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**LOCAL DOTS.**

—S. L. Robertson wants your trade in Dry Goods of all kinds.  
—Mr. J. E. Fitzgerald got back Monday from his trip to Louisiana.  
—JACK FOR SALE.—I have a fine jack for sale or trade, W. H. Parsons.  
—Mr. M. H. Gossett has sold his residence in Haskell to Mr. W. B. Anthony.  
—Good work at low prices is the motto of the Coleman Art Co.  
—Mr. Walter Beavers got home Wednesday from Palo Pinto where he has been at school.  
—Cash is very desirable and it knocks old credit blind at S. L. Robertson's.  
—Mr. M. H. Gossett returned this week from Louisiana, where he has been disposing of a lot of horses and mules.  
—Bleached table linen, napkins, towels, wide towel crash, draperies, etc., at S. L. Robertson's.  
—Mr. Buff McGaughey of Stone-wall spent Sunday and Monday among the Haskell people and done some business with our merchants.  
—Mr. D. G. Hisey sold this week to W. T. Hudson 60 head of yearlings at \$15 and 31 head of 2-year olds to J. L. Jones at \$20 per head.  
—Carry all hides and furs you have for sale to W. W. Fields & Bro., they will pay you the highest market price for them.  
—The little folks had quite a nice entertainment at Mr. W. B. Anthony's on Monday night, the occasion being the celebration of little Miss Grace's eighth birthday.  
—The Coleman Art Co., is still here taking first-class pictures for all comers.  
—Messrs Buckley and Jeffries, prominent cattlemen of Young county, are here for the purpose of leasing pasture lands on which to establish ranches in this county.  
—Groceries received fresh every week. Everything sold at lowest possible prices.  
S. L. ROBERTSON.

—Mr. S. B. Street of Graham, who is a member of our largest mercantile firm, that of F. G. Alexander & Co., and who also conducts a large mercantile business at Graham, came in Wednesday and spent a few days with the house here.  
—If you want to get the most goods for the least money, take your cash around to R. H. McKee & Co's.  
—We are informed that a party here is in receipt of a letter from Dr. M. L. Mahaffy of Coleman county, who visited this place two weeks ago, requesting him to rent a house in Haskell for him. We understand from this that it is his intention to move and locate here at once.  
—A splendid new stock of shoes of all kinds just arrived. Nice slippers as well as heavy and fine shoes for gentlemen, ladies, misses and children at S. L. Robertson's.

—Prof. W. W. Hentz has been tendered the position of principal of the Woodward, I. T., school at a salary of \$100 per month, but has not yet decided as to whether he will accept it. This is another evidence that talent and ability of a high order in any line are in demand and are not allowed to rust or remain idle.  
—To those who drink whiskey for pleasure: HARPER Whiskey adds zest to existence. To those who drink whiskey for health's sake: HARPER Whiskey makes life worth living. Sold by Keister & Hazlewood, Haskell, Texas.  
—Quite a crowd of town people, including a number of ladies, went out to Mr. Spence Beavers' ranch on Miller creek Wednesday to witness the roping and branding of a lot of cattle, mostly calves. Mr. Beavers had a fair yearling barbecued and a great caudron of soup prepared and, with other things necessary to go with it, spread quite a feast for the crowd. He was voted an entertainer and host of the first order. Ye editors might think he was not able to accept the invitation to be one of the party.

—Dr. Lindsey returned yesterday from Grandberry.  
—Mr. Tom Griffin returned on Wednesday from a trip to Galveston.  
—Miss Sallie Carney left yesterday on a visit to her sister, Mrs. Kirby, at Seymour.  
—Mr. M. S. Pierson returned on Thursday from a business trip to Emory.  
—Three rains and numerous showers is the record for the week ending to-day. Pretty wet for a dry country.  
—Judge P. D. Sanders made a trip to Throckmorton and Albany this week, returning Thursday.  
—WANTED TO BUY—old brass and copper at 5 cents per pound.  
S. H. Leavell, Abilene.

The rainy weather this week has interfered with the farmers' harvesting operations.  
—Mrs. Veasy of Caldwell arrived Wednesday on a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Killough.  
—Mr. Joe A. Jones and wife are expected to arrive this evening from Austin on a visit to relatives here.  
—Miss Una Foster got home Thursday from Rhome, Ga., where she has been at college.  
—Mr. H. W. Cuteman of Weatherford came in Thursday to look after his land interests in this county.  
—Miss Nannie Standefer of the western part of the county is visiting relatives and friends in town this week.

—We are pleased to be able to state that Mr. T. D. Carney who has been sick for several weeks is now convalescing.  
—Mr. W. P. Lilly who has been spending several months with relatives here, left Thursday for his home at Osceola, Mo.  
—Mr. Charley Donahoo sold his place this week, being 200 acres of the Geo. Harris lease about 10 miles southeast of town, to J. G. Ward of Jones county, consideration \$3000.

—Mrs. M. C. Woodard and son, Mr. Cap. Woodard, and wife of Collin county, arrived here Wednesday on a visit to relatives. The elder lady is an aunt of Mr. A. Z. Sewell and the younger is a niece of Dr. Neathery.  
—Judge H. R. Jones closed a sale this week of 1066 acres of fine land situated about seven miles northeast from town to Mr. G. M. Clayton of Vernon. We understand that Mr. Clayton intends to move to the land at once and establish a home on it. He was lucky in getting a great bargain.

—The county commissioners have been in session all of this week as a board of equalization. About all the business transacted aside from receiving the tax lists and arranging valuations was the levy of a special school tax of 20 cents in school district No. 7, and order the repair of some damage done to Paint creek bridge by the heavy rains.  
—Prof. Hentz, conductor of the Teachers Summer Normal school which is to begin here next Monday, informs us that the prospect for a good attendance has brightened considerably during the past week. He has seen and had communications from quite a number of teachers and prospective teachers from other counties who have expressed their intention to attend here and the attendance from Haskell county will be quite good.

**Notice.**  
All parties in Haskell and Jones counties who have large or small tracts of land for sale, improved or unimproved, at a bargain, will do well to address Massey & Myers, Walnut Springs, Texas, quickly. They have the buyers and will sell your land for 5 per cent commission.

**THE PHILIPPINE QUESTION.**  
To Be Debated by Haskell and Seymour Talent.  
Messrs John Couch and Marshall Pierson recently sent a challenge to Messrs Alex Britain and Lee Hill of Seymour to debate with them the question: "Resolved that the United States ought permanently retain control over the Philippine Islands." Messrs Couch and Pierson to take the affirmative and Messrs Britain and Hill to take the negative of the proposition.

They received a reply on Thursday accepting the challenge and saying that the Seymour gentlemen would come to Haskell to debate with them. The date has not been definitely agreed upon, but it will probably be about July 20th.

I am receiving this week  
**10 Wagon Loads**  
**of Groceries**  
which I will sell at following prices:  
8 lbs. Coffee . . . . . \$ .05  
2 lb. Can Imp'd French Peas .12  
1 Gro. Diam'd Parlor Matches .12  
1 Pk. Crown Flakes . . . . . .05  
1 Gal. Extra-Fine Molasses .32  
40 Bars of Soap . . . . . 1.00  
Alaska Salmon . . . . . .12  
3 lb. Can Tomatos (Best) .10  
100 lbs. Best Four . . . . . 2.15  
100 lbs. Second Grade . . . . . 2.00  
100 lbs Third Grade . . . . . 1.70  
Honey per pound . . . . . .09  
6 Boxes Sardines . . . . . .25  
Yours for business and more for bargains.  
**T. G. Carney.**  
Phone No. 1.

**CONTRACT SIGNED.**

**THE C. T. & M. RAILROAD TO BE SURVEYED TO HASKELL**  
Work to Begin this Week  
Mr. M. R. Locke of the proposed C. T. & M. Railroad, accompanied by Dan M. Jones Esq. of Anson, who is taking a lively interest in the promotion of the road, came up Monday and met our railroad committee who entered into a written contract with him for the extension of the survey of the line from Anson to Haskell, the people of Haskell paying \$1200 for the survey. The surveying corps under Chief Engineer Blackburn, was to complete the survey from Abilene to Anson by Wednesday evening and proceed at once on the work from the latter place to Haskell.

Mr. Locke is very positive that the line will show a better grade than has been represented to the financial backers of the scheme and that they will accept it and begin work within a few weeks, working both north and south from Abilene. When the financial backers of the enterprise signify their willingness to proceed with the work it will of course remain for us to raise the bonus of \$30,000, less the \$1200 paid on survey, and secure the right of way and give them satisfactory security for its payment on completion of the road. Haskell people have put up the money for the survey in order to get the scheme properly inaugurated, but when it comes to raising the bonus they will have to call upon nonresident property owners for a large part of it, and if they fail to contribute it the whole thing will fall through so far as Haskell county is concerned, as it will be impossible for our citizens alone to raise the half of it.

**B. Y. P. U. Programme.**

Leader—Miss Mollie Whitman.  
Lesson—Intemperate Pleasures.  
2 Tim. 3:1-7.  
Paper on Lesson—Miss Georgie Johnson.  
Song by Union.  
Select Reading—Miss Laura Garren.  
Duet—Misses Mary Rice and Etta James.  
Recitation—Miss Ophelia James.  
Talk—Bro. Farmer.  
Essay—Marshall Pierson.

**The Haskell Reading Club.**

The Reading Club will meet with Miss Mary Rice at Mr. Pierson's residence, June 23, 1899.

**PROGRAMME.**  
Study—"In Memoriam."  
Music—Misses Laura Garren and Eula Hudson.  
Roll call—Respond with memorized quotations from "In Memoriam."  
Minutes—Reading and approval of.  
Give Prologue of "In Memoriam" and bring out its leading thoughts—Miss May Fields.  
What kind of poem is "In Memoriam" and in memory of whom was it written? Tell what you know of the friendship of author and subject of poem.—Miss Laura Hale.

Take first half of poem and point out the different ways Tennyson has of expressing his grief.—Mrs. S. W. Scott.  
Take last half of poem and point out the different ways Tennyson has of expressing his grief.—Miss Fannie Hudson.

Give a brief criticism on "In Memoriam" from at least three authors and give your opinion of these criticisms.—Mrs. W. W. Hentz.  
Select reading—Tennyson's farewell to his and Hallam's old haunts—Miss Lillie Rike.  
Mrs. H. R. Jones,  
Miss LILLIE RIKE,  
Miss FANNIE HUDSON.

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**A Great Social Event.**  
*The Reading Club will entertain at Mr. and Mrs. Scott's, Tuesday Evening, June 13, from 8:30 to 12 in honor of Miss McLemore. Bring earliest photo of yourself.*  
The above unique invitation was sent out Monday. It bore the pleasant announcement that Miss Robena McLemore has returned and will again be known and appreciated in Haskell's social circle. Many a photo was brought forth from ancient rubbish, many a smile created and much curiosity aroused as to what now the Reading Club and Mrs. Scott had prepared for their friends. Mrs. H. R. Jones is president of the Reading Club and was present to see all things well directed. The entertainment committee was Misses Fannie Hudson, Mollie Whitman and Laura Garren. To these much is due for the evening's enjoyment. At intervals during the evening, a part of the program rendered was as follows:  
Mrs. Hentz and Miss Mary Rice, piano duet.  
Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Sherrill, vocal duet.  
Miss Laura Garren, recitation—"If you want a kiss, why, take it."  
The beautiful lawn was lighted and seats conveniently arranged so that the surroundings tended to arouse the highest feeling for pleasures. The "Floral Courtship" revealed that each lady is a flower, and each gent finds the "choicest blossom of them all," and with her sips the frozen cream and eats delicious cake.  
At last the mystic shrine is opened and Mr. Scott invites us in to see a strange, motley array of early photos, and guess who each one is. It was highly amusing. The PRETTY babies were not out. Rev. C. C. Anderson and Miss Etta James made a score of 17 successful guesses and won the first prize. Mr. Lee Pierson and Miss Ara Riddle received the booby.

**The Refrigerator**  
ICE COLD DRINKS all the time!  
**ICE CREAM**  
every Tuesday and Friday evening, and to order for entertainments, etc., any time.

**FRUIT TREES.**

To the People of Haskell and Knox Counties:  
I have accepted the local agency for the F. T. Ramsey Nursery at Austin, Texas, for 12 months. So please reserve all orders for trees and shrubbery for me and my agents and I will be personally responsible for all mistakes, and replace all trees that die, if treated as directed by catalogue. Yours for fruit,  
B. T. LANIER.

**A Letter From Ample**

Ample, Tex., June 11th 1899.  
Mr. Editor,  
The rain, the beautiful rain! We have had a big rain (as the old farmers use to say, a regular rook and gully washer). There is no news of importance in these parts that I know of as I am forced to stay indoors all day and night, for it is too rainy to be out. Crops are good, can't say how good for, I find nothing in the English language to fully express how good. Say, Mr. Editor, do you like to eat corn off of the cob and on the cob? If so come up in about 15 days, as corn is tasseling and silking, and that is the next thing to corn. Bro. Rogers preached an excellent sermon for us last Wednesday night, subject, the Beautiful Story of Martha and Mary.

**Confederate Pensions.**

We are informed by County Judge H. R. Jones, that he has received from the state comptroller's department all the blanks necessary in making applications for pensions under the new state law. Applications must be sent in through the county judges offices.

The San Antonio express robber, Chas. A. Beeler, has been given a sentence of five years in the pen. As he got \$50,000 he would have \$10,000 a year for his services to the state, had he succeeded in putting it away where he could recover it upon his release, but we believe most of the money was recovered by the express company. It is a very light sentence for so big a thief.

**AGENTS WANTED**—For "The Life and Achievements of Admiral Dewey," the world's greatest naval hero. By Marek Halstead, the biggest friend and admirer of the nation's heroes and best book over 300 pages, 250 illustrations, 100 pictures, full-page illustrations. Only \$1.50. Free Catalog. Chance of a Lifetime. Write quick. The Dominion Company, 3rd floor Canton Bldg., Chicago.

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**Spring Goods.**

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**Money Saved is Money Made.**—If you wish to make some money examine our new line of wash goods.  
**Staple Dry Goods.**—A full stock of Bats, Domestic, Sheetting, Shirting, Cheviots, Denims, Licks and Coverts.  
**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.

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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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**Pure Potash or Lye.**

Messrs Irick and Hopson were busy scraping out the public highway this week. John King has the boss corn of the neighborhood. The grass is said by old settlers of Haskell county to be better than they ever saw it before. There are no births, no marriages nor deaths, but fair prospects for several leaps over the broom soon. Hoping to find something of importance to write of soon, I remain yours for progress and prosperity.  
Z.