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Dear Sir

Yours of this A.M. is received, requesting me to send you "the names of the Republican candidates for Local Offices, and those for State Senate and Representatives". - I enclose you the Republican Ticket - all on one paper - for State offices - for the 4th Congressional District - for State Senate and Representatives, - also for the County Offices, as Clerk of District Court, Sheriff, and also for the Justices of the Peace, Precinct No. 2. - which is Lavaca, - I am informed that you have at Lavaca a full supply of Tickets, but if you have not, we have a good quantity here to meet all demands, - The enclosed ticket, is the straight Republican Ticket for Congress, State Senate, Representatives, Clerk of District Court, Sheriff & Justice of the Peace, - and if your tickets are in any way different from the enclosed ticket, then change them to correspond

with the enclosed ticket, - Mr. Parnell came out in the first of this season, as an independent candidate for congress, but when the regular Republican Convention came to be held at Seguin, - the name of Mr. Parnell was thrown overboard, and the name of the Hon Edward Degener was unanimously nominated as candidate for congress, & I rejoice that it was so, for Parnell is an uneducated man, but Degener is the best educated man in Western Texas, - he was one of the principal members of the Constitutional Convention & is a man who General Butler says, can always be trusted as a safe Republican, - Hartup we know to be a "true-blue" Republican, and all the lawyers of every political stripe, acknowledge his faithful & efficient services as Clerk for the past two years, - There has been considerable excitement among the colored men about voting for H. B. Miller for sheriff, - but the Republicans here, could not tolerate the idea of putting him forward as a candidate for sheriff, on the grounds of utter want of capacity for the duties of the position, - and lack of ability

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to supply the requisite bonds to enter upon the duties of the office, - you know that the Sheriff and collector of taxes, is now one office under the new constitution & bonds have to be given for some 30,000. to 40,000.00, - the bondsmen of Miller, who is now the present sheriff, say they will not go on his bond again, - Miller is now keeping a saw shop here, and is a man of poor capacity - Judge Ogden says he is the most inefficient sheriff he ever had in a court room, - Three prisoners guilty of robbery were let out of the jail a few nights ago, but no doors or windows or bars were broken, - but the locks were all there & unharmed, - Mr Miller who has charge of the jail was arrested the morning after the prisoners escaped & examination was held before the county Commissioners - they found serious charge against him, either for directly letting the prisoners escape or conniving at their escape, - he was bound over for trial Monday next, - You can readily see that no good citizen wants such a man to hold the responsible office of sheriff & collector of all the

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taxes of our county.- The man who the Republicans have placed upon their ticket for Sheriff - Mr. J. Cahn - is one of our Republicans,- a very responsible merchant & a good citizens; of upright life and not a tinge of rebel about him,- he is at the present time the collector of taxes for the county & a very efficient one. It was only after repeated solicitations by the Republicans here, that he would stand as a candidate & we congratulate ourselves in having so straightforward a Republican ticket for county officers.-

I am very glad you have come over so to be here at election day, as your influence will be very powerful for the Republican cause,- The colored men of Lavaca are much more like real sensible men than here in Indianola, for we find the colored men here are permitting themselves to be "bamboozled" by liquor & money bribes, to voting for the democratic-rebel-whiskey-gambling gang, who have put up such a man as Geo. Woodman for district clerk, & he is the same man, who, when he was justice of the peace last year,- went as bondsman himself for a man who had shot another man & he (Woodman) was trying the criminal,- he ought to have been put in the States Prison - he now is opposition ticket to Hartup -

I hope to see you down here next week, & be sure & give me a call yours G. W. M.