Texas Railroad Commissioners are Knocked Crooked by the United States Court.

N. Y. Advertiser. There was great rejoicing among the holders of Texas railroad securities yesterday and in railroad circles generally, due to a decision of Judge McCormick, of the United States Court, at Dallas, Texas. By this decision the Railroad Commissioners of Texas are practically deprived of their power to fix the passengers and freight rates so low that the railroads cannot be operated save at a loss. The decision was handed

down yesterday.

The railroads claim that, owing to the unreasonable exactions of the Commission, some of the roads operating wholly within the State were on the verge of bankruptcy, and would soon have gone to pieces had this relief not come so opportunely. One effect of the decision was demonstrated in the course of the Texas Pacific securities. There were \$68,000 first mortgage 5 per cent. bonds sold at an advance of two and a half points and \$219,000 income, seconds, at an advance of tour points.

But the decision of Judge McCormick has a significance greater than its immediate effect upon the value of Texas securities. It means that the action of all State Railroad Commissions is subject to review in the Federal Courts, and this is very gratifying to the railroads, for they prefer to trust their interests to the latter tribunals than to hold them at the mercy of the State Commissions

From the point of view of the railroads it is probably the most important decision made by a Federal Judge in many years, and is hailed by them as a protection, not only to the roads themselves, but to the holders of their securities.

In 1891 the Legislature of the State of Texas passed a bill creating a Railroad Commission, granting it full power to establish rates and providing heavy penalties against the railroad companies for any failure to comply with the requirements of the Commission. By the same bit of legislation the right was conferred upon shippers to bring actions against the railroad companies to recover such penalties. The Commission comprises Messrs.

Reagan, McLean and Foster. Hardly had they received their appointments to office, it is said, when they pro-ceeded to cut and slash rates. The companies repudiated their schedules for a while, and were periodically brought up with a round turn by the Commission, which imposed upon old doubtful States, as it has been their them the heavy penalties spoken of policy to do heretofore. A diversion is in the law. Then the shippers got in as good tactics in politics as in war, their work.

They brought suit to recover under the penalties imposed, and it was but a short time after the creation of the Commission before all the roads in Texas were plunged into an ocean of litigation. The roads affected were the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe, which is practically a branch of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe, the International and Great Northern, Texas and Pacific, St. Louis and Southwestern, Galveston, Harrisburg and San Antonio, Houston and Texas Central, Tyler Southwestern, and the Topeka, Atchison and Santa Fe.

The companies contend that the rates established by the Commissioners were so low that to conform to them business had to be done at a to the Commission, but could not get any reliet. The railroad people say that the Farmers' Alliance influence dominated the Commission, and, owing to that party's bitter hatred of railroads, it was useless to expect any change of front.

All the railroad corporations affected are creations of the State of Texas, and could not therefore bring an action for relief against the Commission in the Federal Court. But the trustees of the mortgages of the several roads were outsiders, and it was decided to make them the orators in a prayer for an injunction before the Federal Court. Accordingly, Anson T. McCook, the firm of Alexander & Green, No. 120 Broadway, this city, who is general counsel for the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railroad, instituted the necessary proceedings against the Railroad Commissioners of the State of Texas. Following is the relief prayed for

in the bill filed in the United States Court, at Dallas, Texas.

That an injunction may issue out of this Court restraining the said Reagen, McLean and Foster, and the said Charles A. Culberson, and each of them, from instituting or authorizing or directing any other suit or suits, action or actions, against your orator for the recovery of any penalties under and by virtue of any of the provisions of the act of the Legislature of Texas, approved April 3, 1891, and restraining all other individuals, persons or corporations now or hereafter claiming any right under and by virtue of the said Commission law or said tariffs, or either of them or both combined, or But it seems that when the reverend under and by virtue of the said tariffs or orders of the said Commission, or either of them from bringing or instituting suit or suits against your orator for the recovery of any damages, overcharges, penalty or penalties under or by virtue of said Commission law or any of its provisions; or under and by virtue of the said tariffs, orders or circulars of the said Commission, or any or either of them; or under and by virtue of the said Commission law and the said tariffs, orders or circulars, or any or either of them combined, and restraining the said Railroad Commission of Texas and said Reagan, McLean and Foster, and each and all of them, from making, issuing or delivering to your orator, or the following times and places: causing to be promulgated, established or made effective against it, any further tariff or tariff, circulars or orders, and from attempting so to day, Sept. 1.
do: and that in the mean time, until Elizabethtown, Bladen county, the hearing hereof, your orator may have a temporary restraining order embracing all of the relief herein prayed for, such restraining order to continue in force until the termination of the hearing for a writ of injunction, and that on final hearing of this cause it may have all injunctions herein prayed made perpetual, and that all tariffs, circulars and orders heretofore made and issued by said Railroad Commission by said Railroad Commission of Texas, or by said Reagan, Mc-Lean and Foster, acting or claiming to act as said Railroad Commission in the State is improving advising him not to permit the pressure of Home Rulers to swamp radical measures.

Tuesday, told his friends that the political substantial relation in the State is improving daily. Third party men everywhere are returning to the Democratic fold and the Senator is in high feather over the prospects.

of Texas, and each of them, may be cancelled and declared to be null, void and of no effect by a decree of this Court, and that a mandatory injunction may be issued to the said Commission and said Commissioners, and each of them, commanding them to recall and abolish the said tariffs, circulars and orders, and each of

The argument was had before Judge McCormick, and took up the time of the court for more than a week. When the decision was handed down the orators were exceedingly well satisfied, for it granted the injunction exactly as prayed for by the railroad companies.

PERSONAL.

- "Aunt" Peggy Donaldson is dying at the Old Colored Women's Home in Pittsburg, at the well authenticated age of 110.

- Baroness Burdette-Coutts, although 80 years old, avows an intention o come to the World's Fair at the head of the philanthropic section. - Gov. Eagle of Arkansas, who

has been seriously ill for two months, has grown much worse and is in a critical condition. He was taken to Richmond, Ky., two weeks ago by advice of - Gustave Dore, it is said, had questionable taste on women's looks. le seldom drew a beautiful woman.

His abnormal sense of the grotesque seemed to have destroyed his sense of actual loveliness. -Richard Beverley of Buena Vista, Va., is not one of the pampered and overpaid officials of the postoffice department. He walks thirty-six miles every day in the year except Sunday carrying the mail to and from Pleasant View, in Amherst county, and gets \$350

a year for the job. - Edward Blake, the brilliant Canadian Liberal, who was regarded as a possible member of Mr. Gladstone's cabinet, declined the honor of knighthood offered by the Queen a few years ago, and has set his face against the introduction of Old World ideas into the dominion. He has a commanding presence, a fine voice, and the courage of his convictions.

- Recent French papers print eulogistic sketches of Henry Mosler, who was lately given the decoration of the Legion of Honor in recognition of his artistic successes. Mr. Mosler is a native of Cincinnati, and began his artistic career under the care of James H. Beard. He was subsequently connected with Harper's Weekly during the war, then studied at Dusseldori, and afterward established himself in Paris, where he has been a frequent exhibitor in the salon.

POLITICAL POINTS.

- With a vigorous Democratic campaign in the hopefully debatable States in the West the Republicans cannot concentrate their efforts upon the especially when it promises good results in itself,-New York World, Dem.

- Governor McKinley is en route to Vermont, where he intends to make one or two speeches before proceeding down East to Maine to engage in fur ther campaign work. Is it possible that such moss-clad old Republican citadels need to be buttressed in the faith by the very pillars of the party? Can it be that Blaine and Reed are mistrusted, and that not even the maple sap bounty can be relied upon to hold the Vermont hilltops firm on their basis?-Phil. Re-

- Signs multiply every day that the Democratic campaign is getting under way with a vigor and enthusiasm quite unusual at such an early stage. The address issued the other day by several prominent German-Americans to their fellow-citizens of the same origin indicates the interest that this class is loss, and they so represented the case | taking in the success of the Democratic ticket and the policy it represents. Yesterday the Produce and Maritime Mer-chants' Cleveland and Stevenson Club adopted an address which will be widely circulated, dealing mainly with the tariff question and its relation to trade. The headquarters of the Democratic State Committee have been opened a preparations are making for a vigorous canvass of this State with every indication of earnestness and harmony .- N.Y. Times.

CURRENT COMMENT.

-It was Tom Miller, the canary colored Congressman from the 7th district, who devised the plan of having his tickets a little off-color at the election in 1890. It is the Tıllmanites who propose to vote a light pink ticket at the Democratic primary next Tuesday .- Charleston News & Courier, Dem.

- If the foreigner pay the tariff taxes, as the more rabid and ebullient protectionists insist, what a relief it must has been to the foreigner when we made him a present of over \$50,000,000 a year by remission of the sugar duties! And, if the duty on sugar have not enhanced the price of the domestic product, what an ass Uncle Sam has made of himself in giving the sugar growers a bounty of \$10,000,000, in lieu of their lost opportunity to pick the general pocket by reason of the tax on im-

ported sugar !- Phil. Record, Dem. - When Sam Small was leaving Atlanta the other day he advised Col. Livingston to "put a big auger into the Third party" and bore until he got tired, and let him know and he would come and bore awhile. weather-cock got out of the State he forgot all about his opposition to the Third party, and went to predicting the breaking up of the "solid South," and giving taffy to the "populists." Mr. Small evidently needs some kind of a mental regulator. Or. maybe, it is a liver regulator he needs .- Savannah News, Dem.

PUBLIC SPEAKING.

Hon. B. F. Grady, Democratic candidate for Congress in the 3rd district, and John G. Shaw, Esq., Democratic Presidential Elector, to-Roseboro, Sampson county, Wed-

nesday, Aug. 31. White Oak, Bladen county, Thurs-

Saturday, Sept. 3.

An equal division of time will be

given Republican or People's party candidates, and a joint discussion of the issues is invited. Z. W. WHITEHEAD, Chm'n Dem. Ex. Com. 3d Dist.

Labouchere has written to Gladstone complimenting him upon his accepting sole responsibility for the arrangement

STATE POLITICS.

Everybody in Fayetteville knows Mr. Tom Gill, and that he says some very good things. Some days since he was talking to a Third partyite, a former Democrat, but now very enthusiastic over the new party. "Oh," said this wise politician "the old parties are rotten, perfectly rotten." "Yes," said Mr. Gill, "but I always notice that the rotten wood falls off the log first."

- A good old farmer, of China Grove township, called on us this morning for a newspaper to read. He says the people in his neighborhood are changing back to the Democratic party -We understand that the third party movement in the neighborhood of Enochville is rapidly on the decline. After John S. Henderson's speech of to-day at that place, candidate Prof. Brown and one or two others will be all the following left the "Republican Aid Socie-

to."-Salisbury Herald. - Democratic headquarters is a busy place these days. Chairman Simmons will in a few days increase his force so as to send out a great mass of literature which is daily expected. He wishes the chairmen of all the county executive committees to send him lists of dissatisfied voters, so that to the latter there can be sent twice a week newspapers or other good literature. The correspondence now is very-heavy, averaging 100 letters a day. This shows that the people are becoming well stirred up and is an encouraging sign. - Raleigh

- GREENVILLE, N. C., Aug. 25. Fully three thousand people attended the Democratic picnic to-day at Grindool, Pitt county. In the forenoon the mmense crowd was addressed by Hon. W. H. Kitchin, of Scotland Neck. He spoke for two hours. His speech was a power for good in this county. His arguments were such that it can't be possible that there is a single Third party man left in that section. Many were heard to say that they had been on the fence until to-day, but were now back into the Democratic party. Mr. Kitchen is doing a noble work for Democracy.—Raleigh News and Observer.

 On Tuesday evening Congress-man S. B. Alexander and Col. E. D. Hall, on their way to the county convention, spoke in the court house to a large audience. Mr. Alexander, in his talk, presented the thought that the very things the Third party was now contending for had always been Democratic demands, hence the folly of Democrats going outside of their party for relief. Col. Hall recalled events proving how the Democratic party had always been the party of progress and one which upheld and maintained the credit of the State. Both addresses were listened to with deep interest .-Southport Leader.

- Ex-Gov. Jarvis spoke at Magnolia yesterday to at least two thousand people. Great enthusiasm prevailed and much good was done. - We learn that Capt. D. A. Cogdell, of Grantham's township, the Third party nominee for the Senate, has refused to accept the nomination. — We have it from reliable authority that the Republicans will not nominate a county ticket, but will endorse the county naminees of the Third party. -- We learn that Hon. | diction, men of every grade and quality. Octavius Coke made a ringing Democratic speech at LaGrange yesterday. There was an immense crowd present and many converts was the result .-Goldsboro Headlight.

-THOMASVILLE, N. C., Aug. 26 .-Three thousand people were here to-day o attend the annual picnic of the Davdson county Alliance. Alliance Lecturer Massey and would-be-Congressman Shuford made straight Third party speeches, consisting of nothing but abuse of the Democratic party. Massey said the meanest thing of the day when he charged that Senator Vance stayed away from the Senate chamber on the day the vote on tree silver was taken in order to keep from voting. Not a thing was said against the Republican party. Many Alliancemen were disgusted that strict party speeches were made at an Alliance gathering. Shuford said if an Allianceman voted anything but the "reform" ticket he was a coward.-Charlotte Observer.

- We have heard during the past week of several gentlemen who had been professed Weaverites, coming back into the Democratic fold. —When the re-port was first published here that negroes had been nominated by the third party in Vance and Edgecombe counties or responsible offices, the third party people here said they did not believe it that it was a newspaper lie. One of our citizens thereupon wrote to the chairmen of the Democratic executive committees of the counties for the truth in regard to it and received letters that conirmed fully all that had been published. In Edgecombe negroes were nominated -for the Legislature and for coroner. In Vance, Allen P. Eaton, one of the most offensive negroes in the county, was nominated for register of deeds .-Monroe Enquirer.

- The People's party convention for this Congressional District assembled in Rockingham last Thursday. There were eighty-four delegates present and seven of the nine counties of the district were represented. Dr. A. A. Maynard, of Morven township, this county, was nominated for Congress on the first ballot. Dr. Maynard is a practicing physician and has lived in this county about four years, coming here, we believe, from Wake county. He is the same Dr. Maynard who participated in the Democratic county primaries and went as a delegate from this county to the late Democratic State Convention. On returning home from that convention, he announced that he would support Carr for Governor, but we learn that he has since swallowed the whole People's party policy, nigger and all.— Wadesboro Messenger.

Morganton, N. C., Aug. 24,-The largest, the most enthusiastic, the most harmonious Democratic convention ever held in Burke county was that held here yesterday. Jacob Patton, of Wisconsin, brothers of the nominee of the People's party for Congress in this district, made rousing Democratic speeches and the latter warned the people Republicans the Northern would put the Force bill on the people of the South if they had the

power. Col. W. S. Pearson and Mr. C. F. McKesson, life-long Republicans, made strong Democratic speeches, that of Mr. McKesson being pronounced one of the finest political speeches ever delivered in Burke. - Salisbury, N. C., August 24.-The Congressional Convention of the Seventh district met here at 1:30 o'clock to-day. Hon. Jno. S. Henderson was nominated by acclama-

tion.-Charlotte Observer. - Governor Holt made a speech at Graham, Alamance county, last Satgether with other distinguished Democratic speakers, will address the people on the issues of the day at people on the issues of the day at people without restraint. He constraint the paper is an account of a fellow who killed his wife and committed suicide, doncherknow.

Sappy—Which did he do fawst, aw? ple, and spoke without restraint. He said the Third party crowd boycotted him at the Democratic State Covention and had passed around the word that Holt must not be nominated, because he was opposed to the farmers; "and yet," said he, "I make more wheat and corn and oats and grass than all the men on the Third party ticket put together."
The Governor said further that just after the adjournment of the Third party State convention last week he met Col. Harry Skinner and asked him how it was that he had been treated so, and Skinner answered that he had been turned down"because the damned fools didn't have sense enough to understand him."

— Senator Ransom, while in the city
Tuesday, told his friends that the political situation in the State is improving

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ELLA WHEELER WILCOX.

am tired to-night, and something-The wind, maybe, or the rain, Or the cry of the bird in the copse or Has brought back the past and its

And I feel, as I sit here thinking, That the hand of the dead old June Has reached out hold of my heart's loose strings,

And is drawing them up in tune. am tired to-night and I miss you And long for you, love, through tears. And it seems but to-day that I saw you You who have been gone for years;

And I seem to be newly lonely, I, who am so much alone: And the strings of my heart are well But they have not the same old tone

am tired, and that old sorrow Sweeps down the bed of my soul, As a turbulent river might break Away from a dam's control. It beareth a wreck on its bosom A wreck with a snow-white sail And the hand on my heartstrings thrums away,

SUNDAY SELECTIONS.

- Curses are like a stone flung up to the heavens, and most likely to return on the head of him that sent it,-Walter Scott.

But they only respond with a wail.

- Prayer is the tender tie that binds God and man together, a golden thread reaching from humanity's bleeding heart to the bosom of a Father .-

- Prayer is the noblest impulse of the soul, a swift flight out of the world towards God, momentary breathing in its own far fatherland, a nestling time in the arms of a strong and loving parent. Messarus. - "I can forgive, but I cannot

will not forgive. . A forgiveness ought to be like a cancelled note, torn in two and burned up, so that it never can be shown against the man,-H.W. Beecher. - The gospel is a work of love. Christianity is only love realized under its purest form; and since the light of the world cannot be known without an eye, love cannot be comprehended but

forget," is only another way of saying. I

by the heart .- Vinet. - Bishop Pierce was once asked the question: "Will the heathen he damned if we don't send them the gospel?" He replied that the question for the Christian man was, not whether the heathen will be damned if he does not have the gospel, but whether the Christian man could be saved if he did not obey God's command and send him the gospel.

- Christ lays hold of the very foundations of society, and works his upward way to the very topmost stratum, taking with him all men, women and children-poor, feeble, homeless, lost; and never resting until he has brought within the circle of his sovereignty, and the hopefulness of his bene--Joseph Parker. - Perhaps you have a great mind;

perhaps you have an eloquent tongue; t may be you have a large purse, and can glorify God and bless mankind with that; but perhaps you have nothing in the world but a kind, sweet smile; then let that fall upon some poor life that has no smile in it. Remember that a dewdrop glistening in the sun is just as beautiful as a rainbow.—Rev. C. H. Parkhurst, D. D.

- The pew is just as much responsible for hearing as the pulpit is for preaching. The more a man hears the worse he will become unless he profit by the hearing. It is an awful thing for a man to sit in the house of God and hear His Word preached and then disregard it. Every person should be deeply impressed with the solemn warning, "Take heed how ye hear."—Alabama Advocate.

- As soon as you see this, without waiting a moment, and without saying much about it to anyone, look about you and see if you can find something to do for somebody else. To your surprise you will probably have a chance inside of two minutes. No matter what it is, or how trifling or unpleasant it may be, do it. Keep this up until bedtime, and you will find that you have had the pleasantest day of your life.—Christian

- The sick and aged are inclined to think that their work is accomplished and that instead of helps they are hindrances. But it is those who are patient and joyful in tribulation who may encourage others who are actively at work for the master. Those who are "strength-ened with all might according to His glorious power into all patience and longsuffering with holiness" may strengthen the faith and courage of those who are permitted to labor more directly for the advancement of our Lord's Kingdom,-Christian Inquirer.

TWINKLINGS.

- "If there are people in Mars," said he, "I don't believe they amount to "Humph,' rejoined the slangy girl, 'They are out of sight."- Wash. Star. - Mrs. Billis-John, the doctor

says I need a change of climate.

Mr. Billis (absorbed in his newspaper) -That's all right, Maria; it is going to be 20d colder to-morrow.—Chicago Tri-

- Frankly-Now, I have taken a day off to see this game, and I want you to tell me where to put my money? Hankly-Cert, old boy; just go back and give it to your wife.-Chicago Inter

- Tom (of Pittsburg)-Did you see the aurora borealis while you were east? Laura (of Oshkosh)-No. You know

there are very few theaters open at this season of the year .- Pittsburg Bulletin. - "It was awfully mean to deprive us of our votes that way," said the feminine politician. "How did they accomplish it?"

"They got a lot of mice and turned them loose around the polls."- Wash.

- The clergyman called on Mrs. Velox. "If your husband," he said, would only believe it, it really pays to "Well," replied Mrs. Velox, "if you could give him proof of that you couldn't keep him out of church with a cannon. Drake's Magazine.

- Goslin-In the papah heah is an account of a fellow who killed his wife Goslin-The papah doesn't sav. Very stupid, Aw'm sure.-Brooklyn Life.

- George-Now that we are engaged, I have taken out an insurance

policy in your favor.

Ethel—How thoughtful; but why don't you get papa's consent, George?

George—It isn't an accident policy.—

N.Y. Herald. - Willy-Mamma, you know you said you'd whip me if I went in swim-

His Mother—Yes.
"Well, will you do it now?" "What-why?" "Well, I think I'll have to go in swim min' with the boys this afternoon and I'd like to have the whippin' first."—Boston

- Mr. Balfour, M. P., when addressing public meetings, speaks at the rate of 160 words per minute.

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