



Teamsters Won't Join Packinghouse Strikers.

Chicago, Ill., July 25.—Totally unexpected action was taken last night by the joint teamsters' council...

RUSSIA BACKS DOWN FROM ENGLAND.

St. Petersburg, July 25.—Grand Duke Alexis presided at yesterday's council, which Count Lamisoff, the Foreign Secretary...

STATE CONVENTIONS.

Democrats, Republicans, Populists and Pros to Meet.

Dallas: Democrats will meet in State convention at Houston on Tuesday, Aug. 2, and it is expected that there will be something doing when the hosts of the redeemed are congregated...

Republicans have been called to meet in convention at Fort Worth on Tuesday, Aug. 23, for the purpose of naming candidates for State offices...

A reunion of old settlers of North Texas will be held Aug. 3 and 4 at Allens Chapel, six miles northwest of Honey Grove.

There Was Some Trouble. New York: "There's trouble at Fourteenth street and Second avenue," was a message which was telephoned to police headquarters.

Most Foul Assassination. Liberty: John White, a farmer, who resided within the town limits near the Trinity River, was shot dead Saturday morning at his door.

Boston, Mass.: James F. O'Shaughnessy, who organized the Planters' Compress Company, and George A. Lowry inventor of the round bale of Planters' Compress Company...

The world owes you a living; but you owe the world a life.

Louis Salek, aged 35 years, shot himself through the head with a pistol at his house about four miles from Caldwell.

The Woodmen logrolling, which will be held for three days in Bonham, beginning August 11, promises to be the biggest attraction ever pulled off in that city.

THE STRIKE IS ON.

Full Force of All Trades Unions Resorted to.

Chicago, Ill., July 25.—Notwithstanding two efforts by the teamsters' joint council, representing 35,000 men, to bring about a compromise in the packers' strike...

An hour before the conference called between the packers and the teamsters' committee had ended, a secret meeting of all the allied trades was called by President Donnelly of the Butcher Workmen's Union...

The meat famine is already here. The following figures show the tremendous falling off in receipts. Total receipts last week from all sources, 14,284. Average weekly receipts 66,009.

A Rival to the Spud. Washington: Rivaling the Irish potato in flavor, exceeding it in production and furnishing at the same time from its blossoms an exquisite perfume...

Two Were Killed. Indianapolis, Ind.: Two persons were killed and several injured in a collision between southbound Big Four passenger train and a westbound Prospect Lake Electric car Monday night.

The Great Eagle Wants In. Berlin: The Foreign Office has not made public the text of the protest sent to Russia, but it is admitted that it conveyed a very clear intimation that the German fleet was ready to back up any protest against further interference with German steamers.

Dewey Gets a Lift. Washington: After a legal battle of several years, Admiral Dewey and his men are to receive their prize money on account of the capture of the Don Juan de Austria and other Spanish property.

Duel to the Death. Trinidad, Colo.: Two guards employed by the Victor Fuel Company at Hastings, twenty miles north of here, became involved in a quarrel and decided to fight a duel.

At a middy fire at Waco Friday caused the following losses: Philo Club, \$5000; J. R. Woodward, \$3000, and Gray & Smith \$7000.

August 10 has been decided upon as the day to officially notify Judge Parker of his nomination.

John E. Davis, editor of the Texas Mesquiteur of Mesquite, has announced his intention of becoming a candidate for calendar clerk of the next House of Representatives.

After many months of negotiations the three street car companies of Monterrey have merged into one organization and the result will be that that city of over 70,000 inhabitants will have an electric street car service to replace the present antiquated mule service.

OLD KING COTTON.

The Crop is 9.75 Per Cent Ahead of Last Year.

Dallas, July 26.—The Dallas Morning News, in summarizing a very exhaustive crop report this morning says: Reports from 429 correspondents of the News in Texas, of average date July 22, indicate that the condition of the cotton crop of the State at that time averaged 9.34 per cent better than at the corresponding period in 1903.

Reports from 40 correspondents in Indian Territory indicate that the average condition is 16 per cent better than at the same time last year, while the reports from 17 correspondents in Oklahoma Territory show an average of one-third better upon similar comparison.

The Texas reports indicate that, whereas the conditions which retarded the growth of the plant during the early part of the season—namely, cool nights quite generally, excessive rains in many parts and drought in others—were followed by conditions which, as a rule, were quite favorable to growth of the plant and fruiting.

GREAT BRITAIN SORE.

Five Millions of Long Green Medicines at Least.

London, July 26.—Answering half a dozen questions based on the seizure of the Peninsular and Oriental Company's steamer Malacca and ships by Russian volunteer fleet steamers, Premier Balfour, in the House of Commons yesterday, after referring to the diverse character of the questions, went on to say:

The difficulties, I may say great difficulties—I do not wish to minimize them—arising from these captures deal with a problem which has given and is still giving the Government great anxiety, but of which I may say the signs portend a favorable issue.

Two Were Killed. Indianapolis, Ind.: Two persons were killed and several injured in a collision between southbound Big Four passenger train and a westbound Prospect Lake Electric car Monday night.

An election was held in Wise County last Saturday to decide whether cattle would run at large any longer and it was decided by a majority of about two to one that the cattle be kept up.

Henry Williams, an old negro living in the Brazos bottom, was drowned near Hearne while fishing in the river, caused by the bank caving in, throwing him in the river.

The County Commissioners' Court of Potter is advertising for bids for the construction of a court house to cost \$40,000 and a jail to cost \$10,000.

A cotton seed oil manufacturing company is being organized at San Angelo with a capital stock of \$50,000. This is the first company in this section of its kind, and its formation is made expedient by the increased acreage of cotton.

Revelations show that funds incarnate planned wholesale destruction of life at Houston Saturday night. Besides dynamiting one car and badly injuring several passengers, dynamite was found in several other places, and a carnival of death was avoided only by the refusal of the company to run the late cars.

Harry Brooks, a 14-year-old Dallas boy, was fooling with a gun Saturday night. The doctors cut the ball out of his leg, saving the member.

Uncle Sam's Heavy Guns.

At Sandy Hook are United States ordnance proving-grounds, where Uncle Sam does heavy training for war. Firing lately from big guns has been tremendously heavy, the detonations being severe enough to shake the earth clear up to Staten Island...

Men who are advertising that they walk with the devil now will be anxious to prove an alibi some day.

Culled folks don't 'lect ter wool gradin', 'cept when hit am done w' er gun.

The man who has little to say naturally gets most credit for self-control.

The bon vivant claims companions. The good and wise claim friends.

Proved Beyond a Doubt.

Middlesex, N. Y., July 25.—(Special.)—That Rheumatism can be cured has been proved beyond a doubt by Mrs. Betsy A. Clawson, well known here. That Mrs. Clawson had Rheumatism and had it bad, all her acquaintances know.

"I was an invalid for most five years caused by Inflammatory Rheumatism, helpless two-thirds of the time. The first year I could not do as much as a baby could do; then I rallied a little but then a relapse. Then a year ago the gout set in my hands and feet. I suffered untold agony and in August, 1903, when my husband died I could not ride to the grave.

"I only took two boxes of Dodd's Kidney Pills and in two weeks I could walk on myself and saw my own world. I dug my own potatoes and gathered my own garden last fall. Dodd's Kidney Pills cured me."

Rheumatism is caused by uric acid in the blood. Dodd's Kidney Pills put the kidneys in shape to take all the uric acid out of the blood.

Former Senator's Art Criticism.

Former Senator J. M. Thurston, of Nebraska, was walking down Board street, New York, the other day with a friend, when his attention was called by his companion to the more or less undraped statuaries recently placed in front of the new Stock Exchange building, and of which there has been some severe criticism.

Morton Was a Relief. A man who occasionally has business at the navy department in Washington says it is a great relief to find at the head of that bureau a man who is not a lawyer.

Many men are misunderstood because they do not know how to modulate the voice.

There are men who look upon employers as oppressors under all circumstances.

RACE DONE?

Not a Bit of It.

A man who thought his race was run made a food find that brought him back to perfect health.

"One year ago I was unable to perform any labor and in fact I was told by my physicians that they could do nothing further for me. I was fast sinking away, for an attack of grip had left my stomach so weak it could not digest any food sufficient to keep me alive.

"There I was just wasting away, growing thinner every day and weaker, really being snuffed out simply because I could not get any nourishment from food.

"Then my sister got after me to try Grape-Nuts food which had done much good for her and she finally persuaded me and although no other food had done me the least bit of good my stomach handled the Grape-Nuts from the first and this food supplied the nourishment I had needed. In three months I was so strong I moved from Albany to San Francisco and now on my three meals of Grape-Nuts and cream every day I am strong and vigorous and do fifteen hours' work.

"I believe the sickest person in the world could do as I do, eat three meals of nothing but Grape-Nuts and cream and soon be on their feet again in the flush of best health like me.

"Not only am I in perfect physical health again but my brain is stronger and clearer than it ever was on the old diet. I hope you will write to the names I send you about Grape-Nuts for I want to see my friends well and strong.

"Just think that a year ago I was dying but to-day, although I am over 55 years of age most people take me to be less than 40, and I feel just as young as I look." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

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## THE PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

The Secretary of State is now publishing in newspapers throughout the State the three constitutional amendments to be voted on at the general election next November. Every voter should read and consider them well in order to know how to vote on them.

The amendment providing for the chartering of state or private banks would no doubt add materially to the commercial facilities of the country, enabling small towns that are unable to support a national bank to be provided with banks empowered to do all kinds of business done by National banks, except the mere issuance of money. We take it that the safeguards provided in the amendment will make these State banks as safe for depositors as the National banks. There are numerous private banks throughout the state now, but they are not subject to inspection by anybody, and the prime object of this amendment is to bring all such business under official inspection and control of the state, for the safety of the people doing business with them. We see no valid objection to this amendment.

The amendment permitting the legislature to grant aid to Confederate soldiers, not to exceed eight dollars each per month, and not to exceed the aggregate sum of five hundred thousand dollars in any one year, is intended to enlarge the power given by the amendment voted on favorably several years ago, which fixed the yearly limit at \$250,000, but which has been found inadequate to the needs.

Few, we imagine, will vote against this amendment. Not many of the old soldiers are under sixty years of age, and many of them are maimed, lame and halt and in broken health as a result of wounds and exposure, and in the natural course of life, we will not have many of them with us in a few years. We believe that those who need and should have it and their few remaining years be made reasonably comfortable.

The third amendment provides that by a two-thirds majority vote the resident property holding voters of a county, or sub-division of a county, or several counties combined, or any special district laid out and agreed upon, may levy a tax in such territory and issue bonds not to exceed one-fourth of the value of the land in such district for the purpose of improving rivers and other streams to prevent overflows and permit the navigation of same. Second, for the construction and operation of irrigation plants. Third, to construct and operate macadamized roads, turnpikes, etc.

As this amendment, if adopted, can only be put in operation by a two-thirds majority of property owners in any given territory, and as they are the only persons who could be injuriously affected should they attempt an impracticable enterprise, we favor at wing them to have the law under which to operate and exercise their own judgment as to what improvements they will undertake, if any.

We think, however, the amendment falls short in not allowing a large enough issuance of bonds to accomplish much. For instance, if the owner of 100 acres or 1000 acres could give three-fourths of it to have the other fourth put under permanent irrigation, he would be the winner by long odds, but this amendment will allow only one-fourth to be pledged.

Our State Senator to be, Hon. A. S. Hawkins, seems to be a winner. Having just won the nomination for the state Senate, the following from the Taylor County News indicates that he has won in another race:

"The Dallas News of Thursday gave an account of the marriage of Senator A. S. Hawkins to Miss Sallie Bell at Marshall on Wednesday, also printed a double picture of the happy couple. They will visit Mr. Hawkins relatives in Dallas until Friday afternoon and come on to Baird, where Mr. Hawkins will be nominated for state senator for his district and settle down in our city. The News extends best wishes to the twain and welcomes them to Abilene as permanent citizens. May they live long and prosper."

LINCOLN, GRANT, MCKINLEY, ROOSEVELT.

Uncle Joe Cannon in his notification speech to Mr. Roosevelt Wednesday put that gentleman in a class with Lincoln, Grant and McKinley. And further along he said: "Many competent men in the republican party were ambitious to hold the great office of president of the United States,

yet the party convention unanimously, with one accord, nominated you as the candidate of the party for president. I am sure all republicans and a multitude of good citizens who do not call themselves republicans said 'Amen.'"

Great Scott—reckon so! We were so glad to have an easy proposition to beat.

"Judge Parker rose early this morning and took a bath." "President Roosevelt attended church this morning." "Judge Parker has a fine lot of high-bred chickens in which he takes especial pride." "Mr. Roosevelt was seen walking alone in the White House grounds this morning." This is a sample of highly instructive and edifying (?) stuff we see from day to day in the big dailies, but somehow it makes us tired.

Not a grunt out of our great Texas Hogg since the St. Louis convention! It must have been a mighty tough old crow that fell to his lot, if he hasn't got it down yet.

Mr. H. Culbertson, whose article on irrigation appears in this paper, spent a day or two in Haskell this week, being on a general tour of this part of the state examining its topography, the extent and character of its streams and water supply from all sources, and estimating the extent of the land that could be put under irrigation. Mr. Culbertson is doing this work in the employ of the Agricultural department at Washington, which is prosecuting this investigation under an act of congress and a special appropriation made for the purpose at the last session—which our member, Hon. W. R. Smith, was largely instrumental in securing. The purpose is to show the people that irrigation to a considerable extent is practicable in West Texas. A full report of Mr. Culbertson's investigations will be printed and distributed in pamphlet form by the Agricultural department. Mr. Culbertson was selected by the government for this work because of his practical and expert knowledge of irrigation, he having been engaged at it in California for the past eighteen years. His article was written at the special request of The Free Press and we have no doubt contains valuable pointers for any one who desires to try irrigation.

## THE OCCUPATION TAX.

Problem Believed to Be Easy of Solution.

A number of county conventions throughout the state have adopted resolutions favoring the repeal of the occupation tax on merchants. In some instances such resolutions were opposed on the ground that the present ad valorem tax is not producing sufficient revenue to run the state government, as evidenced by the fact that there was a considerable deficiency last year and will be a larger one this year, and that the money arising from the occupation taxes could not for that reason be dispensed with.

The principle of the occupation tax is wrong, being a tax on a class and being unequal and, therefore, unjust in its application, and it has been retained as a part of our system of taxation only for the reason that it was thought to be necessary to patch out our revenues.

That reason does not in fact exist, however, for it is a well known fact to all who are informed as to the inefficiency of our tax system and as to the shameful evasions of the tax dodgers, who are legion, that enough property escapes taxation every year to produce, if assessed at a fair valuation, three or four times as much revenue as is derived from occupation taxes. Therefore our legislators should repeal the occupation tax on all useful occupations and address themselves to the problem of so shaping the tax laws as to enforce the rendition and assessment of all property at a fair valuation, including money on hand or on deposit and the taxation of franchises and other intangible assets having a money value. We believe that a system of laws that would reach these items and cause a fair valuation of real property would result in a showing of double the valuation that is now subjected to taxation and would do away with any necessity for the occupation tax, put the state on a cash basis and very likely enable a succeeding legislature to reduce the state tax rate instead of raising it, as some claim will be necessary.

## Preaching by Telephone.

Members of the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church who are patrons of the Citizen's Telephone Company can now listen to the services and hear the sermon at home without having to go to church. Manager Dunaway has just installed the service, which has been tested and works thoroughly. The first effort ever made to provide for listening to a sermon in this way was made by Mr. Dunaway.

While he was living in Pittsburg, Pa., he connected the telephone switch board with the hospital in order that the patients, who were unable to attend church, might have the benefit of listening to the sermon.—Dallas News.

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Visiting sovereigns invited.

Rags or Money.  
At a recent meeting of the H. M. Society the ladies decided to make a new carpet for the family room of the parsonage, and to try to have it ready for the floor in the early fall. Every Methodist family is especially requested to help in this work. If each family will contribute two full pounds of rags, ready cut and tacked, or instead of rags, 20 cents in money, and do this right away, the ladies will not be long in furnishing a bright, new carpet for the parsonage. All contributions should be sent to Mrs. T. J. Lemmon as early a date as possible. Rags or money—don't forget.  
COMMITTEE.

Mr. Eugene Meadors, who has been visiting relatives and friends here, left yesterday morning on his return home to Arkansas. Gene said he couldn't stay away from the big red apples any longer—we suspect it's a red checked Arkansas gal.

Our goods are in; our stock is complete; our prices low. T. G. Carney.

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## To My Friends and Customers, and to Every Other Merchant's Customers:

As you know I have given away hundreds of dollars worth of Chinaware as Premiums. Now, I have a big stock of Guaranteed JEWELRY, and in order to change the monotony and not overstock you on China, I will begin with today to give you tickets, as heretofore, with every cash purchase, redeemable in Jewelry to be selected by you.

I have the Nicest, Newest and Largest stock of Dry Goods, Millinery, Boots, Shoes, Hats, Clothing, Cutlery, Jewelry, Etc., and a Full and Complete line of the Freshest Groceries ever handled. You will find my prices not changed in order to meet the premiums, but to be the lowest in town. If the clerks fail to give you the tickets or premiums, call for them on every dollar's worth purchased, or even five cents worth, call for tickets.

I have \$4,000 worth of tickets and a new stock of JEWELRY with which to redeem them. Be sure to take advantage of this big offer at once. Yours truly,

## T. G. CARNEY.

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Stock and poultry have few troubles which are not bowel and liver irregularities. Black-Draught Stock and Poultry Medicine is a bowel and liver remedy for stock. It puts the organs of digestion in a perfect condition. Prominent American breeders and farmers keep their herds and flocks healthy by giving them an occasional dose of Black-Draught Stock and Poultry Medicine in their food. Any stock raiser may buy a 25-cent half-pound air-tight can of this medicine from his dealer and keep his stock in vigorous health for weeks. Dealers generally keep Black-Draught Stock and Poultry Medicine. If yours does not, send 25 cents for a sample can to the manufacturers, The Chattanooga Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn.

ROCHELLE Ga., Jan 30, 1902.  
Black-Draught Stock and Poultry Medicine is the best I ever tried. Our stock was looking bad when you sent me the medicine and now they are getting so fine. They are looking 20 per cent better.  
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\$5 Steam Cookers	.....	3.50
84 " " "	.....	2.75
\$1 Flour Can, dust and mouse proof	.....	.80
75c. Bread Box, dust and mouse proof	.....	.60
25c. Child's Sailor Hats	.....	.15
10c. Hard Water Soap	.....	.08
25c. Fine Toilet Soap	.....	.20
40c. Bottle Fine Perfume	.....	.25
20 and 25c. Writing Tablets	.....	.10 and .15
50c. Finch Games	.....	.35
10c. Books of Fiction	.....	.08

Other books in proportion.

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In fact, low prices will be made on everything in stock.

Don't fail to come to this our first CLEARANCE Sale. We will make it pay you.....

## RACKET STORE.

### Helpful Reading

Some newspapers print matter to fill up space. Much of this is really harmful reading. It is the aim of The Semi-Weekly News to give helpful reading. Thousands will testify to its helpfulness to them. Ask your neighbor.

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Has helped many. It is not the theory of farming written by college professors and others up North on conditions that don't fit Texas. It is the actual experiences of farmers here at home who have turned over the soil.

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No. 2 Leaves for Waco,.....10:00 A. M.

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## FLOTSAM AND JETSAM

Mr. H. Poole of Smith county, left Tuesday for home after a visit with the family of his daughter, Mrs. J. R. Johnson of this county.

Miss Ida Maxwell solicits music pupils for piano and harmony. Miss Maxwell is thoroughly qualified, having finished the teachers' course at Patton Conservatory in Dallas. Her terms are four dollars a month. Phone No. 24. (30-31)

Mrs. W. S. Sh... returned Wednesday night from a visit to relatives at McKinney.

Sixty cases of boots and shoes biggest stock ever in Haskell—sizes, styles and prices to suit everybody. Alexander Mercantile Co.

Mr. Jack Simmons is up from Womack, Bosque county, on a visit to Haskell friends.

All the popular cold drinks on tap at K. Jones' place.

Mr. J. C. Choate and family left Tuesday for Collin county, where they expect to spend several weeks with relatives and old friends.

Ice cream all the time at K. Jones' place.

Mr. Pope McLemore was among us again this week.

We have PLENTY OF MONEY to loan on approved real estate security. Call and see us if you need it. West Texas Development Co.

Mr. Lee Newton and Mrs. Laura Wenig were married on Sunday, the 17th instant.

Just received at the Arctic, a large stock of fresh, pure, fancy candies, chocolates, coconut, peanut, etc. Also pure stick candies—all the popular flavors.

Messrs. K. Jones and D. Graham attended the picnic in the Jud Roberston neighborhood yesterday.

Try that Mexican hardwater toilet soap at the Racket Store.

The little folks were entertained Thursday night at the home of Judge O. E. Oates.

Fresh peaches, apples, oranges and lemons at the Arctic all the time.

The items come a little late, but we learned only a few days ago that a daughter was born to Mr. Milton Haley and wife on the 14th and one to Mr. T. A. Johnson and wife on the 15th inst.

All my white goods, millinery and slippers going at cost. T. G. Carney.

Messrs. McDaniel, McColium, Bennett and Oliver came in yesterday morning from the Clear Fork, where they spent several days fishing with rather poor success.

All ladies' slippers going at cost at T. G. Carney's.

Several Haskell people attended a neighborhood picnic at Cook Springs yesterday.

Everything in the millinery line at T. G. Carney's is being disposed of at cost.

Mrs. W. T. Jones and children left Monday on a visit to relatives in Tennessee.

For a good, or a cheap, cigar go to the Arctic.

Mrs. J. S. Rike and Miss Lillie returned the latter part of last week from Graham, where they spent two or three weeks visiting with relatives and friends.

The Arctic is still headquarters for all of the popular cold drinks.

Mrs. C. R. Peters is visiting her sister in Knox county this week.

All of my white goods are going at cost. Here is an opportunity for you, ladies. T. G. Carney.

Eld. C. N. Williams went to Anson Wednesday to assist in holding a protracted meeting.

Charley Camp has taken a position as a clerk in Alexander Mercantile Co's Store.

After several weeks spent with relatives here, Miss Emma Fields left last Saturday for her home at Wills Point.

Candies, nuts, fresh fruits and cigars at K. Jones' place. He keeps his stock fresh and of the best quality.

Mr. W. B. Anthony accompanied by his little daughter Grace, returned to Austin Wednesday to resume his duties in the state land office.

Persons wishing to either buy or sell land or cattle should look up Mr. A. B. Neal's ad in this paper. He's a hustler on making a trade.

The little daughter, aged about twelve years, of Mr. T. L. Atchison, who resides twelve miles east of town, died on Thursday morning of slow fever. She was brought to town and buried in the Haskell cemetery yesterday morning.

Miss Lizzie Wright of Stamford visited with Haskell friends several days this week.

Mrs. E. L. Adams is visiting in Weatherford this week.

Pepsin Funch, the ideal health beverage—get it at K. Jones' place.

Mr. Henry Alexander and bride arrived home Wednesday night.

Born Friday night, July 22, to Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Chapman of Marcy, a son.

A daughter was born July 19 to Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Barnett of the Marcy neighborhood.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Sherrill and Master Louis returned this week from seeing the big show at St. Louis.

Mrs. W. M. Key, wife of Judge Key of Austin, arrived last night on a visit to the family of her brother, Mr. S. W. Scott.

Rev. L. L. Lusk and Messrs. Y. L. Thomason and Alvin O'Bryan are attending the Fifth Sunday meeting in progress at Aspermont.

Mr. A. H. Tandy of Woodward, O. T., is here this week looking after some business matters and visiting his daughter, Mrs. S. W. Scott.

Mr. J. A. Moore of Fisher county, a minister of the Primitive Baptist church, will preach next Thursday night at the Methodist church. All are invited to hear him.

Mr. W. O. Orr, a first-class horse-shoer and buggy workman, from Baird, arrived here this week and will make headquarters at my shop. Give him a trial. B. Stuart.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Stephens, who now reside in western Oklahoma, came down the latter part of last week on a visit to their sons Frank, Wyley and Riley and their families.

Messrs. W. F. Rupe, W. T. Jones, J. W. Wright and Jim Williams left two or three days ago on a trip across the country to Mineral Wells. Who was it that said that watermelon and roasting gear patches and peach orchards along the road would suffer?

Messrs. Frank and Wyley Stephens and their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Stephens, who are here on a visit from Oklahoma Territory, and Mr. W. A. Carlisle and family, went to the Clear Fork river Friday prepared to remain in camp several days and angle for the funny tribe.

The Free Press has been requested to say that there will be a barbecue near the Hook school house on August 5th, to which everybody is invited. There will be some recitations and speechmaking in the forenoon and a matched game of base ball and broncho riding in the afternoon.

Mr. Ross Humpbill returned this week from an absence of several weeks looking after some business interests in Briscoe county. From some of his talk we suspect that he found something done up in calico out there that is preying on his mind, and we will not be surprised if Haskell county loses him.

Mr. A. C. Foster will leave Monday morning for St. Louis where he will meet his daughter, Miss Una Foster, who has been in Boston, Mass. for the past two years studying art. They will meet at St. Louis relatives from Starkville, Miss., and New Orleans, La., and after seeing the exposition will return home.

Mr. C. B. Kelton and Miss Dell Paschal were married on last Sunday at Sagerton, Rev. G. A. Nance performing the ceremony. Mr. Kelton has resided at this place for the past six months or longer and is well thought of for the correctness of his deportment and his bride is a respected and worthy young lady of this county. The Free Press joins their friends in best wishes for their future success and happiness.

A crowd composed of about a dozen girls—of the sweet sixteen variety—chaperoned by Mrs. J. S. Kiestler and Mr. and Mrs. Clay Park, picked up by moonlight on mule creek Thursday night. They claim that they had a great big good time, claim it vociferously and persistently—so much so as to remind one of the man that whistled to keep up his courage. We believe that they were secretly all disgusted and that the next moonlight picnic will have some boys.

Mr. J. B. Reese of Abilene, is here as an expert brick mason to do some work for Messrs. F. G. Alexander and W. E. Sherrill. Mr. Reese said that when he left Abilene Monday Mr. Lock had about thirty teams at work grading on the railroad north from Abilene and that it was understood that additional force would be put on as fast as it could be procured. This is in line with various reports which have reached here from Abilene.

Messrs. Booth English and N. C. Smith were out in the eastern part of the county a couple of days this week installing some machinery for Mr. N. T. Smith. They put up a row binder for him, with which he will cut a hundred acre field of sorghum and milo maize, which is ready for harvesting. Mr. English says crops are looking well out that way, only some feed crops are beginning to need rain.



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