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THE HEADLIGHT is a Simon
pure democratic paper. It loves
the memory of the great leaders
of that party. Its great principles
are the true principles of a
republican government. It teaches
a correct conception of the
constitution. It equal and exact
justice for all men, exclusive
privileges for none. No grant
of principle than that a
savior announced. The paper may
not, however, be sufficiently par-
tisan to suit all its readers. It
finds objections sometimes to
our leaders and points out their
errors. HEADLIGHT—It tries to
give the people glimmerings on
the Democratic glimmering in front,
and expose all obstructions on
the track, and warn the engineer
of broken rails, washed out
culverts and burnt bridges, in or-
der that the grand old party
train may escape disaster and
wreck. It is only for the good
of the party that it condemns
evil leaders. No surgeon ever
amputated the arm or leg of a
friend without many regrets; but
he courageously severs the limb
in order to save the patient.
When the HEADLIGHT discovers
a broken leg, a mutilated arm of
the party, and gangrene has set
in, it favors lopping off the use-
less member in order that the
life of the party may be preserv-
ed. The party cannot live with-
out pure patriotic leaders, no
matter how able those leaders
may be. And it strikes us that
many of our readers seem to
think that a great leading mas-
ter mind cannot be a bad man.
They are prone to believe that
an extraordinary man could not
be guilty of a bad action, as if
history were not made up of the
bad actions of extraordinary men;
as if all the most noted destroyers
and deceivers of our species; all
the founders of arbitrary gov-
ernments and false religions,
had not been extraordinary men,
as if nine tenths of the calamities
which have befallen the hu-
man race had any other origin
than the union of high intelli-
gence with low desires. There
are few men so great as not to
have some littleness more pre-
dominant than all their greatness.
Nero was an accomplished gen-
tleman. The beginning of his
reign was marked by acts of the
greatest kindness, and when he
was desired to sign his name to
a list of misdoers that were to
be executed, he said "I wish to
Heaven I could not write." Yet
later he became the common en-
emy and the fury of mankind.
Tiberius, learned, brilliant, a
great general, modest and at
first seemingly above reproach,
but later he proved to be one of
the most monstrous of emperors.
Alcibiades, one of the most bril-
liant Athenians, protégé of Per-
icles and favorite pupil of Socrates,

and sagacity of a statesman, the
cool intrepidity of the general,
and the humanity of the philoso-
pher; and yet a debauchee and
traitor. Sir Francis Bacon, Eng-
land's greatest philosopher, with
all his learning and wonderful
intellect could not refuse bribes
from litigants in his court when
he was a judge. The HEADLIGHT
will not support an unworthy
Democratic leader, merely be-
cause he is gifted, and according
to our judgment, it is our duty
to oppose the intellectual and
once illustrious Senator
Bailey, the great orator of whom
his followers say, "The Graces
themselves are his spirit."

SENATOR Bailey, in his speech-
es, is now telling the boys, or at
least the "boys of the creek," that
W. R. Hearst made a mistake in
him, and Mr. Williams of Missis-
sippi because they were in his (Hearst's)
was, as they were more promi-
nent possibilities than Hearst
for President. This may be
true, but Hearst also lashed us
foolish and boodlers many Re-
publicans. Such as Aldrich, For-
aker, Spooner Quay, Steve El-
kins and others. Were these
Republicans in his way? We
have always been a great admir-
er of the intellect and oratorical
powers of Mr. Williams and Mr.
Bailey, and we know that several
Texas papers boomed Mr. Bailey
as a Presidential nominee, and
the Mississippi papers did the
same for Mr. Williams; but we
always thought that their
chances for climbing into the
Presidential chair were about
equal to the chances of two cats
trying to scratch out of "the bad
place" without claws.

In his defense for deserting
the position of judge of the crim-
inal court of appeals to go, cam-
paing, Judge M. M. Brooks
declares he has done his share
of the work, and has no apologies
to make. That may be true, but
it occurs to us that when the
people of Texas employ a man to
do certain work, his time belongs
to them, and it is deserving of
severe rebuke for said employe
to neglect his work to engage in
a political wrangle. Guy Mitch-
ell, a prominent citizen of Edna,
called Judge Brooks' attention to
the fact that the Monk Gibson
case, submitted to the court the
first of last December has never
been acted upon, and during this
unnecessary delay the people are
being taxed to feed and care for
this young imp of the lower re-
gions. —Welman Mercury.

IMMEDIATELY following Cone
Johnson's nomination for dele-
gate it was charged by those op-
posing him that he did not sup-
port Gov. Hogg in 1892 and that
he was an elector on the Palmer
& Buckner ticket in 1896. Mr.
Johnson might have been trou-
bled by these charges had he been
a bachelor, but luckily he has a
wife, and she never forgets her
husband's interests. She dug
up papers published by the very
man that made the charges and
showed that another Tyler man
was the elector on the Palmer &
Buckner ticket and that Cone
Johnson canvassed his county for
Gov. Hogg in 1892. This is not
written for political effect but to
show that every man who desires
to keep out of trouble should
have a wife. —Honey Grove Sig-
nal.

The country press of Texas is
overwhelmingly against the
Senator. This is the same con-

democratic administration in
Texas and that has stood like a
stone wall in defense of the peo-
ple against the encroachments
and domination of predatory
wealth, whether in the form of
lawless oil trusts or dictatorial
railway corporations. This is
the press that stood behind Jim
Hogg and which Senator Bailey
contemptuously characterized as
having been subsidized by the
price of a year's subscription to
oppose him in previous contests.
Greenville Herald.

WE WOULD like for the people
to compare the speech made by
Hon. Chas. Johnson in Houston
last night with the speech made
by Senator Bailey in
Georgetown Monday. One of
them was a dignified and clear-
cut speech while the other was
one of abuse, a part of which
could not be printed in news-
papers. Mr. Johnson never
makes a speech that ladies can
not hear, but the senator uses so
much rough language that the
ladies are shocked. —Comanche
Exponent.

They say we Anti-Baileytes
are on the losing side, and that
we had better get in the Bailey
band wagon or we will get run
over. The anti's are a class of
voters who stand for the principles
involved in an issue, and
never consider the popular side
of a question. Conscience should
govern every man in his poli-
tics and religion, and he who
would prostitute his conscience
for popularity's sake is a traitor
to himself. —Snyder Light.

BAILEY says that the "honor-
able women" are with him. Be-
low we give a clip from the Shi-
ner Gazette correspondence,
signed "Enchanted Maid," pre-
sumably a woman. The Gazette
is a Bailey paper.

"We can conceive why a man, who
does not care a fig for the political
fortunes of any man, and who has
no political policies or ideals, can up-
hold a man of the type of Joe Bailey.
But, how any one of sound moral
mind and at all conversant with his
politics can approve Baileyism is be-
yond my ability of apprehending."

THE Austin Statesman is the
property of John Henry Kirby
(who drew the \$12,500 check and
didn't know where it went) the
bosom friend of Joe Bailey and
the bosom man of Joe's friend
"My Dear Pierce." Attorney
General Davidson is in Washing-
ton fighting at the last ditch to
drive the business of "My Dear
Pierce" out of the state. It is
the strategic moment for the
tumble-bug act.

THE people of Texas are indi-
cating a purpose to handle the
latter without gloves. This
shows that they are terribly in
earnest, otherwise they would
merely use the tongs. —Houston
Post.

What will the Post say when
the Junior Senator on 2nd day
of May is carried out of the ring
on two chairs?

"A MAN whose imagination
runs away with him in time of
peace and whose mule runs away
with him in time of war." Well,
that's going some. —Houston
Post.

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"NINE years ago," says the
Comanche Exponent, "Senator
Bailey paid off debts at less than
40c on the dollar and now he is
rated a millionaire, and no one
puts his wealth at less than a
quarter of a million." Where did
he get the money?

So the whole thing is a nut-
shell for the voters to decide
simply: Can a man serve two
masters. If you say yes, vote
for the Fort Worth nominees; if
you answer no, then your vote
ought to go for the Waco nomi-
nees. —Colorado Citizen.

A UNITED STATES Senator
from Texas pleads he cannot use
the language he would like to
because of the ladies in his au-
dience, and yet flatters himself in
the assertion that all "good
women" are for him. —Beville
Bee.

Hon. O. T. Holt is a Confed-
erate veteran, was a member of
Co. F 5th Texas Cavalry, Green's
Brigade, and the members of
that old command will see to it
that his interest is protected at
the polls. —Breitbart Banner.

The conduct of Judge Brooks
in the present campaign justifies
the judgment of the people in
making him and the tail end of
his party the laughing stock of
the country.

THE HEADLIGHT has three Re-
publican exchanges each of which
supports Joe Bailey.

CO. O. T. Holt speaks in
Houston.

Speaking of Bribery.
"The newspaper man of the
country," said Cyclone Davis in a
speech at Longview Wednesday,
"will remember that in Bailey's
race with Chilton, Bailey charg-
ed Chilton with bribing most of
the country editors because he
gave them a dollar and subscrib-
ed for their paper. This shows
Bailey's idea of the influence of
money over men (common men, I
mean) not like Joe, of course, for
his patriotic purity is so im-
maculate that he can stand under
the open spell of a Standard Oil
tank for six years and never get
the smell of oil on his garments.
Bailey said that all away
throughout the country, and
he can point out the corridors
of Wall street and back in the
festoons and gorgeous flummery
of the Waldorf Astoria. But it
only makes him a better senator.
It makes him love the people
more and love the trusts less."
"One dollar subscribed for his
paper would warp the mind, sub-
vert the soul and corrupt the
conscience of a country editor,
but \$250,000 lathered all over Joe
only adds to the luster of his life
and makes him more anxious to
serve the people and destroy the
trusts."

Weird Death Rite.
Cincinnati is still talking
about the strange sermon
delivered by Rev. Don G. Tullis,
pastor of the Poplar Street
Presbyterian church, on the
death of the late "Back" Ewing,
at one time catcher for the Cin-
cinnati National League baseball
team. The address was as
follows:

"The shades of evening are
beginning to fall upon the dia-
mond of life; the game is almost
ended. Breathless, the crowd
sits awaiting the end. The score
is a tie. Everything is in the
balance, and this day will decide,
not the world's championship,
but the greater struggle for
eternity."

"One is there among the war-
scarred veterans upon whom all
eyes are fastened. He has won
many a game before. He has
heard the plaudits of thousands,
and received the applause of mil-
lions in his day. Will he be able
to win this game?"

"The shadows descend, the
crowd is breathless. All de-
pends upon him.
"It is no time for a single, he
has made them before and has
won many a game by them."

"A base on balls will do no
good. It is no time for a sacri-
fice. There is but one thing will
count in this closing moment—a
home run."

"Can he do it?
"Death hurled the ball toward
the batter.
"Strike one," the umpire cries.
"Again the sphere flies by
while the batter stands unmoved.
"Strike two" comes the voice
through the gloom.

"There is one more chance.
He pulls himself together, his
frame like iron. His features
are immovable; the ball once
more speeds toward the plate.
"With one supreme effort he
swings the stick and sends the
ball to a distant corner of the
field, and the dauntless Ewing
starts upon his last circle of the
bases.

"One-two-three—the ball is be-
ing rapidly returned."
"Will he make it?"
"It is a close race. He takes
the one and only chance, and
throws himself headlong upon
the ground for the last time.
For a moment all is confusion.
Suddenly the dust clears away
and the Great Umpire of the
universe is heard to say:
"Safe at home. Speech."

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