon of the A. and M. College, and M.W. McCRAW came inside the inclosure among the delegates, and cursed and swore and raged at a desperate rate ... Galveston Daily News, 26 June 1878, p. 2.

Bryan .. the anti-LANG county convention met to-day with a full delegation from four out of six precincts ... R.J. SMITH was permanent chairman and Wm. G. TALLIAFERRO secretary ... Galveston Daily News, 26 June 1878.

Announcements ... For sheriff, W.H. BOWMAN, W.B. FORMAN, W.E. FLETCHER; for county clerk, Morgan PRICE, Hammett HARDY, B.F. LEMON; for county attorney, Wm. R. CAVITT, A.C. BRIETZ; for county treasurer, Jas. B. McLELLAND, R.A. BRANTLEY; for county judge, D.C. BARMORE; for county assessor, W.H. HARMAN; for district clerk, Judge J.R. EVANS, Col. John C. GILLESPIE; for justice of the peace, Capt. Thomas JOHNSON, Dr. L. ERWIN, A.W. CEARNAL, L.D. STOCKTON; for constable, J.M. McLEROY, J.W. WATSON, John H. SHEFFIELD. Brazos Pilot, 28 June 1878.

In pursuance of a call made by the Chairman of the County Executive Committee, a convention of the Democracy of Brazos County was held at the courthouse in Bryan, on Tuesday, June 25th, 1878 ... On motion, Mr. L.B. ALDRIDGE, of Millican, was elected temporary chairman, and Mr. S.R. HENDERSON, temporary secretary. A motion was made and carried that the chair appoint a committee of seven on permanent organization, credentials and basis of representation. The following gentlemen composed the committee: T.J. BEALL, W.J. MOORE, R.J. SMITH, R.S. WILSON, J.A. BEARD, S.S. MONROE, S.A. STEELE ... precinct no. 1 ... the following delegates are entitled to seats in the convention: F.M. STEELE, B.M. CURD, N.W. RECTOR, S. WOODALL, S.A. STEELE, J.W. NICHOLSON, R.M. McCOY, W.J. WHALEY, J.P. HOWARD, and W.C. STARKEY. Precinct no. 2 ... W.J. MOORE, W. BANKS, J.H. McGREGOR, M.B. HAIRSTON, O.H.P. MINTON, T. ROWAN, G.W. CROCKETT. Precinct no. 4 ... Chas. DAVIS, S.R. HENDERSON, I. FULKERSON, R.J. SMITH, J.G. ANDERSON, W.G. TALLIAFERRO, T.J. BEALL, Dr. D. Port SMYTHE, E.L. WARD, B.H. DAVIS, H.B. STODDARD, W.M. JAMES, H.C. LYON, J.W. HUNTER, D. MIKE, A. OSWALD, S.M.

DERDEN, J.W. BOYLE, T.P. BOYETTE, S.C. ECHOLS, R.W. CARR, W.R. KING, M.W. McCRAW, Guy M. BRYAN, Jr., M. BONNEVILLE, R.K. CHATHAM, J.A. BUCKHOLTS, B.H. GARDNER, P.S. FORD, J.S. FOWLKES, L.W. CLARK, Hammett HARDY ... Precinct No. 5 ... R.L. SMITH, R.S. WILSON, J.A. BEARD, J.C. BLOOM, David CAMPBELL ... Delegates to the State and Congressional conventions ... B.H. DAVIS, H.C. LYONS, T.J. BEALL, R.S. WILSON, A.C. BRIETZ, W.R. CAVITT, J.A. BUCKHOLTS, W.M. JAMES, H.B. STODDARD, K. WOMBLE, Dr. J.W. HUNTER, S.R. HENDERSON, John N. HENDERSON, L.D. ALDRIDGE, J.J. ADAMS, R.J. SMITH, R.M. SMITH, Guy M. BRYAN, Jr., C. DAVIS, M.W. McCRAW, M.W. SIMS, W.R. KING, J.D. THOMAS, J.S. FOWLKES, D. MIKE, M. BONNEVILLE, Mason COLE, S.M. DERDEN, D.T. WILLIAMSON, I. FULKERSON, D. Porte SMYTHE, M.D. DILLESBROW, T.D. WILSON, W.J. MOORE, S.S. MONROE, N.W. RECTOR, W.W. BERRY, John R. YOUREE, W.B. LIPSCOMB, H. McDONALD, J.T. LAWLESS, Monroe BOND, J.T. HAND, R.K. CHATHAM, J.G. ANDERSON, T.S. GATHRIGHT, F.M. STEELE, T.P. BOYETTE, E.L. WARD, John CHATHAM, T.J. KNOX ... For the Congressional Convention: B.H. DAVIS, J.A. BUCKHOLTS, D. Port SMYTHE, J.D. THOMAS, J.N. HENDERSON, T.J. BEALL, R.K. CHATHAM, H.B. STODDARD, L.B. ALDRIDGE, M.W. McCRAW, J.J. ADAMS, J.S. FOWLKES, W.R. KING, E.L. WARD, J.G. ANDERSON ... Brazos Pilot, 28 June 1878.

A meeting of the delegates to Austin for the county convention, held on the 17th of June, will be had in Bryan on the 6th, to arrange doubtless for the fight in the state convention. A committee of the same have formulated an address to the Democracy of the state, which will be published in the Pilot of this week. The feeling of some of the parties who took part in the two conventions are anything but pleasant, and fears are entertained that the end is not yet. Galveston Daily News, 4 July 1878.

Bryan ... The undersigned were present on the floor of the convention in this place on the 17th ultimo. We witnessed the conduct of, and heard the noise made by, Dr. D. Port SMYTHE and others on that occasion. We have read the statement of Capt. J.P. AYRES, published in the News of the 26th ultimo, and also the card of Dr. SMYTHE in that connection. The statement of Capt. AYRES is true so far as it goes, in reference to Dr. SMYTHE's performance, but falls short of giving like a full statement of what were his excesses ... R. HUDSPETH, J.C. LAWRENCE, F.L. HARRIS, S. B. BUCHANAN, P.D. PAGE, Wm. E. FLETCHER, W.P. BOYLES, J.N. FARQUHAR, S.F. HARLAN, A.R. CANFIELD, J.M. ZIMMERMAN, Jno. McCORQUODALE, D.M. DANSBY, J.G. MORRIS, R.M. HENRY, L.D. COLLINS, substantially; MOSES GRAHAM, substantially ... Galveston Daily News, 12 July 1878.

The Brazos Pilot gives an extended account of a Negro political meeting in Bryan. It says Jim RUSSELL a Negro drayman announced that he was a candidate for "representer" to the Legislature, and discussed at great length and with much "superocuity of loguocity" his claims for the position. Brenham Weekly Banner, 12 July 1878, p. 1.

Delegation appointed by the convention June 17 -- N. FARQUHAR, S.B. BUCHANAN, Durant DANSBY, Dan M. DANSBY, P.D. PAGE, J.P. AYERS, L.D. COLLINS, H.K. DOWSER, James LAWRENCE, J.M. ZIMMERMAN, L.F. REYNOLDS, W.L. ABBOTT, F. JONES, H. MITCHELL, G.H. LOVE, J. THOMAS, A.K. CANFIELD, J.R. STEWART, J.M. LAWLESS, Robt. HUDSPETH, Peter KEIFER. Contesting delegation appointed by a convention held June 25 -- B.H. DAVIS, H.C. LYONS, T.J. BEALL, R.S. WILSON, A.C. BRIETZ, W.R. CAVITT, J.A. BUCKHOLTZ, W.M. JAMES, H.B. STODDARD, K. WOMBLE, Dr. J.W. HUNTER, S.R. HENDERSON, John HENDERSON, L.D. ALDRIDGE, J.J. ADAMS, R.J. SMITH, R.M. SMITH, Guy M. BRYAN, Jr., C. DAVIS, M.W. McCRAW, M.W. SIMS, W.R. KING, J.D. THOMAS, J.S. FOWLKES, D. MIKE, M. BONNEVILLE, Mason COLE, S.M. DERDEN, D.T. WILLIAMSON, I. FULKERSON, D. Port SMYTHE, M.D. DILLESBROW, T.D. WILSON, W.J. MOORE, S. MONROE, N.W. RECTOR, W.W. BERRY, John R. YOURSE, W.B. LIPSCOMB, R. McDONALD, J.T. LAWLESS, Monroe BOND, J.T. HAND, R.K. CHATHAM, J.G. ANDERSON, T.S. GATHRIGHT, F.M. STEELE, T.P. BOYETTE, E.L. WARD, John CHATHAM, T.J. KNOX. Galveston Daily News, 16 July 1878

Brazos County has three candidates each for the office of sheriff, county clerk and treasurer; two each for county attorney and district clerk, and only one each for county judge and assessor. That is all who have announced so far. Unannounced candidates are not counted, as they do not amount to anything. Brenham Weekly Banner, 26 July 1878, p. 2.

The Democratic convention, to nominate a candidate for Congress in the Fourth district, is to be held August 15, at Bryan. Austin Democratic Statesman, 31 July 1878, p. 3.

MILLS walked over the track at the Bryan convention without even an entry against him. Austin Democratic Statesman, 1 Aug. 1878, p. 3.

Bryan has revoked her quarantine ordinance and Columbus has passed one. Brenham Weekly Banner, 2 Aug. 1878, p. 2.

To-day Bryan will undergo the torture of a Congressional convention. San Antonio Express. Bryan was tortured just twenty-seven minutes and everybody went home happy; and, that's more than can be said of the San Antonio or Brenham convention. Brenham Daily Banner, 18 Aug. 1878, p. 1.

Col. MILLS will speak at Bryan on the 14th ... Waco Daily Express, 20 Aug. 1878, p. 2.

The Columbus bar endorses B.H. DAVIS, of Bryan, for chief justice. Brenham Daily Banner, 22 Aug. 1878, p. 2.

The bar of Washington County -- the legal one -- have unanimously endorsed Hon. H.B. DAVIS, of Bryan, for ROBERTS' vacant situation. The Milam County legal lights are also for DAVIS. Waco Daily Examiner, 22 Aug. 1878, p. 2.

Hon. R.Q. MILLS made a two hours speech to a large and intelligent audience at Bryan. He said that to get absolute money it had to be dug out of the ground. He stood fairly and squarely upon the Austin platform. He blames the Republicans partly, which has been forcing resumption, for the existing stringency in financial matters. Brenham Daily Banner, 27 Aug. 1878, p. 1.

Williamson County's bar will recommend B.H. DAVIS, of Bryan, for the supreme judgeship. The Waco bar does the same thing. Brenham Daily Banner, 27 Aug. 1878, p. 1.

Bryan...influential Negroes from different parts of the county met today... and nominated ... Elias Mayes, a negro preacher, for representative... Galveston Daily News, 20 October 1878, p.1, col.3

Elias MAYES, a colored man, and preacher, has been nominated for representative at Bryan, by a large convention of Negroes. Waco Daily Examiner, 22 Oct. 1878, p. 2.

Brazos County ... Giving MAYES, colored, 3 votes out of the box not counted...& the other 52 to CANFIELD ... the vote for representative will stand: CANFIELD 918, MAYES 926, NEWLAND 370. In this count are...35 votes for MAYES which were returned by the judges for the Lawless box as follows: E. MAYES 24, & Elias MAYES 11; and if it is so put down on the final summing up... CANFIELD will run in with 3 votes... Galveston Daily News, 7 November 1878, p.1, col.2

MUGES [Elias MAYES], (colored), was elected representative over Dr. CANFIELD in Brazos County. Waco Daily Examiner, 10 Nov. 1878, p. 2.

The *Pilot* expresses its mortification and indignation of the result of the election for a member of the legislature from Brazos County. Five white men and a Negro were candidates, and so closely was the vote divided that the latter received a plurality of six votes. The *Pilot* says:

This dreadful result was brought about by the presence of two white candidates in the field, both of whom were positively objectionable to a large number of white voters and absolutely obnoxious to a very respectable number.

Galveston Daily News, 12 Nov. 1878, p.3, col.1

The *Bryan* (Brazos Co.) *Pilot* of November 15th thus deplores the result of the election in that county:

An apology is due from Brazos County to her sister counties and to the state at large for the election of an ignorant and illiterate Negro to the legislature, and yet we confess we are at a loss what to say or how to say it. We can not lay it to the predominance of the colored element, for the whites have a majority of about 400. We can not say that it was accidental

or unexpected, for numbers of our best citizens feared and anticipated the result, and warned the candidates and their friends against it. On Saturday before the election, at the instance of Capt. Newland, and again on Monday an abortive attempt was made to settle the rival claims of Capt. Newland and Dr. Canfield, or to withdraw them both and place a new man on the track. No compromise could be effected, and both remained in the field with the fatal result already announced; and it stands out before us a sickening consequence of our dissensions and divisions - a sad and disgraceful burlesque on free suffrage and representative government. After all, perhaps the best apology we can offer is to say our people are deeply humiliated over the result, and are not likely again to incur the hazard or submit to the infliction.

Galveston Daily News, 17 November 1878, p.3, col.1

Bryan ... The municipal elections passed off quietly and with but little excitement. The regular nominees of the democratic city convention were A.C.L. HILL for mayor, All CARR for marshal, M.D. COLE, Guy M. BRYAN, H.B. STODDARD, Ike FULKERSON and J.L. GARTH for aldermen. The independent candidates are J.M. ROBINSON for mayor, H.P. STACEY for marshal, J.P. AYRES, F. WETTER, WINKERT [MINKERT ?] and McKEY for aldermen. Both candidates for mayor and marshal had independent tickets, with the names of all candidates except their opponents on them. The vote as far as counted up to this time (8:30 o'clock) is: For mayor, ROBINSON, 141; HILL, 135. For marshal, CARR 216; STACEY, 61. The result of the mayor's election seems to be very doubtful. Sometimes ROBINSON is ahead and sometimes HILL. A little over one-half the vote is counted. Galveston Daily News, 7 Jan. 1879, p. 1.

The city elections at Bryan on Monday resulted in the election of ROBINSON, independent candidate for mayor and two aldermen and the democrats the marshal and three aldermen. Good men were elected. Brenham Banner, 9 Jan. 1879, p. 2.

Bryan ... Mr. T.T. McCASLAND, city sexton, makes the following report of deaths within the corporate limits of the city for the years given. For 1876, 29; for 1877, 18; for 1878, 27. Total 74. This report only covers the deaths of whites. The sexton says the death rate of the colored population has been about one sixth greater, or about 86 deaths for three years. Galveston Daily News, 12 Jan. 1879, p. 3.

Bryan ... The new board of aldermen held their first session this evening and seem to have caught the spirit of retrenchment. They have reduced their own salaries \$24 each per year, marshal's \$ 60 per year, policemen \$180 per year, and city clerks \$ 100 per year. Many tax-paying citizens think that while they are about their work of retrenchment they should abolish the city clerk's office and require the mayor to discharge its duties, as do justices of the peace, thereby saving an expense of \$ 300 per annum. A.H. HORBERS was elected city clerk, C.S. KAUFFER sexton, and J.C. SMITH city attorney. The Sunday law was modified so as to permit business houses to keep open till 9 o'clock on Sunday morning. It is strange that no action whatever was taken on the street ordinance, as a majority of the aldermen are pledged to repeal it. Galveston Daily News, 18 Jan. 1879, p. 1.

The bar of Bryan is opposed to having Burlson County taken from the ninth judicial district. They do not wish any change made. Brenham Banner, 8 March 1879, p. 1.

Brazos County has just received from the comptroller a rebate of \$3588.34 on the bonus of \$22,000 paid by the county for the location of the A. and M. College; elephant some call it. Brenham Banner, 14 March 1879, p.1.

The poll-tax joint resolution...The undersigned gives this as his reason for voting yes on the resolution that thereby the question as to whether they will favor the amendment or not, will be submitted to the people. It is thought they ought to have an opportunity of making a choice, and I ask that these reasons may appear on the journals. Elias MAYS. (Carthage) Panola Watchman, 2 April 1879, p.2, col.3

Bryan...The Negroes held a mass meeting... and elected Elias MAYS, colored...a delegate to the colored emigration convention at Memphis, Tenn. Galveston Daily News, 29 Apr. 1879, p.1

At a special meeting of the town council of the town of Millican, held the 20th May, 1879, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted ... Be it resolved by the town council of the town of Millican that we tender W.W. PEYTON our thanks ... Resolved, that the mayor present deputy sheriff PEYTON a copy of the foregoing ... (signed) J.L. MAYO, mayor; aldermen W.A. McMICHAEL, John D. McLEOD, John E. MILLS, Galveston Daily News, 23 May 1879, p. 3.

Bryan - Hal Gieger, representative from Robertson [County], and representative May, of Brazos, both colored somewhat, had a tilt yesterday. The darkies considered Gieger the faithful steward. He states that Gen. Hamman is a candidate for governor, and advises the Negroes to vote for him in 1880, in case they do not go to Kansas. Galveston Daily News, 27 July 1879, p.1, col.3

Bryan ... The new city market is about finished. Galveston Daily News, 7 October 1879, page 1

Bryan...This morning, about 2 o'clock, the city calaboose, with the mayor's office above, was found to be in flames, and, despite the efforts of the firemen, the building, with the saloon of Joe Hearne adjoining, were entirely destroyed. The fire is supposed to have resulted from an attempt to burn his way out, made by a colored man confined in the jail. It was discovered too late to rescue him, and he was burned to ashes. He was held under a telegram describing him as a horse-thief. He told the officers he was from Grimes County, and claimed different names. The city lost everything. Hearne's stock was almost all saved. Galveston Daily News, 15 Oct. 1879, p.1, col.4.

At 2 o'clock on the morning of the 14th inst. the calaboose with mayor's office above, at Bryan, was burned. A Negro prisoner, supposed to be a horse thief, was burned to ashes. It is thought he tried to burn his way out; the fire was discovered too late to rescue him. Joe Hearn's saloon adjoining the calaboose was entirely destroyed. Brenham Daily Banner, 16 Oct. 1879, p.1, col.1

The Bryan rifles give their grand annual ball to-morrow night, which promises to be an interesting social episode. Galveston Daily News, 1 Jan. 1880, p. 8.

Bryan ... The election for state senator went by default here. The polls were not opened in this and other precincts of the county. Galveston Daily News, 18 Feb. 1880, p. 1.

The Brazos Pilot reviews Governor ROBERTS' pay-as-you-go policy and fails to discover wherein the record sustains the claim. The Pilot does not favor ROBERTS for re- election. Brenham Banner, 26 March 1880, p. 2.

Bryan ... a democratic mass meeting was held at the court-house this afternoon, pursuant to a published call of the chairman of the county executive committee, D. Porte SMYTHE. R.J. SMITH was made chairman and J.B. THOMAS secretary ... The following delegates to the Galveston Convention were appointed: Precinct 1 -- W.L. ABBOTT, W.A. McMICHAEL, F.M. STEELE, Dr. GARDNER. Precinct 2 -- A.R. CANFIELD, John FARQUHAR, T.J. COLE, K. WAMBLE. Precinct 3 -- J.M. ZIMMERMAN, D.D. DAWSON, H. CRENSHAW. Precinct 4 -- J.A. BUCKHOLTS, John H. HENDERSON, J.P. AYRES, J.S. FOWLKES, R.K. CHATHAM, R.J. SMITH, B.H. DAVIS, S.R. HENDERSON, R.M. SMITH, J.H. BUCHANAN. Precinct 5 -- C.C. SEALE, J.W. SPARKS, R.W. LAVETT, J.G. MORRIS. Precinct 6 -- R. McCLELLAND, Mills PAINE, J. GEORGE. Dr. A.R. CANFIELD was unanimously elected chairman of the county democratic executive committee. Galveston Daily News, 4 April 1880, p. 1.

The city authorities are tearing down the old engine- house and will rebuild with accomodations for the firemen below and the mayor's office, etc., above. Galveston Daily News, 14 Apr. 1880, p. 1.

The Brazos Pilot is opposed to the re-election of MILLS to Congress. It is in favor of a change and would not object to Charles STEWART of Houston, for MILLS place. Brenham Banner, 22 Apr. 1880, p. 2.

San Antonio ... The state firemen's convention met ... delegates ... Bryan -- C.L. KAUFER, T.P. BOYETT, Thos. ERWIN, P.S. TURNER Galveston Daily News, 10 June 1880, p. 1.

Bryan ... The resignation of W.B. FORMAN as sheriff of Brazos County, was today accepted by the commissioners court, and D.D. DAWSON, Esq., was appointed to fill the unexpired term ... The prisoners made an attempt to saw out of jail yesterday, but were discouraged by jailer HELWIG and a break prevented. Galveston Daily News, 29 June 1880, p. 1.

The Brazos Pilot says "we oppose MILLS for the nomination because we think the democrats can do better. We regard him as a man of ordinary ability, with decided demagogical tendencies." Brenham Banner, 22 July 1880, p. 2.

A greenback club was organized at the courthouse in Bryan last Saturday night. A number of freedmen and few white men – about forty in all, joined. Brenham Banner, 22 July 1880, p. 2.

In Brazos County the white vote is divided and split up, leaving the county virtually in the hands of Africa. In the county election the contest is for the African vote. Brenham Banner, 27 July 1880, p. 2.

The Brazos Pilot is eminently correct in saying that the greenback party is unnecessary. Brenham Banner, 2 Oct. 1880, p. 1.

Bryan ... Good order prevailed at the polls. Several kinds of tickets were used. For this reason nothing definite can be said as to the result. Houston Post, 3 Nov. 1880, p. 1.

Bryan ... The democratic ticket is elected by from 100 to 300 majority. Houston Post, 5 Nov. 1880, p. 1.

Bryan ... The official count shows: For Governor -- ROBERTS, 1129; DAVIS, 886; HAMMAN, 395. Congress, Fourth District -- MILLS 1320; BRADY, 963. District Judge -- COLLARD, 1440; McNUTT, 857. District Attorney -- JAMES, 1444; SMITH, 954. Senate, Fifteenth District -- HENDERSON, 1217; DODSON, 709; KELLEY, colored, 417. Representative -- AYERS, 1245; ZIMMERMAN, 1014; PAGLY, colored, 29; JONES, colored, 417. The county officers have about all qualified. Galveston Daily News, 17 Nov. 1880, p. 1.

Bryan ... Dr. J.B. McLELLAND, one of our best citizens, died yesterday evening and was buried to-day. He was re-elected county treasurer at the late election. Galveston Daily News, 14 Dec. 1880, p. 1.

Bryan, Dec. 13 – Dr. J.B. McLELLAN, county treasurer, died last night. An immigration boom has set in. Society organized. Proposed stock twenty five dollars. W.E. TABOR, dry goods and groceries, lately made an assignment. Wharves still crowded with cotton. A talk is heard of a wagon line from here to Hearne, by the International. Houston Post, 14 December 1880, p.1, col.3

Eleven candidates have announced for the office of county collector of Brazos County since the death of the treasurer elect. Brenham Banner, 16 Dec. 1880, p. 1.

Bryan ... Our Commissioners Court, to-day, elected Capt. Isaac FULKERSON, county treasurer, in place of Dr. McLELLAND, who died recently. A better man for the place could not have been found, and the appointment gives general satisfaction. Galveston Daily News, 21 Dec. 1880, p. 1.

The Bryan *Pilot* wants the fire cracker ordinance strictly enforced. No fire crackers are allowed to be exploded within a given distance of the cotton platform. Brenham Banner, 22 Dec. 1880, p. 1.

Bryan ... Our city election, yesterday, resulted in the re-election of J.M. ROBINSON, mayor, and A.B. CARR, marshal. A competent Board of Aldermen were chosen ... Capt. John N. HENDERSON, senator-elect, and Capt. AYRES, representative, are arranging to leave for Austin. Galveston Daily News, 5 Jan. 1881, p. 1.

Bryan ... The city election passed off quietly. J.M. ROBINSON was re-elected mayor and A.B. CARR re-elected marshal. Houston Post, 5 Jan. 1881, p. 1.

Bryan ... The Rifles, our military company, sent delegates to the Austin Military Convention. Galveston Daily News, 17 Feb. 1881, p. 1.

The Convention of the Texas Volunteer guards met at Austin ... and appointed the following committees: On credentials ... Lieutenant W.B. PAGE, Bryan Rifles; ... On Permanent Organization ... Capt. J.G. ANDERSON, Bryan Rifles ... Austin Daily Statesman, 17 Feb. 1881, p. 4.

Bryan ... The fire department has arranged to purchase a steam engine. Galveston Daily News, 4 Mar. 1881, p. 1.

Bryan ... The Grand Jury consists of R.K. CHATHAM, foreman; Dave CAMPBELL, Charles PETERS, Milton PARKER, D.S. LLOYD, J.W. GORGE, W.B. LIPSCOMB, Thoams ROWAN, W.M. PIERCE, G.H. CUNNINGHAM, R.M. HENRY and E.T. JONES. Galveston Daily News, 8 Mar. 1881, p. 1.

The Grand Jury adjourned, after returning seventy-five bills, twenty of them being for felonies. Galveston Daily News, 18 Mar. 1881, p. 1.

Bryan ... the fire dept. has bought an excellent steam engine. Galveston Daily News, 15 Apr. 1881, p. 1.

The Brazos Pilot complains that the commissioners have overtaxed the people. Brenham Banner, 14 July 1881, p. 2.

The commissioners court of Brazos County have decided to sell the land upon which the poor farm is located, it having a valuable medicinal well. Brenham Banner, 17 Aug. 1881, p. 2.

Mayor of Bryan, J.N. ROBERTSON; councilmen, J.N. COLE, T.J. McQUEEN, J.L. GARTH, W.W. HANWAY, F.E. HOOPER; marshal, A.B. CARR; attorney, R.J. SMITH; clerk and treasurer, A.H. HARBERS. Weekly Brazos Pilot, 7 Oct. 1881, as quoted in Bryan Weekly Eagle, 6 Feb. 1930, p. 3.

The Bryan Pilot nominates Hon. John H. REAGAN for governor, and says ... [article continues at length] Galveston Daily News, 17 Jan. 1882, p. 2.

The time given by the small-pox ordinance passed some time since by the City Council expired to-day. Every citizen subject to the contagion who has not been vaccinated, is liable to be fined \$ 25. Galveston Daily News, 18 Jan. 1882, p. 1.

Bryan Pilot: A few days ago we were shown the card of "CLAPP & McCRAW, barkers, Fargo, Dakota Territory." We understand that CLAPP, whose front name appears to be Isaac, is no other personage than W.B. FORMAN, late of Bryan and for ten years sheriff of Brazos County. The report was currently circulated soon after his sudden departure from Bryan that his name was not FORMAN, or that FORMAN was not his name when he left "York State." Galveston Daily News, 22 Jan. 1882, p. 3.

Bryan – Local option was defeated in the election on Saturday by 127 votes, the total vote being 640. The criminal docket was called this morning, and cases set as follows: State vs. Joe H. JOHNSON, charged with robbery, for the 25d; Henry GRIFFIN, theft of oxen, for the 25d; Henry SMITH, theft, for 21st; Fannie PETERSON, murder, for 20th; Jordan BONNER, theft of cattle, for 30th; Eli THOMPSON, two cases of theft, for 27th; U.P. DARNELL, embezzlement, for 23d; J. Walter THOMAS, assisting to commit rape, for 24th; William SMITH, assisting to murder, for 27th; Sanford BROOKS, theft of mule, for 29th; J.G. RANDLE, postponed until the 22d; Joseph MYERS, for 24th; Berry BRADLEY, theft of cattle, for 24th; Aron MEYERS, theft, for 24th; James BEASTON, theft of cattle, for 24th; T.J. PEARSON, assisting to murder, for 27th; Charles GLADEN, unlawfully branding, for 21st. The court rendered a decision in the case of the heirs of Thomas D. WILSON vs. Isaac FULKERSON, executor, this morning. As before stated in The News, in this suit, the children of Colonel WILSON by his first wife claim through their mother, whose share in the community estate would come to them under the law. Minor children of Colonel WILSON by his second wife made themselves parties, and under an agreement were permitted to share equally with the older children. The judgment gives each heir \$8600, except Mrs. Ruth DAVIS, who gets \$9500. She made herself a party to the suit originally brought by the older heirs, and as she never made any agreement to share her interest with the younger children, her judgment is larger than that of others. Galveston Daily News, 21 March 1882, p.1, col.7

Captain John N. HENDERSON, senator from this district, left last night to attend the extra session of the legislature. Galveston Daily News, 7 Apr. 1882, p. 1.

Candidates for county office are quietly feeling the public pulse, and it is generally understood that the political movements for the fall election will soon begin. It is said that no less than three candidates will be in the field to represent this county in the legislature. Galveston Daily News, 19 Apr. 1882, p. 1.

Bryan ... The Commissioners' Court has appointed Judge THOMAS to represent the interests of the county in a suit now pending in our District Court of the State, against Peter WINTER, who it is claimed is occupying some of the College land, for which the action is brought. Counsel for the State and the District Attorney entered their protest against the appointment of Judge THOMAS, and expressed their desire to recover the land for the State, but the court adhered to their order, and deemed it proper, under the conditions upon which the land was donated to the State, to have the interest and claims of the county protected by counsel. Judge THOMAS also represents Peter WINTER. Galveston Daily News, 5 Mar. 1882, p. 1.

Bryan ... Nothing of great importance has been done so far in the District Court, which convened yesterday. Court met promptly at 9 o'clock, and the grand jury was organized and charged. The following are the grand jurors: James H. BALIE, foreman; W.C. POOL, J.D. McLEOD, S.M. DERDEN, Henry EDGE, J.W. CHATHAM, J.W. GEORGE, J.S. BARMORE, W.A. JOHNSON, A.D. WHITE, Monroe BOND, and J.C. BLOOM. Galveston Daily News, 8 Mar. 1882, p. 1.

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Announcements ... [state] senator, J.S. PERRY, E.L. ANTONY, Scott FIELD; representative, J.P. AYRES; district attorney, T.S. HENDERSON, W.M. JAMES; sheriff, D.D. DAWSON, J.L. MAYO; county attorney, S.P. HARDWICK; county judge, D.C. BARMORE; county treasurer, Isaac FULKERSON; county clerk, S.M. DERDEN, Hammett HARDY; district clerk, F.J. ADAMS, William T. JAMES; tax collector, J.J. ADAMS; tax assessor, W.H. HARMAN, W.T. ROBERTS; justice of the peace, A.W. CEARNAL; constable, Simeon COOPER, R.H. KIRK, E.M. CLARY. Weekly Brazos Pilot, 1 Sept. 1882, p. 3.

Some of the friends of Mr. John W. ROBINSON regret his withdrawal from the race for District Clerk. Mr. ROBINSON is as courteous and honest as any man in the county, and has made an efficient officer. He appreciates the kindness of the people in giving him the office but cannot be expected to continue in it when he can do better elsewhere. Weekly Brazos Pilot, 1 Sept. 1882, p. 3.

Democratic mass meetings in the various precincts for the purpose of selecting delegates to the county nominating convention, will be held on Saturday, September 9th, 1882, at the following places: No. 1 -- At the Court House in Millican, Wm. FALCONER, chairman. No. 2 -- At RECTOR's chapel, W.E. FLETCHER, Chairman. No. 3 -- At LAWLESS Store, W.H.H. EDGE, Chairman. No. 4 -- at the Courthouse in Bryan, T.J. CLOSS, Chairman. No. 5 -- At SMITH's Schoolhouse, R.L. SMITH, Chairman. No. 6 -- At Macy, J.W. GEORGE, Chairman. Weekly Brazos Pilot, 1 Sept. 1882, p. 3.

Bryan ... The city election took place on New Year day, and owing to the extremely bad weather, only an average vote was polled. Major J.W. TABOR was elected mayor by a large majority. The following aldermen were elected: T.J. McQUINN, W.F. HOOPER, W.W. HANWAY, J.L. GARTH and M. GOLDSTEIN. A.B. COHN [CARR] was again elected city marshal without any opposition. Galveston Daily News, 3 Jan. 1883, p. 1.

Bryan ... The Mayor's Court was represented this morning with offenses. Anna SMITH, a Negress and prostitute, was fined and hired out. Galveston Daily News, 21 Aug. 1883, p. 1.

Bryan ... The Commissioners Court is now in session, hearing applications and adopting reports. Galveston Daily News, 13 Feb. 1884, p. 1.

The Bryan firemen gave a grand ball last night, which was well attended. The company presented Mr. D.A. BONE with a fine gold medal for his valuable services to the department. The medal was inscribed "Protection," and was presented by Mr. J.W. DOREMUS. Galveston Daily News, 22 Feb. 1884, p. 1.

Bryan ... The Democratic precinct convention to elect delegates to the County convention to meet August 9, selected the following delegates: John A. BUCKHOLTS, H. CRENSHAW, J.W. JOHNSON, R.M. SMITH, J.S. FOWLKES, Spencer FORD, D.S. BURTON, Jim MARTIN, Monroe BOND, J.B. THOMAS, Dr. DePort SMYTH, Sam R. HENDERSON, J.D. THOMAS, W.H. HARMON, T.L. LOUGHRIDGE, T.P. GENTRY, Guy BRYAN, J.W. DOREMUS, Marx GOLDSTEIN, J.N. HENDERSON, R.J. SMITH, Harvey MITCHELL, J.G. ANDERSON, J.H. HESLER. The delegates are about equally divided in favor for and against IRELAND for renomination. There seems to be a growing feeling in the county for nominating a county ticket, and it is thought the matter will carry. Galveston Daily News, 3 Aug. 1884, p. 1.

*Brazos Co. Democratic convention; mentions J.E. TURNER, John W. DOREMUS, W.H. HARMAN, Dr. DePort SMYTH, W.J. MOORE, S.S. KENNEDY, Spencer FORD, T.P. ALLEN, Robert HUDSPETH, A.C. BRIETZ, W.R. CAVITT, J.A. BUCKHOLTZ, K. WAMBLE, S.D.A. DUNCAN, George SMEDLEY, J.B. THOMAS, Marx GOLDSTEIN, T.L. LOUGHRIDGE, R.M. SMITH, G.M. MABRY, W.H.H. EDGE, S.R. HENDERSON, Georg HUNT, W.E. COLLARD, Thomas A. HENDERSON, Charles STEWART. Galveston Daily News, 10 Aug. 1884, p. 1.

Bryan, October 5 -- The colored voters are holding meetings, and are making indorsements for county affairs. They will, sometime this month, hold a mass-meeting and put a full ticket in the field. Galveston Daily News, 6 October 1884, p.1, col.6

The citizens of Bryan have contributed a nice sum of money for campaign purposes and have forwarded the same to the national Democratic executive committee. Galveston Daily News, 8 Oct. 1884.

The Republicans held a convention in Bryan yesterday, which was largely attended, but the colored element predominated. They endorsed BLAINE and LOGAN unanimously, and endorsed Wash JONES for governor. They also endorsed a full county ticket, which is as follows: D.C. BARMORE, county judge; D.D. DAWSON, sheriff; S.M. DERDEN, County Clerk, A.J. BUCHANAN, district clerk; J.J. ADAMS, collector; H.E. PEVERLY, assessor; V.B. HUDSON, county attorney; Robert CARR, treasurer; and J.M. ZIMMERMAN for representative. The ticket will be supported by a majority of the colored people in the county, but there are some who will not support the entire ticket. The hardest fight will be on who will represent the county in the legislature. There was considerable confusion and disorder toward the close of the convention. Galveston Daily News, 17 Oct. 1884, p. 2.

Millican ... this quiet little town was again disturbed last night by roaming candidates. Several aspirants for office made speeches, followed by Messrs. CAVITT, PUGH and Bruder MAY, colored, for representative. Not much enthusiasm is manifested over the election here, with the exception of the office of sheriff. Galveston Daily News, 2 Nov. 1884, p. 1.

Bryan ... The election in Brazos County was the most spirited and exciting that had been held for a number for a number of years ... W.R. CAVITT, candidate for the legislature, is, from the best information, elected over ZIMMERMAN and PUGH by a large majority. Four candidates on the Republican ticket for county office are regarded as defeated. Ed. KNOX, colored, polled the solid Negro vote of this precinct, and the count so far shows him ahead, and will likely be elected commissioner of Bryan precinct ... Galveston Daily News, 5 Nov. 1884, p. 1.

Bryan ... The independent county ticket gives D.D. DAWSON, for sheriff, a majority of 800 votes over SANDERS. V.B. HUDSON, county attorney, is elected by a large majority. R.W. CARR is elected county treasurer, H.E. PEVERLY assessor, A.J. BUCHANAN district clerk, S.M. DERDEN county clerk, D.C. BARMORE county judge and J.J. ADAMS collector. The contest between CAVITT and ZIMMERMAN is still in doubt. It is thought CAVITT will be elected ... Millican ... The election passed off quietly, with the following result ... ZIMMERMAN (greenbacker), for representative, 319; CAVITT (democrat), 144; PUGH (independent), 66. The total vote cast was 552. Galveston Daily News, 6 Nov. 1884, p. 1.

Bryan ... The city election resulted in the re-election of Major J.W. TABOR mayor, A.B. CARR city marshal, and H.C. ROBINSON, H.B. STODDARD, T.E. ARMSTRONG, W.B. SANDERS, and J.W. JOHNSON as aldermen. The newly elected officials are among the best men of the city, whose election will guarantee progressive good government. Galveston Daily News, 8 Jan. 1885, p. 2.

Bryan ... Some time ago the city fathers passed an ordinance against cows running at large in the city. Several of the aldermen's cows were found in the pound, and now the ordinance is modified to include only Main Street. Galveston Daily News, 9 March 1885, p. 3.

Bryan, July 16 – The ladies of the Temperance union have been, during the past week, circulating a petition addressed to the mayor, urging him to have the Sunday law strictly enforced; that the saloons be compelled to close their back doors as well as front, and also that other places be closed. A petition is being circulated here for the abolishment of the city government. The petition has a large number of signatures, and no doubt the matter will be warmly advocated. The cause of such a movement is owing to high taxation and the uselessness of a small town putting on city airs. Galveston Daily News, 17 July 1885, p. 2.

Bryan, Oct. 13 – The dengue has somewhat abated. Cold nights and a scarcity of suitable material has been the death of the disease. Another Justice Precinct of Brazos County has been located by the Commissioners' Court, with P.N. CAUSEY as Justice and Ed. FARQUHAR as Constable. Office and court at Wellborn. Dallas Morning News, 14 October 1885, p.1

Bryan, Nov. 1 – The Bryan Rifles gave their semi-annual drill and military ball last night, which was attended by a large number of the elite and fashion of the city. The gold medal for the best drilled man was won by Sergt. MOSELY. The book of tactics for the best inspected gun and accoutrements was awarded to Corporal O. FINLAY. The four bronzed medals for the best drilled file of four was won by the second four, composed of privates HAZZEL [HASSEL ?], McQUEEN, ADAMS and GAINOR. Mr. Wash HARDY awarded the second best file of fours an oyster supper. The members of the Bryan Rifles are taking a great interest in their company, and are endeavoring to make it one of the crack companies of the State. Dallas Morning News, 2 November 1885, p.2

The Adjutant General issued commissions today to the following officers ... T.B. McQUEEN, captain; V.B. HUDSON, first-lieutenant; and J.A. McQUEEN, second lieutenant of the Bryan Rifles ... Galveston Daily News, 4 Dec. 1885, p. 1.

Bryan ... District Clerk A.J. BUCHANAN arrived to-day from Belton with his bride, formerly Miss Stella ALLEN. The Bryan Rifles and many friends sent telegrams of congratulations. Mr. V.B. HUDSON, County Attorney; Mr. Frank MAULDIN, of the Pilot, and Mr. J.H. BUCHANAN accompanied Mr. A.J. BUCHANAN to witness his marriage. The new couple have the well wishes of the community for future happiness and prosperity. Dallas Morning News, 13 Dec. 1885, p. 4.

Politics in Brazos County ... such men as W.R. CAVITT, John N. HENDERSON, H.B. STODDARD and Harvey MITCHELL, any one of whom is thoroughly identified with, and would in reality represent the people of this district ... Galveston Daily News, 21 Mar. 1886, p. 3.

Bryan ... The late refreshing rain has brought out a large number of candidates for the various county and district offices. Mr. J.L. MAYO has announced as a candidate for Sheriff of Brazos County; Dr. D. Port SMYTHE has announced as a candidate for the State Senate; W.R. CAVITT has also announced for the Senate; Sheriff DAWSON has announced himself a candidate for re- election. Dallas Morning News, 10 June 1886, p. 5.

Bryan ... Politics are waxing warm in the county, and the indications are that county offices will be strongly contested, as strong men are in the field creating factions and splits. Galveston Daily News, 21 June 1886, p. 1.

Dr. D. Port SMITH, candidate for the state Senate, has returned from Milam and Robertson counties, and reports that he received much encouragement for his canvass. Galveston Daily News, 23 June 1886, p. 1.

*Primaries at Millican and Wellborn; Fort Worth Daily Gazette, 11 July 1886, p. 1.

Bryan ... Captain DAWSON, sheriff, has just received his appointment as Deputy United States Marshal under J.F. RANKIN. Dallas Morning News, 17 Feb. 1887, p. 5.

Bryan ... At the municipal election held here today the following officers were voted for: Mayor, city marshal, five aldermen, assessor and collector and treasurer. A larger vote than usual was polled, and much interest was manifested, but all passed off very quietly. Galveston Daily News, 6 Apr. 1887, p. 2.

Bryan ... E.L. WARD, a former merchant of this place, received his appointment through the Commissioners' Court yesterday as justice of the peace for this precinct, to fill the unexpired term of Judge CARROLL, deceased. Galveston Daily News, 12 May 1887, p. 2.

Millican ... There was a precinct election held here to- day to prevent hogs, sheep and goats from running at large, and the measure was defeated by a vote of 40 for and but 3 against. Galveston Daily News, 31 July 1887, p. 3.

Capt. J.N. HENDERSON of Bryan, has been appointed by the governor to succeed Judge W.E. COLLARD, who was appointed one of the commissioners of appeal. Brenham Daily Banner, 18 Sept. 1887, p. 2.

Bryan ... To-day about noon the residence of Mayor Cliff ADAMS caught fire, and was burned to the ground. The furniture and fixtures were saved. He had about \$ 1000 insurance on the house, which was valued at about \$ 1500. Fort Worth Daily Gazette, 20 Nov. 1887, p. 1.

Wellborn ... The hog law goes into effect in this precinct January 1, 1888. Many here own large bunches of hogs running out in the woods, and these men are doing their best to dispose of their surplus stock. Fort Worth Daily Gazette, 3 Dec. 1887, p. 6.

In the District Court to-day in the case of the State of Texas vs. Judge D.C. BARMORE, county judge of this [Brazos] county, in which the defendant was charged with drunkenness in office, the jury, after considering their verdict all the afternoon, reported in open court that they could not agree, whereupon, by request of the counsel of both sides, the judge of the court entered a mistrial in the case and discharged the jury. Fort Worth Daily Gazette, 4 Apr. 1888, p. 1.

Bryan ... The city election took place yesterday. A very light vote was polled and very little interest manifested. C.A. ADAMS, mayor, and A.G. BOARD and W.W. HARRIS, aldermen, were re-elected. Galveston Daily News, 5 April 1888, p. 5.

Bryan ... the district judge has appointed H.B. STODDARD, T.E. ARMSTRONG and A.D. McCONNICO a committee to examine the books and accounts of county officers and report to the court. District Court is engaged this week in disposing of the cases of official misconduct against certain county officers. So far there has not been a conviction in these cases. Galveston Daily News, 5 Apr. 1888, p. 6.

The republicans of Brazos County assembled in convention yesterday pursuant to call, and elected delegates to the State and congressional conventions. Galveston Daily News, 9 Apr. 1888, p. 1.

Out of the seven officers of this [Brazos] county, who were indicted at this term of the court, no one of them was convicted except W.W. PEYTON, Esq., who pleaded guilty this morning and was fined in the sum of \$ 5, and in the case of the State versus Judge D.C. BARMORE, the county judge, there was a mistrial ... Proceedings have been instituted against Judge D.C. BARMORE, county judge, and E.L. WARD, Esq., justice of the peace of this [Bryan] precinct for habitual drunkenness in office, and the relator asks that on hearing of the petitions by a jury that the above named offenders be removed from office. The trials will take place next Thursday and Friday respectively. Fort Worth Daily Gazette, 10 Apr. 1888, p. 5.

The jury in the case of County Judge D.C. BARMORE, who was charged with habitual drunkenness in office, brought in a verdict about noon to-day in effect that the charges of the relator were not true. In the case of the State of Texas, upon the relation of one of Brazos County's citizens, vs. E.L. WARD, justice of the peace in and for this (Bryan) precinct, in which the defendant was also charged with habitual drunkenness in office, the defendant was tried to-day and the jury found the charges of the relator true and returned a verdict to that effect. Fort Worth Daily Gazette, 14 Apr. 1888, p. 6.

Work on Bryan's city hall, which is to cost \$ 7,200, was begun to-day, and the structure will be built at an early date. Fort Worth Daily Gazette, 18 Apr. 1888, p. 7.

It will be remembered by the readers of the Gazette that E.L. WARD, Esq., was removed from the office of justice of the peace of this, Bryan, precinct, on the 13th of this month on a charge of habitual drunkenness. To-day the Commissioners' Court assembled in special session for the purpose of appointing a person to fill the unexpired term of said office, and appointed Mr. Sam C. MARTIN, Jr., to fill the vacant office. At the same meeting P.M. CAIRSEY, Esq., was appointed to fill a vacancy in precinct no. 2 of this, Brazos, County, which vacancy was caused by the resignation of Thomas ROWAN, Esq., and in precinct no. 6 Charles NEWMAN was appointed to fill the place made vacant by his own resignation a few weeks since. Fort Worth Daily Gazette, 24 Apr. 1888, p. 6.

Bryan, Tex., May 16 – The laying of the corner stone of the city hall, which is in process of erection at this place, was conducted this morning by the mayor of the city, Mr. Cliff A. Adams and other city officers. But few citizens were present and the work was gone through without ceremony. Among the articles included was a copy of the Daily Gazette of the 15th inst. Some other state dailies were also inclosed, and several small pieces of money, cards, and letters by different individuals. Fort Worth Daily Gazette, 17 May 1888, page 5.

Bryan ... The precinct Democratic convention for Precinct No. 4, Brazos County, met this morning at 10 o'clock and elected delegates to the county convention which met this afternoon at 2 o'clock. The county Democratic convention elected the following delegates to the State Democratic convention which comes on the 22d of this month in the city of Fort Worth: John H. HENDERSON, Deport SMYTHE, J.W. DOREMUS, J.A. BEARD, S.S. KENNEDY, W.T. ROBERTS and J.N. FARQUHAR as delegates and H.B. STODDARD, J.T. CLOSS, T.P. GENTRY, Mac SANDERS, R.W. LAVETT, Columbus JONES, and W.E. FARQUHAR as alternates. The following resolutions were unanimously adopted by the convention ... Fort Worth Daily Gazette, 6 May 1888, p. 5.

Bryan ... The following delegates to the Fort Worth convention left on to-day's train: Judge Jno. N. HENDERSON, D. Port SMYTHE and J.W. DOREMUS ... Galveston Daily News, 22 May 1888, p. 2.

Bryan ... Politics are booming, notwithstanding the election is five months off, and the influence of leading Negroes is said to command fancy prices. Galveston Daily News, 1 June 1888, p. 7.

Bryan ... Mr. E.L. WARD died this morning in the 47th year of his age at his residence in this place. He was engaged in the mercantile business here for many years and also for awhile held the office of justice of the peace of this precinct. The funeral took place this afternoon at 6 o'clock. Galveston Daily News, 3 July 1888, p. 2.

Bryan ... The county democratic convention met to-day, and elected delegates to the state, congressional and judicial conventions; indorsed state and national administrations; and instructed for HUTCHESON for congress, for John H. HENDERSON for district judge, and P.S. FORD for district attorney; and passed resolutions favoring concentration of deep water appropriations at the most available port. Galveston Daily News, 15 July 1888, p. 3.

The Brazos County Democratic Convention met at Bryan on the 25th and demanded of the Chairman of the congressional executive committee call another convention to nominate a candidate for congress. Brenham Daily Banner, 29 Aug. 1888, p. 1.

Calvert, Tex., September 3 -- The result of the republican judicial convention held here yesterday was the nomination of Captain F.M. Adams of Cameron for district judge and John L. Johnson, a colored lawyer of Bryan, for district attorney. Part of the convention bolted, as stated yesterday, and the remaining delegates went ahead and made the nominations. Galveston Daily News, 9 September 1888, p.2, col.5

Judge D.C. BARMORE, 62 years old, who has held the office of county judge of Brazos County since the adoption of the present constitution, died at Bryan on the 13th. Brenham Daily Banner, 19 Sept. 1888, p. 1.

The county commissioners' court of Brazos County met last Saturday and appointed A.C. BRIETZ county judge to serve the unexpired term of the late Judge D.C. BARMORE. Brenham Daily Banner, 25 Sept. 1888, p. 1.

Bryan ... The Democratic County convention of Brazo County met this afternoon at 2:30 p.m. at this place with Dr. A.R. Canfield premanent chairman ... R.M. Smith was elected temporary chairman and responded with an appropriate talk. E.R. NASH was elected temporary secretary ... Judge J.D. THOMAS was called on for an address. He responded in his usually pleasant yet earnest mood ... The following gentlemen were elected delegates to the Huntsville convention: J.D. THOMAS, W.H. HEDGE, T.E. ARMSTRONG, A.C. BRIETZ, and J.G. ANDERSON, W.B. HICKMAN, J.B. THOMAS, Henry KURTIN, E.R. NASH and D.T. WILLIAMSON were elected as alternates ... Fort Worth Daily Gazette, 14 Oct. 1888, p. 1.

Elias Mays, colored, will represent Brazos County in the next legislature and there will probably be two colored commissioners. Galveston Daily News, 9 Nov. 1888, p.5, col.2

Vote in Brazos Co. ...For Representative--A.W. BUCHANAN 1129, Elias MAYES, colored, 1176 ... Galveston Daily News, 14 Nov. 1888, p.5, col.4

Philadelphia Record: From the county of Brazos, Tex., an intelligent colored man named Elias MAYS is sitting in the state legislature for his second term. The Democrats have a slight majority in the county and they would have no difficulty preventing such a result if they had been guilty of the crimes against suffrage which Northern sectionalists attribute to them. Mays says that in Brazos, 'between colored people and the whites the relations are quite friendly' ... Brenham Daily Banner, 14 March 1889, p.2, col.2

Austin...Senate Bill to require separate cars for white and colored passengers on railroad trains came up [in the House of Representatives]...Mr. MAYS, colored member from Brazos, opposed the bill and believed it would be dangerous and likely to increase the prejudices of colored people, who are innocent, harmless people and only want a fair

show. He thought it would be a bad measure for the democracy and one of the best political strings for the republicans to pull. Galveston Daily News, 26 March 1889, p.5, col.3

Bryan ... The city election to-day resulted in the election of R.M. HALL [NALL] as marshal, A.B. CARR, secretary; B.F. LANE, treasurer; and the following aldermen: Milton PARKER, A.C.L. HILL, R.L. WEDDINGTON and S.M. DERDEN. Everything passed off quietly, and 506 votes were polled. Galveston Daily News, 3 Apr. 1889.

Bryan ... Captain Isaac Fulkerson died at his home in this city last evening, aged 58 years. Captain Fulkerson, a Virginian by birth, was one of Bryan's best citizens, honored and respected by all. He was a Mexican War veteran and a captain in Terry's Rangers in the late war. For a number of years he held the office of county treasurer and he was also a successful merchant. The funeral took place this afternoon. Galveston Daily News, 21 July 1889, p. 2.