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SCHOOL HERE AGAIN.

The State Text Book board was so late in making its adoption of the text books to be used in the public schools, that the publishers will not be able to supply their agents in time for the beginning of the school year.

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PARKER AND THE TEXAS VOTE.

(From the Dallas Times-Herald.)

On all sides there are indications, unmistakable indications, that there will be a lively contest in Texas next year to secure control of the convention that will delegate to thirty-six men the right to cast the State's vote in the National democratic gathering. The struggle is likely to be over both issues and men, and, if the storm blows as it threatens, it will be a fierce one.

All over the land democrats are taking a new courage and their hopes are rising. They know that, with a united party, they can muster more votes than can the republicans. They know that with a wise and satisfactory leader and a platform that hurts the feelings of neither wing of the party they can become a real force for good purposes, just as nearly as they were in 1892. With the memory of that great struggle spurting them on, they are working with feverish energy to come together. For months they have been talking of issues and of men. In every democratic heart there burns a keen desire to bury the present White House master under a landslide of ballots. No president of recent years has been so objectionable, so obnoxious to democrats generally, and particularly to the section whence will come, without fail, over 150 electoral votes, for the democratic nominee as Theodore Roosevelt. In their eagerness to defeat the president democrats are willing to give as well as to take. They have already conceded much. They are willing to concede more if it becomes necessary. A common, overpowering purpose moves men to forget and forgive.

But there are some things that can neither be forgotten or forgiven. There are other things that will not be forgiven unless it becomes a necessity to forgive. In other words and to make a long story short, it may be necessary to fight in order to produce peace. But every democrat between the wigwag of Tammany hall and the pines along the Oregon, between the back room of Hinky Dink's Chicago establishment and the estate of Jim Wells on the Rio Grande is looking and hoping for harmony. The rank and file wants to win and democratic leaders usually get in front of the rank and file no matter which way the said rank and file are moving. The very fact that many candidates are mentioned for the democratic nomination is considered a good omen. Far-seeing politicians like Arthur P. Gorman are not in love with leading anything to a fight. If Mr. Gorman did not see victory as a very possible outcome Mr. Gorman would not be wanting to be the nominee. This statement is true of Grover Cleveland, of Alton B. Parker and of all the other men whose friends are urging them as presidential possibilities get in front of the democracy at large. The situation as to both the candidates and the platform is an interesting one throughout the country and nowhere is it more interesting than in Texas.

The first democratic presidential boom to be launched was that of Chief Justice Alton B. Parker of the New York supreme court. Then came an inning that followed to Grover Cleveland. This was followed by a rise in the stock of Arthur P. Gorman. The Gorman boom was started at Washington and most of its force has been shown in the South. Prominent senators and representatives have declared for Gorman and the newspapers friendly to the Maryland senator have made the most of every intimation in his favor. But, as the Cleveland balloon burst before it had cleared the tree tops, just so seems to be the probable fate of Mr. Gorman's attempt to rise. There is too much dead weight trailing behind for headway to be made. The Parker boom is the only one that has stood the test of time and seems to grow stronger with every passing week.

Now, to analyze the Texas situation: Months ago Senators Bailey and Culbertson and at least a half dozen of the Texas representatives declared for Arthur P. Gorman. There was a flurry in the Gorman market and it was wired to the ends of the earth that the Gibraltar of the nation's democracy would be found in the Gorman column on the decisive roll call. The flurry soon blew over. Gorman remains in Texas few and far between. Both the senators, whom the Texas democrats delight to honor and who are real leaders, felt the pulse of their constituents and quit talking. The representatives who had a banking for Gorman also stopped their interviews. It may be stated on the best of authority that not a democrat of any size in Texas is now ready to enter into a grapple for the sake of Gorman. Senators and all have listened. Judge Parker has a powerful and influential friend in Texas in the shape of The Houston Post. Nearly a year ago the editor of the Post, Colonel R. M. Johnston, and who is the Texas member of the democratic National executive committee, declared for Parker. Through sunshine and shadow he has waged the fight for the New York jurist. This hammering away has caused the formation of a Parker organization. There is no sort of doubt that Judge Parker is far in the lead as a presidential possibility in Texas. To the Post's side have come several congressmen, scores of State leaders and thousands of the boys in the trenches. It is not intended to convey the idea that a majority of the Texas democrats have declared for Parker; but it is evident to even the casual observer that of those who have a fixed opinion on the question of the man who should be nominated, Parker has more friends than all

other possibilities put together. As was in months ago, unless a change in the tide comes Texas will be for Parker. What is true of Texas is largely true of the rest of the solid South. The men most anxious to defeat Roosevelt feel that Parker can do it. Admiration for the New Yorker has its weight with the Southern friends, but unrelenting opposition to Theodore Roosevelt and the pleasure that would come to them from crushing him has more.

On the question of the platform there is likely to be a decisive struggle both in Texas and at the National convention. The reorganizers want the platform modified till its friends will not recognize it. This program means war and it is considered as certain to come. So far, however, there is little to indicate how the battle will shape itself. Next year promises to be as exciting in a political way as any politician could hope for.

DENTON, DECATUR & WESTERN.
Work on Road from Roswell, N. M., Has Commenced.

Denton, Tex., Aug. 31.—Considerable interest is felt here in the proposed road from Roswell, New Mexico to Denton, and Roswell papers received here this week state work has been begun on that end of the line by putting fifty teams and men at work on it. The road, according to reports here, is to be called the Denton, Decatur and Western, and the New Mexico papers have been making considerable do-over the road.—Dallas News.

CATTLEMEN ACTING.

Are Going to Fight the Beef Trust.

Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 1.—At a meeting of about twenty cattle raisers from various Southwestern States and Territories, held at the Midland Hotel today, the preliminary steps toward the organization of a new packing house company were taken. It is to be independent from existing packing companies, familiarly referred to as "the beef trusts." The reason prompting it was briefly explained by Charles F. Martin of Denver, one of the leading spirits in the enterprise. "It is well known," said he, "that when cattle are offered for sale in any of the four leading markets of the country there is only one bid. If that bid is rejected and the cattle are forwarded to another market, say from Kansas City to Chicago, the same bid will be repeated just as soon as the cattle are offered for sale in Chicago. We do not expect to tear the earth with the company we are organizing, nor do we intend to get out with a brass band and advertise it, but we do expect that it will afford an independent market for cattle, and that it will increase the price from 10c to 25c, perhaps 50c a hundred."

Among those in attendance upon the meeting today were G. R. White of Brady, Texas; R. R. Russell of Menardville, Texas; and T. F. Wilson of Holiday, Texas. Articles of incorporation are being drawn up tonight and the company will be chartered under the laws of Arizona, with a capital stock of five million dollars. A majority of the stock is to be held by actual cattle raisers under such restrictions that outsiders can not get hold of it to control the company.

It is contemplated that a packing house shall be built at some established cattle market on the Missouri River—that is to say at Kansas City, St. Joseph or Omaha—as soon as financial arrangements have been made. Later on the matter of putting a plant at some point in Texas—most likely Fort Worth, will be taken up.

It is reported that committees from Leavenworth, Omaha and St. Joseph will be here tomorrow to make known that they are willing to bid for the location of the company's first plant.

Letters from 300 cattlemen were produced at today's meeting. Only one expressed disapproval of the project. It is said that \$100,000 in subscription have been professed.

Mr. Martin says that the organization will not be completed in a month, nor in four months, but he expects the new plant to be in operation within a year from this time. The new company is to be christened the Independent Packing Company. It is probable that T. F. Wilson of Holiday Texas will be the first president.

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"Yes, but there are lots of closets in it."
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"That's just it. My wife is satisfied that no one of them is big enough to hold a burglar."—Philadelphia Ledger.

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SUCCESS WITH ALFALFA ON THE PLAINS.

A Sure Method Described.

We reproduce the following article from the last issue of Farm and Ranch, because it seems to cover the case—contain the proper information for planting and cultivating alfalfa in this section of country. Surely, if Mr. Marshall has made it a success out in Hartley county, it will do as well or better in Haskell. This letter of Mr. Marshall's was called out in this way—two or three weeks previously he wrote Farm and Ranch asking for the benefit of the plains people the paper to advise them and advocate the planting of alfalfa on the plains out saying that he was raising it very profitably. Farm and Ranch published his letter and confessed that it did not know that alfalfa would succeed on the plains and did not know the best method of treating it there and said that it would be glad to have such information for the benefit of those interested. Mr. Marshall's letter given herewith is in response to that request. He says:

"Responding to your request I give herewith the method of planting alfalfa which, for this part of the Panhandle, I have found a sure and safe way of securing a good stand. I selected a plot that has been in cultivation for a year or more, preferably one that has been well tilled and kept free from weeds. Plow deep in the fall or early winter. I usually follow plow with subsoil plow. Harrow down well every day what you have plowed. You cannot get the land too well harrowed. Make it fine and free from lumps before you leave it. I have found May to be the best month for seeding. Just before seeding thoroughly harrow the land, using an adjustable harrow with the set back at about an angle of forty-five degrees. The object is to thoroughly pulverize the soil to about one inch in depth. Do not use a disk, you will stir too deep. This harrowing is important, do it well.

SEEDING.
"I use a presser wheel shoe drill set to sow about fifteen pounds per acre. Hook it up so the shoes will not cut over 1 inch in depth. The object is to deposit the seed on the solid damp earth just below that previously made fine by harrowing. If you use the presser drill in this way fifteen pounds per acre of good seed is sufficient. It will all probably sprout and come up even if it should not rain soon. If a drill is not available sow broadcast by hand or with a wheelbarrow grass seeder and use twenty to twenty-two pounds of seed per acre. Follow with the tooth harrow with the teeth set quite flat. Follow the harrow with a plank or drag to level down the ground and insure the light covering of the seed. Sown in this manner not all the seed will germinate until after a rain, and some will be covered too deep, hence the need of more seed than where the drill is used. Good alfalfa seed germinates quickly. I have had it show top of ground in forty-eight hours from time of seeding. The seed itself comes to the top of the ground, parting like a melon seed, the two halves of the seed forming the first two leaves of the plant. If it is covered deep or by a hard lump it will not push itself to the surface. Our Panhandle soils are apt to crust on top after a hard rain followed by a hot sun or drying winds. Should this happen it is best to break the crust with a harrow, or, what is better, with a spring tooth weeder.

TREATMENT THE FIRST SEASON.
"Just as often as they get high enough and begin to show bloom. By all means do not let any seed pods develop. Let the cut stuff lie on the ground as a mulch. If there has been a heavy beating rain so that the ground is quite packed harrow after clipping. Remember, the more alfalfa is cut the first season the better it will grow and the sturdier will be the root. Three or four stalks will come in place of each one cut off by the mower and this increases the size of the crown."
"Do not get discouraged about your alfalfa if you do not get much of a crop the second year. It takes about three years to develop a full stand and good crop in these dry lands, where it cannot be irrigated. Have patience to wait and you will have a crop that will repay your trouble, one that an occasional

GOV. HOGG AND THE FARMERS.

Says They Must Unite for Self Protection.

Our Ex-Gov. James Stephen Hogg has for some time been talking about making an effort to organize the farmers. Arriving in Houston the other day a Post reporter asked him for an explanation of his ideas and plans for organizing the farmers, when he gave the following statement:

"Yes, it is my intention to speak to the farmers on their day at the Dallas exposition and to advocate their organization within the bounds of law all along the line. They have not got to be organized for political or commercial purposes. Their present condition. They support the government in peace and in war—by paying the taxes and doing its fighting when called upon. They get less for their labor than any other class of working people. They share less in the benefits of government than any other class.

"As a rule a coterie of dudes who never saw a stalk of cotton fix the price of this produce around a twenty-foot pit in New York, and a lot of free pass packers have lately a lot of free pass packers have begun in Texas, through a system of consolidating the railroads to fix millions of dollars of fictitious bonds upon them which their traffic must pay.

"To some extent the farmers can remedy these evils by complicity organizing for political, commercial, social and moral purposes. They should have the truth told them about the recent increased prices for it. It is well known now that they are getting about 4 cents a pound more for their cotton than last season, and about 8 cents a pound more than they received a few years ago. To me this condition has been brought about by reason of the active influence which New Orleans has exerted on the cotton market. You see New Orleans is in the center of the manufacturing section and its interests are largely dependent upon the success and prosperity of the manufacturer. New Orleans is in the center of the cotton growing region and its interests depend upon the success and prosperity of the cotton planter. The manufacturers want the cotton at the lowest price and New Orleans helps them to get it. This is reasonable, naturally, and no one can blame them for it. The cotton planter wants the highest price for his cotton. It is reasonable and natural for New Orleans to help him get it, and no one can blame them for it. Heretofore the cotton has been in New York have successfully operated to put the price of cotton below its cost of production. Thus the manufacturer profits by it.

"Recently the Brown bulls of New Orleans—now derisively called 'pernicious clique'—have whipped out the brass and put the cotton at a reasonably fair price, which the farmers are now getting. Of course, for the time being they are prosperous. A low goes up, of course, and the great daily newspapers North and South are denouncing this world that is unfair to the manufacturer and not materially beneficial to the farmer. They are undertaking to sustain a proposition that low priced cotton is beneficial both to the planter and the manufacturer. Many of these same philosophers have by force of the same reasoning argued, and yet contend that a great bonded indebtedness is beneficial both to the railway and the people. For my part I am not concerned both positions and shall attack them whenever I have the opportunity.

"Yes, I shall advise the farmers to organize all along the line, as well for political and business purposes. I have no ax to grind, but my part I have, and I shall do my part in turning the stone."

HOME.

The very word has a soothing cadence in its sound. It makes the magic circle within which the weary spirit finds refuge; it is the sacred place to which the careworn heart retreats to find rest from the toil and weariness of life. It is a word which touches every fiber of the soul and strikes the chord of the human heart with soothing fingers. Nothing but death can break its spell. What sweet thoughts are linked with home! When children grow up and leave their childhood home and thoughts turn back to that place it calls up the fondest memories of life and opens in our natures the purest, sweetest, richest and dearest food of consecrated thought and feeling. He is happiest who is king or peasant who finds peace in his home. Even as the little sunbeams are composed of millions of minute rays, so the home life may be made up of little kindness, love, looks, sweet language, tender words and loving counsel. Home should be made such a true home that the weary tempted heart could turn toward it anywhere on the road of life and find an oasis of fresh light and strength. Home is the chief school of human virtue, it gives the first throop to the heart and unveils the deep fountains of love and contentment. Its responsibilities, joys, sorrows, smiles, tears, hopes and disappointments form the chief element of human life. Let each member cultivate the natural goodness which is a gift capable of increasing by training, and soon it will be a source of kindness will spring up on every side, dispelling constitutional unkindness, want of reciprocal knowledge,

even as we have seen sweet virtues dispelling the gloom of the gray an rock. There is nothing in the world which is so venerable as the character of parents, nothing so near and endearing as the relation of husband and wife; nothing so tender as children; nothing so lovely as brother and sister.

The little circle is made one by a singular union of the wilderness of life where man drinks of water not mixed with bitter ingredients is that which gushes forth for him in the calm and shady recess of domestic life. Pleasure may heat the heart with artificial excitement; ambition may delude it with golden dreams, war may root out its fine fibers and diminish its sensitiveness, but it is only domestic love that can render it truly happy.

Much of man's happiness and success depends upon the character of his home. Secure there, he goes forth bravely to encounter the trials of life. It is his reserved power to fall back upon. The sweetest type of heaven is home—may, heaven itself is the home for whose acquisition we are to strive the most strongly. Home in one form or another is the great object of life; it stands at the end of every day's labor and beckons us to its bosom; and life would be cheerless indeed did we not discern across the river that divides us from the life beyond, glimpses of a pleasant home prepared for us. Home and home friends—how dear they are to us! When all other friends prove false, home friends remove every obstacle from our path; they are steadfast, the sure stays of our peace of soul; they are best and dearest when the hour is darkest and the danger of evil the greatest. If no mother, sister or wife care for him who returns from his toil, well may he despair of life's best blessings. Our nature demands a home; it is the first essential element of our social being. Life cannot be complete without home relations; there would be no equiptness of life and character without home influence. The home influence is either a blessing or a curse, in either case it is mighty, commencing with our birth, going with us through life, clinging to us in death and reaching into the

of human kind over their greatness to the fostering influence of home.

Home is not a mere house, a garden, carriage and ornaments of luxury. Many a gilded palace, many a flower-girt dwelling, mantled in a lofty mansion, lack all the essentials of home. A humble cottage is more often a home than a palace. If love reigns not there, if charity spread not her soft covering over all, if peace be not prevalent, if contentment be not a meek and merry dweller therein, if virtue rear not her beautiful children and religion come not in her pure white robes of gentleness, the home is not complete. The true idea of home is a quiet, secluded spot where, glowing hearts, pleasant thoughts, kind words dwell. Every home should be cheerful, innocent joy should be every heart. Parents, if you would not have your children lost to you in after life, make home happy and pleasant to them in their youth; send them out in the world with the full belief that there is "no place like home."

Oh, if we parents would spend more time with our children trying to teach them how to live and less with gossip and fashion, how much better our precocious ones would be prepared to combat the trials of the world. Let us, one and all, strive harder to make our home here a perfect one.—Boswell K. Lloyd, Texas, in Texas Farm and Ranch.

By a little slip of memory we neglected last week to mention the arrival here of Dr. A. J. Friedman, late of Chicago, Ill., who is traveling over Western Texas in an effort to recover his impaired health and incidentally practicing his profession in the places where he stops a while. Dr. Friedman is a regular physician and also a specialist in the treatment of catarrh and diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat, having taken courses at a leading institution which makes a specialty of these. We have seen a score or more of letters from physicians—many of them Texas physicians, whose chronic patients he has given special treatment, vouching for Dr. Friedman as a gentleman and a skillful specialist. It is probable that our people needing treatment, as those indicated above could do no better than take advantage of Dr. Friedman's presence to secure his services. We do not know how long he will remain here, but probably not more than two or three weeks.

If you believe a little bit in all you have heard and read about freemasonry, and keep your growing eye in the time to practice it in your cotton fields, and if you have been at it a while, you will give all the best results. And if you have been at it and have observed the difference between fields so cultivated and those not so treated, we'll bet a dollar to a dime that you are a convert to the system, if you didn't believe much in it before.

Don't jump on the editors about not getting your Farm Press on time this week. A bill of lading received by us shows that our paper was shipped out of Dallas on the 1st, but had not arrived at Stamford Friday night and we borrowed some paper of Mr. Clay of the Stamford News on which to print this issue, but did not get it here until this (Saturday) afternoon. So you see we could not avoid the delay.

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HASKELL, TEXAS, AUG. 29, 1903.

Increasing damage by boll weevils and boll worms is being reported daily from numerous points in this state.

The management of the Orient Railroad, which is graded through this county, is promising to girdle the globe by a combination of its line and a steamship line to the Orient.

At Orange last Sunday night Charlie Stafford shot and killed his wife and William Stokes and then killed himself. He had called to see his wife, who was sick with typhoid fever and from whom he had recently separated, when he committed the crime. Jealousy was the cause.

A news item from Boston states that Gen. Miles is being strongly talked of for the democratic nomination for governor of Massachusetts. Should such an honor be conferred on Gen. Miles in a state like Massachusetts, Messrs. Roosevelt and Root would go out in the back yard and throw forty spasms in a minute.

The State Boll Weevil Commission has concluded tests in Williamson and Washington counties with chemical formulas and mechanical devices brought forward by contestants for the \$50,000 reward offered by the State for a sure and effective method of destroying the boll weevil pest. It is stated that so far the investigations have failed to develop a means of exterminating the boll weevil in a perfectly satisfactory manner.

Congressman Champ Clark, of Missouri, in a recent interview expresses himself on the presidential nomination as follows:

"This is Missouri's golden opportunity to have one of her illustrious sons elevated to the presidency of the United States. General Francis Marion Cockrell can be elected if nominated, and most assuredly the prices are warranted, and the country is the party and the country."

"I have never mentioned the presidential matter to General Cockrell. I know that he desires to return to the senate, and I do not suppose that the presidential bee is buzzing in his bonnet."

"General Cockrell would win. He would poll every anti-republican vote in the United States, and any man who can do that can be elected. His record on all public questions, including finance, is without a flaw. He would be acceptable to the silver democrats, so called, while his conservatism would rally to his standard the democrats who are not enamored of free silver and republicans, who believe in this country attending to its business strictly and in its letting the affairs of other countries severely alone."

"His liberality as to pensions would bring to his support lots of Union Veterans, and, of course, the confederate veterans to a man would shout themselves hoarse for him."

The foregoing is in line with our opinion of Senator Cockrell.

Prof. Mally, the entomologist, who recently accompanied a large party of Texas nurserymen and fruit and truck growers on a tour of investigation through California, by request, made an address to a large audience last week at Garrison, Texas, telling something of his observations and conclusions. Among other things he gave it as his fixed opinion that California can never be a competitor of Texas in the northern markets in the matter of fresh fruits and vegetables, such as are adapted to this section. He told of the magnitude of the fruit industry there; of the tremendous amount of wealth that is backing it up, and of the success that is crowning their efforts under co-operation. He told of the way they tax themselves for good roads and spoke of the almost perfect system of public roads. He described the magnificent homes with their environments from the standpoint of beauty. He says the people there are perfect specimens of manhood and womanhood, the young women looking like ripe Elberta peaches, or words to that effect. (The Professor is a bachelor, and the Elberta peach is his ideal of things beautiful.) The vigor of the people he thinks is due to the primitive conditions that prevailed in Eden in the matter of diet, the eating of wholesome fruits to the exclusion of stimulating articles of diet.

COTTON IN CENTRAL TEXAS.

Waco, Tex., Aug. 24.—Have wrought by worms and weevil has caused despondency among those whose interests are tied up in the cotton crop. It is now generally admitted that the damage from the source referred to, in the region contingent to Waco, will not fall under 50 per cent. Some of the most promising fields are already irreparably ruined, while other fields are still free from the pests. The damage is in spots, but the damaged spots are very large. The News correspondent talked to wholesalers who are extending credit to retail merchants in the cotton lands and also to dealers in cotton and growers' supplies. All agree that a half crop now is the best to be expected.—Press Report.

Take in connection with the above statement of the cotton condition in the black land or central portion of the state and the extract from a private letter which we printed in The Free Press last week, in which it was stated that on account of the excessive rains in many localities in that section of the state a good deal of cotton was over-run with weeds and a considerable acreage of it had been entirely abandoned, and we think Haskell county farmers must conclude that they are better off here with their droughts than the farmers of that section are with the boll weevils, boll worms, excessive rains, weeds, etc.

Picnic at Vernon School House.

There will be a picnic at the Vernon school house beginning September 5th, 1903, given by the singing class. Cold drinks will be served, the proceeds will be used to purchase an organ and make repairs. A nice program will be rendered, consisting of singing, recitations and speeches. A good time for everybody; let all come and encourage the young people in a good cause.

W. I. McCARTHY,
R. C. CHESN,
HUGH DENSON,
L. A. COPELAND,
J. M. REYNOLDS,
Committee.

Mr. P. G. Jones and daughters, Misses Thula and Jewel, returned a few days ago from Neida, Jones county, where they attended a campmeeting and visited the family of Mr. G. W. Wilmartin. They report having had a pleasant visit.

To Plant and Cultivate Alfalfa.

As there is a growing interest and inquiry about alfalfa in this section we give the following instructions prepared and published in Farm and Ranch by Prof. J. H. Connell, former director of the Texas Experiment Station.

ALFALFA—Best Soil: A fertile, well drained loam, sand or clay, fairly free of grass and weed seeds. Valley lands are natural alfalfa soils.

Seeding: Fall or spring. Plant seed in September or October after first good rain. For spring plant seed in March. Use only select seed and plant 20 pounds per acre. Broadcast and cover like turnips. Seed germinate in four to six days. Plant only when there is a good season in the ground.

Cultivation: Pull or cut weeds from young alfalfa and out or mow the crop for hay every time bloom appears. Harrow lightly while young just after each cutting. When two or three years old, harrow often and severely just after mowing. Never pasture young alfalfa. Do not graze it with cattle for it sometimes kills them with blood. Properly treated alfalfa will grow steadily for twenty-five years. If dodder, or love vine appears, cut off at surface of ground with sharp hoe, and burn stinks and vine. If it begins to die in small patches, (root rot) manure spots heavily and stop spreading of disease.

Harvesting: Cut in early bloom with dew; let dry until 4 p. m., and rake into small piles, (windrows). Haul next day to a m. in hot, dry weather. Grows 12 to 18 inches high and yields three to five cuttings annually, of one ton each, according to rainfall and fertility. Feeding value same as wheat bran. Market value \$10 to \$15 per ton.

Prepared Land: Select clean land. If not rich, manure it before planting. Plow land at least eight inches deep in August and harrow fine. Replow shallow and drag to pulverize and level just before planting. Apply any manure before second plowing. The surface must be rich, loose and mellow, the next few inches of plowed dirt below must be compact and moist at planting time. This land should have a crop of peas grown on it before planting alfalfa, or land must be manured. Badly drained land will sour the roots in summer. Overflow will kill alfalfa if water stands more than two days.

At Beaumont Monday Kyle Blanchette, a negro, was sentenced to fifty years in the penitentiary for the murder of W. G. Weaver, a white man.

On account of several cases of smallpox at Rockdale the board of school trustees have ordered all teachers and pupils, who have not been successfully vaccinated, to be vaccinated before the opening of the schools, or before they will be allowed to attend the schools.

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TAXABLE VALUES OF HASKELL CO.

Shown by Rolls of 1903.

We give below a very complete analysis of the tax rolls of Haskell county, as approved by the commissioners' court at its August term.

A table is made for each Roll, Resident, Non-Resident and Un-rendered, thus separating and itemizing the property, value and tax on each from the others, so that there is shown separately the property owned and taxes paid by residents and non residents and to the different funds of each. There may be a little resident property on the un-rendered and Supplemental rolls but no doubt nearly all of it is owned by non-residents, so that in ascertaining amount owned and paid on by non-residents the totals of the last mentioned rolls may be added to those of the non-resident rolls.

No such complete analysis of the tax rolls has ever before been published for the information of the people.

THE RESIDENT ROLL.

Kind of Property	Quantity	Val.
Acres land	200,380	\$74,100
Tract lots		132,750
Horses and Mules	5,400	108,000
Cattle	16,750	335,000
Horses and Mules	40	8,000
Sheep	4,000	8,000
Hogs	470	1,125
Valleys	280	28,000
Machinery		25,000
Machinery and Man'y articles		2,400
Man'y tools, Mach and Imp.		4,110
Steam Engines		5,700
Telephone line and Exchange	82	2,200
Money of Bankers		14,200
Shares Cap. Stock		6,000
Miscellaneous		6,000
Total value		\$1,394,550

Residents of the county pay taxes on above total valuation as follows: To State, general fund, \$2,171.03; school fund, \$2,344.77 and on 947 poll s \$1420.50, total to State, \$5,956.50. To county, general fund, \$5,255.83; special, as road and bridge and interest sink funds, \$5,210.54; district school, \$1834.20 and on 947 polls \$286.75, total to county \$10,587.32. Making total tax of all kinds paid by residents to the state and county \$16,543.82.

THE NON-RESIDENT ROLL.

Kind of Property	Quantity	Val.
Acres land	261,452	\$915,677
Tract lots		7,500
Horses and Mules	742	14,840
Cattle	5,475	109,500
Sheep	5,000	10,000
Telephone line, miles	47	1,300
Railroad grade, miles	29	7,400
Miscellaneous		3,200
Total value		\$1,147,117

Non-residents of the county pay taxes on above total valuation as follows: To State, general fund, \$1253.87; school fund, \$1,354.20; total to State, \$2,608.07. To the county, general fund, \$1,880.79; special—as road and bridge and interest and sinking funds, \$9,000.24; district school fund, \$1,999.92; total to county \$5,959.95. Making total tax paid by non-residents on property owned in Haskell county, to State and county, \$8,568.02.

UN-RENDERED & SUPPLEMENTAL ROLLS.

Kind of Property	Quantity	Val.
Land, acres	42,500	\$14,937
Tract lots		17,000
Horses and Mules	40	8,000
Cattle	100	2,000
Total		\$32,937

It is supposed that all or nearly all property on above rolls is owned by non-residents. It pays the following taxes: To State, general fund, \$271.07; school, \$292.21—total state \$563.28. To the county, general fund, \$107.74; special, \$651.89; district school \$200.00—total county, \$1,260.23. Total state and county \$1823.51.

RECAPITULATION.

In the following table we have added together all property of some kind found on the different rolls and added the valuations of same, and shown opposite to it the amount of tax each kind of property in the county pays to the state and to the county. For instance: Horses and mules, 6,187 in the county, valued at \$109,153, the state tax on horses \$307.99, county tax on same \$680.99.

Kind of Property	Quantity	Val.	State Tax	County Tax
Land, acres	467,832	\$169,037		
Tract lots		20,000		
Horses and Mules	6,187	124,000	\$307.99	\$680.99
Cattle	22,225	444,500		
Sheep	9,000	18,000		
Hogs	470	1,125		
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We added the district school tax in bulk to the county tax in the above table for the reason that it was easy to find the total of it, but impossible to apportion it to the different kinds of property, because the district school rate is different in different districts, and we could not ascertain in what particular districts the property, or parts of it, was situated without several days hard work going over the several rolls and picking out each item.

It will be seen above that the total assessed values in the county this year is \$2,228,551, last year the total assessed values was \$2,169,838 to which the tax collector added \$440 found by him not assessed, making the gain this year over last year \$58,713. It is known already, however, that considerable property has escaped assessment this year, which may all or part of it be added late, by the collector, thus raising the gain this year several thousand dollars.

MUNDAY DEPARTMENT.

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LOCAL TELEPHONE, No. 9.

TO SCHOOL PUPILS.

All pupils that failed to pass the final examination at the close of the last term of the Haskell public school and now wish to take higher work, will please meet the teachers at the school building next Thursday at 9 a. m. Also new pupils wishing to be classified will please be present. Bring paper and pencil.

L. T. LITSEY,

Walter H. Cousins, DRUGGIST.

Dealer in DRUGS, MEDICINES, TOILET ARTICLES, RUBBER GOODS, STATIONERY AND JEWELRY.

MUNDAY, TEXAS.

..T. G. CARNEY..

I now have in stock a new lot of clothing, greatly increasing my stock and making one of the most complete lines of clothing ever offered to the public in this section. Like everything else I handle, the prices are right. Just come and see when you want anything in this line—I will make it pay you to do so.

Shoes and Hats.

A complete line of these for men, women and children,—extra good values for your money.

We have some special bargains for you in our general line of

SPRING DRY GOODS AND LADIES DRESS GOODS,

which is now complete in every respect.

⇒ Grocery Department, ⇐

which is always stocked with the freshest and best things to eat to be found in the market, including fresh country butter and eggs.

T. G. CARNEY.

FLOTSAM AND JETSAM.

Williams & Whitaker have made arrangements with a large cotton firm by which they will be able to pay to farmers the highest market prices, spot cash, for cotton. Daily quotations will be received by Williams & Whitaker and you can depend on getting top prices for cotton.

Lady customers will receive polite and special attention at my cold drink and ice cream parlor. Roy Cummings.

Mrs. George W. Andrus, nee Miss Georgie Johnson, of Gorman arrived Wednesday night on a visit to her parents and other relatives. Her many Haskell friends are pleased to see her.

A large line of extra good suspenders just received at the Racket Store.

Miss Savannah Ruff of Monday was here Monday en route to Comanche county, where she will visit relatives.

Candydyly—you won't find a finer, fresher, purer stock of candy in town than ours. Baker & Cunningham.

Miss Emma Williams came home Tuesday from a visit of several weeks with relatives at Waysbachie and Stephenville.

LAND ON 10 YEARS TIME. No cash. Will sell small or large tracts. One-half to 1 1/2 miles of Carney on Orient R. R. See or write to J. F. Mitchell, Marey, Haskell Co., Texas. [35]

Messrs. R. B. Fields, R. D. C. Stephens and W. J. Sowell went ashing on Paint creek this week.

A Haskell family wants a young lady or girl to help with housework for her board while she attends the public school. Family small and work light. Call on or write to THE FREE PRESS. (37)

September 20th has been set for the beginning of the protracted meeting at the Christian church.

Three per cent. discount tickets given on all purchases at the Racket Store.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Pierson having spent several weeks with relatives here left a few days ago for their home at Emory, where Mr. Pierson conducts his father's mercantile business.

20 pounds sugar for \$1.00—see me for other low prices. T. G. Carney.

Mr. Harris and family of Wise county visited the family of Mr. R. H. Sprowls during the past week.

P. D. Sanders is prepared to make loans on farms and ranches, and take up and extend Venors Lien notes. See, or write him at his office in Court House, Haskell, Texas.

Mrs. A. B. Neal and children left Tuesday on a two or three weeks visit to relatives at Weatherford.

Carroll to rid you of your flies, or to refund your bill at Cunningham & Cunningham. Florida is spending a few in Miss Laura Garren at

LEXA—I am loaning money on land at a low rate of interest. I took \$11,000 worth of applications Monday and Tuesday. See me if you want money. T. G. Carney.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Meadors report a pleasant visit to the family of Mr. J. E. Iry in the eastern portion of the county the latter part of last week, from which they returned Sunday evening.

The newly arranged five and ten cent counters at the Racket Store have many bargains on them, including scores of useful articles.

Mr. P. G. Yoe has taken a position in the livery stable with Mr. A. D. English, the popular liveryman.

Get your share of the bargains on the 5 and 10 cent counters at the Racket Store.

Mrs. L. Alston and daughter of the the southeast part of the county were in town Thursday visiting and shopping. Mrs. Alston recently returned from New Mexico, where she has been looking after her sheep interests. She says Texas beats New Mexico in every way.

I have opened a cold drink stand on the west side of the square where I will serve all of the popular cold drinks. Roy Cummings.

Miss Mattie Jones, who has been spending some time with her sister, Mrs. J. F. Foote, left Monday for her home at Duster, Comanche county.

I will make you exceptionally low prices on goods—for instance, flour \$1 a sack. I must sell to live and you must buy in order to live and respect the dignity of the State of Texas. See me for low prices. T. G. Carney.

Mrs. Anna Martin, of the millinery department at T. G. Carney's store, left Saturday for Dallas and will go from there to St. Louis, where she will purchase a full stock of fall millinery.

IF N. F. Landers (or Landess) will call or communicate with THE FREE PRESS office he will learn something to his interest in regard to a lost note, which was found near Jolly, Texas. Only charge will be payment for this notice.

See the new line of school shoes at T. G. Carney's—now is the time to buy—may cost you more later than we ask for them now.

We are informed by Prof. L. T. Lindsey, chairman of the board of examiners, that under the new law, the next examination for teachers' certificates will be held on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 4 and 5. The next examination following this will be in December.

Farmers will find a supply of 8 and 10 ounce ducking for making cotton socks at S. L. Robertson's.

Mrs. J. H. and Mrs. W. Y. Garrison of Naogdoches, sister and niece respectively of Mrs. J. W. Bell, arrived

New Shoes—a fine line of them just received by T. G. Carney—to be sold at the very lowest prices.

There will be no preaching at the Christian church Sunday night, as Mr. Williams, the pastor, will begin a meeting at Hay creek school house.

I now have those prize dishes to redeem the tickets you have received on purchases at my store. Call and get your premiums. T. G. Carney.

Ladies you should see the very complete line of Red Seal gingham just opened up at Alexander Mercantile Co's store.

Mr. Birdwell, a commission man at Mineral Wells, was here this week looking after business and visiting the family of Mr. J. W. Collins.

You will find an assortment of nice cardboard and binding for passe-partout work at Baker & Cunningham's.

Mr. John Bell, the up-to-date saddle and harness man, returned Monday night from a pleasure trip and visit to relatives at Rusk and Naogdoches.

Alexander Mercantile Co., are making very special prices on a large line of slippers.

Mr. F. G. Alexander spent a part of this week looking after business with the firm's Monday house.

Various sizes and styles of bibles and testaments at the Racket Store.

Mrs. W. E. Crosby, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. E. F. Springer, left last Saturday for her home at Gilmer, accompanied by Mrs. Springer and children, who will spend some time visiting relatives there.

A large line of standard fiction in cheap form at the Racket Store.

Mr. Lou Atchison returned Saturday to his home in the northeastern part of the county from a visit to relatives in Comanche county.

For first class hot tamales go to Fred Niemann, northwest corner of square.

Mrs. J. L. Baldwin and daughters, Misses Myrtle and Elizabeth, returned this week from Mineral Wells, where they have been imbibing the health giving waters.

New teeth can't be put into an old comb. It wouldn't pay to do it anyhow when we sell new combs so cheap. Baker & Cunningham.

Mr. W. E. Mixon and family returned Monday from Montague county, where they spent a few weeks with relatives.

Pasturemen can get fire notices at THE FREE PRESS office.

Mr. Mosely of Arlington came in Thursday as a home seeker. He will find no better country than Haskell county anywhere in West Texas.

DON'T SORRY—TRY TERRELL'S Antiscorbatic—sure cure!

Mr. W. E. Lindsey and family returned Wednesday from Merkel, where they visited the family of Mr. J. T. Farley, formerly of this place.

Alexander Mercantile Co. now have on sale the finest line of boots and shoes ever shown in Texas west of Fort Worth. This may sound like a pretty big statement, but come and see.

Notice is hereby given to all persons not to haul wood from or otherwise trespass on the premises known as the McConnell pasture, four miles east of Haskell. L. A. Pritchard, owner.

Messrs. Williams & Whitaker are sporting a brand new delivery wagon and will deliver your purchases on time.

Mr. W. P. White of Cliff was in town this week and joined the circle of FREE PRESS readers.

Haskell merchants are preparing to put in very complete stocks of dry goods for the fall trade and it is their purpose to make Haskell as desirable and advantageous a trading point as any in this part of the state.

Mrs. R. H. Sprowls returned Thursday from Dallas, where she visited her mother, Mrs. U. S. Uhl.

Messrs. J. M. Rister and L. W. White, prosperous farmers of the Cliff community, were in town this week doing some trading.

A protracted meeting has been going on at the Baptist church since last Sunday, Rev. Wm. M. Hays of Iowa Park, assisting Pastor J. N. Aivis. Considerable interest is being manifested and good results are promised.

Mr. J. B. Wadlington of the Ample neighborhood was in town this week and called on THE FREE PRESS to hand in the subscription of Mr. J. H. Cook, one of his neighbors, which was duly appreciated by the editors. Mr. Wadlington says they have made a very fair crop of corn in his section and most farmers have made fine crops of sorghum, kafir corn and milo maize. He thinks the yield of the latter runs from 25 to 50 bushels of grain per acre, though none of it has been threshed yet. He said that he had not seen or heard of any boll worms yet and that cotton was holding up remarkably well under the dry weather.

As Mr. Geo. Fore and family, who reside near Monday, were on their way to Haskell Wednesday, their little girl, about three years of age, fell out of the back in which they were riding and a wheel ran over her left leg, breaking the bone above the knee. The unfortunate accident occurred near the home of Mr. Bob Webb, where the child was left while Dr. Gilbert was out. He set the broken member and thinks the little girl will recover without permanent injury.

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A NEW RAILROAD PROSPECT

Two weeks ago Sheriff J. W. Bell fell heir to a letter from the officials of the Denton, Decatur & Western Railway of Texas. The letter was addressed to the mayor of Haskell, and proposed to take Haskell on their route to Roswell, New Mexico, for the consideration of \$20,000, right of way and depot grounds. The letter was turned over to Messrs. Thomason & Thomason, who stated in reply that the people of Haskell were ready for a railroad and willing to encourage in a material way its building.

Thomason & Thomason stated also in their letter that Haskell had been ready for many months past to consider propositions from railroad builders, and that the Haskell railroad committee would be pleased to take the matter up with their company. Following is a copy of the letter received in reply by Messrs. Thomason & Thomason:

Canadian, I. T., Aug. 25, 1903, Thomason & Thomason, Haskell, Texas.

Dear Sirs:—Yours of Aug. 22nd to hand and carefully noted. I am glad to find you people so ready and willing to take hold of this matter. Call a meeting of your people and find out just what you can do, and let me hear from you at an early date. I assure you we mean business and will comply with our part of the contract. If we make the necessary arrangements we will be there in a few weeks to begin the survey. The president will take up this matter with you also. Address me at Denton, Texas, after September 1st. Yours truly,

M. J. HEALY.

Mr. M. J. Healy, the writer of the above letter, is vice president and general manager of the Denton Decatur & Western Railway Company. The contemplated route of this road is from McKinney to Roswell, New Mexico.

It is understood that the Haskell railroad committee are now in communication with the officials of the above named company, and it is hoped that something more definite can be printed in the next issue of THE FREE PRESS.

Card of Thanks.

Galveston, Texas, Aug. 5, '03. To the friends who caused my appointment on the scholarship of the State Pharmaceutical Association to the School of Pharmacy for the coming term, I extend my sincere thanks and assure them of my hearty appreciation of their help. Truly yours,

F. T. GLASSCOCK.

Mr. J. H. Cunningham and family left Friday morning on a visit to relatives at Sweetwater.

Judge H. G. McConnell, County Clerk C. D. Long and Ex-Sheriff J. W. Collins returned Thursday evening from Ruby, where they have been attending district court. We learned from them that on the trial of Boss McFarland, charged with assault with attempt to murder C. D. Davis in this county, a change of venue having been taken to Fisher county, the jury acquitted him.

Mr. J. A. Price sent to THE FREE PRESS office Tuesday a beet as a sample of what his part of the county (the northeast) is doing in the vegetable line. The beet weighed 12 1/2 pounds, was 19 1/2 inches long and measured 1 1/2 inches around at the largest point. Mr. Price stated that it had not been irrigated but had made its own way through the drought. We would like to know what size of beets they raise out there when there is plenty of rain.

Venl, vidl—hold up! they didn't vliel—they got heked. That's what happened to the Haskell base ball team at Monday last Saturday. They went up there swollen with their victory over the Stamford team, but, in the language of the small boy, the Monday kids "took it outen 'em!" The worst of it was, they took several of the Haskell girls along to let them see that they could walk over Monday just like they did over Stamford. Really, however, we have some sympathy for the boys for we have heard that the umpire was one sided and didn't tote fair with them. The score stood at the end of the game, Monday 12, Haskell 10. One of the Haskell boys made the only home run made in the game. We wish them better luck when the Monday team comes down to give them another try, which we understand they are to do next week.

Mr. E. W. Loe and his brother-in-law, Mr. H. L. Johnson, who is visiting him from Comanche county, paid THE FREE PRESS a pleasant call Thursday. Mr. Johnson said he came up on a visit to see what was getting interested in our country after seeing a good deal of it and it might be that he would later become one of us. Mr. Johnson is a practical and experienced nurseryman and he says it is his opinion that there is a fine opening here for that business. We believe it is true that a nursery here would be of great value to the country for several reasons, among them are these: It would supply trees freshly dug and with their vitality unimpaired by long shipment, it would test varieties of fruits as to their adaptability to our soil, seasons and climate and could develop new varieties specially adapted to local conditions and, not least, would furnish a direct object lesson to the people on the methods of cultivating and caring for an orchard.

Mr. Johnson thinks he will establish a nursery if he comes, and THE FREE PRESS hopes this. It will find the way clear to do so.

FARMERS' INSTITUTE

We are requested by Mr. J. G. Miller, president of the Haskell County Farmers' Institute, to notify members that Saturday, Sept. 5, is the date for the regular election of officers, and to request that all members be on hand at that time.

Hammocks at the Racket Store.

To Cure a Cold in One Day. Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

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H. G. MCCONNELL, Attorney at Law. Office in the Court House. Haskell, Texas.

P. D. SANDERS, Attorney at Law and Real Estate Agent... Office at Court House, With County Treasurer. HASKELL, TEXAS.

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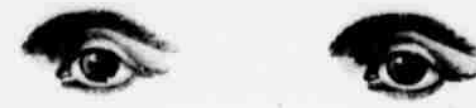
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The following was taken from Farm and Ranch of August 8:
In an interview with Mr. Holzman, the Superintendent of the government cereal farm near Dallas, we have secured a complete statement of the yields of the better macaroni wheats together with a statement of the wonderful success of imported barley and rye. The figures speak for themselves.

No. Name	Yield per acre, bu.	date of
7579 Medeah	28.5	1-13-03
7578 Maravani	21.2	1-5-03
7578 Maravani	22.2	10-30-02
7578 Maravani	10.8	1-27-03
7580 Adiant	23.8	1-4-03
7580 Adiant	30.0	1-28-03
7576 Kubanka	24.0	1-13-03
7575 Kubanka	29.8	1-13-03
7582 Fretes	11.5	1-13-03
7594 Kubanka	19.8	1-28-03
7593 Badvir	21.0	1-22-03
8261 Velvet Dan	15.4	1-28-03
7225 Pelissier	18.4	1-28-03
7581 Kahlia	17.7	1-22-03
7595 Hildis	25.5	12-23-02
8322 Kubanka	28.8	12-23-02
7592 Mahmond	26.0	12-23-02
8384 Kahlia Kushal	46.2	11-11-02
8352 Wodavak	36.0	11-1-02
8292 Black Dan	30.0	12-23-02

The above wheats were sown on land that had been in cotton, at the rate of one bushel and one peck per acre. The preparation of the land consisted in harrowing it both ways with a disc harrow, and following with the smoothing harrow across the ridges.

No. Name	Yield per acre, bu.
7585 Telli, from Algeria	74.5
7583 Hildi, from Algeria	63.6
5474 Svanstatorp, from Sweden	74.5
5473 Chevalier Korn, Sweden	59.3
5390 Lower Frankish Kizing	
Brewing Barley, from	
Bavaria	60.0
5773 Hauna, from Moravia	79.3
7794 Barley from Bohemia	58.1
7597 Hullos Barley from China	36.1
6901 A Barley from China	31.1

The above mentioned barleys were planted during the last week in December. The common barley grown on Mr. H. O. Samuel's farm averaged twenty-five bushels per acre.

No. Name	Yield, bu.
4041 Albruzes Rye from Italy	36.0
7531 Rye from France	40.0

The first rye, No. 4041, was pronounced to be the best though making only thirty-six bushels with only a half stand.

Study of the facts here shown proves first the necessity for early fall planting, second, the advisability of grazing these wheats, third, the importance of planting Texas or Southwestern grown seed. Nearly all of the early planted wheats were grazed and made good yields. Where the same variety was planted from imported and Texas raised seed in adjoining plots on the same day, the Texas grown seed gave invariably the largest yield.

No. 7578, yielding 32.2 bushels is from seed grown by A. Unkler, of Coyler county, Texas. This was planted in October, while this same variety grown from imported seed sown January 3, and again January 27 were badly winter killed. No. 7580 which was also imported from Algeria gave a surprising yield of a superior grade, though seeded in January.

Medeah is the most resistant to rust of any wheats thus far grown. Fretes is more subject to rust. These wheats are all classed as rust resistant and dry weather wheats.

In planting late in winter two bushels of seed per acre gave better results, while five bushels per acre is the amount. Where such a light seeding is given the land should be given extra harrowings.

Special interest attaches to Kahlia Kushal and Wodavak because of large yields. These were the only fall planted wheats that were not grazed and still survived the freeze of February.

Kubanka stands second in rust resistance and first in appearance of grain. Two different kinds of Kubanka seed were used, the first yielded 24 bushels though seeded in middle of January and the other 29.8. The difference is due to the fact that the best crop came from Texas grown seed. This is thought to be one of the best wheats grown—all features considered.

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It occurred to Polly the other evening as she and Tom started downtown for an impromptu little supper that it would be great fun to ride on the rear platform of the elevated. While they were waiting at the Fifty-first street station she divulged this bright idea to her escort and received with marked indifference his objection to the proposition.

The fact that the rear car of the next train was a smoker did not deter her from walking into it, bound for the rear platform. Tom followed, in duty bound. There happened to be no more than a dozen men in the coach, but they stared as one great eye during Polly's trailing, blue-haloed passage through that smoky interior.

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There is an old allegorical picture of a girl seated at a grass-hopper, but in the net of heedless treading on a snake. This is paralleled by the man who spends a large sum of money building a cyclone cellar, but neglects to provide his family with a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy as a safeguard against novel complaints, whose victims outnumber those of the cyclone a hundred to one. This remedy is everywhere recognized as the most prompt and reliable medicine in use for these diseases. For sale at Terrell's Drug Store, Haskell, Texas.

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