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## Directory.

**DISTRICT OFFICERS.**  
(20th Judicial Dist.)  
Judge, Hon. J. V. Cockrell.  
Dist. Attorney, W. W. Beall.

**COUNTY OFFICIALS.**  
County Judge, P. D. Sanders.  
County Attorney, F. P. Morgan.  
County Dist. Clerk, J. L. Jones.  
Sheriff and Tax Collector, W. B. Anthony.  
County Treasurer, Jasper Millhollon.  
Tax Assessor, H. S. Post.  
County Surveyor, J. A. Fisher.

**COMMISSIONERS.**  
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Product No. 2, B. H. Gwator.  
Product No. 3, C. W. Lacey.  
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J. P. Prec. No. 1, J. S. Biko.  
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**CHURCHES.**  
Baptist, (Missionary) Every 1st and 3rd Sunday.  
Presbyterian, (Cumberland) Every 2nd Sunday and Saturday before.  
Christian (Campbellite) Every 3rd Sunday and Saturday before.  
Presbyterian, Every 2nd and 4th Sunday.  
Rev. W. H. McCollough, Pastor.  
Methodist (M. R. Church) Every Sunday and Sunday night.  
W. D. Bass, D. D. Pastor.  
Prayer meeting every Wednesday night.  
Sunday School every Sunday at 9:30 a. m.  
P. D. Sanders, Superintendent.

Christian Sunday School every Sunday.  
W. B. Standefer, Superintendent.  
Baptist Sunday School every Sunday.  
D. W. Courtwright, Superintendent.  
Presbyterian Sunday School every Sunday.  
E. E. Merrill, Superintendent.  
Haskell Lodge No. 682, A. F. & A. M.  
meets Saturday on or before each full moon.  
G. R. Couch, W. M.  
J. W. Evans, Sec'y.  
Haskell Chapter No. 181  
Royal Arch Masons meet on the first Tuesday in each month.  
A. C. Foster, High Priest.  
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PHYSICIAN & SURGEON.  
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Specialties a share of Your Patronage.  
All bills due, must be paid on the first of the month.

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Physicians and Surgeons.  
Offer their services to the people of the town and country.  
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Gold Crowns and Bridge work a specialty.

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—Office at McLemore's Drug Store—  
Having located at Haskell, I offer my services to the people, and solicit a share of the Public Patronage.  
Surgical Cases Especially Solicited.

**A. R. BENGE,**  
DEALER IN  
**SADDLES & HARNESS,**  
to my friends in Haskell Co.—  
While in Seymour, call and examine my Prices on Saddlery and Harness Goods.  
A. R. BENGE,  
Main St. Seymour, Texas.

## No negroes in Haskell county.

This is a white mans country.  
J. C. FULTON of Rockport, Texas, has organized a company and is going to plant 1000 acres in grape vines.  
DROUTH in France ruined the hay and wheat crop, but benefited the grape crop, and it will be a very profitable one.  
LARGE quantities of hay is being exported from the United States to England and France and is selling at \$40 and \$50 a ton.

WHEN we read of negro deviltry in other parts of the country we are glad that this is strictly a white man's country.  
THE Rayner Lasso got off its base last week on a little pleasantry indulged by the FREE PRESS. Bro. Curry ought to know a joke when he sees it without its being labeled "This is a joke."

No bad results from the taking of Hill's Chloride of Gold Tablets, while the cure is permanent. Drunkenness, Tobacco and Opium habits positively cured.

THERE is some talk of the southern branch of the Rock Island road from a point in the I. T. going via Childress and thence on the divide between Peas and Red river to the plains. Haskell should look after this road, she can show it a route worth two of that.

The July 8th number of Texas Farm and Ranch, Dallas, Texas, was largely devoted to fruit culture and horticultural subjects generally. To any one who has, or intends to have, an orchard that number along is worth the subscription price of the paper for a year.

Elder S. S. Beaver, of McAllisterville, Juniata Co., Pa., says his wife is subject to cramp in the stomach. Last summer she tried Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy for it, and was much pleased with the speedy relief it afforded. She has since used it whenever necessary and found that it never fails. For sale by A. P. McLemore.

It is said that Harry Tracey and his co-workers are putting in about fifteen hours a day cultivating the Populist crop in Texas. A paper asks if the crop is anything like Johnson grass.  
We are pleased to say that it is in color only, in other respects and on election day, it resembles a Kansas corn crop in grasshopper time.

SANITARY measures, the cleaning up of all filth, is being pushed in all the larger towns and cities. Thorough cleanliness would doubtless be conducive to better health in towns no larger than Haskell. Clean up your premises and keep them clean and thus ward off fevers and other diseases liable to be produced or aggravated by mephitic odors during hot weather. An ounce of preventive is better than a pound of cure.  
"My little boy was very bad off for two months with diarrhoea. We used various medicines, also called in two doctors, but nothing done him any good until we used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, which gave immediate relief and soon cured him. I consider it the best medicine made and can conscientiously recommend it to all who need a diarrhoea or colic medicine. J. E. Hare, Trenton, Tex." 25 and 50 cent bottles for sale by A. P. McLemore.

THE Floresville Chronicle quoting from some learned scientist explains why people invariably walk in a circle when lost. It states that the careful measurements of many skeletons have shown that only one in ten had the legs of equal length, the same discrepancy being found in the arms. The conclusion is that a lost person in walking, when not guided by the eye to some object, unconsciously veers to the side of the shorter leg and is thus carried around in a circle.  
The conclusion we think evidently wrong, from the fact that a person lost will ride or drive a horse in a circle as certainly as he will walk in a circle. We once on a cloudy day on a prairie had personal experience in driving in a circle.

WHEN Congress assembles on the 7th day of August we want to see the democrats carry out the national platform to the letter. We have been voting for a long time for the party in the hope of seeing the principles it professes carried into operation. It now has the power for the first time to redeem its pledges, and tens of thousands will judge it then by its performances and not by its promises as they have heretofore had to do. It will now stand or fall by its works.

Last fall I was taken with a kind of summer complaint, accompanied with a wonderful diarrhoea. Soon after my wife's sister, who lives with us, was taken in the same way. We used almost everything without benefit. Then I said, let us try Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, which we did, and that cured us right away. I think much of it, as it did for me what it was recommended to do. John Hertler, Bethel, Berks Co., Pa. 25 and 50 cent bottles for sale by A. P. McLemore's.

"ONE swallow does not make a summer," neither does one year of short crops establish the character or quality of a country; nevertheless, on account of this year of short grain crops some people are feeling blue and discouraged and are talking of hunting "greener fields and newer pastures." At the same time others can be pointed to, who, under the same conditions but through better preparation and tillage of the soil, have made fairly good crops and are not grumbling. Some improved places we understand are for sale very low. This need not scare anyone who wants to come here, rather it should hasten them on to secure a bargain. Whether a particular county is good or not depends a good deal on the individual, tastes, his energy and his ability to adapt himself to its peculiarities—they will not change to suit his fancies.

Dallas News.  
SEYMOUR, the mind reader is about to undertake a very daring feat. He is on his way to Chicago, where he is to be buried alive. Referring to this proposed test the proposed corpse says:  
My coffin has gone on ahead. It was made in Syracuse and is a fac simile of the one in which Gen. Grant's remains now lay. It cost \$3000. It is made in three sections, one fitting inside the other. I will be buried six feet deep in the coffin. Signals will be arranged so that if things don't go right I can communicate with the soldiers on the outside who will guard the grave. Directly after I am buried a crop of barley will be sowed over the grave. I will remain buried until the germs sprout, grow, ripen and are harvested. Then the disinterment will take place. I will not come back to earth until Sept. 24.

THE suggestion of a recent writer to establish the free and unlimited coinage of both gold and silver at a fixed ratio, say 16 to 1 and base on this coinage a paper currency redeemable in gold or silver at the option of the holder and to make all debts—government and individual—payable in gold or silver at the option of the creditor, it seems to us, would give silver a fair and equal chance on its merits, and answer the contention of the advocates of silver. The plan seems very simple and to explain it more fully we quote as follows from the article referred to:  
"They are both money metals, and the money of the United States should consist of both together, with paper promises to pay. The gold, silver and paper should be redeemable in gold, silver or currency, at the option of the holder—that is, the holder of a gold coin should have the privilege of redemption in silver or paper, the holder of a silver coin in gold or paper, and the holder of paper in gold or silver, at his option. Then let us have free and unlimited coinage of gold and silver at the ratio of sixteen to one. If gold should, for the time, be more precious the creditor would select gold, if silver then silver; and in either case, unless moved by adventitious causes, he would prefer paper—the gold and

silver serving as a safe basis or foundation for our paper.

Such money, with an option in the creditor, would at this critical period relieve the want of confidence; it would confer all the blessings promised by the free coinage of silver; it would increase the per capita of Judge Nugent's followers and leave no room for objection on the part of any man. The gold man and creditor would have the option of demanding gold, leaving silver to work out its own problems; the silver man would have his free and unlimited coinage of the white metal, which would by this act of justice be kept on a par with gold, but if in this he should prove to be mistaken, the finances of the country would be safe on a gold-option basis, and his politics could harm no one; the paper money man could be gratified with such issues of honest promises to pay, redeemable in gold or silver at the option of the holder, as the necessities of the country demand, and this should be at least sufficient to retire all national bank bills, silver and gold certificates and other issues. In addition to this, the country would bear some inflation at this period of restless discontent on the part of a great many good people who believe the per capita should be increased.

The outcome of such a flexible money system may be foretold with certainty. If gold is at a premium our debts, national, state and private, will be paid in gold, or in paper which would be redeemable in gold if demanded. But no redemption would be asked. If this state of the money market should remain any great while the mining of gold would be stimulated, and with greater production the price would decrease, and with it the premium on gold coin, until the metal reached an equilibrium, followed possibly, in time, by a premium on silver. This latter condition would result in the payment of debts in silver, or in paper which would be redeemed, if demand, in silver. But no redemption would be asked. The stimulated production of silver under these conditions would bring the money market to an equilibrium by the depreciation in the value of silver. All this while the paper promises of the country would be maintained at as near a fixed value as the medium of exchange is in the nature of things capable of enjoying.

The silver men may answer that to give the creditor his option would be paramount to fixing a gold standard. Not at all. If the present contention of the silver men is sound—that free and unlimited coinage at sixteen to one would, by the inherent justice thus done silver, bring its price and money value on a parity with gold—then it is self evident that the creditors would take silver in payment of all debts equally with gold, without discrimination against silver; and the silver men are estopped to deny this conclusion, and will not be heard to deny it. But if the silver men are wrong the gold men may rest secure in a law embodying the above provisions as to gold, silver and paper, because such a law would soon demonstrate, without risk, whether silver at that ratio can be utilized as a money metal."

## EXPERIMENT STATIONS.

Their Value to Farmers.

A new experiment station will soon be in operation on the non-irrigated plains of eastern Colorado at Cheyenne Wells. This will be the first general experiment station in the semi arid region. In such a location the possibilities of a new station are unlimited. Its field of research will be extensive and many of the results will doubtless be of very great value to the drouthy lands in Colorado and Kansas.—Ex.  
There is, we believe, an experiment station being operated in nearly every state in the Union, at an expense of about \$15,000 a year each. They are established by the government for the especial benefit of the farmers and stock growers, to conduct such experiments and make such tests as are too expensive for individual farmers to carry out, and they are calculated to be of inestimable value to

the farming interests of the country—if the farmers would only wake up and receive and make use of the information furnished by them. The stations conduct experiments in modes of cultivation of various crops, tests of new plants, carry on experiments in fruit growing, gardening, etc., and investigate the diseases and insect enemies of trees and plants for the purpose of discovering remedies for same. They also conduct experiments in breeding and feeding of the domestic animals, dairying, etc. Reports giving full information as to the result of all these experiments are published in pamphlet form from time to time and sent free of cost to any farmer who furnishes his address and requests it. That is what they are for, but very few farmers seem to know or appreciate the value an intelligent use of the information furnished them would be. Just think of it, each farmer in the state can, for the asking, have the benefit of experiments in his line costing \$15,000 a year, something no other industry has. The Texas experiment station is carried on in connection with the Texas Agricultural and Mechanical college near Bryan, Texas.

We have attempted to do our farmers a service in again calling their attention to this matter so fully as to fix it on their minds.

If you want the reports simply address a letter or postal card to

Ag. Experiment Station,  
College Station,  
Texas,  
and request that your name be registered and the reports sent to you regularly.

## To Home Seekers.

There are thousands of people in the old time wanting reliable information about Texas, especially about the great small grain region. There is no other way to get such information as good as a few months' reading of the local papers. Select the locality which you want to know about and then subscribe for the paper published there for four or six months, and through its weekly references to farming operations, crops, stock, fruits, vegetables, the schools, churches society events and the doings of individuals and the business notices, advertisements, etc., you will acquire a correct knowledge of what its products are, price of land and other property, the status of its society, schools and churches and the business, manner and customs of its people—a knowledge that it would require weeks of residence to obtain. Haskell county is situated in the heart of the wheat region and is unsurpassed as a small grain country, for stock raising or anything else that can be raised or produced and they are many in northwest Texas. Send 50 cents and get this paper for one month, or 75 cents and get it six months. Address THE FREE PRESS, Haskell, Texas.

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The quality and workmanship of all goods are guaranteed.  
Repairing Neatly and Promptly Done.  
One of the best Shoemakers to be found has just been employed and will do all kinds of work in his line promptly and in the best manner at prices to suit the times.  
Call and leave your orders.

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Fare one way \$3.50. Round Trip \$6.00.  
JOHN McMITLAN, Proprietor, Haskell, Texas.

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PASSENGER, MAIL AND EXPRESS LINE.  
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Connects at Haskell with Seymour Line to Haskell.  
Connects at Abilene with trains, east and west bound.

GOING NORTH: Leaves Abilene at 4:30 p. m., Arrives at Anson 6:30. Arrives at Haskell at 11:30 next day.  
GOING SOUTH: Leaves Haskell at 1 p. m., Arrives at Anson 3:30 p. m., Arrives at Abilene at 10:10 a. m.

Fare one way \$3.50. Round trip \$6.00.  
Abilene Office at Fowler Bros. Livery Stable.

A. H. Tandy, President. J. V. W. Holmes, Cashier. B. H. Dodson, Vice Pres. J. J. Loukas, Asst. Cashier.

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They propose to keep constantly stocked up with fresh and choice goods, which they will sell as low as such goods can be sold in this market.

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No. 1, Farm Wagon, \$24.50. No. 119 Road Wagon, \$27.  
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A CHICAGO HOLOCAUST.

Two Large Buildings in the Fair Grounds Burned and Others Damaged. ELEVEN DEAD AND THIRTY INJURED.

Chicago, Ill., July 11.—The fear that existed for months in the mind of nearly every citizen of Chicago, a fear none dared to utter, but all felt, was realized yesterday in a fearful holocaust at the fair.

Thirty thousand people powerless to render any assistance, have been compelled to stand and see men cremated.

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THE CAR has brought suit for damages caused by the sinking of one of the launches of his fleet in the North river.

Two Mexicans in Arizona who did not like each other retired to a lonely canyon and fought a duel with rocks.

SENATOR STANFORD always wore a little butterfly necktie, one of the kind that is fashioned to a short ended bow and fastens to the collar button with a rubber loop.

THE most verdant of crab apples, the least ripened of peaches may be and frequently are decked with wonderful success, but the toy pistol is conqueror and lays low the frames of those who have triumphed over childhood's ills and who laugh to scorn all other efforts of the allegorist.

WE are opposed to fads in public schools, but all so called "special studies" are not "fads." Singing is not a "fad" if properly taught.

THE average American failure is a most pitiful bluff at a collapse. How miserably impotent it appears compared with the Australian style.

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Embracing Serious and Sensational Happenings, and Current News Covering Many Topics of Interest to All Readers.

At Kingston, N. M., every mine in the district has closed down. Five hundred men are thrown out of employment, and general depression prevails through the black range. Sterna merchants have canceled by wire all orders for goods from the east, amounting to thousands of dollars. All the mines were caught with large shipments of ore in transit to market.

A man by the name of Brown was struck by engine No. 175 near the North Fork water tank on the Choctaw division of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas. It is thought he was asleep and did not hear the approach of the train. One leg was cut off. He was carried to Eufaula for medical treatment.

At San Francisco Nellie Horton, a telegraph operator, shot and instantly killed C. H. Hogan, an Oakland motorman, in a lodging house on Eddy street. It is conjectured she demanded of Hogan to fulfill his promise and marry her and he refused. She is in custody.

Circulars have been received by all the wholesale and retail druggists in Pittsburgh, Pa., from W. H. Schieffelin & Co. of New York, the largest importers in the country, announcing that in the future all orders for imported drugs must be paid in gold.

The brig Odorit, Capt. Holland, arrived at Philadelphia, Pa., recently from Santos. Capt. Holland is the only survivor of the original crew, eight men having succumbed to the ravages of the yellow fever.

George W. Huffman, who is wanted in Girard county, Ky., for a brutal crime upon a child, and who narrowly escaped from a mob determined to lynch him, has been captured near Covington, that state.

While four Pittsburg excursionists were taking a boat ride on Sandy lake recently, near Stoneboro, Pa., the boat capsized and Joseph Bishop and John Lyons were drowned. The others were rescued.

The government has established a quarantine at Vera Cruz against all vessels from European ports. This action is taken on account of cholera having reappeared in the countries of the old world.

It is announced that an Englishman and a French officer, both prominent in Mexico City circles, recently settled a "patriotic" dispute by a duel with pistols, in which neither was hurt.

Gen. Eli S. Parker, the last surviving chief of the Six Nations of Indians, ex-senator and guide for the late Gen. Grant, was stricken with paralysis in New York a few days since.

George Lewis, a convict, escaped from the Columbia, S. C., penitentiary, jumped in a river, hit his head against rocks and was killed. While running he was shot by a guard.

Large sales of coffee lands are reported in the state of Chiapas, Mex., the fall of silver having given a decided impetus to this as to other promising Mexican industries.

Eugene Hogue of Clayburg, Ind., 19 years of age, engaged in a dispute with six other boys over a game of ball and one of them beat his brains out with a baseball bat.

For thirty years the beard of a man named Whorton, in Webster county, W. Va., has been entirely gray. Now it is turning black, its original color, in his 89th year.

Dr. Don Roberto Sacasa, ex-president of Nicaragua, and his wife, are to make a tour of the United States, after which they will probably visit Europe.

At Beatrice, Neb., Mrs. C. H. Vanartsdale and Mary Hogelet were burned to death. They had a can of gasoline near a fire and it exploded.

The latest advices from Pomeroy, Ia., recently swept by a cyclone, say that there are 63 dead, over 100 injured and 208 residences destroyed.

Thomas St. Clair, murderer of Kate Fitzgerald on the bark Hester at sea last January, was sentenced at San Francisco to be hanged October 6.

A hen's egg that weighs a quarter of a pound and measures nine inches in circumference is owned by James Mogle, a farmer, at Covado, Pa.

The defalcation of E. O. Vanbroeklin, secretary of the board of fire commissioners of Buffalo, N. Y., is said will amount to at least \$70,000.

Terrified by finding a negro burglar in her room, Mrs. A. M. Sweeney, of Indianapolis, Ind., who was ill, went into spasms.

Oscar Neebe, the anarchist recently out of the Joliet, Ill., penitentiary, has married a Mrs. Eliza Heth, owner of a paying saloon in Chicago.

In New York the shrinkage in stock in that city amounted to over \$700,000,000 in the last year, and in the entire country \$2,500,000,000.

At Fremont, O., a runaway caused the death of Mrs. Fred Martin, the probable death of her husband and the injury of three children.

At Houston, Va., Bruce Woodall drank a half gallon of whisky and died. He was forced to do so by men who held pistols at his head.

Governor Flower has granted the requisition of New Jersey authorities for the extradition of Louis Wood, the alleged murderer.

The 8000 coal miners of the Birmingham district in Alabama, have made a contract with the operators, thus preventing a strike.

In the United Kingdom there are 14 co-operative societies, with 221,000 members. Last year's output was valued at \$45,000,000.

Louis Schultz, ex-senator, confessed to having killed George Artanasin Stockton, Cal., July 4, to avenge a sister's downfall.

# TEXAS CONDENSATIONS

Culled and Carefully Arranged from the Latest Dailies of the State.

## A MIRROR OF RECENT OCCURRENCES.

Happenings, Crises, Stock, Improvements, and Items of General Interest Rendered Readable and Entertaining.

The city council of Dallas has passed an ordinance defining and regulating disorderly houses. A disorderly house under it is defined as a place where fallen women meet to ply their vocation or a variety theater where women resort for licentious purposes and where unseemly displays are made. For each day such a house is kept open the person running it is to be fined \$200.

Near Rising Star, Eastland county, the 11-year-old son of Jesse Holly was accidentally shot by Seth Carrett, an older boy. Holly went around squirrel hunting. Holly went around the tree to turn the squirrel. The ball struck the lower side of the limb, glanced down and struck him in the center of the chin, necessitating the removal of the greater part of the jaw bone.

It takes 121 cents to thresh wheat and 15 cents to haul it into Vernon, Willbarger county. For this wheat the farmer is paid 25 cents per bushel. He not only loses 25 cents per bushel on hauling and threshing, but he loses besides all the labor of putting in and cutting the grain, as well as the value of his seed wheat.

A little girl at Breaux, Lavaca county, got down an old pistol that was hanging on the wall, pointed it at her 17-year-old sister in a playful manner. It was discharged, inflicting a very painful if not mortal wound in her neck. No one knew that it was loaded.

Assessed valuations in Cooke county: Unimproved dry grass land, \$2 per acre; unimproved watered land, \$3 per acre; farming land, from \$2.50 to \$4 per acre; average price of cattle, 6 per head; stock horses, \$15 per head; sheep, from \$1.50 to \$2 per head.

At Marshall, Pater Tidale has filed suit against the Texas and Pacific railroad for \$20,000 damages for loss of a bag at Oxford, La., coal chute on May 15, 1893. Tidale was a brakeman and his foot slipped as he stepped on the boxing of a freight car.

A young lawyer named Stoy criticized a witness named Towles in a recent trial at Lockhart. They met at Prairie Lee, in Caldwell county, subsequently, and engaged in a shooting scrape, but neither was killed. Towels was hurt badly, but will recover.

At Yorktown, English Parker, a colored man who had been there only a short time, dropped dead recently. He was at work at the time and had not complained at all. An autopsy was held which showed heart disease to be the cause.

Importations into the port of El Paso during the month of June, 1893: Merchandise, subject to duty, total value of \$96,101.15; total amount of duties collected, \$84,304.19; free importations, total value of \$1,576,153.

At Paris, the city school board is considering plans for the immediate erection and furnishing of two school buildings. The council has appropriated \$15,000 to pay for the new buildings and repairs on the old ones.

Near Abbott, in Hill county, W. Taylor was caught in the pulleys of a thrasher and choked into insensibility. Even with the assistance of those on the spot it was a long time before respiration returned.

Emy Taylor, rich banker of Georgetown, with a large family, is charged with the seduction of a Miss Busby, and her father sues him for \$50,000 damages. There are some eighty-five witnesses in the case.

Tom Gibbs, a carpenter, jumped from a scaffold to the ground at Terrell a few days since, when his foot struck a nail sticking upward through a plank. The nail went entirely through his foot.

Mrs. Minnie Lester, who shot C. C. Lovery in the neck at her home on Guadalupe street in Dallas, recently, waived examination and had her bond fixed at \$500, failing to furnish which she went to jail.

It is believed that the negro who was hanged and cremated at Bartwell, Ky., recently for outraging and murdering two white girls was the notorious Commodore Miller, formerly of Dallas.

James Stroud was thrown from his horse and dragged a distance of 300 or 400 yards recently near Terrell. His arm was broken and his body badly bruised. He is in a precarious condition.

At Haskett, recently, J. W. Collins and L. N. Ritter drove to their farm, when the team became frightened, ran away, capsize the buggy and broke Collins leg just below the knee.

A German boy named Eugene Felsing, a clerk in a bakery at Denton, was playing with a crowd of boys on a back porch and was pushed off and had his leg broken in two places.

Near Matagorda a few days ago A. B. Brown was shot and killed. The parties were both colored. It was the culmination of a general quarrel that has existed for several years.

At McKinney recently Bob Bagely and Hayden Johnson fought, which resulted in Bagely receiving a severe cut in the side. Physicians say that the knife penetrated a lung.

At Fort McKavitt, recently, a scrap took place between one of their citizens and his wife, she knocking him down with a stick, and now they have agreed to disagree.

The negro Tom Ellis, who was stabbed a few days since at Houston, by another negro named Perth, died from the effects of the wound. The offender is in jail.

At Waxahachie, J. A. Johnson, a negro laborer, while digging for the foundation of the new bank building was overcome with heat and is in a critical condition.

The cotton crop in the vicinity of Postoboro will yield about 50 per cent.

# ALL OVER THE WORLD.

Current Happenings of General Interest to the Reading Public.

## SERIOUS AND SENSATIONAL SORTINGS.

A Comprehensive Epitome of the Latest News Culled from the Leading Dailies of the Country for the Past Week.

Charles S. Sherman of Westfield, Mass., has sued his brother, Clark M. Sherman, for \$10,000 damages for injury to his business and reputation. The defendant registered at hotels in Worcester and Willimantic with women other than his wife as "Charles C. Sherman." The specific charge made is "false and malicious impersonation." The registrations have been the cause of much trouble to the plaintiff's family.

At Jackson, Tenn., recently, two young ladies, daughters of J. W. Ray, a respected farmer, left home about 7 o'clock to gather berries. An hour later they were found along the track of the Illinois Central railroad with their throats cut from ear to ear. Both bodies were terribly mangled, plainly showing the young girls were outraged before being murdered.

Charles Walter of St. Louis was pronounced dead by the doctors attending him, a burial certificate was issued by the board of health, the undertaker was about to sew the lid on the coffin down, when he raised up, discharged the undertaker, and had another set of doctors summoned and is now recovering.

The state supreme court of Georgia has rendered an important decision of special interest to lovers. The decision is in effect that a man can carry off and marry a 14-year-old girl in Georgia, and her father, whether he likes it or not, can not have her punished for kidnapping.

D. S. Krieger, a farmer living within a mile of Canby, Turner county, S. D., his wife and four little daughters were brutally murdered at their home recently by Albert Baumberger, a nephew of Krieger, whom he had been employing at farm work. He then robbed the house and left.

Frank Wilhoit, an engineer on the northern end of the Texas division of the Frisco, met with a fatal accident recently near Mottet, Mo. While backing up the track his engine turned over on him, and he died in a few hours.

From figures compiled recently, it is estimated that not less than \$25,000,000 will be disbursed in interest and dividends by southern railways, banks and other corporations during this month.

An Indianapolis, Ind., dispatch says that as a result of the continued stringency in the money market nearly 5000 men employed in the various manufacturing industries of the city are out of work.

At Kansas City, Mo., creditors took possession of the stock of the Golden Eagle clothing company on chattel mortgages aggregating \$50,000. Liabilities \$90,000, with assets about the same.

Recently at St. Louis, Mo., an ex-convict named Clark dismembered Policeman Robert Phillips. Phillips went to his progress to get some girls. He found them but was killed.

In Tennessee the wheat harvest is about completed and threshing is in progress. The yield is good. Oats and hay excellent. Corn is growing nicely. Cotton small, but doing well.

At Meridian, Miss., Joe Smith, a grocer, was selling flour at \$3 per barrel which cost him \$5 and the people were very surprised when he left town very suddenly and at night.

A cable car became unmanageable on Broadway, New York, a few days since, and crushed and smashed things generally before it could be stopped. No one killed.

Elias Mailloix, a Canadian, charged with forgery, and formerly accountant of the public works department for the Province of Quebec, was arrested in Salem, Mass.

At San Francisco, Cal., John W. Flood, convicted of embezzling \$164,000 from the Donahue Kelly bank, has been granted a new trial and his bond fixed at \$50,000.

A gigantic real estate fraud has developed at Cheyenne, Wyo., in which the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York has been swindled out of \$40,078.

At Shelbyville, Ind., to settle a dispute between her daughter and the latter's husband, Mrs. Fred Brownell split Joe Hill's head open with an ax.

Two sisters, Mrs. Grimes and Mrs. Antoinette Cheatwood, living near Grantly, Cleburne county Ala., died within forty minutes of each other.

Miss Gabrielle Greeley, daughter of Horace Greeley, married Rev. F. M. Clendinning, the pastor of a fashionable church at Westchester, N. Y.

At Little Rock, Ark., the case of Rev. S. H. Buchanan, defaulting ex-treasurer of the insane asylum, has been postponed until October.

In attempting to board a moving train at Ottawa, Ont., Mrs. Paul Martin fell beneath it with her 3-year-old child, and both were killed.

At Mayfield, Ky., Allie Barnett, aged 21, murdered her illegitimate child and implicated a 30-year-old married preacher, who confessed.

At Waynesboro, Pa., George Grise, aged 15, stabbed John Kaufman, aged 15, in the back with a pen-knife, and it is feared he will die.

George Clarke, aged 18, a shoemaker of York, Pa., was drowned in the Chattanooga river near Atlanta, Ga., a few days since.

At Bloomington, Ill., James B. Callon beat his wife. Her son hearing of it shot his step-father with a pistol, most probably fatally.

Three boys fell victims to Pettit's Island's treacherous tide in the Schuylkill river at Philadelphia, recently, and were drowned.

The cornerstone of a union tabernacle, to have a seating capacity of 10,000, was laid a few days since at Hojokinsville, Ky.

The two women residents of Harper county, Kan., recently held a picnic.

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FROSTS OF A CENTURY

HAVE TOYED WITH WEST-CHESTER'S OLD CHURCH.

The Parish was Organized Before the People Had Thought of Freedom—Something About Those Who Prayed and Worshipped There.

[Special Correspondence.]

IT IS EXACTLY 200 years, according to some chroniclers, since upon a certain spring morning the people of Westchester, in the County of Westchester, State of New York, voted to tax themselves to build a church close to the site now occupied by the venerable St. Paul's, now within the city of Mount Vernon.



ST. PAUL'S CHURCH.

picturesque burial place within a hundred miles of the city. The old King's Bridge road, which seems to meet the traveler at every turn in the Westchester County suburbs, enters the East Chester road just opposite the churchyard and commands a view of the whole site.

Old St. Paul's, more than any other spot in this region, seems to breathe the colonial spirit. It is not an outward aspect very nearly what it must have been twenty years before the first inauguration of Washington.

again, when elected first American Bishop, the seeming necessity of renewing his oath, this time to a foreign sovereign, delays his concentration. The Bishop is not yet honored with memorial window or tablet in St. Paul's, though Rector Standard has a tablet and Philip Pinckney, in 1664 original proprietor of East Chester, is commemorated in stained glass.

If the new city of Mount Vernon, with its new churches and new rectors, seems an upstart beside old St. Paul's, the church itself is young in comparison with the graveyard that lies beneath the shadow of its tower.

One of the strange features of dairying in this country is the fact that we are steadily developing an appetite for cheese, and while the exports show a steady falling off, the imports show a steady gain, until we now import nearly a million pounds yearly of fancy, high-priced cheese, paying for it, at least three times per pound what we receive for ours.

cheese is hard to see. Some of these high-priced imported cheeses are skims, and why pay 20 to 25 cents for a foreign cheese, and sell our own skims at 3 cents? That Canada picks up hundreds of tons of our best cheese and ships them to Europe as their own make, does not balance the thing up by any means.

NEW SURGEON GENERAL

Short Sketch of the Life of George M. Sternberg.

The newly appointed Surgeon General of the Army, George M. Sternberg, is a native of New York, and is just 35 years old. He is generally spoken of as the cholera and yellow fever expert, and his record of service is a long one.

The girl who has to cook, wash and iron will be ready to learn that Boston has decided that household drudgery shall be recognized as a science under the title of oekology.

IN THE EVENING.

DR. TALMAGE PREACHES IN THE TABERNACLE.

"At the Evening Time It Shall Be Light"—See That You Do Honor to the Aged—Last Hours of Christians On Earth Pictured.

BROOKLYN, July 9, 1893. Rev. Dr. Talmage chose as his subject for to-day, the text: "At evening time it shall be light." While "night," in all languages, is the symbol for gloom and suffering, it is often really cheerful, bright and impressive.

What a solemn and glorious thing is night in the wilderness! Night among the mountains! Night on the ocean! Night among tropical groves! Flashing night amid arctic severities! Calm night on Roman Campagna! Awful night among the Cordilleras! Glorious night 'mid sea after a tempest! Thank God for the night! The moon and the stars which rule it are light houses on the coast, toward which I hope we are sailing, and blind mariners are we if, with so many beacons, burning, flaming glories to guide us, we cannot see our way into the harbor.

Stocks sank like lead. The insurance company expired, and in ten minutes says the sheriff, "will you bid for this piano?" "How much for this family picture?" Will the grace of God hold one up in such circumstances? What has become of the great multitude of God's children who have been pounded of the flail, and crushed under the wheel, and trampled under the hoof?

How beautiful being wandering up and down the earth. She touched the aged, and they became young. We cannot see the world as they see it. I said, "Who is this beautiful being, wandering up and down the earth?" They told me that her name was death. What a strange thrill of joy when the palsied Christian, fingering a ring of iron again: "When the blind Christian begins to hear again! When the poor pilgrim puts his feet on such pavement, and joins in such company, and has a story of a tramp he met a few evenings ago on Willett Street."

Business Opportunities. Miss Gusham in a studio—Oh, Mr. Claved le Rain! This "Marrage" of yours is such an exquisite picture! But do tell me why Hymen is always represented carrying a torch?

Fluorinating on Wire Netting. A wire netting for plastering in the place of lath is not a new idea. It requires less labor to put on the walls, is more continuous and will not burn. Coarse netting with one-inch mesh, and made of strong wire, is found to answer best. For ornamental cornice work it is especially valuable, for it can be bent in any desired form.

OUR BUDGET OF FUN

WIT AND HUMOR FROM VARIOUS SOURCES.

Some Pictures of Life as Seen From the Standpoint of the Humorist—Some Stories Without Words—Pen Definitions.

Great Luck. "Some men have lots of luck," said Hawkins. "Take Barlow, last summer, for instance. He was rescued in a drowning condition at Asbury Park, and when after his recovery he started out to find his rescuer and give him \$5, he found that the brave fellow had just fallen downstairs at the hotel and broken his neck."

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Mer Resources, Advantages, Progress and Future Prospects.

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Haskell county is situated in the southern part of the Panhandle on the line of the one hundredth meridian west from Greenwich. It is 1500 feet above the sea, and has mild winters and summers. It is thirty miles square and contains 579,000 acres of land. It was created in 1869 from a part of Fannin and Milan counties, and named in honor of Charles Haskell, a young Tennesseean, who fell at the massacre at Gettysburg in 1863.

It remained unsettled until 1874, when there was one or two ranches established. Other ranchmen followed, and in 1880 the county could boast of fifteen or twenty inhabitants. There was no further development until early in 1886, when the town of Haskell was laid off, and by donating lots a few settlers were induced to build residences, and in January 1885 the county organized with a polled vote of fifty-seven electors.

Up to 1884 the soil had never been turned by a plow, and the people depended upon raising cattle, sheep and horses, as the natural grasses furnish food both winter and summer for immense herds. The poorer people made money by gathering many thousands of tons of buffalo bones and shipping them east to be made into fertilizers used in the old states.

Experiments were made in 1885 with garden products, corn, oats, wheat, rye, barley and cotton and the yield was bountiful. The acreage in farms has increased to at least 50,000.

TOPOGRAPHY. The county is an undulating plain, with occasional creeks and branches. It is bounded on the north by picturesque stream, the Salt Fork of the Brazos, and on the west by Double Mountain Fork.

There are a few washes and gulches along the breaks and rivers, but with rivers, breaks, rocks and poor land combined their area in Haskell county would not exceed 10,000 acres that would not be fine agricultural land.

WATER. It is traversed by numerous creeks and branches besides the rivers mentioned, some of which are fed by never failing springs of pure water.

Besides the numerous branches that afford water for stock all the time, the south half of the county is traversed by Paint and California creeks with their numerous tributaries draining the south half of the county.

The north half is traversed from northwest to northeast by Lake and Miller creeks whose tributaries furnish water and drainage for the same.

Besides the surface water there is an abundance to be obtained by digging from 15 to 40 feet, and all of good quality, some of which is unsurpassed by that of any section in the state for purity and temperature.

SOIL. The soil is an alluvial loam of great depth and fertility, varying in color from a red to a dark chocolate, and by reason of its porosity and friable nature, when thoroughly plowed, readily drinks in the rainfall and for the like reason the soil readily drains itself of the surplus water, thereby preventing stagnation of the water and the baking of the soil, and the germination of miasma. It is these peculiar qualities of soil that enables vegetation to withstand all varieties of weather.

Except mesquite grubs and stumps which are easily extracted, there are no obstructions to plows and the land being level or generally rolling and easy worked, the use of labor-saving implements are profitable. One man with machinery and a lithe hired help has been known to cultivate over an 100 acres in grain and cotton.

INDIAN CORN AND OTHER PRODUCTS. The average yield of Indian corn per acre is about 30 bushels and the price varies from 50 cts to \$1.25 per bushel, wheat yields from 15 to 20 bushels—averaging 25 bushels per acre, and sold in the home market for 90 cents to \$1.25 to bushel; oats yield 60 to 80 bushels to acre, and usually sold at 25 cents per bushel.

As yet Haskell has no railroad, and our people do their principal shipping to and from Abilene, a town 52 miles south, in Taylor county, on the Texas and Pacific railroad, Albany on the Texas Central 45 miles from Haskell on the southeast, and Seymour on the Wichita Valley road 45 miles northeast.

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RAILROADS. There is one road being built from Seymour to this place and one to be built from Fort Worth. The Texas Central will extend in a short time from Albany and Haskell is on the line as originally surveyed.

The land men of Austin have organized a company to build a road from that city to this section of the state, where they control nearly all the land, and one of the principal members owns 150,000 acres in this and Knox counties, besides he owns the large addition to the town of Haskell on the south.

Haskell is 52 miles north of the T. & P. R. R., and 90 miles south of the Ft. W. & D. R. R., and is situated on the direct line of the cattle trail over which the Rock Island and G. C. & S. F. propose to extend their lines.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS. Our school fund is perhaps the best of any county in the northwest. In addition to the amount received from the state, about \$5.50 per capita, our commissioners' court have wisely executed a lease for ten years of our four leagues of school land, situated in the Panhandle, the revenue from which, added to the amount received from the state, gives us a fund amply sufficient to run the several schools of the county ten months in the year.

FACILITIES. There is a daily mail service from Haskell to Abilene via Anson, and a weekly mail north to Benjamin and a daily mail to Seymour, also a tri-weekly express line to Albany. These all carry express and passengers.

RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS. The religious and moral status of the people of Haskell county will compare favorably with that of any people. The Methodists, Baptists, Christians, Old School and Cumberland Presbyterians each have organized churches in the town of Haskell, and have preaching on Sundays, also preaching at other points in the county.

HASKELL. The town of Haskell is the county site of, and is situated one and one-half miles south of the center of Haskell county, on a beautiful table land, and is 92 years old, and has a population of 942. Has good water as can be found anywhere, which is secured at a depth of 18 to 22 feet. Also has two never-failing springs of pure water in the edge of town. The town of Haskell with her natural advantages of location, climate, good water and fertility of soil is destined in the near future to be the queen city of northwest Texas, and railroad connection for Haskell is all that is needed to accomplish these.

ADVANTAGES AND RESOURCES. In almost every neighborhood of the older states and the thickly settled portion of our own state there are many of its citizens who are contemplating a removal or a change of residence for many reasons. Some to restore lost health, some to make their beginning in the world, others to repair financial losses, others seeking safe and profitable investments of surplus capital. There are many others who have comfortable homes and are well contented, but who have children, whom they would like to provide with lands suitable for a home, and assist to commence business in life, but cannot do so with their present surroundings, and must seek cheaper lands and better opportunities in other and newer localities.

To such we would say you are just the people we want. Come and see us, and you will find a broad field of occupation and investment to choose from, with chances greatly in your favor. In coming to Haskell do not imagine we are a people wild and woolly indigenous to these "western wilds," that are loaded with dynamite and shooting irons, that our conversation are collections of cuss words and Mulhattan mixtures, but rather that we are a people reared among the same surroundings, that we have received the benefit of the same advantage, that we have availed ourselves of the same educational privileges, that we have had the same Christian instructions you yourselves have had. Be enlightened by past experience. Fortunes have been made by the development of new country, and fortunes are yet to be made in our new and equally as good country.

We have a country endowed by nature with all the conditions of soil, prairie and valley, adapting it to the production of all the grains, grasses, fruits and vegetables of the temperate zone. We have a climate which is a happy medium between the extreme cold and extreme heat, a climate which will preserve the strong and robust and strengthen the sickly and weak. We have a country well adapted to stock raising of all kinds. We have a country where no malarial sickness ever comes. We have a country of the best lands in northwest Texas. We have an abundance of mesquite, elm and hackberry timber for firewood and fencing. We have the most substantial inland business town in the northwest. We have the greatest abundance of the purest water. We have a class of citizens as honest and industrious, as law abiding, patriotic and religious as can be found anywhere in the United States. We have plenty of room, and living in some all who contemplate a change of home.

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# KELLAR'S GREAT ACT

## MYSTERY OF A MARVELOUS ILLUSION FULLY EXPLAINED.

The Disappearing Princess Has a Double and the Lightning Changes are Aided by Hexagonal Mirrors—Simple When One Understands It.



**WHEN AMAGLIFICAN** brings out a new trick with a new apparatus he not only tries to estimate its effect on the unthinking, but he provides as well for the great number of people who have seen every wonder of the past.

The most wonderful probably of the new "miracles" is Kellar's "Fly." This illusion requires the use of two cabinets, hexagonal in shape, and apparently much higher than they are.

We know the old story of the high silk hat being as broad as the top as it is high, but it seems to be different when not seen at all carefully. The same principle will apply to cabinets as any other hollow structure. The first cabinet brought out in "Fly"

is a hexagon six feet high, not including the six thin legs upon casters. These legs are about a foot high, which leaves a good space between the floor of the cabinet proper and the unattached stage.

The cabinet is wheeled out upon the stage and is seen to be "blatted" on all sides. There are about eight "blatts" running up and down on each of the six sections, each of them about two and a half inches wide, with openings between of the same width. These curtains of thin, red material hide the interior. The operator and his assistants wheel the cabinet down to the stage of the stage and turn it completely around to show that it is the same on all sides. It is then put back to within a few feet of the dark green curtain which forms a background.

At the base of this curtain about two feet or more of similar green material projects toward the cabinet and is apparently laid flat upon the stage. This piece of material is, or seems to be, a trifle different in color from that of the curtain and the border line of the latter can be plainly seen. The operator now opens one of the side doors of the

cabinet, then the front doors, and the other side doors. The curtains, which are now "up" and you see through the slats apparently in all directions. The operator, who expects later on to solve the mystery of this new marvel, solves at the back a great mystery, with the edge in very plain view. The back of the cabinet is not opened again. The red curtains are pulled down and a pretty little maid, dressed to represent an East Indian Princess, is brought out and put into the center of the cabinet.

The front doors are again closed, and this side of the cabinet, and the girl is entirely hidden from view.

The illusionist now announces that the Princess will open the girl to step out and that an English grenadier will appear in her place. The curtains go up with a loud clatter, the grenadier is discovered, and the princess has disappeared. The empty cabinet is now wheeled to the front again, the curtains first being adjusted, and a chain let down from the scene left is attached to four chains on the top of the cabinet. The structure is hoisted to a point a few feet above the stage and we now see that the top and

bottom of the cage, while stout and strong, are not thick enough to provide a refuge for anything as bulky as a human body.

A smaller cabinet exactly like the first is now brought out. It is opened and uncurtained at once and you are positive that you can see through it at every point. The grenadier still in uniform has been assisting in all of the latest of the operations, as though to remain in evidence and prove his existence.

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pr. rather ostentatiously move around the larger cabinet and it is plain to the observer that every side of it is open and that there can, at any time, be no hidden receptacle on any of its six sides.

Out No. 1 shows the magician in the cabinet and the curtains are opened. Looking at the divisions back of him the reader can see the line of the curtain edge and the still lower line of green material which covers part of the stage. The dark tint of back curtain is not shown here, as the picture is small and I wish to show the slatting plainly. The back, as shown at this point, is a dummy back of thin material. It is provided with a cleverly painted face of yellow slats and green backing, and with a triangular space at the bottom painted to match the floor of the cabinet. On first thought the joining of the door and the hanging might be supposed to be apparent, but readers who have seen a stage curtain which so exactly matches the door dressing as to make them think that the stage runs far back of the actual line where it ends will see how easy it is for the eye to be fooled with this effect. The dummy may be perfectly flat and hang straight down to the floor, leaving a space between it and the real slats back of it. This space can be large enough for the princess or the grenadier, neither of whom is large to be effectively concealed in it without discomfort or confusion.

When the princess steps into the cabinet and the blinds are pulled down she and the young man change places. When the grenadier steps out the blind is again pulled down before the cabinet is moved forward.

Out No. 2 shows the dummy section, and this diagram indicates how the painted section may be swung out to allow of the two confederate changing places.

During the time occupied by the operators in moving the cabinet—

which is now closely curtailed—for ward and its swing in above the stage the girl who was left behind in the dummy has an ample time to get out into the center of the cabinet and adjust the dummy in such a way that when the final touch is given to the trick the few who may have suspected the existence of a dummy will again doubt their powers of discovery.

The dummy section has a string of wire which runs from a ring at the bottom up to the top of the cabinet and through very small rings across this space to the brass rod which fronts the cabinet. The wire runs through rings on the inner side of this post. When the girl raises the painted dummy she pulls on this cord until the light screen is flat against the top of the cabinet and then attaches the end of the wire to a hook. The inner side of the screen is painted to match the curtain and in the lower part of the cage no one would notice the slight break in the smoothness of the top, which might be apparent on closer examination.

At No. 3 will give a good idea of how the dummy is swung up against

the top of the cabinet with the painted side in, and the triangular space at the top of it represents the space, as seen from above, in which the confederates were hidden.

A striking and curious instance of the looseness of the Scottish laws in relation to marriage has been given in Glasgow Southern Police Court. James Campbell and Jane McReady, or Campbell, were married in a house in Main Street, Glasgow. On the indictment they were described as man and wife, but while the case was in progress some of the witnesses talked in a manner which led the court to infer that the couple were not married at all, although they had been living together. The presiding judge put the question to the woman: "Is this man, pointing to Campbell, your husband?"

Accused—Yes. Turning to the man the judge asked him was the woman his wife. "Yes," replied Campbell. Whereupon "this honor," being an adept in Scotch law, remarks: "Well, if you were not married, you are now man and wife."

A singular story is told of a party of gentlemen who gathered at Naples, on their way home from Australia. One of the party was Mr. Lionel Rignold, the popular English comedian, and it was agreed to visit the great man Carlo Terza's house during the day. They did so, and as they could not be present at the performance in the evening, it was suggested that the comedian should examine the building should be tested by Mr. Rignold singing a song. Finding his friends would take no denial, Mr. Rignold warbled forth that pathetic little ballad, "My Dear, Awake," which was received by his traveling companions with unbounded applause and with great astonishment by the Italian attendants, who, after accepting a generous gratuity to soothe their feelings, gratefully examined the party left the building. "Ah, these English! They are all mad!"

George Smith of Stockton-on-Tees, England, was charged at Holywell with being a wandering lunatic. Smith, who is a skilled workman and respectfully connected, had some months ago been employed on special work at Mostyn Ironworks, when he complained that a young woman from that neighborhood had put him under a spell, and had taken out his eyes and put her own in their place. He was then taken in charge by his friends, and he was sent to the asylum at Denbigh.

# FOR WOMAN AND HOME

## NEWS AND GOSSIP FOR FIRE-SIDE READING.

### Some of the Pretty Things Now Being Worn by the Ultra Fashionable Set.

#### The Gowns for the Summer Girls—Some Effective Costumes.

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lubricates many creaking joints in domestic machinery.

It would pay for the scientists to diagnose the difficulty, if possible, and undertake to lessen or remove it. In the meantime, sisters, be as joyous as you can.

#### The Rebus Dinner Card.

The first few minutes of a dinner are often stiff and dull, and the hostess begins to fear a dull evening. An amusing way of starting lively conversation lies in her power if she is a clever woman and has a small amount of artistic talent. This is the idea of a Washington letter for dinner cards.

On one side the name of the guest is to be written, and in the lower corner a small "rebus" inserted, on the reverse of the card is to be sketched a rebus illustrating the name of some well-known book or character—a simple one, for example, being "Ivanhoe" or "Robinson Crusoe." Each card should be a different book, and she must distribute them according to the capabilities of her guests, not discouraging a simple person by a difficult rebus, or giving a clever individual too simple a problem to solve. It is surprising to see with this simple stimulus how quickly a dinner table wakes into life and laughter.

#### Silk Gowns for Summer Weather.

One of the interesting questions of the day is how to fashion these thin summer silk dresses which in the hot weather are the most useful of fashions, as cool as linen, and often suitable when a cotton gown is out of place. The little robe of this sort is of dark red fawn or dotted with white. It has bands of heavy white lace and one of the very fashionable belts of folded silk. The bodice is to be worn with this costume is small and light and everything is done to carry out the delicate effect.

Another capital model is a gown of white India silk striped with a line of blue, which has just been finished for a fashionable Chicagoan. It has a chemise and a stiletto under-sleeves of white wash silk, but no trimming except narrow parts of the material which are used as headings to the three straight inches on the skirt and the three little roses which finish the belt.

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# A MYSTERY OF THE SEA

## WAS IT A GHOST OR A TRICK OF THE IMAGINATION.

What the Mate and the Man of the Wheel saw the Moonlight Night—None of the Sailors Were Missing—Strange Man on Board.

Do ghosts really exist? "Of course not," some one will exclaim. "How can a rational being ask such a question?"

Others still will seriously answer my question in the affirmative.

I asked this question, recently, of the first officer of a great steamer, as we passed the hurricane-deck one evening recently in mid-ocean. He was a staid, healthy specimen of a thirty-five-year-old man. He looked at me gravely. "Let me tell you a story," he said, and immediately began. "It happened about six years ago. I had recently left the navy, and was mate of one of the ships of an Eastern company, running to Acapulco."

"We were homeward bound, six days out from Acapulco, the night I am telling you of, in which I had the most singular experience of my life."

"It was a calm, bright moonlight night—one of those calm, beautiful nights you often get in those latitudes. There was a full moon—so light you could almost see to read. It was my habit on nights when there was no wind to go aft and talk with the man at the wheel. The fellow who was usually there during my night watch was a very bright man named Brown—usually well informed and interesting to talk with. He was on watch that night, and after seeing that everything was all right, I strode over to the wheel house and began talking to Brown. A few minutes after I greeted him he said to me, pointing in a certain direction:—

"Mr. L., do you see that man over there?" I glanced over to where he had pointed and saw a man walking backward and forward in the open space between the wheel house and the after house. He wore a long overcoat and a soft black hat, and as he walked back and forth across the ship he kept his face turned from us and toward the rigging as a watchman on a sailing vessel always does. In fact, his whole appearance was that of a man on watch.

"Yes, I see him," I replied.

"Well," said Brown, "that's Sales," naming one of the men from the fore-cabin. "He's a fine fellow and is a splendid sailor, but I don't know what he's doing on watch when you're on watch."

"I made me pretty mad to think one of the men was spying on me, and I was perfectly willing to act on Brown's suggestion. I watched the man for a few minutes. He did not look like a man on watch, never does—but if he had he could not have seen me, as I was in the shadow of the wheel house, and about twenty feet away. In the bright moonlight that shone on the deck where he was walking he was as visible as though it were broad daylight. He was evidently on the watch, and the longer I looked at him the madder I grew, so presently I started forward to do him up.

"As I did so, the man suddenly turned and went down a narrow passageway between the side, and some bales that formed a part of the cargo and were stowed on deck. This passageway at the end went down one step to a covered deck and on to the fore-cabin. The man did not seem to be running away from me, but to have just taken a notion to go forward. I could see him distinctly a few feet ahead of me, but I did not come up to him, although I ran quite fast. Finally, though, I thought I had him, and was just reaching forward to grab him when he disappeared under the awning, and I, reaching the step a second later, fell over it and fell flat on the deck.

"I jumped up and ran into the fore-cabin, where I found all the men who were not on duty. Sales among them, some stood asleep in their bunks. I was puzzled as well as mad, wondering where the man could have gone, but concluding he had escaped, I went back to Brown, and was amazed to find him in a dead faint, hanging against the wheel. I got some water and brought him to, and asked then what the matter was. He was an uncommonly strong, robust man, and I was dumfounded at his queer turn. Instead of answering my question he said: 'Mr. L., did you catch that man?'

"No," I said, "he got away, but it wasn't Sales." Sales is asleep in his bunk. This fellow went up forward, and I lost him just as I was going to grab him."

"My God, Mr. L.," said Brown, "with his teeth fairly chattering. The man didn't go forward. You passed directly through him as he stood there. Then, as you went forward, he watched you a minute, took two or three turns across the deck, and while he was watching him he suddenly melted out of sight. That is more than I could stand, and I fainted."

"I was positive I had chased the man down the passage, but nothing could shake Brown's story. He saw me pass through the man, and he himself looked through him and saw me. Then the man, after watching me go down the passage, resumed his walk and suddenly disappeared. 'Every man on the ship denied having been the watcher that night. In fact, no one but myself should have been on watch just then.'

"I didn't see the specter again on our return; but I heard that it was seen every voyage after that, until finally it got to be almost impossible to ship a crew with her, and she had such bad luck that the owners finally took her off that line and sent her back to her—she was sold and I got to the bottom of what it was I saw that night."

"Dreaming True."

was 'dreaming true.' But it does not mean that in all his escapes from the hardships of his writing life he gained more thorough satisfaction in sleep than in the kitchen thus described in Forest and Stream. The other day when Kitty lay sound asleep in the cushioned chair she was for a bed I put a small piece of fresh beef on the end of a toothpick, and held it within half an inch of her nose. After a few seconds the muscles of the throat twitched slightly, the mouth opened, the jaw began to work and every detail of chewing and swallowing followed, after which she licked her lips, but she slept right on, and she did not awake for some time afterward.

### DEATH LOT FOR DESERTERS.

A Curious Tale Said to Have Been Used in the British Army.

James Cardin, an old resident of Canton, Ill., has a quaint and interesting relic that he, as a boy in Ohio, found in a deserted log cabin over sixty years ago. It is a solid copper ball, described by the St. Louis Republic as about an inch and a quarter in diameter. When first made it was a perfect sphere, but has been flattened by hammering so that while retaining its spherical form it had thirty-two flat facets, arranged so that a line from the middle of one facet through the center would strike the middle of another facet. Upon each of these was deeply stamped a number from one to thirty-two. When the ball is rolled it will, of course, stop with one of those flat places upon whatever it rests, and its complement at the top. In every instance the two numbers added together make thirty-three. For instance, if nineteen is at the top the ball will be found to rest on fourteen; thirteen with one, and so on, the top and bottom figures always making thirty-three. The only man who ever saw this curious piece of copper and claimed to know the use it was intended to be put to is said to have been John Crosby, of Zanesville, Ohio, near which place it was found. Mr. Crosby claimed it was used in the English army a good many years ago as a means for casting the "death lot." Desertion from the army used to be invariably followed by a sentence of death as soon as the deserter was caught. Sometimes there was a good many under sentence of death, but only part of them were executed at one time. If any number, say five, were to be shot at a given time, the prisoner placed in a line would be given a number. The ball was then rolled. The number uppermost when the ball stopped indicated one of the men who was to be executed, and so on until the required number of victims was secured.

### Don't Know the Size of the Country.

After relating the story of the English lady intending to visit the world's fair, who said that she would prefer to board in the suburbs of Chicago while doing so, and therefore wrote to a friend asking her to engage rooms in Bangor, Maine, the Buffalo Commercial comments as follows:—Now this seems very funny, but we have heard of a Boston woman who made no little of her education as if it was the Hudson river that ran from Buffalo to the falls. Nay, more, not a month ago a Buffalonian was asked by a New Yorker who despises his education from a very popular university not a thousand miles from Boston whether the shortest way from New York to Buffalo was not by the Pennsylvania Central. And when he was mildly assured by his parents that such geographical ignorance was not to his credit, he blushing answered that he had not traveled much in this country, and really did not know anything about the "West."

### Experiences Doer.

"You see that young couple in front of us? Well, they're just married."

"How do you know?"

"Because he treats so carelessly on the skirt of her dress."

"But that is no sign."

"Oh, yes, it is. He'll be much more careful as soon as he finds out what her dresses cost."—Fillegood Whatter.

### VARIOUS INTERESTS.

Man always lies to have his things, but he also enjoys his outings.

A smokeless powder for field guns has been invented by Leonard Mason, a Virginian, who has an expenditure of human life-blood as well of money.

Elephants' tusks are brought down to the African coast by caravans, generally in charge of Arabs, which have been trading in the interior. Very often they have picked up slaves as well as ivory. But this phase of the matter may be left out of the account. It is estimated that every large caravan bringing ivory to the coast has cost the trader an expenditure of human life-blood as well of money.

More than half a century ago, when seaman chair were in common use, a pious old Methodist lady living in Dublin, engaged a sturdy chairman and his assistant to bear her to church. The evening being stormy, the chair was deposited in the vestibule, and the chairman took seats just inside the door to await the close of the services. The preacher took for his text Jeremiah, ix. 22: "For my people is foolish, they have not known me; they are sottish children, and they have no understanding; they are wise to do evil, but to good they have no knowledge."

"Unfortunately the preacher, who came from the North of Ireland, had a slight touch of Doric in his speech, and pronounced the first clause of his text as follows: 'For mol people is foolish.'"

# FOR BOYS & GIRLS

Contentment. I'm glad I'm a little girl. And have the afternoon for play. For if I was a busy bee I suppose I'd have to work all day.

And if I was an owl I'd be afraid to keep awake all night. If I was an elephant I'd be glad to be a little girl. How could I learn to be polite?

And if I was a Jersey calf I might forget my name and age. And if I was a little dog I couldn't read the Children's Page.

My snakes! When I begin to count It makes my head go all a-whirl. There are many more to say. I'm glad I'm a little girl.

### A "Tigger."

An American traveling in Saxony was one day told by the landlord of the small inn where he stayed that a young man in the village could speak English, and was anxious to call upon him.

I agreed to receive my would-be visitor, and was seated at one of the tables when the young man came in, looked at me inquisitively and said, "I speak a little English speak," meaning, "I speak a little English."

I felt-told him on his requirements, when he proceeded to tell me that he was one of the clerks in the counting-house, and having heard of my arrival, could not resist the desire of speaking with an American. Moreover he would like to show me certain things which I had not seen, and he said, "If you please find, so glad to meet."

We were friends in a moment. He led me first to the counting house, and as he showed me the bust of Herr Ebert, who as chief proprietor had headed the procession in the former years, but had since died, he said, "We very, very sorry my country man love him. All he was so good."

Then running up stairs to a large whitewashed apartment where a few portraits hung on the wall, he cried, "Here is something to see. But wait—you will have to 'tigger'?"

"With pleasure," I answered, "if it's good to drink."

"No, no drink," he replied, "what you call him to 'tigger'?"

"The room, indeed, with my laugh, and he prolonged it as I rejoined, "Oh, you mean a cigar? No, thank you."

"What you call him?" he exclaimed in amazement. "I fear? Then what is a teacher is mine? But he is a German."

Our friendly relations were in no way deranged by my dislike of a "tigger," and he would not let me depart till I had seen the whole premises and the enormous cellars.

### A Billiard Ball.

The globe of ivory which is knocked about a table in a game of billiards costs, if of good quality, at least ten dollars. There is, however, a far more important and formidable element in the price which has been paid for it. The billiard ball of pure ivory represents as it lies white and glistening upon the cloth, an expenditure of human life-blood as well of money.



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She Wears the Breeches.

A very curious marriage ceremony is said to exist among the Mandingoes, a Mohammedan tribe of northern Africa. The marriage is performed by a marabout, or holy man, in a mosque, but the bride's sister, or some one to represent her, is of quite as much importance to the ceremony. At the point where, in the Christian marriage, a ring is given, the sister steps forward, and with considerable ceremony presents to the bride a pair of trousers, which she proceeds to put on then and there. While she is getting into them her companions sing a song which is described as doleful in the extreme. Mandingo wives wear the breeches, it is said, in more ways than one. Polygamy is the rule of the country, but as the wives do not agree together very well, each one has a house of her own. They are the most tyrannical wives in the world, for though they fight about their husbands among themselves, they make common cause against him and rule him with a rod of iron.

He Wanted a Dog.

John Grace, of Gloucester City, N. J., wanted a dog, and a friend gave him one. It was a fine bulldog, and Grace was very proud of him, and charged him in the back yard. The dog was not of the best of temper, and did not take kindly to his new master. Indeed, he evinced a desire to chew him up every time he saw him. The other day, as Grace was passing the dog, the animal made a spring at him, and, unfortunately for the man, the chain broke, and a furious fight took place. The dog bit him in several places, and finally fastened his teeth in his hand, and was finally persuaded to let go when the neighbors, summoned by Grace's cries, beat him off with clubs. Grace ran into the house and got his revolver to kill the dog, but as soon as he appeared at a window the brute sprang at him again, and was only quieted by a well directed bullet from the revolver.

Rain, but no Clouds.

A curious natural phenomenon is reported from the neighborhood of Pittsburgh Pa. It was a bright clear day in Pleasant Valley, and the entire neighborhood, when suddenly a heavy rain began to fall, without the slightest warning, and a dense black cloud appeared over the valley. For forty-five minutes the rain fell in torrents, swelling the little stream that flows through the valley into a raging torrent, which inundated houses swept away several bridges and nearly drowned several people. Two miles away there was no rain at all, and no signs of a storm.

The Approaching Dinner Hour.

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THE FARM AND HOME.

THE FOLLY OF CROSS BREEDING POINTED OUT.

Wisdom Learned by Experience—Green Manuring—Care of Eggs—Small Model Farms and Profits Derived From Them—Farm Notes, Home Hints.

The Folly of Cross Breeding.

We dislike to talk on the above subject. The folly has been pointed out so many times and in so many ways by nearly every agricultural writer or thinker, that one would think that every man in the United States was as fully impressed with it as with the folly of gambling or betting on a horse race. It is a folly that is practiced continually, says the Kansas City Live Stock Journal. When we think that the lesson has been taught so fully that the wisest scholar comprehended it, some one rises and asks a question which shows that he does not even comprehend the first principles, and seems as glib and innocent of all practical knowledge on this question as a new born babe. The occasion of our referring to the matter again (a lengthy article in a Texas agricultural paper by a writer who evidently thinks that he is a progressive farmer) has a patent way of transforming the Texas cow in a generation or two into first-class dairy cattle. His proposition is to cross the Jersey cow with the Holstein bull, and then cross the progeny on the Texas cow. He tells us: "You will find often a half-bred Holstein-Texas that is a five or six gallon cow. I have a grade Jersey cow that has given me five gallons of milk per day and could be increased to six. Her milk at best registers 32 per cent of cream," and then adds: "Now, suppose to cross on a Jersey cow with her small size, quick, active, temperamental, and richness of milk, but small quantity, say two and one-half or three gallons a day, with a Holstein bull of fine milk family. These being both full-blood animals, their progeny would be improved (in a variable degree, of course) with the characteristics of both parents, larger and better milkers than Jersey, smaller and richer milkers than Holsteins, and a better all-purpose cow than either, and a bull calf from such a cross, while being a grade, of either side only half-bred, but, being thoroughbred in both parents, would make the best breeding bull for the farmer or stockman that could be found. Being impressed by both sire and dam, he must be able to impart the good qualities of both parents to his progeny.

This, it will be observed, is purely theoretical. It is a very fine theory, and we have often heard just this result predicted by farmers and even breeders. It is like a good many other plausible theories uttered by inexperienced and uninformed men, and utterly breaks down in practice. It violates every principle of correct breeding. The cross breeding of two thoroughbreds as widely different as the Holstein and the Jersey, and the crossing of the produce on cattle as widely different from either as the Texas, does not perpetuate the good qualities of either, but gives the Texas blood, which is as thoroughbred in its way almost as any of them, full range. The result will be cattle that have neither the hardiness of the Texas, nor the richness of the Holstein, or the richness of the Jerseys, but will be of as many colors and qualities as Joseph's new coat. Thousands of farmers have tried similar experiments, and the universal testimony is that they have all been miserable failures. We suppose, however, that every man must go through this once and hide the result by disposal of the entire stock on his farm, and then take up some other theory without carefully investigating and learning what has been the practical working out of the theory where it has been tried. It is too late in the day for men to deal with such complicated laws as those which govern the transmission of qualities in the animal kingdom, and perimorting at the foundation. Nearly every man is an impractical theorist until he learns wisdom by experience. The first requisite to success is to find out what has been the experience of other men, and then ascertain the principles which govern the practice, and then in the light of all the information obtainable, follow as far as possible in view of his conditions, what has been found the most practical by the best men.

Flowers look just as sweet and these is just as delightful a perfume when on the farmer's table as when on anyone else's table. Do not despise flowers. Their elegance and sweet odor are restful and elevating. In setting away your stovetop brush, cover it with a mixture composed of a gill each of linseed oil and kerosene, and a tablespoonful of spirits of turpentine well shaken together. This will effectually prevent rust. Chickens have become the regulation dish to serve to ministers, regardless of denomination. Whenever they go they find this food prepared for them. It must be a relief occasionally to arrive at a place unexpectedly and find beefsteak or codfish, or Irish stew, in place of the inevitable chicken—far sweeter variety of meat. Almost any vegetable may be eaten with beef. If potatoes are not served with the dish, they generally accompany the beef, being mashed, fried in balls, or cooked in any preferred way. When sweet potatoes are provided it is obviously an error to serve baked squash as an additional vegetable, the two being too much alike. At company dinners beef is generally served with mushroom sauce. Horseradish is also a popular accompaniment for beef. There are many ways in which a basket of strawberries may be used for dessert. There are the daintiest of strawberry tarts made of fresh strawberries. These are simply shells of pastry filled with perfectly fresh, ripe berries well sweetened. After filling the "shells" with the sweetened berries, set them in the oven a few moments to let the sugar melt; then let the tarts cool and serve them heaped with whipped cream. Shells of puff paste can easily be procured from any French baker.

Farm Notes.

Manure should be well rotted before putting on the ground. The soil should be worked thoroughly before potatoes are planted. It is said that hops planted on the upland are free from lice than those planted in the river bottoms. Apply wood ashes to the potato crop after planting, sowing broadcast at the rate of about 600 pounds per acre. All root crops are benefited by ashes. One pound of Paris green to 300 pounds of water, with about fifteen pounds of soft soap is good for spraying the codling moth. It should be used several times about fifteen days apart. The Indiana experiment station concludes that deep breaking and shallow cultivation is best; also that stable manure produces better and more lasting effects on soil than commercial fertilizers. The Oregon Agricultural Experiment station advises wrapping trees with burlap as well as spraying them for the codling moth. Every five or six days the wrapping is removed and the larvae found beneath killed. The agriculturist at the Illinois experiment station says that the uniform results of the experiments for five years past indicate that an increase of at least five bushels per acre over average yields may be secured without increase in cost of producing the crop.

LISPED BY LITTLE ONES.

Prayers and Hymns Assume Curious Shape When Uttered by Children.

The childish understanding has a hard time of it, and in no sphere so much as in that of religion. If it were only possible to set foot in that undiscovered country traversed by active, whimsical little minds during outwardly attentive hours spent in church or Sunday school, what ludicrous interpretations, or rather misinterpretations, would be discovered as fastened upon the hymn or prayer or Scripture text, which we fully believed the most illuminating presentations of gospel truths to the lambs of the flock, says the Philadelphia Times. "When the twister, a-twisting, would twist his 'twister' he need look no further for an example than the rendition of our popular hymns by the average infant school class. The total effect, cannot read, so the superior student (whose enunciation is probably none of the easiest) reads them out like a book, and the dumb audience gibberishly translate any words or ideas which are beyond their comprehension into vernacular which may be understood of the commoner babies on the back seats, whose ears the original diction did not reach, catch the text as well as they may by listening to the others, and whatever has been lost in the transit is gibberish filled in with words and sentiments of the most secular and startling character, and by the time the hymn has circulated all through the room the sense is pretty well sifted out of it—like the measles in the people's Ward family, which Artemus said he escaped because there wasn't enough of it to go around.

Green Manuring.

I feel quite sure many of my readers will not agree with me when I say that the term "green manuring" is misleading, and that I have found the practice of plowing under green crops a damage rather than a benefit to my soil. I am not laying down a rule for others, however, for it is quite possible that on warm, porous soils, which admit the air freely, the plowing under of a green crop may be the best thing to do, but I know from observation and experience that on clay soils inclined to pack, and which do not admit the air freely, the effect is often injurious and never so good as to keep the fertilizing crop on the surface to mellow the soil, and plowing it under after it is dry and dead.

So well am I convinced of this that I would not under any condition plow under a heavy green crop of clover, for I have seen crops entirely ruined by doing it, and the land injured for succeeding crops, but I have never known a field in clover so managed that it was well suited all summer in which the land was not greatly helped. Some farmers who have tried plowing under clover have complained that it scoured the land, and I have no doubt that this was true. What actually happened was probably that chemical action produced some poisonous acid instead of nitrate which are available plant food; but I am not enough of a chemist to know what the acid is called.

The farmer who wishes to improve his land by the use of clover or other green crops should experiment with plowing it under and also by leaving it on the surface, and thus note the effects of the two plans, and if his soil is a common one I think he will find the effect much the best on the covered soil. It is not so difficult a matter to keep the soil covered a good part of the year as many farmers seem to think, and nothing that I have ever done in the way of improving the soil pays me so well. The first point is always to seed to grass or clover—preferably the latter when you put in wheat. Then in seeding be liberal. I know that under favorable conditions four quarts of seed of either timothy or clover will make a good stand, but I also know that double this amount is safer, and in the case of clover I would recommend putting on half the seed quite early in March, and then sowing the other half three or four weeks later.—Waldo E. Brown, in Country Gentleman.

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OLD WESTERN PIONEER.

The Last Living Member of Captain Collins' Famous Expedition. "I think I am the last living member of Captain Collins' famous expedition, which in 1850 cut its way through the forest from Seattle to the other side of the mountains," said Robert Stevenson, a hardy miner on the Similkameen, in British Columbia. "I went out to-day on Collins' old ranch on White river, where we rendezvoused for the start. It was the first time I have been there since the day we left, thirty-three years ago. I could scarcely recognize the surroundings. There were good traces of the old fort on whose parapet Collins had mounted a cannon, but the gun was gone. "Many a good story have I heard Collins tell about his fights with the grizzly savages. He used to load his old cannon with rivets, sawtooth, scrap iron, and all sorts of missiles, and after laying low for the redskins let them have a whole broadside when they were passing the fort in their canoes. I recollect he said that once he got three canoes all in a lino and blew them all to pieces at one shot. At one place near Snoqualmie Pass he showed me where he had hanged seven of the marauders. After we had spent a little over two months chopping our way we arrived at the summit and shortly afterwards we went down the valley of the Yakima a short distance, and thence up the Columbia and through the Okanogan country to the gold diggings on the Rock and Similkameen rivers, just then discovered. "Captain Collins returned to Seattle, and afterward was drowned in the Salmon River, dying in poverty. I remained in the Okanogans for several years, and then went up into the cariboo country, where I remained for about fifteen years, traversing the entire region. I then came back to the Similkameen, where I am now hydraulic mining some placer claims about seventy-seven miles from the river's mouth. I am the only living white man who went into the Okanogan country ahead of Okanogan Smith, who came in a few months later, and Colonel Haines used to say that I had spoiled many a good story of the veteran of the Osoyoys."

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I feel quite sure many of my readers will not agree with me when I say that the term "green manuring" is misleading, and that I have found the practice of plowing under green crops a damage rather than a benefit to my soil. I am not laying down a rule for others, however, for it is quite possible that on warm, porous soils, which admit the air freely, the plowing under of a green crop may be the best thing to do, but I know from observation and experience that on clay soils inclined to pack, and which do not admit the air freely, the effect is often injurious and never so good as to keep the fertilizing crop on the surface to mellow the soil, and plowing it under after it is dry and dead.

So well am I convinced of this that I would not under any condition plow under a heavy green crop of clover, for I have seen crops entirely ruined by doing it, and the land injured for succeeding crops, but I have never known a field in clover so managed that it was well suited all summer in which the land was not greatly helped. Some farmers who have tried plowing under clover have complained that it scoured the land, and I have no doubt that this was true. What actually happened was probably that chemical action produced some poisonous acid instead of nitrate which are available plant food; but I am not enough of a chemist to know what the acid is called.

The farmer who wishes to improve his land by the use of clover or other green crops should experiment with plowing it under and also by leaving it on the surface, and thus note the effects of the two plans, and if his soil is a common one I think he will find the effect much the best on the covered soil. It is not so difficult a matter to keep the soil covered a good part of the year as many farmers seem to think, and nothing that I have ever done in the way of improving the soil pays me so well. The first point is always to seed to grass or clover—preferably the latter when you put in wheat. Then in seeding be liberal. I know that under favorable conditions four quarts of seed of either timothy or clover will make a good stand, but I also know that double this amount is safer, and in the case of clover I would recommend putting on half the seed quite early in March, and then sowing the other half three or four weeks later.—Waldo E. Brown, in Country Gentleman.

Home Hints.

Flowers look just as sweet and these is just as delightful a perfume when on the farmer's table as when on anyone else's table. Do not despise flowers. Their elegance and sweet odor are restful and elevating. In setting away your stovetop brush, cover it with a mixture composed of a gill each of linseed oil and kerosene, and a tablespoonful of spirits of turpentine well shaken together. This will effectually prevent rust. Chickens have become the regulation dish to serve to ministers, regardless of denomination. Whenever they go they find this food prepared for them. It must be a relief occasionally to arrive at a place unexpectedly and find beefsteak or codfish, or Irish stew, in place of the inevitable chicken—far sweeter variety of meat. Almost any vegetable may be eaten with beef. If potatoes are not served with the dish, they generally accompany the beef, being mashed, fried in balls, or cooked in any preferred way. When sweet potatoes are provided it is obviously an error to serve baked squash as an additional vegetable, the two being too much alike. At company dinners beef is generally served with mushroom sauce. Horseradish is also a popular accompaniment for beef. There are many ways in which a basket of strawberries may be used for dessert. There are the daintiest of strawberry tarts made of fresh strawberries. These are simply shells of pastry filled with perfectly fresh, ripe berries well sweetened. After filling the "shells" with the sweetened berries, set them in the oven a few moments to let the sugar melt; then let the tarts cool and serve them heaped with whipped cream. Shells of puff paste can easily be procured from any French baker.

OLD WESTERN PIONEER.

The Last Living Member of Captain Collins' Famous Expedition. "I think I am the last living member of Captain Collins' famous expedition, which in 1850 cut its way through the forest from Seattle to the other side of the mountains," said Robert Stevenson, a hardy miner on the Similkameen, in British Columbia. "I went out to-day on Collins' old ranch on White river, where we rendezvoused for the start. It was the first time I have been there since the day we left, thirty-three years ago. I could scarcely recognize the surroundings. There were good traces of the old fort on whose parapet Collins had mounted a cannon, but the gun was gone. "Many a good story have I heard Collins tell about his fights with the grizzly savages. He used to load his old cannon with rivets, sawtooth, scrap iron, and all sorts of missiles, and after laying low for the redskins let them have a whole broadside when they were passing the fort in their canoes. I recollect he said that once he got three canoes all in a lino and blew them all to pieces at one shot. At one place near Snoqualmie Pass he showed me where he had hanged seven of the marauders. After we had spent a little over two months chopping our way we arrived at the summit and shortly afterwards we went down the valley of the Yakima a short distance, and thence up the Columbia and through the Okanogan country to the gold diggings on the Rock and Similkameen rivers, just then discovered. "Captain Collins returned to Seattle, and afterward was drowned in the Salmon River, dying in poverty. I remained in the Okanogans for several years, and then went up into the cariboo country, where I remained for about fifteen years, traversing the entire region. I then came back to the Similkameen, where I am now hydraulic mining some placer claims about seventy-seven miles from the river's mouth. I am the only living white man who went into the Okanogan country ahead of Okanogan Smith, who came in a few months later, and Colonel Haines used to say that I had spoiled many a good story of the veteran of the Osoyoys."

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## LOCAL DOTS.

—Seymour can't play ball just a little bit.  
 —Buy your goods from S. L. Robertson.  
 —Buy machine oil at McLemore's.  
 —I receive fresh Groceries every week and sell them at strictly cash prices. S. L. Robertson.  
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 —All kinds of machine oil at McLemore's.  
 —If you want cheap goods call around with the cash and try us one time. Johnson Bros. & Co.  
 —McEree's Wine of Cardui for Weak Nerves.  
 —The Haskell Grasshoppers are too nimble for the Seymour Peacocks.  
 —McLemore wants to trade a new Union Sewing machine for oats.  
 —Carpet warp for rag carpets at F. G. Alex. & Co's.  
 —Miss Kate Taylor of Graham was visiting her sister Mrs. R. E. Sherrill has gone home.  
 —Machine oil at McLemore's for 35 cts to \$1.00 per gallon.  
 —Try BLACK-DRAUGHT for Dyspepsia.  
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—A protracted meeting is being conducted at the Christian church by Rev. Robt. Fife.  
 —You can buy any kind of machine oil at McLemore's.  
 —S. L. Robertson wants your trade.  
 —A six hundred pound bell for the Presbyterian church arrived this week. It was secured through the efforts of Rev. R. E. Sherrill.  
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 —McLemore wants to trade a new Union Sewing machine for oats.  
 —Workers in wood and metal will be interested in the machinery of W. F. and John Barnes & Co. advertised in this paper; their machinery is good and they are reliable.  
 —Call at Rike Ellis and Jones for good cheap machine oil.  
 —McEree's Wine of Cardui for female diseases.  
 —Everybody loves something good to eat, and the cash gets lots of it at W. W. Fields & Bro's. store.  
 —Our correspondent, Mr. Morgan, we think has attached too much weight to the discontented expressions of a few comparatively new settlers who have been talking about leaving the country, which feeling we learn, however, is wearing away.  
 —A nice line of hosiery just received at F. C. Alex. & Co's.  
 —The young people were handsomely entertained on Tuesday evening by Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Lomax, and they pronounce the evening one of the most enjoyable of the season.  
 —Hot and Dry! As long as this hot, dry weather lasts I will sell cheaper than ever. S. L. Robertson.  
 —Rev. W. G. Claperton has written that his failure to fill his regular appointment at Haskell on last Sunday was on account of sickness, but that he would be here and preach next Sunday, the 23rd.

—McEree's Wine of Cardui and THEOFORD'S BLACK-DRAUGHT are for sale by the following merchants in Haskell, A. P. McLemore, R. E. Martin.  
 —In the match game of base ball between the Haskell and Seymour nines, played at Seymour on the 14, the Haskell boys won the game by about the ratio of 4 to 7. The Seymour Peacocks go hungry when they strike the Haskell Grasshoppers for a meal

—S. L. Robertson has just received a nice stock of Hats for men, boys and children. They will be sold cheap for the cash.

—Straw hats, did you say? Call at F. G. Alex. & Co's. if you want a bargain.

—Rev. Wm. Hughes, the Presbyterian minister at Abilene has an appointment to preach at this place on Saturday and Sunday—to-day and tomorrow—and will probably continue preaching for several days.

—Shoes, Boots, Hats Underware, Dress Shirts, Work Shirts, Drawers, Pants, Sox, Suspenders, Collars, Ties, etc., are selling mighty low at S. L. Robertson's.

—Stone preserve jars at McCollum's hardware store.

—Misses Minnie and Rose Thomson who have been spending some weeks with their sister, Mrs. J. C. Baldwin and other relatives here, left Wednesday for their home, Fife Valley, Hill county, Texas. They will be much missed in Haskell's circle of young folks.

—We often hear there are very low prices in the east but Johnson Bros & Co. are lower than any country on Dry Goods.

—Mr. G. M. Montgomery of the north part of the county was a caller at the Free Press office on Monday. He came to the county and located early last spring. He says he has seen drouth, in other countries and is not discouraged by short crops this year, thinks the country is all right on the general average.

—No credit prices at S. L. Robertson's. He needs money and is willing to sell for a small profit.

—The talk is that the Seymour boys are trying to pick a nine from Wichita Falls, Throckmorton and some of their own players with which to beat the Haskell boys. The grasshoppers say it's all right so long as they don't import a lot of St. Louis and Chicago professionals, they can hop over any thing in this part of the moral vineyard.

County Commissioner C. W. Lucas who lives 10 or 12 miles south of town was in the city Thursday. He informs us that the restless feeling among some of the farmers of that section has a bout worn away and they have, on due reflection made up their minds to stay with Haskell county. He also stated that his section had a pretty fair rain on Tuesday, enough to fill up the creeks and benefit the cotton crops a good deal.

—Mr. Press Broach who lives in the northern portion of this county was in town one day this week. He said he had made a thousand bushels of wheat and a thousand bushels of oats this year and had no kick against the country. There are quite a sprinkling of farmers over the country that have done about the same as Mr. Broach. Why didn't they all do the same? The Free Press believes that there is a "whole lot" in the thorough preparation of the soil for small grain crops and a "whole lot" more in thorough tillage of other crops, as well as in plenty of rain.

—Mr. D. R. Gass, wife and daughter of Hale City, made their old friends in Haskell a visit this week. Mr. Gass says the Kansas grasshoppers destroyed the crops in Hale and some adjoining counties. He mentioned one fifty acre crop of wheat about ready for the reaper that they swept away in a night and a day. Swarms of the grasshoppers made their appearance there last autumn and deposited eggs which produced the insects of this season, which left the country, taking their flight northward, as soon as they were fully developed. He thinks the apprehension of some that they will destroy the crops again next year is groundless as they rarely make their appearance two years in succession, this being their first visit to that section, and they may not come again in fifteen or twenty years.

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visiting Mr. Tom Ballard and lady this week. Mrs. W. A. Harne of Greenview is here visiting her daughters Mrs. J. L. Warren and Mrs. M. Koper and will spend the summer. Mr. J. S. Manly a prominent stockman and farmer of Austin county was here a few days surveying a section of land which he purchased recently. Mr. Manly has also purchased land in Jones county, but expresses himself as being better pleased with Haskell county than any place he has seen. Prof. Couch was visiting friends here this week. We can hardly come up with Mr. Walter Johnson on the chicken business, still this is a fine country for poultry; Mr. Hisey has raised three hundred broilers this season. Mrs. Canon of Jones county is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Post. We are pleased to see Grandmother Livin, good up after a few days illness. Health of the community good.

### Camp Meeting.

—A note from Mr. J. L. Jackson requests the Free Press to state that a Baptist camp meeting will begin on Lake creek on Friday before the first Sunday in August, and everybody is cordially invited to attend.

**A Deader on Prairie Dogs.**  
 Any one wanting this receipt may call at the Palace Drug Store and it will be given them free of charge; this is the cheapest receipt yet known.

Paint Creek, July 15, 1893.  
 Weather hot and dry. Farmer are very busy threshing their grain. Cotton is looking well and, it rains soon will make fine. There was a light shower this week though not enough to make stock water or benefit crops. A number of people are digging wells and some are talking of putting in windmills. Messrs. Jefferson and Spivey are gone on a pleasure and prospecting tour to Clay county and perhaps on to the Indian Territory. Mr. and Mrs. Stubbs are visiting relatives in Comanche county. Mr. H. S. Post and lady, and Mrs. Draper of Haskell were

**Stay in Haskell County.**  
 Haskell Tex., July 20 1893.

Editor Free Press.  
 Being informed that some of our best citizens have become restless and discouraged because of the dry hot weather and short crops this season, and are talking of selling out and moving away. I have thought to give them a gentle reminder of the summer of 1886.  
 We have the history of Texas and

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all other new countries before us. This history teaches us that all new countries are subject to drouths and crop failures. My experience in Texas for more than twenty-three years, together with historical information of this state prior to that time; of Kansas and Colorado, etc, teaches me it will not do to forsake home, country and friends and hunt somewhere else because of some temporary ills. Short crops this year are no sign of a failure the next. All admit that this is one of the best, loveliest countries on the globe with a reasonable amount of rainfall. The rainfall of all new countries increases as the country settles and develops. Twenty years ago it was contended that the counties of Tarrant, Dallas, Denton, Collin, Grayson, and others in that section of the state, then new and sparsely settled, as Haskell is to-day, would never be agricultural countries for the want of sufficient rain to make crops. This theory has already been exploded by the development of the country and for a number of years they have had an over abundance of rain and that portion of Texas has long since been conceded to be one of the finest farming countries in the United States, so much so that good land there sell for \$30 to \$50 an acre.

Let us remember that a "rolling stone gathers no moss" and "Where there is a will there is a way." Those who sold out, broke up and left Haskell and other counties in the west because of the drouth of 1886 lost vastly more than they gained. Many have long since kept their error and returned to the west, sadder and wiser men, while those who remained here are now, as a rule, in comparatively easy circumstances, with good farms, out of debt and homes paid for.

One may sell and pull back east during his gloomy forebodings, with the belief that he can do better there. In his gloomy forebodings he always pictures his situation worse than it is and sells at a heavy discount and loss the accumulation of years and spends the larger part of same in the vain attempt to find the desired spot, settles for a while, all to find out he is mistaken and disappointed. He probably makes a failure of a crop in the supposed happy land while at his old home his neighbors have been prosperous, the country seasonable, and all happy and contented, doing well. Then he returns low spirited and dejected, a sadder but may be a wiser man. Friends, remember this may be your lot. As a rule not one in fifty better

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themselves to leave a home where lands are cheap and go east where they are so high they can't reach them, but must remain renters instead of owners of homes. Let us stay where we are with what we have, use the more industry, economy and energy, study the country and its requirements, and we will find the way to success. I have yet to learn of anyone starving in my twenty-three years in western Texas; still I have seen a number of crop failures. My experience is that those who stay with what they have, come out best in the end. While you are hunting a better clime you are losing time and spending money and will soon have spent enough to run you a year. I am reliably informed that most of our farmers have made plenty wheat and oats to supply them for another year, and the greater number a large surplus, and while corn is very short cotton may yet do well. It will not do to run from drouths. Now is the time to remain in the promised land, and induce others to come settle among us where the best lands can be had at \$2.50 to \$5.00 on easy terms, soon we will have railroads and our property will advance in price. Let all who will come and help on the development of the country and share in what I believe is its bright future.

Respectfully,  
**F. P. MORGAN.**

### REPORT OF THE CONDITION

Of The First National Bank at Haskell, The State of Texas, at the close of Business, July 12, 1893

RESOURCES.		LIABILITIES.	
Loans and discounts	109,900.84	Capital Stock paid in	50,000.00
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	1,320.50	Surplus fund	5,000.00
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	12,500.00	Undivided profits	2,000.00
Due from approved reserve agents	1,077.25	National Bank notes outstanding	11,200.00
Due from other National Banks	415.50	Individual Deposits	4,824.00
Due from State Banks and Bankers	45.52	Time certificates of deposit	8,000.00
Banking-house, furniture and fixtures	15,200.32	Certified checks	100.00
Current expenses and taxes paid	150.50	Due to other National Banks	30.00
Premium on U. S. Bonds	1,750.00	Due to State Banks and Bankers	25.00
Checks and other cash items	104.17		
Bills of other banks	80.00		
Fractional Paper Currency, Nickels and cents	28.55		
Specie	1,526.65		
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I, J. V. W. Holmes, Cashier of the above named bank do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
 J. V. W. Holmes, Cashier.  
 Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 10th day of July 1893. H. R. Jones, Notary Public Haskell county Texas.  
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