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LOCAL DOTS.

I will sell you flour below cost! T. G. CARNEY. Mrs. Lovett of Fisher county is here visiting her daughter, Mrs. F. C. Wilfong. Try W. W. Fields & Bro. on molasses, they can fill your order for the cheapest or the best—prices right. Mr. Elmer Wilbourn came down from the I. T. the other day on a visit to the old folks. That sand storm Wednesday was calculated to make the oldest inhabitant tired. You can save money by going to W. W. Fields & Bro. for your groceries—they are making very low prices just now. Mrs. McLendon, nee Miss Sunie Reeves, is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. W. Collins, here this week. Mrs. M. L. Moody and children left Thursday morning on a visit to relatives at Sweetwater. I will pay the highest cash prices for hides. W. T. JONES. Mr. John Robertson is spending this week with the home folks, after an absence of several months. 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. Hal Bledsoe of Sherman is here this week looking after some land interests his father has here. It is believed that the cold snap which swept over this section the first of the week destroyed most if not all of the fruit. Mr. D. W. Arnold, one of the progressive farmers of the Paint creek neighborhood, had his name enrolled on our list this week. I have bought out the grocery business of C. M. Courtwright and will continue it with full stock at all times. Come and see how low they can be sold. T. G. CARNEY. Mr. John Couch has taken a position with Mr. T. G. Carney. He invites his friends to drop in and thinks he can interest them in a little grocery trade. Mr. F. Bridges and wife of Fisher county, the latter being a sister of Mrs. F. C. Wilfong, visited the family of Mr. Wilfong at this place the past week. S. L. Robertson wants your trade in Dry Goods of all kinds. Groceries received fresh every week. Everything sold at lowest possible prices. A man named King, with his family, moved to this county this week from Kent county to occupy the Lew Casner place in the northeast part of the county. If we were not afraid that somebody would say "chestnuts," we would remark that "winter is lingering in the lap of spring"—to our great discontent. For pure big German millet, genuine Amber sorghum and Kaffir corn seeds go to W. W. Fields & Bro's. While out on the hunt for local items yesterday a friend of Mr. Bud Smith's insisted that we should not fail to chronicle the fact that that gentleman is out hauling wood this week—so here you are. 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. To the surprise of the oldest inhabitant a cold wave set in Thursday night which ran the temperature considerably below the freezing point, and, to cap the climax, was followed up with a sleet yesterday. As tomorrow, Sunday, is Easter we will hope that winter will make its final exit with this spell of unpleasantness. 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.

Cash is very desirable and it knocks old credit blind at S. L. Robertson's. Mr. J. G. Owens, who has been holding his cattle in the I. T. the past winter came home this week, but we understand that he will return next week, taking his family with him. 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. Mr. C. M. Courtwright having sold out his grocery business to Mr. T. G. Carney, moved this week with his family to Jacksboro. Mr. J. R. Power of Seymour, and formerly sheriff of Throckmorton county, died at his home in Seymour on Monday, of measles. Mr. Power was very well known and had quite a number of friends here who regretted to hear of his death. 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. G. W. Cox, one of our new citizens residing in the western part of the county, placed his name on our subscription list this week. He thinks every man should take his county paper. Be sure to attend the opening session of the Old Maids Union in the Carney Hotel Monday evening, April 3. Mrs. Mifkins will exhibit her rejuvener machine—the greatest invention of the age. There was quite a moving around this week in Haskell. So far we have heard the following: Mr. J. W. Johnson, back to the Simmons residence first occupied by him. Mr. J. W. Wright, back to the Wright House, which he will again conduct as a hotel. Mr. C. D. Long, to residence vacated by Mr. Wright. Mr. H. W. Peters, from the Tucker place to Fitzgerald place in east part of town. Mrs. Carrie Long died at the home of her parents at this place about 3 o'clock on Wednesday morning, 29th ult., of consumption contracted while faithfully ministering to her husband, who died of the same disease a little more than three years ago in North Carolina, where they had gone in the vain hope of benefitting his health. Mrs. Long was of a gentle, Christian spirit, universally loved by those who knew her, and has no doubt gone to the reward of the good and faithful. She left one child, a boy about four years old. County Commissioner J. M. Perry was the victim of a quite serious misfortune this week. During the absence of himself and family from home on Wednesday afternoon their residence with its entire contents was destroyed by fire. We understand that Mr. Perry had recently sold his place so that the purchaser would be the loser to the extent of the building, but Mr. Perry and family lost their entire household goods, etc. Some of their friends circulated a subscription list on Thursday and their neighbors and the people in town gave a practical manifestation of their sympathy by subscribing a right nice sum for their benefit. Mr. E. F. Springer, Sr., who with his wife, was spending the winter with relatives in Montague county, died at Bowie on Sunday, the 26th of March. His body was embalmed and brought to the home of his son, A. W. Springer, in Haskell, on Wednesday, where funeral services were held and from whence he was carried to his final resting place in the Haskell cemetery. Mr. Springer, familiarly called "Grandpa" by Haskell people, had resided in Haskell several years with his sons A. W. and E. F. Springer. He was a little past the age of eighty-six years at the time of his death, and had been in Texas since 1845, and was a veteran of the Mexican war. The cigarette is doomed in Missouri. On last Monday the legislature of that state passed a bill prohibiting the sale of cigarettes and cigarette wrappers in the state by a vote of 93 to 3. The penalty for a violation of the law is a fine of from \$10 to \$100.

Why the School Tax Should be Increased. 1. The term is too short to complete the grades. The whole modern system of education is based on thorough grading. In this way pupils are taught a great deal more and that better than they could be otherwise taught in the same length of time. Since this is an admitted fact, it becomes the positive obligation of every community or district to supplement the state school fund. The grades require at least eight months of good work. If, as now, the school continues only seven months, the child will be forced to spend one more year to complete its High School course than it would with an eight months' school. Again, it will cause the pupil to pass out of the school age before it completes the nine years of schooling which the state law permits it to secure. Although it has attended nine terms of school—each seven months—it has lost the equivalent of one term on account of the shortness of each session. It will cost \$17.50 to send this pupil one session after it becomes seventeen years of age. This amount would pay the increased tax proposed on \$4000 for eight years. It is impossible for any set of teachers to keep a school up to the high standard that we have a right to expect unless they are given a term sufficiently long in which to do their work thoroughly. Many of the complaints that "our school does not seem to give us results proportioned to our expenditure" would be hushed. 2. The school suffers some injury every year from the fact that there are just so many pupils enter the primary department each year which demands regardless of qualifications that a like number be promoted into the next room. A similar demand is made on the intermediate rooms. Every year we are compelled to promote some pupils who are not prepared, in order to accommodate those that will come from a lower room. On the otherhand if the term were one month or six weeks longer, the pupils could finish their work and be promoted without injury to themselves. 3. The text books adopted by the state were selected by eminent teachers who had in view their adaptability to a graded system. It is impossible to secure the full benefit of such a system of books unless we can make our schools conform to the plan for which the books are written. 4. By lengthening the term many more people would come to town to send their children to school. Many people who get through gathering their crops in November often speak of moving to town to send their children the remainder of the session, but on finding that the term is so short do not come. A good school of a sufficiently long term to do thorough work is also a great attraction to people who are hunting a place to locate. Also, such a school will cause a demand for the rent houses and increase the income of many of those who would have to pay an increased tax. Whatever affects rent prices affects property values. 5. The school house is in a very bad condition and it will require several hundred dollars to repair it. Many of the desks are worn out. The blackboards are in need of repair. The doors are split and broken. The sash are so old and rotten that glass cannot be made stay in them. The house needs underpinning. It is surrounded by a low place in which water stands for several days after a rain. The leechings of this stagnant water gets into the well. Consequently several times during each session the well must be cleaned out. Viewing the matter in its proper light, we do not see how our intelligent citizens can fail to see that the school fund must be increased so that their children may have a longer term and a safe and better house. Choice Health Thoughts. The man who possesses good health is always rich. Health is an energetic man's capital. One may purify the blood more in a single day by breathing pure air than by taking sarsaparilla or any other blood purifier for a year. It is not what one eats that nourishes him but what he digests. Pluck is a wonderfully efficient agent in throwing off disease. Exposing the body to the air and light and briskly rubbing the skin with the hand is the best substitute for a water bath, and

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That Teachers' State Summer Normal Institute. Since publishing our article advocating a teachers' summer normal institute at Haskell we learn that Prof. Hentz has taken some action in that direction. He has corresponded with teachers in some of the adjoining counties and the responses so far are favorable to Haskell. We are requested to state that there will be a business meeting of the Haskell county teachers on Saturday, April 8, after the adjournment of the county teachers' institute for the purpose of putting in operation the organization of a summer normal at Haskell, and the presence of every teacher in the county is earnestly requested on that occasion, as well as that of all others who desire to attend such institute for the purpose of preparing themselves for teaching. Prof. Hentz has procured from the educational department at Austin the blanks necessary to be used in effecting the organization.

COMMISSIONERS' COURT. Called Term. The court met in called session on Monday with all members present, when the following business was transacted: Petition of 35 property tax paying voters of school district No. 4 for an election in said district to determine whether the local district school tax in said district shall be increased from 15 cents to 20 cents on the \$100 valuation of property was granted and election ordered to be held in said district on 29 day of April at the Ward school house. D. H. Hamilton was appointed presiding officer for such election.

Petition of 20 voters of school district No. 5 for same purpose as above was also granted and election ordered to be held in said district on 29th day of April at the Fairview school house. J. E. Carter was appointed presiding officer for said election. Managers were appointed for the school trustee elections to be held today in each school district in the county—we do not take space to give the list as this issue of the paper will not be circulated in time for the information to be of any value.

Ordered that the treasurer transfer \$1000 from the road and bridge to the court house fund, and that he pay all interest due April 10, 1899 on court house and road and bridge bonds of this county, also that he pay off and redeem court house bond No. 8 for \$1000, issue of 1885.

Ordered that the overseer on Roby road remove all obstructions from said road and open it up for public travel at once. The clerk shall issue a certified copy of this order and the sheriff shall serve the overseer with notice. Court adjourned Tuesday evening.

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