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LOCAL DOTS.

Mr. M. S. Pierson got home this week. Mr. A. H. Tandy left yesterday on a trip east. Messrs Meadors & Ellis' new store building on the south side of the square is nearing completion.

I will pay the highest cash prices for hides. W. T. JONES.

Mr. Pete Sanders left Wednesday for Colorado City, where he has secured employment.

Try W. W. Fields & Bro. on molasses, they can fill your order for the cheapest or the best—prices right.

Mr. G. W. Reeves of Knox county was here this week visiting his daughter, Mrs. J. W. Collins.

You can save money by going to W. W. Fields & Bro. for your groceries—they are making very low prices just now.

Judge J. M. Morgan of Benjamin, was here and sat as special judge in the trial of two cases in our county court this week.

Carry all hides and furs you have for sale to W. W. Fields & Bro., they will pay you the highest market price for them.

Mr. J. D. McGaughey, a prominent cattle man of Stonewall, was doing business in Haskell yesterday.

S. L. Robertson wants your trade in Dry Goods of all kinds.

Groceries received fresh every week. Everything sold at lowest possible prices.

Mr. Ed Lanier, a stockman of King county, but well known in this section, spent a day or so among friends here this week.

For pure big German millet, genuine Amber sorghum and Kaffir corn seeds go to W. W. Fields & Bro's.

If you want to repair your own shoes and boots and save money, get a complete cobbler's outfit, consisting of everything necessary for ordinary repairing, at W. W. Fields & Bro's.

Three gallons of 600p molasses for \$1.00. Flour at \$1.75 per 100 pounds. Other things in proportion Come and see! T. G. CARNEY.

Grandpa (W. H.) Sowell and wife returned last Tuesday from Edwards county, in the lower Rio Grande country, where they spent the winter.

For a nice selection of queensware, glassware, lamps and lamp chimneys W. W. Fields & Bro. can't be beaten—they also have some nice churns and a good assortment of stoneware generally.

Rev. W. S. Rogers and Messrs John Couch and Emmett Robertson leave to-day for Waco, where they will attend the annual convention of the B. Y. P. U. as delegates from the Haskell Union.

New dry goods just opened at S. L. Robertson's and they are pretty. You should call and see them. A big line of Prints, Lawns, Percals, Duck, Pique, Madras, White Goods, Embroidery, Laces, Hosiery, &c. Ladies especially are invited to come and select while the stock is fresh.

Messrs Lon Bennett of the C. C. Milling Co. of Seymour and Chas. Petrie of the West Texas Supply Co. of the same place, were here this week looking after business for their respective concerns.

I am now receiving and opening up a complete line of staple and fancy family groceries, flavorings, extracts, etc., and the prices shall suit you. Respectfully, T. G. CARNEY.

The cool to cold, raw weather of the past two weeks has been hard on thin range cattle and there will be some losses yet unless warm, pleasant weather sets in and continues.

A much needed and most welcome rain fell here during Wednesday evening and night. It was not as much as was needed, but it wet the ground to a depth of about four inches and will do much good, especially if more comes before it all dries out.

Cash is very desirable and it knocks old credit blind at S. L. Robertson's.

Miss Eula Hudson returned home the first of the week from Woodward, I. T., where she spent the winter with the family of her uncle and engaged in music teaching.

I have a car-load of corn at Seymour and will deliver to purchasers there or at Haskell, as may be preferred. From now on I will set the price on corn and will set it low enough. T. G. CARNEY.

Mr. John Ellis after putting in the winter on a ranch in the I. T., returned the first of the week to Haskell. He looks as if his Territory ranch experience had agreed with him.

Good Whiskey is both doctor and tonic. Better looking than many doctors, better testing than all medicines. For general family use, nothing equals whiskey and HARPER Whiskey is pre-eminently the family whiskey. Sold by Keister & Hazlewood, Haskell, Texas.

Mr. B. M. Musser, representing W. C. Bowman & Co., lumber dealers of Seymour, was in Haskell yesterday looking after the lumber business. They will read the Free Press during the coming year and perhaps have some business talk in its columns for its readers.

Rev. M. L. Moody, Mr and Mrs L. M. Garrett, Misses Etta Riddel, Mollie Bryant, Hattie Sanders, Georgia Riter and Ethel Alexander are attending the district conference of the Epworth League at Vernon this week as delegates from the Haskell League.

It's not exactly a boom that Haskell is on, but when we look around the court house square and see the four new business houses which have been erected within the last few weeks and one new store and shoe shop opened up in old buildings and a new newspaper to be started next week, we begin to think that things are coming alive again. Some places would call it a boom.

To the Work, One and All.

On Thursday, the 13th, the protracted meeting will begin at the Methodist church. Shall we say that every member should be in his place? That, you know.

There are many warm hearted young men and women, boys and girls within your reach—you can encourage and help them to Christ. What will you do? The crisis is upon us—how shall we meet it? Everyone who is interested in the salvation of the unsaved, is most cordially invited to begin with first service and remain to the last, without regard to denomination.

Yours to work, M. L. MOODY.

Warning.

The officers and commissioners have determined to stop the practice of defacing the court house by persons writing on or scratching the plastering, also by shooting and throwing at birds or owls on the cornice and roof. The Free Press has been requested to give warning that the law will be enforced.

As the best way of doing this and appraising all parties interested of what the law in the case is, we quote it from the revised statutes:

DEFACTING PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

Art. 499, P. C.—If any person shall wilfully injure or deface any public building or the furniture therein in this state he shall be fined not less than five nor more than five hundred dollars. The word deface in this chapter shall be held to apply to writing, carving or scratching on the walls or plastering or furniture of said building, or staining the same with paint or any other article which will produce a discoloration of the same.

SHOOTING IN PUBLIC PLACE.

Art. 336, P. C.—If any person shall discharge any gun, pistol, or fire-arms of any description, on or across any public square, street or alley in any city, town or village in this state, he shall be fined in a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars.

A cable dispatch from Manila, dated April 3, referring to the commission recently sent over by the president to investigate conditions there and empowered by him to treat with the natives and endeavor to pacify them says: "The commission has issued its proclamation. There is no mention of independence in it." Well, certainly not, but it wet the islands and their ten millions of inhabitants from Spain and paid for them and what right have the scamps to independence?

School Questions.

By R. E. SHERRILL.

The school building needs repairing and repainting. Without it it is damaging, and without some of these repairs the building will before long, be unsafe. Repaired and properly cared for, it should serve the present population five to ten years. With a little increase of population the building will be too small. In any event, a new building will be a necessity in a few years. How can we build it? With increased population, the town can organize for school purposes and issue bonds to pay for a building. This will, by law, cut out a large portion of the present district, and, to secure the same amount of school funds, it will necessitate a considerable increase in the tax rate in the town, and if, in addition, we are required to pay for a building, the tax rate will become so high and burdensome that this will practically be out of the question. Without an increase of population we cannot organize and issue bonds.

To erect a suitable building by popular subscription is very unsatisfactory, unequal and practically out of the question. By law we are prohibited from using the state school fund for building. The only remaining source is the local tax. Shall we wait until the emergency arises then use all this fund for two or three years for a building? This would so reduce the fund that no respectable teacher could be secured and the school would be about ruined during this time and would require a half dozen years to build it up again. One set of children would be deprived of half the benefit of the schools during these years. We cannot keep the building repaired and keep the school up to its present condition with a less fund than we now have, and especially so, if we try to lengthen the term. There is only one plan left. We may prepare for this crisis in a practical, business way. Levy an additional tax, set aside the amount so raised as a sinking fund for the erection of a new building. In five or six years this fund will be of the greatest importance to us in securing a new building, and instead of breaking down our school, wrangling over a new building and complaining about heavy taxes, we will quietly pass through the most serious crisis in the life of any school community, keep our school on a cash basis, secure the respect and pride of all our people, and add great interest to our school, as we enter into a good, new building. How else can we prepare for a new building, and how better can we use the money?

A Good School Record.

Wild Horse Prairie, Apr. 4, '99. Time is swiftly passing and one month more will end our very pleasant school term of six months. While the term has been too short to complete in a satisfactory manner all the work laid out, we are greatly pleased with the progress made and the interest manifested by a large majority of our pupils.

We believe our school will take the premium for regular attendance during the month ending March 29. If any teacher can show a better record we shall be glad to hear from him or her.

Why do not more of the schools follow the example of Mesquite and Fairview, and tell us something of what they are doing?

As the school term draws to a close, I wonder how many of us are asking ourselves: "What can I do to improve myself during vacation?" "How can I best employ the time to make next year's work better than this has been?" "How spend the time so that when I again enter the school room, it will redound to the increased benefit of my pupils?" Tho' we all may not be able to attend a summer school, or devote as much time as we should like to self-improvement, yet we can do much in the way of reading or study to make our next year's work fuller and fresher. Let us each resolve that during vacation we will add something to our knowledge and culture and at once set about carrying out that resolve.

Below find a list of pupils present every day during the month ending March 29th.

Total enrollment for the month, 45; average attendance, 40.75. Eula Bowman, Maggie Bowman, Linnie Tucker, Cecil Tucker, Edna Vernon, Effie Vernon, Dollie Norman,

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Boots and Shoes made to order and fit guaranteed. Only best of material will be used in my work.

Repairing promptly done. I shall depend on the quality of my work for my recommendation and, solicit your patronage on this basis.

Lillie Peeler, Josie Chaney, Eula York, Angie Vernon, Taylor Bowman, Lee Norman, Justine Rose, Allen Rose, Oscar Rose, Lizzie Chaney, Charlie Lindsey, Avery Bailey, John Chaney, King Chaney.

Respectfully, E. ROBINSON.

Choice Health Thoughts.

A brassy taste in the mouth indicates a torpid liver and suggests a reform in diet. All the medicines in creation are not worth a farthing to a man who is constantly and habitually violating the law of his own nature. The best of all condiments is hunger, and the most efficient of all soporifics is labor. The man who says, "I can eat or drink anything; nothing hurts me" is on the high road to physical bankruptcy. By and by he will complain that everything hurts him.

Do not eat when tired. The idea that by the taking of food at such time the stomach or any other part of the system will be strengthened is a mistake. A tired stomach is a weak stomach. When the stomach feels "faint" and tired at night, as many people complain, what it wants is not food, but rest. A gnawing hunger is not an indication of the necessity for food, but of a diseased condition of the stomach.

Common sense teaches us a feeble horse must be lightly loaded, so a weak stomach suffering with slow digestion must have as light and easy work as possible.

As a man eateth so is he. Air is food for the lungs, as bread is food for the stomach. More millions of people die from want of lung food than from a deficiency of other ailments. Germs differ in their relation to human life; some are innocent, some dangerous under certain conditions, others dangerous under all circumstances.

Noxious gasses and disease germs are usually associated together—a fortunate fact, as it enables us to detect the dangerous character of an infected atmosphere without the trouble of a chemical analysis. It is possible for the air to be swarming with disease germs without an offensive odor being present, but the reverse is seldom true and it is perfectly safe to say that a foul smelling atmosphere is a dangerous one.

Never use water which has a perceptible taste or odor.

The old supposition that running water into which impurities have been cast purifies itself while running twenty miles is an error; such water is never safe.

Sleeping rooms should be aired and sunned every day.

Never sleep in a room which has been for weeks unused, unaired, unwarmed and secluded from sunlight, until the bedding has been thoroughly aired and dried and the air of the room thoroughly changed by ventilation.

Combustion is the best means of disposing of garbage and relieves the scavenger of an additional burden and the milkman of a temptation to economize. Cellars should be kept clear of

Spot Cash and Cheap.

That's the way groceries are going at my store—and they are going fast!

Feed Stuff

I will try to keep on hand a full supply of Corn, Bran, Etc.

A fresh lot of corn just in.

Yours for business, W. T. Jones.

decaying vegetables, wood, wet and mold. The walls should be frequently whitewashed or washed with a strong solution of copperas.

E. E. G.

(To be continued.)

Evidence recently taken by the army beef inquiry court brings the responsibility for the bad beef furnished to the soldiers pretty close home to Mr. Alger, head of the war department.

The finance committee has at last completed its labors on the appropriation bill and it has been printed and handed around to the members. The amount covered by the bill as presented, for the fiscal year ending January 28, 1900, is \$2,555,312.70 and for the year ending Feb. 28, 1901, it is \$2,247,007.20, a total of \$4,802,319.90 for the two years.

Now that the house has the bill in its hands, some of the members who are anxious to adjourn think they can dispose of it in a week and go home, but others who have had experience in the long debates and wrangles that frequently occur over the passage of appropriation bills say that they will be lucky to get it over and adjourn by the first of May.

Section 1 of the proclamation just issued to the natives by Mr. McKinley's commissioners now in the Philippines and sent there to try to adjust matters with the people is a flat footed declaration in which the Filipinos can see no hope of independence. It reads:

1.—"That supremacy of the United States must and will be enforced throughout every part of the archipelago, and those who resist it can accomplish no end other than their own ruin."

Other sections promise them a good government honestly administered, schools, public improvements, etc., but that is not independence such as they want and are sacrificing their lives for and such as we wanted when we fought and won our independence from England.

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Dress Goods.—Foreign and Domestic. Latest in Wash Dress Goods, Pique, Percal, Duck, Dimities, Organdies, in all shades. Lawns, Nansooks, Embroideries, Dotted Swisses &c.

Hosiery.—A full and complete line of the very best brands and dyes for men, women and children.

Parasols.—We have a large stock from 50 cents up to extra values.

Gloves.—No costume is complete without a pair of perfect fitting kid gloves of good quality. Such gloves can be had here at moderate prices. The drive we are making in prices in this line causes competitors to wonder where they were obtained.

Handkerchiefs.—A dainty handkerchief tucked in belt or purse or jacket pocket peeping shyly forth and giving just a hint of its quality and beauty pleases feminine fancy. We supply the handkerchiefs and offer a stock so comprehensive in style and quality that every taste or pocket book can be suited.

Millinery.—Paris and London styles at our popular prices, is a combination which should please every Haskell woman. We invite each and every one to examine this stock as it is up-to-date in every particular, and the best part is, you can possess your choice at a moderate price.

Furnishings.—Whatever Haskell men or women need in furnishings can be found here and it will please in style and price. Our large trade in furnishings has come to us because we have deserved it by catering to the needs of our customers more satisfactorily than have others. We would be glad to have you look at the new things in this line.

Shoes.—We have the most complete stock of men's, women's, and children's shoes and slippers of regular goods ever shown in the west, and of the best goods. Also we have 700 pairs of ladies shoes and slippers bought as a job lot. We can save you from 25 to 50 per cent on them.

Lowest prices guaranteed in all lines.

Respectfully, F. G. ALEXANDER & CO.

Next Spring

Travel will begin to the Gold Fields of Alaska, and it is suggested that those who intend going to the

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