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**Specimen of the Bulletins made up in Texas
for Republication in the Black Repub-
lican Press.**

The Galveston *Civilian* which always publishes the partisan accounts of Gen. Houston's speeches and Houston meetings, gives a communication from Austin, embracing a sketch of Sam Houston's speech on the 22d September. We give the following extract:

"In the North, the madness which controls this insensate cry, proposes no remedy, offers nothing in the cause of humanity. In the South, the most clamorous disturbers of the public peace are miserable transplanted fanatics, who know nothing of the institution, and the attachment between master and slave—creatures who never owned or deserved to own a negro, and who would make worthless judgments were they blackened and sold. If you add all the fanatics and all the reckless Northern politicians who have joined them for the hope of conquest and spoils, there are yet a majority of one million of Northern voters, in favor of the constitution and the laws—men willing to let alone and to crush the Northern disunionists. So at the South the conservative national Union-loving element is vastly in the majority. Yet what a spectacle have we! One Northern and one Southern sectional candidate in the field, with their hosts struggling for power. With three Presidential candidates, either of which is sound as against the Chicago nominee—with forces thus divided—with members of our own family waging a relentless war upon each other, we yet find bolters and secessionists crying aloud that they will dissolve the Union unless their candidate is elected.

#1 Vocabulary

Civilian

Partisan

Insensate

Humanity

Clamorous

Transplanted

Fanatics

Institution

Master

Slave

Negro

Reckless

Conquest

Majority

Vastly

Spectacle

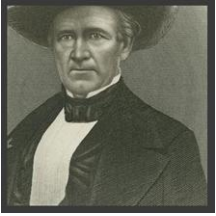
Bolters

Secessionists

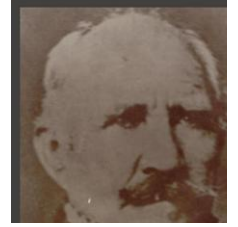
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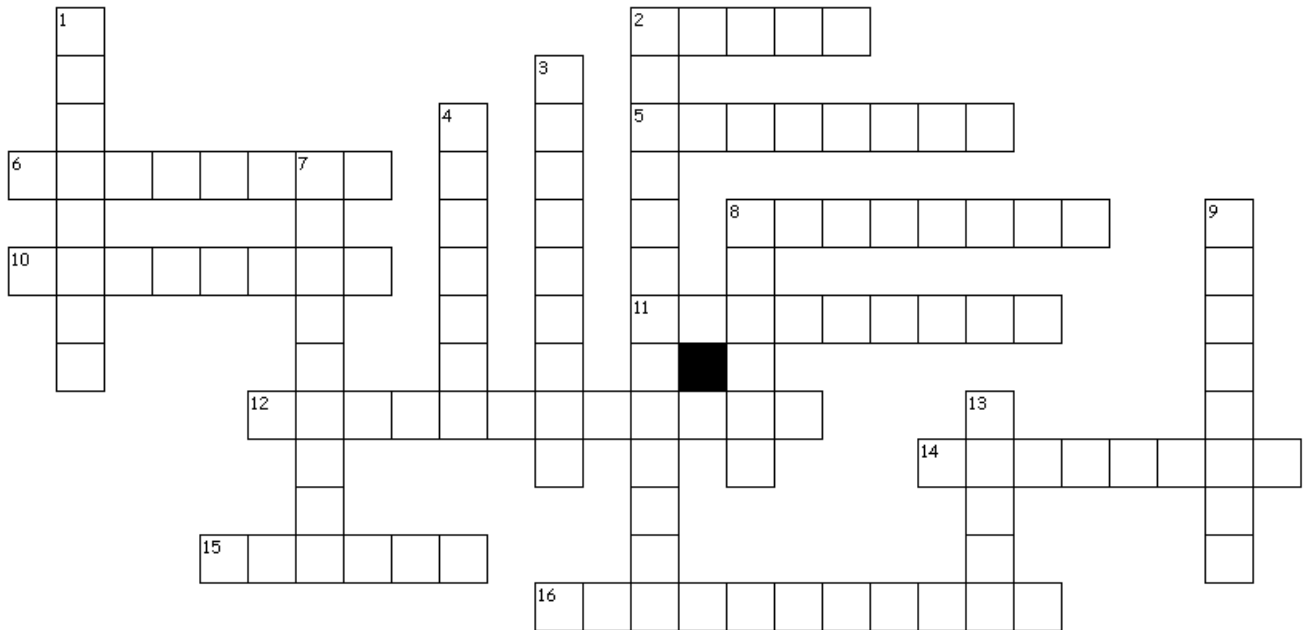
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Sam Houston's Speech : September 22, 1860



#1 Use the vocabulary from your reading.



Across

2. a servant completely robbed of freedom and personal rights
5. to gain in war, conquer; to vanquish
6. a person considered to stand by unreasonably to a particular belief
8. the group or party which has the largest share of votes
10. a non-military person
11. unintelligent, unfeeling, foolish
12. to leave one place & settle another
14. irresponsible or indifferent to the consequences; uncaring
15. exceedingly, extremely, very
16. an established law, custom, or organization in the political or social life of a people

Down

1. the human race or being humane
2. to desert, to take absence without leave
3. impressive entertainment or a show
4. one who 'bolts' from his party
7. uttering loud and persistent shouts
8. the owner of a slave
9. support of a political party; one-sided
13. a slave of black African origin or descent in the Southern States of America prior to 1865

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They have abandoned the name of Democracy, to which they were never entitled, and taken the new *soubriquet* of the "CONSTITUTIONAL PARTY." They are "for the Constitution and the Union under the Constitution." And yet they call all traitors who are willing to decide contests at the ballot box, according to the constitution; and, if found in a minority, to bow to the will of the people—to correct abuses under the constitution—and constitutionally to resist its infractions. They are for the constitution, provided they can get control of the power and pelf of the government, but against it if they cannot. They are for the Union, so long as they can unite the sword and the purse in their own hands, but if the people will not trust them with all their braggadocio and threats, then the Union must be dissolved to give petty Republics to petty demagogues. They have taken the only possible means to ensure the election of a Black Republican President, and yet they do not hesitate to declare, that they would hang every mail-carrier, post-master, Judge and Marshall who should hold office under him! The mails and every branch of the public service are to be arrested and the country thrown into revolution, upon the mere election and without waiting for a revolution of the constitution! These are the men who dare talk about treason and traitors! They will vote for no candidate but the one of the bolting secessionists—all others, in their eyes, are worse than Lincoln, and yet if they thus elect Lincoln they will plunge the country into civil war.

#2 Vocabulary

Entitled

Soubriquet

Constitution

Traitor

Minority

Infraction

Pelf

Union

Purse

Braggadocio

Dissolved

Republic

Demagogue

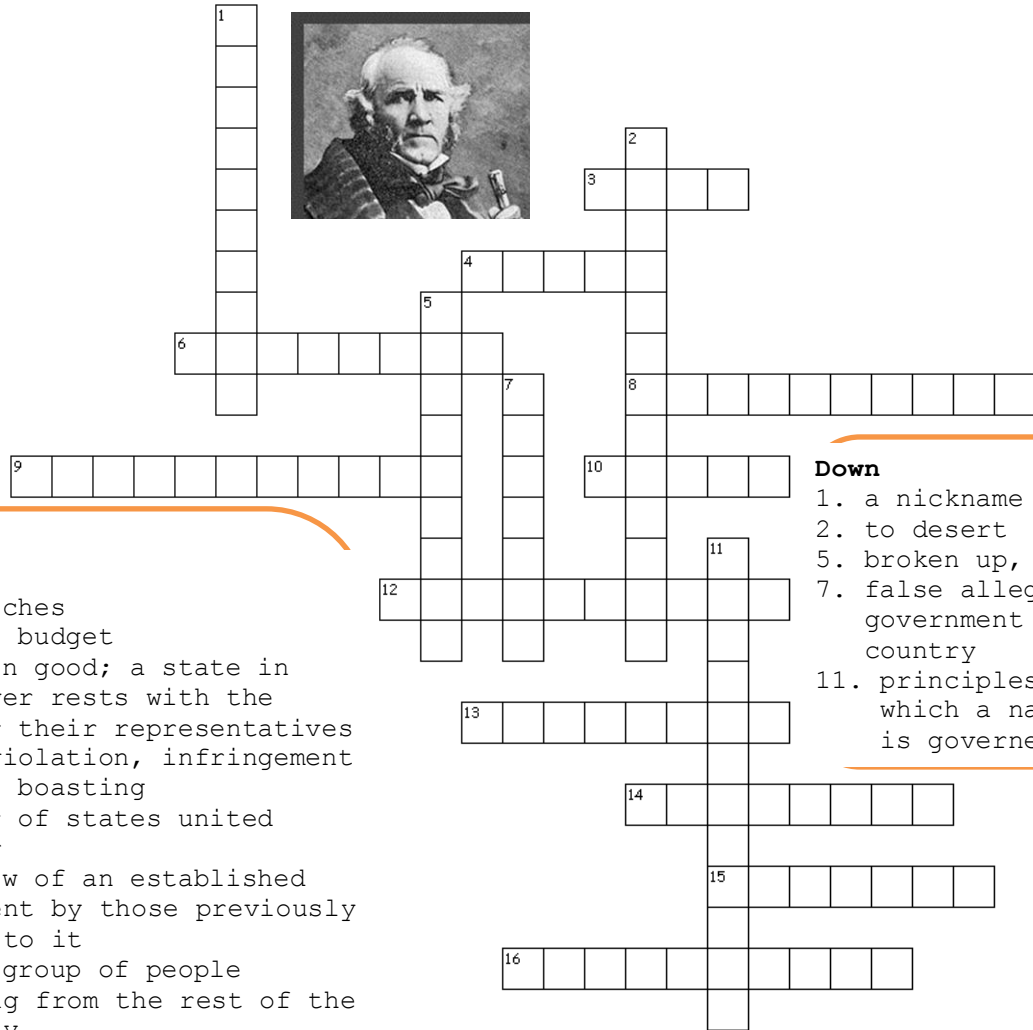
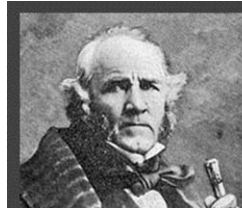
Revolution

Treason

Secessionists

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#2 Use the vocabulary from your reading.



Across

3. Money, riches
4. financial budget
6. the common good; a state in which power rests with the people or their representatives
8. breach, violation, infringement
9. bragging, boasting
10. a number of states united together
12. overthrow of an established government by those previously subject to it
13. a small group of people differing from the rest of the community
14. 'right to possession'
15. the action of betraying
16. a leader of a popular faction who appeals to passions and prejudices to obtain power

Down

1. a nickname
2. to desert
5. broken up, destroyed
7. false allegiance to the government of his/her country
11. principles according to which a nation or state is governed

I express no preferences for the Presidency. I advocate no candidate or the dogmas of any candidate, I accept no platform but that of our fathers, "The Constitution and the Union." It was the platform which I proclaimed and on which I succeeded in Texas; and the tail which has been stuck to the kite, "the enforcement of the laws," is only a sequence of every honest man, constitutional both. Nor do I say, that all of the new party, who call themselves "Constitutional Democrats," are Disunionists, or that their candidates comprehend the full purposes of the leaders who have gone so far in their purposes. I can only demonstrate my meaning by an anecdote. An honest Dutchman in Virginia was the leading Whig of his neighborhood. He was sued for his land, and as the Judge before whom the trial was to be had was a Democrat, Steinberger thought that he had best pay him a visit. The following dialogue ensued:

Steinberger—Well, Judge, you is a Democrat and I is a Whig. That ish all right.

Judge—Certainly.

Well, Judge, we sometimes beats you, and you sometimes beats us, that ish all right.

Judge—Certainly.

Steinberger—Well, Judge; they has started on me the biggest lie in the world. They say that I said every Whig was an honest man and every Democrat a rascal—I never said it Judge.

Judge—I am happy to hear it. It would have been a harsh expression.

Steinberger—This I said Judge; every Whig is honest, and every rascal is a Democrat. [Great laughter.]

#3 Vocabulary

Preference

Advocate

Dogma

Platform

Proclaim

Sequence

Disunionist

Comprehend

Demonstrate

Anecdote

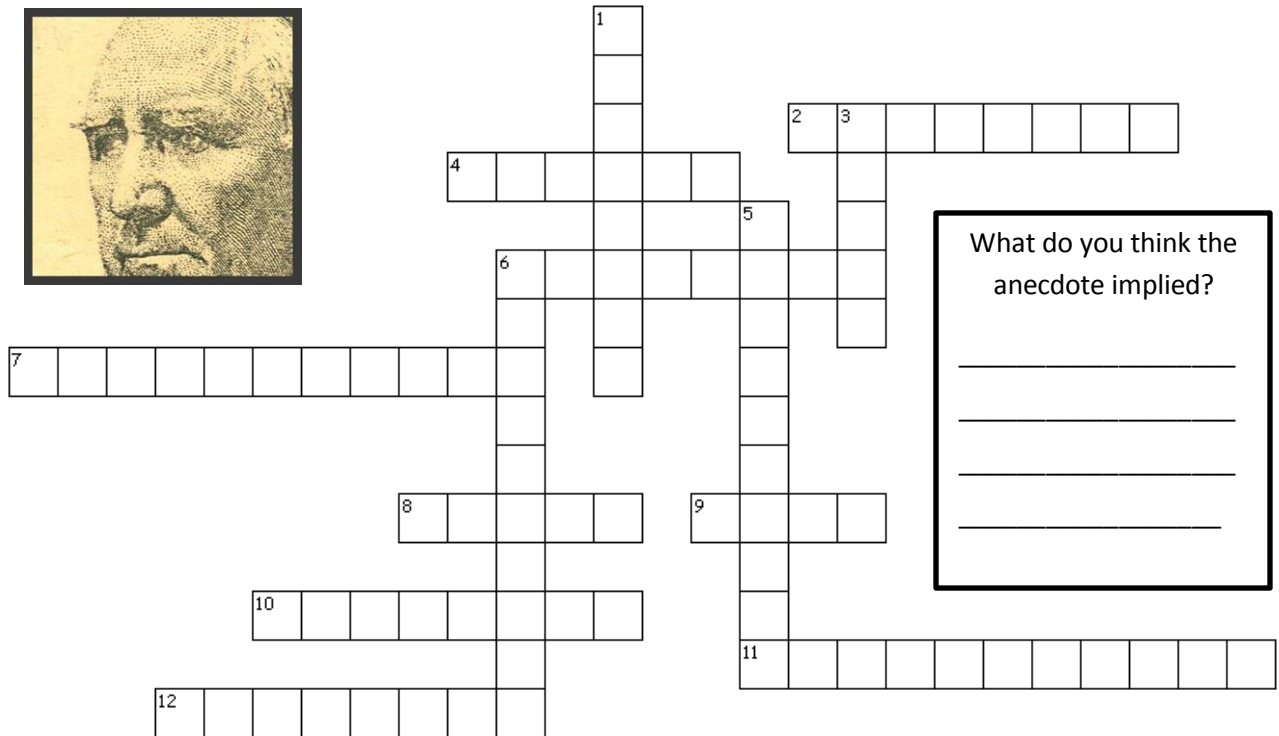
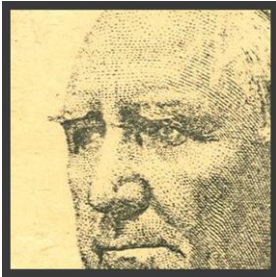
Whig

Rascal

Harsh

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#3 Use the vocabulary from your reading.



What do you think the anecdote implied?

Across

2. to raise one's voice in favor of; to defend or recommend publicly
4. an unprincipled or dishonest person
6. public campaign; political opinion
7. to manifest, show, display
8. rude, offensive
9. a member of a party, formed in 1834, opposed to the Democrats
10. one after another
11. one who, before or during the civil war of 1861-65, advocated a dissolution of the Union
12. the narrative of a single event

Down

1. officially announce; publicly declare
3. an opinion; a belief, principle
5. to understand
6. a greater liking for one alternative over another or others

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It will be hardly credible to many of the citizens of Texas and the South that such sentiments could be uttered by a Governor of a Southern State. It confirms the allegation often made that Gov. Houston was once really suspected of desiring to make the Republic of Texas a free State. This is a part of yet unwritten history. Cannot the truthful historians of the Texas Almanac give the facts concerning it?

This diatribe against good and true men who carried the election last August by 20,000 majority, and who will do the same in November, would be regarded as the *insensate* folly of a man in his dotage, but it is to be sent to the North, where it will be looked upon as the most favorable omen for supporting a Black Republican. There the question will be, what can be done in Texas against the administration of Lincoln and Hamlin, if its Governor will favor submission? It gives the lie to Fillmore who declared that the South would not submit to a Black Republican President; and all the Northern Democrats have said the same thing. Well might Black Republicans of Ohio in 1857, propose to celebrate the victory of **Sam Houston** should he then be elected.

#4 Vocabulary

Credible

Sentiment

Uttered

Allegation

Diatribe

Insensate

Dotage

Omen

Submission

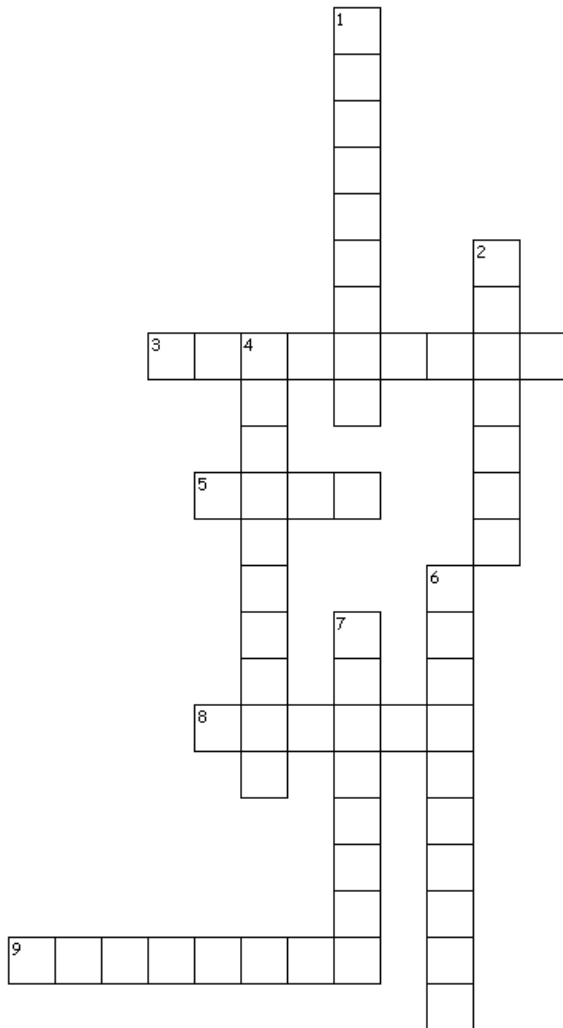
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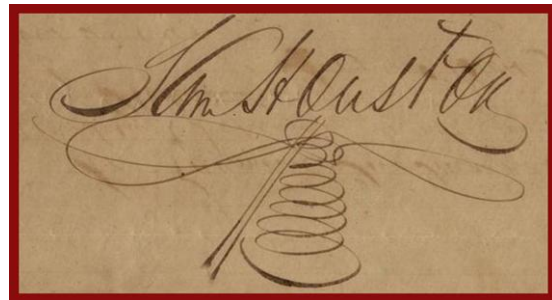
State Gazette. (Austin, TX) : September 22, 1860

#4 Use the vocabulary from your reading.



Across

- 3. lacking sense or understanding
- 5. prophetic significance, a sign
- 8. infatuation, foolish affection
- 9. believable



Down

- 1. one's own feeling
- 2. expressed by the voice
- 4. agreement to obey an authority
- 6. an assertion without proof
- 7. a bitter and violent criticism

What position does the article in the paper take towards Sam Houston? If you had read this paper in 1860, would you agree with the author or oppose?
