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DEALER IN

### SADDLES & HARNES;

To my friends in Haskell Co.,

While in Seymour, call and examine my prices on Saddlery and Harness Goods.

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Everything found at the Racket Store.

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### LOCAL DOTS.

—Spend your cash with S. L. Robertson and save money.

—Send a copy of the FREE PRESS to your friend who wants to know something about Haskell county.

—Rev. W. G. Caperton of Albany, spent a day or two here this week.

—Get good double sealed stove pipe at Reed's new tin shop.

—See the advertisement of Jim Green's Racket Store at Abilene in this issue. He invites you to call on him when in Abilene.

—Mr. W. L. Hills has gone to Abilene on business.

—Carry your furs and hides to J. G. Owens and get the best market price for them.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Soyars were presented with a fine boy on Tuesday.

—I have a lot of extra heavy sheet steel for stove pipe. The best is the cheapest. Call and see my double sealed pipe.—Theo Reed.

—Mr. and Mrs. R. D. C. Stephens were presented with a daughter on last Sunday.

—Mr. Geo. L. Paxton, Hardware dealer of Abilene, has placed his ad. in the Free Press.—see what he says about buggies and call on him for anything in the Hardware line.

—The Star saloon has just received a fine line of whiskies and case goods for the holiday trade. You can get first-class whiskey for your egg-nogs. Bring the money with you.

—Mr. B. J. Tyson of Brown county a former citizen of this place, died there the early part of this week.

—Mr. T. J. Willoughn is off on a trip to Dallas, which will be extended into a visit to his old home in Cooke county.

—Read the advertisement in this issue of Mr. R. J. Reed, Furniture dealer of Abilene and call on him when you need anything in the way of furniture.

—We are informed that Mr. J. C. Bohanan sold on Thursday to Mr. W. T. Hudson, about fifty head of heaves which he has been feeding for some time, at \$27.50 per head.

—Messrs J. A. Jones and H. B. Martin left Tuesday morning for Abilene. The latter has returned, but Joe will probably go on to Dallas to look after a business engagement for which he is negotiating.

—We are informed that there are several cases of measles in the country.

—Whisperings of candidates for county offices are beginning to be heard about the streets. We notice a number of announcements in some of our exchanges from other counties.

—Miss Mattie Armstrong, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. T. J. Lemmon, at this place for some time, left on Tuesday for her home. Miss Armstrong made many friends while in Haskell who would be pleased at a repetition of her visit at some future time.

### Our Bow.

—We desire to say to the people of Haskell and surrounding country that we have entered into a copartnership for the purpose of carrying on a general Dry-goods and Grocery business in Haskell, and that it is our purpose to keep constantly in stock fresh and desirable goods in these lines.

With our long acquaintance with the people of this section we think we will be able to furnish them a line of goods suited to their wants. We earnestly solicit a liberal share of the public patronage, promising courteous treatment and fair dealing with all.

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Very truly yours,  
D. W. Courtwright  
T. G. Carney

P. S. We will say to the ladies that we have a millinery department in connection with our business with a competent milliner in charge.  
C. & C.

### Mitchell Wagons.

We have taken the agency for Haskell county for this wagon and are in position to sell them as cheaply as they can be bought at any railroad point. This wagon is well known for its durability and light-running qualities and is guaranteed to give satisfaction. Call and get our prices and terms if you want a wagon.  
W. W. FIELDS & BRO.

—Weather prophet Foster's prediction that the coldest blizzard of the winter would strike us about the 21st kept us shivering in anticipation of it most of the week, and we are now glad to be able to say that it failed to show up in this latitude.

—In future we will expect all accounts to be paid promptly on the first of the month, unless special arrangements are made for longer time.

We positively cannot run open accounts on longer time. Our prices will be made on a cash basis with this point in view, and we earnestly solicit your trade, believing that we can make it to your interest as well as to our own for you to trade with us.

Respectfully,  
W. W. FIELDS & BRO.

—Look up the ad of Mr. J. W. Evans of Abilene who has lately opened up a Grocery store and has a neat stock of new goods.

I have 600 bushels of seed oats, 1895 crop, for sale.

W. P. Whitman.

—To my friends in Haskell and Jones County, I have opened up with a nice stock of groceries on south side of R. R. in Abilene and would be glad to have a portion of your trade.  
J. W. EVANS.

—Mr. C. D. Long has received the sad news of the death of his brother, Mr. L. S. Long, on Sunday, 19th, inst., at Catawba, N. C. This news will also be received with regret by Mr. Long's many friends here who parted with him so short a time ago in the hope that his journey to North Carolina and the breezes of its pine hills would chase away from him his dread disease, consumption. But "man proposes and God disposes."

—Messrs H. N. Haswell, A. C. Foster and Oscar Martin, the commissioners appointed by the district court of Robertson county to partition the Isidro Ramos league and labor of land, east of and adjoining the town of Haskell including the Brown & Roberts addition to Haskell, have completed their work and sent in their report, and we are informed that this property will be placed on the market again at an early day.

—Approaching Mr. J. W. Collins yesterday for an item he proceeded to tell us that Mr. Alexander went down on Mule creek, about three miles from town, the day before to get some fruit trees and got lost in a thicket, and he (Collins) thought there must be something wrong with a man who has lived here for ten years and can't go to Mule creek without getting lost. We agreed that it looked a little that way, but suggested that we didn't see why a man would go to a Mule creek thicket to get fruit trees, that we had, however, known of several persons getting shade trees there. At this Collins scratched his head and said he guessed it was shade trees that Mr. A. was after. We didn't say so then, but we went our way thinking that it was a bad state of affairs for two men in the same house to have "something wrong" with them.

### Attention U. C. V's.

The members of Haskell county camp of U. C. V's. are hereby called to meet at the court house in the town of Haskell on Saturday, Feb. 1st, 1896 at 2 o'clock p. m. to consider matters of interest to said camp.

All ex-Confederate veterans living in or adjacent to Haskell county and are not members of said camp are respectfully invited to attend said meeting and enroll their names as members thereof.

W. W. FIELDS, Camdr.  
S. J. ROBERTSON, Adjt.

The latest item from Washington on the Monroe doctrine is that the resolution adopted by the foreign relations committee enlarging that doctrine, and recommended to the senate for adoption by that body, can not possibly pass. It is stated that all of the democrats and enough republicans will vote against it to defeat it.

A large meeting of prominent silver men from all over the country was held at Washington, D. C., this week for the purpose of coming to some understanding as to the action to be taken in the approaching campaign on the subject. A report of the action taken has not yet reached us.

The Venezuelan Boundary Commission has gotten to work and have extended a courteous invitation to Great Britain and Venezuela to place before it any documentary proof, historical narrative, unpublished archives or the like that may aid the commission in coming to a correct decision. A London paper, The Globe, commenting on the commission's invitation to England, closes with this spicy paragraph:

"Great Britain will never allow this monstrous claim to determine the territory of a British colony within its jurisdiction. No power could admit it except at the close of a long and disastrous war. Were such a demand made by any other power our only reply would be to hand its ambassador his passports and mobilize the fleet. Will these pernicious commissioners undertake to answer for the effect upon their own countrymen of forcing the premier to snub the secretary of state?"

### OLD PEOPLE.

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The democrats should begin to organize for effective work in the campaign that is just before us. We do not mean sound money clubs or free silver clubs, but democratic clubs. These should be questions inside the party and should according to democratic usage and principal be governed by the voice of the majority. If the majority say free silver, let it be so; if they say gold standard, let it be so. If the principles of a party as a whole are not of more importance than a single issue, that party is hardly worth sustaining. It is only by united action by the individual members of a party that the success of party principles can be attained. In other words, the party must succeed as a party in order to engraft its principles in the laws and policies of the government. It is evident that party success cannot be achieved without a yielding of the minority to the majority, especially in this true where the voters are pretty evenly divided among parties. For these reasons we say make the fight within the party, then let the losing side go with the majority and not split off into a faction, thereby rendering almost certain the defeat of the entire party—both factions.

### TWO LIVES SAVED.

Mrs. Phoebe Thomas, of Junction City, Ill. was told by her doctors she had consumption and that there was no hope for her, but two bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery completely cured her and she says it saved her life. Mr. Thos Eggers, 139 Florida St., San Francisco, suffered from a dreadful cold, approaching consumption, tried without result everything else then bought one bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery and in two weeks was cured. He is naturally thankful. It is such results of which these are samples that prove the wonderful efficacy of this medicine in Coughs and Colds. Free trial bottles at A. P. McLemore's Drugstore. Regular size bottles 50

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2nd. History of Education.  
Classical Nations, Prof. Jones. Politics, Mr. Bivins. History of Pedagogy, Miss Riddle. 3rd. General History.  
From Solomon to Pericles, Mrs. Newt Millhollen.

4th. Methods in Teaching.  
Language, Intermediate Grade, Miss Riddle.  
5th. The Sciences.  
Physiology Circulation and Respiration, Mr. Bivins. Physical Geography, Water, Miss Standifer.

6th. Psychology.  
Memory and Imagination, Prof. W. W. Hentz.  
All teachers are expected to attend and no one will be excused, except on account of sickness.

P. D. Sanders, County Judge.

GETTING MARRIED: The majority of young women expect sooner or later to marry; many are altogether in too much of a hurry to consummate the most important of all the acts of their lives, and rush into matrimony as though it were a matter of the most trifling consequence. Marriage is not regarded with that respect which the sacredness of this Heaven born institution properly demands. The ease with which divorces can be obtained has undoubtedly contributed much to the hasty manner in which this step is taken, and it is to be hoped that some means may be devised by which this growing evil may be checked.

We do not propose to offer a long homily on the subject of marriage, but have a few words of advice which may possibly be of service:  
1st. Be careful to prepare for marriage by making yourself worthy of a good, pure woman. Cultivate honesty, sincerity and purity of thought and manners and a generous variety of those graces and qualities which serve to make up a good and useful man.

2nd. Do not allow yourself to be captivated by fine clothes and a pretty face, or a piquant manner and an artful smile. All these qualities are superficial and not correct guides by which to form an estimate of character. Seek real moral worth, real solidity of character, genuineness, sincerity, faithfulness and simplicity. These are qualities which will form a firm, substantial basis for genuine affection.

3rd. Avoid a young woman devoted to fashion, who finds her chief enjoyment in balls theaters and fashionable dissipations; young women of this class are in a state of ill health, mentally and morally, and usually physically, and are utterly deficient in the qualities essential to the making of a good wife.

4th. We may also suggest the importance of health, of physical and mental adaptation, of proper relation as regards age, but these are all points which will readily occur to the mind of any young man possessed of a fair share of good judgement and common sense, and need not be dwelt upon here.

Ed.

—The leap year party at Mr. J. S. Rike's last night was quite a success as well as a surprise to the young men.

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The Cuban insurgents have recently been making the island very hot for the Spanish, and while they have suffered some reverses, they seem to be unchecked and unterrified. Meantime their friends in this country are bringing Strong influences to bear on congress to grant them beligerent rights.

It is already a foregone conclusion—we might say a fact—that irrigation is assured and that as soon as the reorganization of the company is perfected, the Wichita Valley will extend from this place to Benjamin or Haskell or both. From what Gen. Dodge says in the above, we naturally conclude that he has great faith in our irrigation project, and we learned from a reliable source, some time ago, that the Valley would be extended if the reorganization was perfected, of which there seems now to be no doubt.—Seymour News.

UNDER the Colquitt law for the collection of delinquent taxes it is provided that no suit shall be brought to enforce the tax lien upon any land that a sufficient description to identify the same cannot first be had. Tax assessors should exercise the greatest care in taking assessments and in making up their rolls to give the fullest descriptions possible. At least abstract, certificate and survey numbers should be given as shown by the Abstract book, and in case of parts of original surveys such data should be placed on the rolls as will locate with certainty the sub-division or part of survey assessed. Great responsibility rests upon assessors in this work, as on the efficiency and accuracy of their work will depend the certainty or uncertainty of collecting delinquent taxes.

HASKELL county farmers are in better condition to make their crops this year without going in debt, but little if any, than they have ever been before during its brief history as a farming country. This fact is due to several causes; they have learned by experience better how to adapt their crops and the cultivation of them to the peculiarities of the country, and last year they raised more of their family and farm supplies, such as corn, oats and forage and bacon, lard etc., than ever before. The farmer who has not his 1896 supply of these stored on his farm is an exception to the rule. Besides this a fair price for a moderately good cotton crop last year enabled most of them to square up store accounts, and all to come so near it that good crops—for which the prospect now is unusually fine—this year will bring them out O. K. And some to spare.

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## Hardware!

WE carry everything in the Hardware Line. We have just received a car of Buggies and will make you good prices. Come to see us. We will appreciate your trade.

Respectfully,  
**GEO. L. PAXTON,**  
ABILENE, TEXAS.

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