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## We Are Satisfied

with the results that the opening days of our great January Clearing Sale have brought us, and we wish to thank our many friends and customers for the liberal way in which they responded. We have cut the price on every article in the house in order to make this the greatest sale of modern times. We are selling you some goods at a small margin of profit some at cost and still others at prices less than we could replace the goods for, but all winter goods must go. It will soon be time to begin getting in the new goods for Spring and we do not care to carry over anything until next season.

This sale lasts until the midnight hours of February 9th and every day is a bargain day. The goods must be sold and we have put prices on them that will make them seek other quarters.

Come, be with us. It means a saving of Dollars \$ and cents \$ to you on all your purchases.

YOURS FOR TRADE,

## D. EGGER & SON

"HAVE IT FOR LESS"

STAMFORD and HASKELL

## Haskell National Bank.

HASKELL, TEXAS,

### FARMERS

You are now getting your Cotton on the market; we solicit your account and offer you a bank service that is

Safe, Sure and Accurate.

M. S. PIERSON, PRESIDENT. G. R. COUCH, CASHIER.  
LEE PIERSON, VICE-PRES. M. PIERSON, ASST. C.

### CONVINCING ARGUMENT.

Unsolicited and From a Stranger.

Alvarado, Texas, Jan. 10, 1906.  
Mr. H. E. Byrne, Pres. Tyler Commercial College, Tyler, Texas.

I have been a Sloan Duployan Stenographer for 15 years, have had the various grades of experience in the amanuensis work, have taken much evidence, done all kinds of reporting from the ordinary office to law and speech work. I taught shorthand and typewriting three years in the Pierce City Baptist College, Pierce City, Mo., and one year at William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo. I found my system, after a few years, inadequate. It is legible and practical, but high speed and verbatim reporting are almost a matter of impossibility. Three years ago, I decided to change, and took the Gregg under Mr. Gregg of Chicago, but found it illegible because of its necessary abbreviations; then I studied Mosher. I still was not satisfied. Since coming south, I have come across your literature, but, like all others who never investigate, laughed at your claims for the Byrne Shorthand. I finally said it was only fair to investigate; so, after borrowing one of your Shorthand text books of Mr. Shelton of our city, a graduate of your school, and after thirty minutes investigation, I found that you have not improved, but revolutionized the mystic art. I mastered the book in ten days; think of it, mastering in ten

days what I am now ready to prove by demonstration the most rapid and legible system of shorthand in existence. Humanity owes you a debt—at least the shorthand profession, for this book. It is a marvel. You see I am enthusiastic, but when you remember my long use of a poky system, you will appreciate the relief one feels in grasping what he has long sought—speed, legibility and comfort. I write this letter to tell you these things for what they may be worth to you by way of recommendation, and to help you as well as my fellows. Enroll me as a Byrne writer, converted by investigation alone, and as one who mastered the system in ten days by home study, writing at the end of that time 50 words per minute. Once more I pledge you my influence and support in your work and in the promotion of the Byrne Simplified. Very truly,

J. W. JENT, Pastor  
First Baptist Church,  
Alvarado, Texas.

CARRIE NATION certainly smashed a hole in the bar-rooms of Kansas, but Ballard's Horehound Syrup has smashed all records as a cure for coughs, Bronchitis, Influenza and all Pulmonary diseases. T. C. H., Horton, Kansas, writes: "I have never found a medicine that would cure a cough so quickly as Ballard's Horehound Syrup. I have used it for years." Sold by Terrell's Drug Store.

## TERRELL Druggist, Jeweler and Optician HASKELL, - TEX.

### A Taft Cotton Mill In San Patricio.

It is authoritatively stated that Secretary of War Taft, Mrs. Taft, Charles Taft, son of the Secretary, and Secretary of State Root and son are to visit the big Taft ranch in San Patricio County, near Sinton, next month. The Tafts have large lauded interests in that section, and the object of their visit is to inspect improvements made recently.

Probably the most interesting feature of the visit is that the visitors are coming also to further the establishment of a great cotton mill. It is proposed to put under cultivation sufficient of the land to furnish cotton to the mill. Manager Green of the Taft ranch says that they intend putting all the land on each side of the San Antonio and Aransas Pass Railroad in cultivation from Sinton to the Gulf, making a continuous farm two miles wide and twenty-five miles long. Each one hundred acres will have a house, barn and water supply and will be rented on the shares. The undertaking is a gigantic one and promises much for the future of that section of Texas. It is another endeavor to bring the mills to the cotton field instead of taking the cotton to the mills.

The Tafts are desirous of sharing the prosperity resulting. The cotton factory is a plain business institution, and as such it is bringing the expected returns in this State. Indeed, from the best advices The News has, the Texas mills are prospering. They are continually adding to their equipment and enlarging their capacities. Texas is a great cotton field and it naturally

follows that the cotton mills located in the cotton field should have a decided advantage over those located two or three thousand miles away.

### CURED OF LUNG TROUBLE.

"It is now eleven years since I had a narrow escape from consumption," writes C. O. Floyd, a leading business man of Kershaw, S. C. "I had run down in weight to 135 pounds, and coughing was constant, both by day and by night. Finally I began taking Dr. King's New Discovery, and continued this for about six months, when my cough and lung trouble were entirely gone and I was restored to my normal weight, 175 pounds." Thousands of persons are healed every year. Guaranteed at Terrell's Drug Store. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

### COTTON SEED.

Any one wanting the pure big boll Harville cotton seed for planting purposes can get them through me. The growers of this seed claim that 1400 lbs. of seed cotton will turn out 540 to 550 lbs. of lint and that it is strictly a dry weather cotton. Seed will cost one dollar per bushel at Haskell. For further information see me at the gin.

### THE RIGHT NAME.

Mr August Sberpe, the popular overseer of the poor, at Fort Madison, Ia., says: "Dr. King's New Life Pills are rightly named; they act more agreeably, do more good, make one feel better than any other laxative." Guaranteed to cure biliousness and constipation. 25c at Terrell's Drug Store.

### The Warehouse.

It is now important that all subscriptions to the fund for building the Farmers' Union Warehouse at Haskell be settled promptly as funds are needed by the building committee to square up matters, therefore all who are owing subscriptions to this fund are requested to call at the Haskell National Bank and make payment of same. Resp'y.

G. W. PILLEY  
G. E. COURTNEY } Com

Henry Fuller, Port Edwards, Wis., used Re-Go Tonic Laxative Syrup for Constipation and states that it is the best medicine he ever used. 25c, 50c and \$1.00 bottles sold at Terrell's Drug Store.

Mr. F. L. Goose has returned from Louisville, Ky., where he went in December on a visit to his father. Mr. Goose is a professional nurse and has located in Haskell.

Born on the 13 instant to Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Day, a daughter.

If your stomach is disordered, bowels irregular, and you don't feel well, you need Prickly Ash Bitters. It is very effective in removing this condition. C. E. Terrell, Special Agent.

### A Haskell County Farm.

In talking with Mr. J. B. Ridling, who resides in the northern portion of the county and who was in town on business Monday, the FREE PRESS reporter gleaned some information in regard to his 1906 farming operations that doubtless will interest some of our readers abroad who are wanting exact information about what is being done in the farming line in this country. Mr. Ridling said that he and one hired hand (he had no help in the farm from his family) put 68 acres in cotton and had gathered 62 bales which averaged 569 pounds each, and were equivalent to 69.44 bales of 500 pounds each, and which made his yields 1.44 bales over a bale per acre. His other crops were 600 bushels of oats, 800 bushels of milo maize, 200 bushels of corn and 10,000 bundles of sorghum. He had in cultivation 135 acres. A conservative estimate of the value of Mr. Ridling's 1906 crops places them at \$4,200.00. This, it will be observed, does not take into account the products of his garden, truck patch, poultry and livestock, which we neglected to inquire about.

### Wise Counsel from the South.

"I want to give some valuable advice to those who suffer with lame-back and kidney trouble," says J. R. Blankenship, of Beck, Tenn. "I have proved to an absolute certainty that Electric Bitters will positively cure this distressing condition. The first bottle gave me relief and after taking a few more bottles, I was completely cured; so completely that it becomes a pleasure to recommend this great remedy." Sold under guarantee at Terrell's Drug Store. Price 50c.

District Judge Cullen C. Higgins took his seat for the first time in the district judge's chair Monday morning. Judge Higgins is a fine young man and makes a hand at anything he undertakes.—Western Reporter, Anson.

For any disease of the skin we can recommend Chamberlain's Salve for sore nipples. Sold at Terrell's Drug Store.

### SELL 4,000 ACRES.

Sale of 4,000 acres of Haskell county land belonging to W. D. Reynolds and George Reynolds of this city was completed Wednesday morning to B. E. Sparks of Stamford and Judge F. C. Weinert of Seguin. The land is located not far from the town of Haskell.

Price paid for the property was \$12.50 an acre or \$50,000 for the entire tract. The property sold was a single tract of land owned by the Reynolds brothers and others near Haskell and was not a part of any large ranch. It is not known just what the new purchasers will do with the property, altho it is understood that it will be used for farm purposes, as it is good agricultural land.—Stock Journal.

### HOW TO CURE CHILBLAINS.

"To enjoy freedom from chilblains," writes John Kemp, East Otisfield, Me., "I apply Bucklen's Arnica Salve. Have also used it for salt rheum with excellent results." Guaranteed to cure fever sores, indolent ulcers, piles, burns, wounds, frost bites, and skin diseases. 25c at Terrell's Drug Store.

Constipation leads to liver trouble, and torpid liver to Bright's Disease. Prickly Ash Bitters is a certain cure at any stage of the disorder. C. E. Terrell, Special Agent.

Miss Lucy Roberts of Rule visited Miss Faunie Isbell the early part of this week.

Take your jewelry to Craig, the jeweler, for repairs.

More saddles and better saddles in the pass-word at Evers' new shop in Haskell.

Mr. J. L. Pigg, who lives east of town, has been for some time marketing very fine turnips in Haskell. In a lot sold to Messrs. S. L. Robertson & Co. the other day there were a number that weighed four and a half pounds each and many of them weighed four pounds each. These turnips were grown on raw land, that is, land never plowed until last year. This is merely mentioned as another evidence of what Haskell land will do when given a chance.

List your bargains with us for quick sales. That is our long suit. West Texas Development Co.

## FLOUR, Big "M" FLOUR

The Best on Earth.



### Through Good Flour.

Through good flour like our Big "M" Brand good bread is an assured fact. Indeed, it is almost impossible to make bad bread with it, for it is so pure, wholesome and nutritious that the bread can't help being the kind that satisfies the palate and benefits the entire system. One sack of Big "M" Flour will reveal many virtues—today is the best time to try it.

C. C. MILL, ELEVATOR and LIGHT CO.  
SEYMOUR, TEXAS.



# HASKELL FREE PRESS

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HASKELL, TEXAS

## ALL OVER TEXAS

Sir Thomas Lipton has offered a cup for a yacht race in Hampton Roads during the Jamestown Exposition.

The Canadian Pacific Railroad Steamship Company has placed a contract in Liverpool for the building of a steel freight steamer for the Skagway route.

It is stated by many of Thos. B. Love's friends that he will be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for congress to succeed Hon. Jack A. Beall in 1908.

Eplanoff, the man who attempted to assassinate the master of the house of Grand Duchess Elizabeth, recently, was tried by a drum-headed court martial at Moscow and executed.

George H. Brigham and Roscoe Sealy, both young men, fought with a revolver at a street corner in New Iberia, La., until Brigham was killed and Sealy wounded four times. The cause of the quarrel is not known.

Harry H. Nathan, a civil engineer, in the employ of the Vicksburg, Shreveport and Pacific Railway, was found dead in his room in Vicksburg Friday. He had evidently committed suicide, using a small sword.

Fire broke out in the Catts cotton yard at Granbury Friday afternoon and 1,200 bales of cotton were burned. A big percentage of the cotton had been delivered to the railroad company for shipment.

The German Emperor is sending at his own expense six army officers to the United States for several months travel for general benefit. His majesty has been doing this for three years past.

Auntie Walton, a negro, probably the oldest person in the Chickasaw Nation, died a few days since, aged 123 years. She had known Thomas Jefferson and had seen him many times in her early life.

Charles A. Langford, ex-Sheriff of Hunt County, died Sunday night from injuries received last Tuesday when his arm was badly crushed in the mangle at the steam laundry of his son, Elie Langford.

The Louisiana State Railroad Commission handed down a decision against the St. Louis and New Orleans within 120 days.

Plans for the construction of a railway from Geneva to the Matterhorn, one of the most famous of the Swiss Alps, at a cost of \$4,000,000, have been submitted to the Federal Council of that country. The subject is likely to be approved.

The actual work of laying a pipe line which is to supply natural gas to Holdenville, I. T., has begun. The line begins in the northern part of the Territory and will pass through Tulsa, Okmulgee, Holdenville, Shawnee and Oklahoma City.

W. L. Grady of Gradyville, Ky., has sold his prize winning stallion Capt. Peacock, to W. W. Compton, of Honey Grove, Tex., price \$1,000. Capt. Peacock was one of the best gaited show horses at the Kentucky State Fair last summer, winning a tie in each of the fifteen shows.

The upper house of the Tennessee Legislature Friday adopted a resolution endorsing President Roosevelt's stand on the discharge of the negro soldiers at Brownsville, Texas. The house adopted the same resolutions Thursday.

John Welch, a Mexican War veteran, died Saturday at Kosse. He died at the residence of his son, W. M. Welch. Mr. Welch was born March 9, 1829, at Blue Ash Grove, now part of St. Louis.

The assassin of Lieutenant Pavloff, military procurator of St. Petersburg, was executed at an early hour Friday at Lisynos. He refused to take the sacrament and died unidentified, and with a cheer for the revolution upon his lips.

A fire at Jonah, Williamson county, one night last week destroyed a butcher shop, confectionery store, grocery store and other property to the value of about \$10,000; partially insured.

E. W. Kirkpatrick and a number of other members of the Texas Nut Growers' Association met in McKinney and arranged for the second annual meeting of the Texas Nut Growers' Association, to be held in Austin Feb. 11 and 15.

Eighteen Chinamen who had been smuggled across the river were caught by immigration officers at El Paso as they were loading their belongings into a box car on the Santa Fe track. They will be reported.

# THE BROWNSVILLE AFFAIR

## PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT TURNS LOOSE A THUNDERBOLT.

### THE EVIDENCE IS CONCLUSIVE

There is No Doubt About the Men, the Guns Fired and the Ammunition Used.

Washington, Jan. 15.—President Roosevelt yesterday sent to the Senate a special message regarding the Brownsville incident, which gives the additional evidence contained in reports by Assistant Attorney General Purdy and Major Blockson, who were sent to Texas by the President to investigate the affair.

The President submitted with the message various exhibits, including maps of Brownsville and Fort Brown, a bandoller, thirty-three empty shells, seven cartridges picked up in the street a few hours after the shooting, three steel jacketed bullets and some of the casing of other bullets picked out of houses into which they had been fired.

The President declares that the evidence is positive that the outrage of August 23 was committed by some of the negro troops that have been dismissed and that some or all of the members of the three companies of the Twenty-Fifth Infantry have knowledge of the deed and have shielded the guilty ones.

The negro troops are referred to by the President in his message as "midnight assassins," and he declares that very few, if any of the soldiers dismissed "without honor" could have been ignorant of what occurred.

The part of the orders which bars the soldiers from all civil employment under the Government is revoked. This clause, the President says, was lacking in validity. The discharged troops, however, will be forever barred from re-enlisting in the army or navy, and as to this the President says, "There is little doubt of my constitutional and legal power."

Secretary Taft's report, giving the sworn testimony of witnesses, is transmitted with the message. The testimony of fourteen eyewitnesses is given and the President declares that the evidence is conclusive that the weapons were Springfield rifles, now used by the United States troops, including the negro troops who were in garrison at Brownsville.

The entire message is voluminous, going into close details, and showing clearly that the President was in full command.

**Erathites Moved to Palo Pinto.**  
Mineral Wells: The county surveyors that are now out surveying the line between Palo Pinto, Erath and Eastland counties have so far gone nearly to the southeast corner of this county. They survey through Thurber, dividing that place and leaving the Catholic Church, the store and tank and perhaps the largest part of the town in Palo Pinto County. This adds considerable taxable values to Palo Pinto County that Erath has been enjoying heretofore to the extent of about \$1,000,000.

The new hotel in Dallas, for which the steel framework is nearing completion, will be called "Hotel Southland." The building will cost between \$400,000 and \$500,000, and will be eight stories in height, with 225 guest rooms, absolutely fireproof, and each room will have separate toilet and bath room.

**Five Killed in a Wreck.**  
El Paso: Running at a high rate of speed, Rock Island passenger train No. 30, which left here for Chicago at 1:30 Saturday evening, dashed into an open switch at Barney, N. M., 190 miles north of El Paso, early Sunday morning. Five persons were killed and eight injured. The engine left the track and turned over, pinning the engineer underneath and killing them instantly.

**Death in the Balmly Breezes.**  
Chicago, Ill.: One death every fifteen minutes, four an hour and ninety-six a day is the penalty Chicago is paying for balmy breezes in winter. Influenza, pneumonia and kindred diseases accompany the unusual weather. The abnormally high temperature, the absence of sunshine and a deficiency of precipitation lower human vitality and give the disease microbes full play.

Theodore Davis, an American explorer, has discovered at Luxor the tomb of Queen Thet, wife of Amenhotep III. The tomb contains a mummy coffin and other numerous interesting articles.

Andrew Carnegie will be the heaviest personal taxpayer in New York, if the list of assessment made public by the Assessor is not amended. The value of his personal property is fixed at \$5,000,000 and that of John D. Rockefeller at \$2,500,000.

# EVENTS OF EVERYWHERE

The East Texas Cannery was in session at Jacksonville Tuesday and quite a number of people from all over that section were present.

What is believed to have been an earthquake shock was felt at Arkansas City, Ark., early Friday morning. The shock lasted a few seconds.

The county bridge over the Santa Yanes river near Yopoc, Calif., went down Thursday, carrying twenty people into the river. Two were drowned and several injured.

The Missouri, Kansas and Texas put a large force of men to work securing buildings and getting ready for the new freight depot which is to be built in Denison at once.

John Blockers, a section hand on the Cotton Belt had a leg broken and his skull fractured at Barry as the result of trying to board a moving train.

A train loaded with coal was raided at North Yakima, Wash., recently by citizens, who are without fuel of any kind. Almost twenty carloads were carried off.

The City Engineer of Waco, with a force of men, has commenced surveying the lines of sanitary sewers which are to be built under authorization of a recent bond issue of \$60,000.

A State bank has been organized at Princeton, Collin county, with a capital stock of \$20,000. K. M. Moore, of Farmersville, is president of the institution.

Information has been received that Bishop Duncan of the M. E. Church South, is critically ill at Spartanburg, S. C., after an operation for carbuncle on his neck.

The capital stock of the City National Bank of Dallas was increased from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000. The directors also declared the remarkable dividend of 100 per cent.

Ab Washington, a negro, who murdered a negro woman near Smithville, was sentenced to Judge Sinks at Bastrop to be hanged on Thursday, Feb. 11.

The directors of the Hillsboro mill have recently purchased a large quantity of new machinery and are preparing to make extensive improvements.

Representative Randall has introduced a bill having for its purpose the placing of semi-weekly and tri-weekly papers on the same postal footing with weekly papers.

State Treasurer Sam Sparks took possession of the governor. The duties aggregate wealth is \$3,000,000.

The subscribers to the State Bank which is proposed to be established at Bardwell, Ellis County, held a meeting in Waxahachie for the purpose of perfecting arrangements to open the bank. A lot has been purchased and work on a building is to be commenced soon.

The Nineteenth Infantry (white) will succeed the Twenty-Fifth Infantry (black) at Fort Bliss. The regiment is in the Philippines and will arrive there in about the middle of June. The headquarters and four companies will be stationed at Fort Bliss which will be just the same sized garrison it now has.

M. H. Griffin and associates have announced that they will begin work on a street car system for Denton within a month.

Farmers around Denison are complaining of green bugs damaging the wheat crop.

The state board of education has apportioned the sum of \$100,000 out of the school fund for the purpose of paying the salaries of the school teachers all over the state. The per capita this month is 15 cents.

Work is to begin in ninety days on the Orient grade and depot buildings at San Angelo.

Frank Nuhn killed himself in the stable lot at his home just east of Marton by shooting himself through the head with a revolver.

Plans are on foot for the betterment of the Katy shops and round-house facilities in Denison. The company will either erect a large new one or increase the capacity of the present one.

Bucket shop keepers are complaining of a dull season in the cotton market.

Rev. S. H. Thurman, of the M. E. Church, South, fell dead in his yard at Trenton, Ga., while walking. He was apparently in the best of health.

The right of way for the Temple-Martin interurban line has been secured from Temple to Bellfalls, which is on the line between Bell and Falls Counties, and a distance of sixteen miles from Temple.

A stock company with a capital of \$150,000 was organized at Wichita Falls for the purpose of building a cotton compress and a cotton oil mill. One-third of the capital stock was subscribed by local capitalists and the balance by outsiders.

# A SIMPLE FORMULA

## PRESCRIPTION OF AN EMINENT SPECIALIST IS GIVEN.

Necessary Ingredients Cost Little and Can Be Secured at Any Good Drug Store—Will Break a Cold Quickly.

Mix half ounce of the Pure Virgin Oil of Pine with two ounces of glycerine and half a pint of good whisky; shake well and use in teaspoonful doses. A noted authority on diseases of the throat and lungs who established a camp for consumptives in the pine woods of Maine, declares that the above formula will heal the lungs and cure any cough that is curable. It will break up a cold in twenty-four hours. The ingredients can be secured from any good prescription druggist at small cost.

Virgin Oil of Pine (Pure) is put up only in half-ounce vials for dispensing; each vial is securely sealed in a round wooden case with engraved wrapper, showing the name—Virgin Oil of Pine (Pure) prepared only by Leach Chemical Co., Cincinnati, O.—plainly printed thereon. There are many rank imitations of Virgin Oil of Pine (Pure), which are put out under various names, such as Concentrated Oil of Pine, Pine Balsam, etc. Never accept these as a substitute for the Pure Virgin Oil of Pine, as they will invariably produce nausea and never effect the desired result.

Virgin Oil of Pine (Pure) is also said to be a perfect neutralizing agent for uric acid.

### HEADS SHAPED TO ORDER.

German Doctor Explains Causes of Various Formations.

At a recent convention of German naturalists and doctors Dr. Walcher, of Stuttgart, in an instructive paper put forth a sensational theory to explain the formation of the shape of the head of infants. He maintained that the head of a child could be molded artificially. He found by experience that when a medium-shaped head is placed in a soft cushion the child turns on its back, or rests on the back of its head, in order to free mouth, nose and face. In this manner the head rests smoothly, and a short head is developed. But if the medium-shaped head of a child is placed on a hard under-rest, like a hair mattress or rolled carpet, the child's head turns aside, as it cannot stand any more on its head than an egg, for the muscle of the back is weakened. Therefore, with continued resting on the side a long head is developed. To prove his assertions the lecturer presented a child whose mother and sister are short-headed. The child at its had been placed on its back, according to other experiences its head would have been short-headed. Dr. Walcher did not deny that the shape of the head was inherited, but asserted that it could be greatly influenced by the way the child rested.

### Novelist's Early Earnings.

A pocket series of Mr. Thomas Hardy's stories is to be published soon, and lately a complete edition of his books in 20 beautiful volumes was issued in America with success. When Mr. Hardy took the manuscript of "Under the Greenwood Tree" to the late Mr. Tinsley that enterprising publisher offered the novelist the sum of \$125 down for the book. Mr. Hardy accepted the sum, although he owned that he was "a bit disappointed," adding that nevertheless he "meant to keep on." Next came his book "A Pair of Blue Eyes," for which Mr. Tinsley gave the novelist \$500, saying: "There is no money in the book, but I can see that Hardy is going to get a grip some day."

### Has Seen Much of Life.

John Avery McIlhenny, recently nominated a civil service commissioner, though only 36 years old, has put two girldes round about the earth, has killed big game in Africa and has fought in a real (though small) war. Besides being a former rough rider, he is one of the richest men in Louisiana. His pepper farm on Avery Island, Iberia parish, is famous, and so is the luge factory in which he makes pepper sauce. Two years ago the McIlhennys entertained the president's older daughter, now Mrs. Longworth, in their New Orleans home at carnival time and last year the president himself was their guest.

### COSTLY PRESSURE.

Heart and Nerves Fail on Coffee.

A resident of a great western state puts the case regarding stimulants with a comprehensive brevity that is admirable. He says: "I am 55 years old and have had considerable experience with stimulants. They are all alike—a mortgage on reserved energy at ruinous interest. As the whip stimulates but does not strengthen the horse, so do stimulants act upon the human system. Feeling this way, I gave up coffee and all other stimulants and began the use of Postum Food coffee some months ago. The beneficial results have been apparent from the first. The rheumatism that I used to suffer from has left me. I sleep sounder, my nerves are steadier and my brain clearer. And I bear testimony also to the food value of Postum—something that is lacking in coffee." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. There's a reason. Read "The Road to Wellville," the quaint little book in pkg.

# NOT DOOMED TO SECLUSION.

Austrian Nuns of Noble Blood Lead Pleasant Lives.

The "first lady" in the Austro-Hungarian court is now the abbess of the Theresian Convent of the Noble Ladies in Prague, a position which is always held by an archduchess. The Archduchess Maria Annunciata, the present abbess, who is a niece of the emperor, has succeeded to the position of first lady through the widowhood of the Archduchess Maria Josefa, wife of the late Archduke Otto. The noble nuns of Prague live a very different life from what is the usual conception of convent life. They play a leading part in the society of the city and are not even compelled to live in the abbey, where each is provided with two rooms and service. Handsome carriages with liveried servants are also provided for their use, and they have a box in the opera. Each noble lady is paid \$500 a year, while the abbess has a salary of \$10,000. When they attend court balls they must wear black evening dress with a ribbon of light blue.

### SCALY ERUPTION ON BODY.

Doctors and Remedies Fruitless—Suffered 10 Years—Completely Cured by Cuticura.

"When I was about nine years old small sores appeared on each of my lower limbs. I scratched them with a brass pin and shortly afterwards both of those limbs became so sore that I could scarcely walk. When I had been suffering for about a month the sores began to heal, but small scaly eruptions appeared where the sores had been. From that time onward I was troubled by such severe itching that, until I became accustomed to it, I would scratch the sores until the blood began to flow. This would stop the itching for a few days, but scaly places would appear again and the itching would accompany them. After I suffered about ten years I made a renewed effort to effect a cure. The eruptions by this time had appeared on every part of my body except my face and hands. The best doctors in my native country advised me to use arsenic in small doses and a salve. I then used to bathe the sores in a mixture which gave almost intolerable pain. In addition I used other remedies, such as iodine, sulphur, zinc salve, —'s Salve, — Ointment, and in fact I was continually giving some remedy a fair trial, never using less than one or two boxes or bottles. All this was fruitless. Finally my hair began to fall out and I was rapidly becoming bald. I used —'s —, but it did no good. A few months after, having used almost everything else, I thought I would try Cuticura Ointment, having previously used —'s —. I was completely cured, and my hair was restored, after fourteen years of suffering and an expenditure of at least \$50 or \$60 in vainly endeavoring to find a cure. I shall be glad to write to any one who may be interested in my cure. B. Hiram Mattingly, Vermillion, S. Dak., Aug. 18, 1906."

### Roman Relics Found in Wales.

Workmen engaged in diverting a roadway at Welwyn, Herts, Wales, unearthed seven Roman urns in a good state of preservation, a Roman spur, two drinking bowls six inches high, one smaller cup, a bowl, some bronze plate, an iron standard and a small ura six inches high.

### Beware of Ointments for Catarrh that Contain Mercury.

Mercury will destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescription from a reputable physician, as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

### Kindness is wisdom. There is none in life but needs it and may learn.—Bailey.

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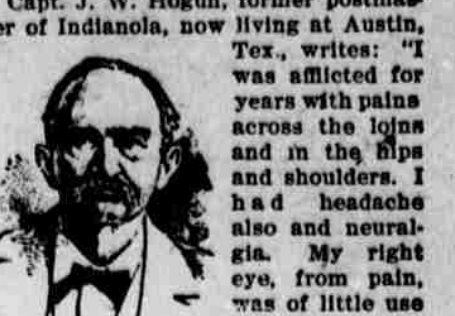
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### Hints for the Pipe Lover.

The Canadian Cigar and Tobacco Journal gives some hints to those who smoke pipes. Everybody thinks he knows how to smoke a pipe, but to do it perfectly is not easy. "Time is a keynote of successful pipe smoking," says the Journal, "and another is gentleness. Take it easy. Don't crowd the pipe to the top of the bowl. Never get a pipe hot. Keep cool, and keep your pipe cool. You can relight a pipe, and if you are an old smoker you will be all the better for it. When you have finished do not refill a heated pipe."

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# THE PIG IS THE THING

TEXAS SWINE BREEDERS TO MEET IN VAN ALSTYNE.

## "LET'S PLANT MORE PIGS"

The Porker is the Builder of Prosperity and the Smasher of the Mort-gage.

Van Alstyne, Tex., Jan. 14.—The Committees having in charge the arrangements for the State meeting of the Swine Breeders' Association, which is to be held here on the 15th and 16th inst., report everything in readiness for the occasion. President Gus W. Thomason of the Business Mens League has called upon the citizens of the town to unite in a special effort to make the meeting a memorable one, and to all appearances this will be done.

On Tuesday morning the opening session will be held in Carter's Opera House, when addresses of welcome will be delivered by the Mayor of the city and the president of the Business Mens League, which will be responded to by Col. Aaron Coffee of McKinney.

The regular program will be taken up in the afternoon. In the evening the Business Mens League will entertain the visitors with a moving picture show and a smoker in the clubrooms of the Association, and the following day will provide a special turkey dinner for them.

The session will continue over Wednesday, a special feature of it being the contest of the members for the best paper on "The Model Hog Farm," for which a cash prize is being offered.

## FROM PEON TO PLUTOCRAT.

A Mexican Makes Good in a Mining Venture.

City of Mexico, Jan. 14.—Mexico has developed an Andrew Carnegie in Pedro Alvarado, the owner of the Palmillo mines in Parral. He declares he believes that the rich should divide with the poor and is more practical than Carnegie in that he proposes to give away his wealth while he is alive, in order that he may see what becomes of it.

Only a few years ago Alvarado was a peon. Rich strikes in abandoned mines have made him a multi-millionaire and he does not know what to do with his money. His wealth is now estimated at \$150,000,000. A few weeks ago he visited Diaz personally and offered to pay off the Mexican National debt. President Diaz refused the offer. Alvarado will visit him again soon and renew the offer.

Alvarado now announces that within the next thirty days he will distribute \$10,000,000 among the poor of Mexico. He says that he got his vast wealth from the earth, which is a part of Mexico, and he proposes that his countrymen shall share in his wealth. His plans in giving away the \$10,000,000 to the poor are of a practical nature. Instead of giving cash, which might be squandered, he will provide homes and land for the poor and equip them so they can earn their living at trades and on plantations. Every effort will be made to encourage industry instead of idleness.

Alvarado promises to make 10,000 Mexicans independent, to educate as many children in the trades and to continue to give away a few million each year for that purpose. He is planning a great school where the Mexican children can learn the latest arts and trades and where advanced agriculture will be taught.

## Lucky Chink Goes Bughouse.

City of Mexico: Ting Wing, a Chinaman, residing at Merida, Yucatan, who recently won the \$10,000 capital prize in a lottery, has been driven insane by his joy. He has lost his faculty of speech and wanders about hopelessly in the street or spends his time hawking in his hut counting over and over again the pesos he drew from a local bank. He is being cared for by Chinese friends.

James Wilson of Springfield, Mo., manager of a large shoe and harness polish factory of that place, is making arrangements to move the plant of the company to Dallas.

The gold output of the Transvaal for 1905 was 24,579,987 pounds, an increase of nearly 4,600,000 pounds over 1904.

The cigar manufactory of P. E. Nolle with all contents, was destroyed at Shawnee, Ok., by a fire originating in an overheated stove. Loss \$1,800, insurance \$1,000.

Reuben Abernathy, a negro, died Saturday at the Caruth farm, near Dallas, aged 96 years. The deceased was a slave in the Caruth family and continued about the place after the emancipation.

The Chinese maritime customs collections for 1906 were \$30,000,000, the largest ever recorded for one year.

France has a population of 39,220,267, according to the latest census taken. This is an increase of only 290,000 over that shown by the census of

# CONGRESS WILL ORATE FAREWELL MESSAGE.

BROWNSVILLE AFFAIR WILL BE IN THE SPOT LIGHT.

## PURDY'S REPORT IS READY

After All the Whole Matter is Likely to Go to Limbo in the Senate.

Washington, Jan. 14.—Some time of the Senate and most of the time of the House during this week will be devoted to the discussion of appropriation bills. The Senate will conclude its consideration of the executive, legislative and judicial appropriation bill and may reach the Indian bill. The House will finish its work on the fortifications bill and will in turn take up the bill making appropriations for the district of Columbia and the diplomatic and consular service.

Before proceeding with appropriation bills the House will devote a day to miscellaneous bills in the interest of the District of Columbia and Monday has been set aside for that purpose. It is also likely that the appropriation bill before the Senate will be temporarily displaced Monday by the Foraker resolution providing for an investigation of the Brownsville riot. Senator Cullom, who has charge of the appropriation bill, announces his purpose not to yield the floor again until this measure is disposed of, and if he persists in his determination consideration of the Brownsville matter will necessarily be deferred.

The prospect of receiving Assistant Attorney General Purdy's report on that subject on Monday adds to what already holds a keen interest and a large attendance may be expected in the Senate when the Brownsville affair is taken under consideration. Speeches are yet to be made by Senators Spooner, Carmack and Stone, and it is not expected that Senator Foraker will permit the closing of the debate without further remarks.

## HOUSE WILL INVESTIGATE.

Today at 10:30 the Matter of Investigation Comes Up.

Austin, Texas, Jan. 12.—The House of Representatives, late yesterday evening, by a vote of 86 to 23, defeated a motion to adjourn until Monday, which was the first test vote upon the proposition to investigate United States Senator Joseph Weldon Bailey. Very shortly thereafter it adopted a resolution down as a special order for 10:30 this morning.

This result was achieved after a determined and skillful filibuster led by Mr. Kennedy, who heads the Bailey forces in the House, in the course of which privileged matters were utilized to stave off the investigation resolution and seemingly heated debates were conducted between men who were prominent in opposing the investigation.

The debate in the House will take place with all outsiders hearing it from the galleries. The anti-lobby portion of the new rules was adopted yesterday without any material change, and in pursuance of the rules the floor of the House was last night cleared of the public element.

Today the issue will be tried. Points of order will no longer prevail. The Bailey people new plan to offer a substitute resolution.

Many members of the Legislature have frankly said that they could not return to their homes and face their constituents if they should vote against investigation.

Joe D. Giddens of Annona, sold a bale of cotton to F. B. Puckett, of that place, for 25 cents a pound. The cotton brought \$134.90 and the seed will easily bring \$100, making the bale net Mr. Giddens \$234.90.

U. S. Senator Bailey has sold to Rear Admiral C. C. Todd of Frankfort, Ky., his farm on the Versailles pike near Lexington, Ky., for \$24,000. The tract contains 100 acres and is known as the Freeman farm.

Fire which started in the tobacco warehouse of Moss & Co., at Lancaster, Pa., spread to adjoining property and caused a loss estimated at \$1,000,000.

A. B. Liggett, superintendent of transportation of the Cotton Belt, died on a southbound train of the Lufkin branch of the Cotton Belt near Pollock. Mr. Liggett got up from the seat he was occupying, evidently to go to another part of the car, when he fell back and expired, heart failure being given as the cause of his death.

Chairman Ross of the House Committee on Naval Affairs expects that ready to report to the House on February 11.

Actual work on the paving of North Travis and Mulberry streets, Sherman, has begun. The material used is vitrified brick.

The Houston and Texas Central is building a new depot at Howe. Austin business men are moving to secure the building on the projected interurban road to Lockhart.

## A Resume of Gov. Lanham's Last and Most Powerful Message.

Upon the organization of the House and Senate, Thursday, Governor S. W. T. Lanham submitted his last official message, of which the following is a resume.

**The School Fund.**  
The net value of the permanent school fund, including cash, bonds, land now and lease, and exclusive of school lands not sold nor leased, was on September 1, 1905, \$46,656,655.49. Since January 20, 1902, and up to March 16, 1905 there had been invested in the purchase of approved bonds \$2,833,328, at an average interest of more than 4 per cent. Subsequently the board has purchased county bonds amounting to \$1,544,000, at an average rate of interest of 4.23 per cent. It has also bought state bonds to the extent of \$44,290 upon a basis of 3 per cent. Owing to the prosperity that has prevailed, large quantities of school land have been sold, the payment of principal and interest on former sales has been greatly stimulated, and many maturing bonds have been paid off and discharged. As a result there was quite an accumulation of money to the credit of the permanent school fund during the year just past, amounting at times to about \$1,000,000. There was a falling off in desirable bond offerings, and it was impossible to dispose of the fund as expeditiously as had previously been the case. In all, since January 20, 1902, the board has invested in approved bonds judiciously the large sum of \$5,218,558, or more than \$1,240,000 for each year, on an average of 1.126, thus adding on hand for further investment the sum of \$4,155,582.54.

**Pardons Granted.**  
During the two official terms up to December 1, 1906, there were granted 392 pardons and many more restorations of civil rights. In addition to the additional pardons have been granted in the exercise of executive clemency where it was deemed proper and appropriate under the circumstances of each particular case. In restoring ex-convicts to civil rights the controlling motive has been that such action might encourage them to lead better lives. In the case of the death penalty has been commuted in five cases, for what appeared to be undue harshness.

**Eleemosynary Institutions.**  
Our eleemosynary institutions have been well conducted and their efficiency improved. Important additions have been made to each of them and their capacities enlarged. It has been necessary to discontinue the provision for the accommodation of insane negroes, that now affords the best of care, and I have no doubt will receive the consideration of the Legislature. Our insane asylums are able to take care of the insane of this State, and there is no longer occasion for their confinement in any unsuitable place. The State lunatic asylum at State Lunatic asylum has proven to be a great success, and the good results it has effected in the past fully justify its creation. Out of more than three hundred patients treated in the course of its operation, only two developed hydrocephalus. The schools for the blind, the deaf and dumb, both white and colored, and the schools for the insane, are well conducted and have been managed with great skill and economy. They have all shown marked improvement and are accomplishing in a most gratifying manner the purposes for which they were designed. The superintendent and his loyal efforts and the best interests taken for their upbuilding and enlargement.

**Confederate Home.**  
For the Confederate Home and Confederate pensions there was appropriated for the two fiscal years ending August 31, 1907, the sum of \$1,054,538. The increase for the two preceding years being \$400,000. About one-seventh of the public revenues was thus appropriated for the care of our Confederate veterans. They have received the considerate care of the State, and for the comfort and convenience of their families and those eligible to pensions, liberal provisions have been made. Investigations have been made by persons and organizations and their reports have shown that the Home is well managed and is now being urged by Confederate organizations, and especially the United Confederate Veterans, looking to the establishment of a home for the wives and widows of ex-Confederate soldiers. I have not had time to have this subject in view and making an appropriation therefor was passed by the twenty-ninth Legislature. It is a great improvement which I believe it to be unconstitutional. I refer to the bill which was introduced in the Legislature for the purpose of conferring upon the Legislature the necessary power to take the proper action.

**Purchasing Agent.**  
The law creating the office of State Purchasing Agent has been in force for eight years. From an economical standpoint its usefulness has been demonstrated. It has been a great saving of money to the State, and it has been a great benefit to the public. It has been a great saving of money to the State, and it has been a great benefit to the public. It has been a great saving of money to the State, and it has been a great benefit to the public.

**Health.**  
The work of our department of public health will, I feel sure, receive the hearty commendation of the people. It has been exceedingly useful and efficient. To it we are indebted for having escaped the yellow fever which was so prevalent in the Gulf States in 1905. It was accomplished at a relatively small cost. We were at an expense of less than \$20,000 for material and labor in 1905 on the borders of Louisiana, Arkansas and the Indian Territory. It has been a great benefit to the State, and it has been a great saving of money to the State. It has been a great benefit to the State, and it has been a great saving of money to the State.

**Insurance Business.**  
A large amount of insurance business has been done by fire and life companies in Texas. For the year 1905 there were 1,000 policies, amounting to the extent of \$19,673,418.20 and total losses of \$6,579,995.68. It has been the policy of this administration to see that only solvent companies should be permitted to do business in the State, and to this end special investigation has been made. In view of the exposure of mismanagement and wrong-doing, which has been perpetrated by certain insurance companies, we cannot be too careful in so legislating as to afford every safeguard for the honest and prudent management of the business. By an act authorizing the creation and providing for the regulation of banks and other financial institutions, the act of May 26, 1905 to the duties of the commissioner of this department was added that of superintendent of banking and through him the law has been put into execution. On December 1, 1906, there had been organized 149 banks, with a combined capital of which amounted to \$5,445,590.

**Lease of School Lands.**  
A large amount of money for the sale and lease of school lands and relating to the sale of mineral lands and the manner of their disposition and have proven quite beneficial. There were sold during the year ending August 31, 1905, of surveyed school land, \$1,290.02 acres, and for the year ending August 31, 1906, 4,519.655, the proceeds amounting to \$1,374,475.85 and \$4,335,264.89. Under the increased appraisal of these surveyed lands there was a gain in value of \$1,095,962.89 over that of former appraisements. At the end of the

last fiscal year there remained unsold approximately 13,000 acres of surveyed school lands, \$461,581 acres of which are situated in the seven counties west of the Pecos River and that portion of Val Verde County in the same locality. Legislation concerning the sale of mineral lands having been repeatedly recommended, found expression in an act approved April 15, 1905, and as a consequence, during the first year after its passage, the State has received \$22,451, as compared with \$13,900 acres for the preceding year. The State has served in a great measure to prevent the acquisition of these lands for less than some-thing like their reasonable value, as well as to prohibit the taking of title therefrom without compensation to the school fund.

**Railroad Commission.**  
The railroad commission has been an established agency of our State government for many years. The necessity for its existence and the public utility it subserves have been so demonstrated as to convince all candid minds that it is not only desirable, but necessary, for the protection of the rights of the people, but also of the railroad corporations. Its work has been practically impossible. Its two annual reports show a considerable reduction of freight rates on nearly all classes and commodities transported by railroads, and express companies between points in the State. During the last four years the railroad rates on the State have been reduced over 1600 miles, making an average of more than 400 miles per year.

**Prohibition of the Issuance of Free Passes by the Railway Companies.**  
The prohibition of the issuance of free passes by the railway companies has long agitated the public mind and has repeatedly received the approval of our political conventions. It has been brought to the notice and commended by the press, and it has received the attention of this session. It would be desirable, and it is a public duty, to keep public officials more regularly and to restrain all other persons from receiving such passes, if they were required to pay their full fare. It is a public duty to do away with special favors and discrimination and place the traveling public on a basis of equality. It might justify and eventuate in a reduction of passenger fares.

**Consolidation.**  
The Twenty-eighth and Twenty-ninth Legislatures passed several bills by certain railroad companies and lines of railway, commonly called consolidation bills. I deem it proper to say that these bills, in my opinion, were not wisely considered, and that the legal advice of the Attorney General was invoked.

**Texas National Guard.**  
The Texas National Guard is now composed of about 2,000 organized and disciplined men. In organization, equipment and discipline it is superior to what it has ever been, although less in numbers, owing to the fact that many of the several companies, it is made up of worthy officers and men who take an interest in military affairs, and who have a proper appreciation of the duties and obligations of citizen-soldiers. They have been called upon to do duty in several cases, and in every case they have conducted themselves as become officers and men in assisting the civil authorities to preserve law and order and suppress threatened tumult, violence and rebellion of the law has been given it has been made possible through them to quell disorders, maintain peace and contribute to the execution of the law. We must maintain our civilization, but we cannot do so by substituting the mob for the court or allowing a mob or number of men to trample upon the rights of the citizen. It is the duty of the State to see that the law is obeyed, and that the constitutionality of the law and the constitutionality of the law is maintained. It is indeed an alarming condition if it is indeed a sheriff with all the power at his command, and if he is indeed a sheriff with all the power at his command, and if he is indeed a sheriff with all the power at his command.

**Attorney General's Department.**  
An extraordinary amount of work and great responsibility has been placed upon the Attorney General. The routine business of his office has been unusually large. The official correspondence, the investigation and approval of bonds, railroads and insurance charters and refund claims, as well as the preparation of legal opinions, and the attention to the heads of departments and other officers throughout the State, have occupied much of the time of his department. In addition to their regular office work, they have been called upon to attend to a great number of suits, the matters in controversy have covered a wide range, embracing suits relating to land leases, electric railroad rates, violations of anti-trust laws, public revenues of various kinds and other miscellaneous subjects. It is nearly all of the cases that have been finally decided the contention of the State has been sustained. The fish and game law has been had in many courts. The law levying a tax upon certain individuals, firms, corporations, etc., has been sustained by the district court and the court of civil appeals. The law providing for taxing intangible personal property has been sustained by the district court. The law levying a tax upon railroad corporations, measured by their gross receipts, has been upheld by the supreme court. It is understood that an appeal will be taken from this judgment to the supreme court. These tax laws passed by the last Legislature have been resisted on constitutional and other grounds, and the litigation arising therefrom has demanded and received the careful attention of the Attorney General and his able associates. Commenced in 1905, there have been received and collected through this office from different sources \$1,190,120.

**Lanham's Farewell.**  
In closing the quadrennium of my service as Governor, it gives me pleasure and patriotic pride that so much of prosperity and popular contentment have prevailed. The material progress, industrial development and general improvement that have marked these four years have never been excelled. I think equaled, and I think surpassed. Our taxable values have been greatly augmented, and our State has been rewarded. Agricultural communities have thriven. Agriculture and horticulture have flourished, and our stock raising industry in abundance and diversification of crops. Our farmers, as a rule, are contented and independent. Our stock industries have prospered. Manufactures have multiplied. Mining has been stimulated. Resources have been explored and utilized. Capital has found profitable investment. Railroads have been constructed and extended. Commerce has expanded. Population has largely increased. Six new counties have been organized. The present is an encouraging and the future is bright with promise. I congratulate the Legislature that it assembles under such favorable circumstances. To have been honored by my people and permitted to be officially associated with these conditions and the growth and expansion of our mighty commonwealth will ever be cherished with grateful recollection. That the State may go on prospering and to prosper growing and to grow, blessing and to bless its people in all that may add to their well-being and dignity, and that the coming and each succeeding administration may improve upon the work of its predecessor, is my earnest prayer.

## OUR AUSTIN CONTRIBUTOR

Austin, January 14.  
From Our Special Correspondent.

No other question now before the people of Texas is so engrossing, talk-time and newspaper space as the Bailey-Davidson matter. Of course, your readers are all acquainted with the case to a greater or less degree, and the majority have either for themselves or publicly committed themselves to the case one way or another. Through all the wrangling of partisans, and above all the bitter sayings that the strenuous, but generally not very influential, ones have indulged in, the really good citizen is pleased to see that there is a determination on the part of the majority of both private citizens and officials to see to it that even and exact justice is done. The four millions of people of Texas have a common interest that rises above all individual men or even political parties, and with all this there are enough men in this Great Empire State to see to it that out of all the befogging and pettifoggings things that are said and printed, the eternal truth is sifted out, and the State gets the benefit of the sifting. In all letters like this, which will be read by both Bailey and by anti-Bailey men, and all of them regardless of the side of the question they may be arrayed on—that is all that are worthy of consideration—are honestly trying to use their citizenship for the greatest good to the greatest number, it would be unbecoming to attempt to draw a conclusion of the whole matter, except to say that, no matter what may be the final result, there are enough good men and women in Texas to keep the "Old Ship of State" headed up the stream, and they will see to it whether in defeat or success that the Empire State goes right along growing greater and better day by day.

But little is determined as to procedure this week, because of the interest taken in the Bailey-Davidson controversy, and it is likely that outside this matter, but little will be done. To prognosticate action would be a bolder guesswork, for the committee are not even organized fully for action, and these must get to work before real work can be done. The week opens up with a continuation of the investigation discussion, and it looks like this will run for some time. According to the law under which United States Senators are elected, the ballot will be spread tomorrow. It is thought now that the election will be adjourned from day to day for a period, as has been done in a number of instances in other States, and dispatch that has characterized an already difficult beginning, there may be many reasons to be glad that he succeeded, and this is said not in disparagement of any other candidate, but is a just tribute to Col. Love, who deserves it.

The farewell message of Gov. Lanham was a long and dignified document and showed that he had well in hand the problems before the State. His position on the question of enlarged eleemosynary institutions was well taken for it is a fact that there is hardly a jail in Texas that has not in it from one to several persons who need the care of an institution of healing, and who would likely soon recover normal health if so placed, but whose cases drift on to an incurable state through confinement and neglect.

In order that those who may not remember the promises upon which the Thirtieth Legislature was elected, the following enumeration may be found refreshing:

The second plank in the state Democratic platform demands a law that will prohibit lobbying.

The third plank demands a law that will prohibit the issuance and use of free passes, or franks by railroads and other corporations in Texas.

The fourth plank demands a law that will prohibit corporations from contributing to the campaign expenses of any party or individual.

The fifth plank demands a law defining insolvent corporations and demanding that such be prohibited from doing business in Texas.

The sixth plank demands that telephone and telegraph companies be compelled to transmit each other's messages and arrange connections therefor.

The seventh plank demands that private corporations shall pay in fifty per cent of their capital stock before filing charter and the remainder within two years.

The eighth plank declares strongly against the practice of nepotism, and demands laws that will eliminate it from the public service of the state of Texas.

The ninth plank demands the enactment of uniform text-book laws.

The tenth plank demands amendments to drainage and irrigation laws that will render them more effective.

The eleventh plank demands a juvenile court law.

The twelfth plank demands the amendment and perfecting of the state election law.

The thirteenth plank demands ample provision for all state eleemosynary institutions.

The fourteenth plank demands laws that will improve the public road system.

The fifteenth plank demands the establishment and maintenance of a home for decrepit wives and widows of Confederate soldiers and sailors.

The seventeenth plank demands that

taxes on useful occupation be removed.

The eighteenth plank demands the enactment of more just and equitable taxation laws.

The nineteenth plank demands the establishment of a department of agriculture, more adequate support and equipment for the agricultural college, the female industrial college, that industrial thought be taught in all the schools, and demands more liberal financial support for the state university, the various state colleges and schools, experiment stations and farmers' institutes.

A great deal has been said about "free passes," but as the amount of extraneous journeying by representatives is holding up to the usual amount, still "good things." There is little it is thought that some railways are likelihood of anything radical being done along the line of free passes. The air down here seems different from that over the State and it has a way of stifling good intentions. Some are stifled entirely, some are merely subdued and others are only slightly affected, but the effect of the air here is certainly wonderful.

If Senator Chamber's bill, which provides that persons charging more than ten per cent interest on loan of money shall be guilty of usury, becomes a law, it will be a serious blow to the pawnbrokers operating in the state. The bill provides that all persons found guilty of violating this law, should it be enacted, shall forfeit both principal and interest.

Senator Griggs of Houston is carrying out the wishes of the Daughters of the Republic and the people of Texas for that matter, by the bill he introduced in the senate Friday. It provides for an appropriation of \$25,000 to acquire additional land of the San Jacinto battlefield, and also to be expended in beautifying this historical spot. Superintendent of Public Buildings and Grounds Gilbert recommends this matter to the consideration of the legislature in his last annual report.

The first and probably the only consolidation bill which will be introduced in the legislature, was introduced Friday in the senate. It is the bill providing for the consolidation by the Santa Fe, and requires the connecting of a through line from Galveston to a point on Red river in Lamar county, which requires about fifteen miles to be constructed from the Santa Fe to the present Texas and Gulf railway below Timpson, and an extension to the latter from Longview to the Red river. It provides for the Texas Gulf, Beaumont and Great Northern and Kansas City railroads.

Great importance is attached to the bill introduced in the senate by Senator Griggs and Masterson giving the State the right of eminent domain for the construction of bridges across Galveston Bay. This is taken to indicate that the Galveston-Houston interurban will now be in a position to commence the construction of that proposed interurban line, in the event his bill becomes a law.

I alluded to the "Sawsiety" demand upon the city in my last. Well, it seems that the house has but small interest in the doings or the arrangements for the function of the season, the inauguration ball, for it positively refused to adjourn for a day to loaf on the streets while the decorators took possession of the Capitol. All day yesterday was put in by the "artists" in fixing up the place, and the nights of Sunday and Monday went the same way. Already the city is agog over the parties from various towns of the State who are to do "star" stunts at the affair, and some of them are now in the city, getting used to the Capitolian atmosphere.

One of the most active men in Austin is Walter Petzet, chairman of the legislative board of the State Federation of Labor. Petzet is an old hand at "getting things done," and as he has pitched his camp in Austin for the session, he is long or short, the solon who gets a bill through that is in any way inimical to the interests of the labor organization will be entitled to the honor of "Chief of Italian Hands." Petzet has in hand five important measures in the interest of labor, as follows:

A bill providing for the safety of persons employed in and about mines, and requiring periodical inspection of mines to enforce compliance with the law.

A bill to provide for the safety of the public and the employes of railroads in Texas by requiring all railroads to equip all road locomotives running at night with electric headlights of equal candle power to electric headlights now in use.

A bill prohibiting railroad companies from operating trains with less than a sufficient crew to safely handle the same—requiring one engineer, one fireman, one conductor and one brakeman on all passenger trains, and two brakemen on all freight trains, and that all light engines running over the road shall have one engineer, one fireman and one conductor.

A law preventing corporations exacting private contracts from employees on entering their service limiting the liability of such corporations by requiring notice to be given of claims for damages with unreasonable limits, and pleading failure of notice in bar of suit of damages.

A bill creating the office of labor commissioner, whose duty it shall be to collect and publish information relative to labor, similar to laws now in force in a large majority of the states of the Union.

The seventeenth plank demands that



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HASKELL, TEXAS, JAN. 19, 1907.

If you don't pay your poll tax before February 1st you can't vote in any election this year.

Senator Tillman got his pitchfork in the wrong way when he lunged at the Brownsville matter.

If you want to save from 25 to 33% per cent on your year's supply of dry goods, shoes, hats, etc., come to Haskell—come a runnin'. See the advertisements in this paper for particulars.

Look over the advertisements in the FREE PRESS this week and you will be impressed with the fact that it will pay you to come a long way to Haskell just now if you have a few dollars to spend for dry goods.

We presume that all along President Roosevelt put about the correct estimate on those who were clamoring for "justice" for the negro soldiers. He knew how deeply their hearts were affected.

Stop, lift your hat and salute. This, January 19th, is the one-hundredth anniversary of the birth of Robert E. Lee, great as a citizen, great as a soldier, great as a moral and Christian force.

You ought to pay your poll tax and help the school fund that much, even if you don't care to vote. The poll tax goes into the school fund and you get it back again.

We begin this week the publication of a weekly letter from Austin, which will be continued during the sitting of the Thirtieth legislature. These letters will be written by a capable writer and will throw considerable light upon the doings at the State capital.

The attention of our farmer friends, and especially members of the Union, is called to the fact that we have begun in this issue the publication of a Farmers' Union department, which we will make a regular feature in the future. No doubt all farmers will find in it matter of interest to them.

## SENATORIAL ELECTION.

The special election for the purpose of electing a state senator in the 28th district, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Senator Hawkins, is set for Monday the 21 day of January. Too often the people show too little interest in special elections like this, as was the case in the recent election of a representative from this district, in which perhaps not more than a fourth of the vote of the district was polled. Such action on the part of the people—the very people whose interests are directly at stake—carries a bad influence with it. Possibly one of the worst effects of this sort of indifference on the part of the people is its influence on the legislators, who are very likely to argue from it that the people are paying very little attention to what they are doing or how they are doing it and consequently are not so circumspect in their conduct nor so vigilant in their watchfulness and care of the people's interests. And those who are disposed to serve their own interest or betray the people's interest feel that there is small probability of detection when the people manifest such apathy and indifference. These are facts about which the people should take a little thought.

Of course it is a little trouble to keep up with the times and what is going on and to go to the polls and vote, but every man worthy to claim citizenship in a free government owes it to himself, to the state and to his posterity to do this. It is the only way in which a pure, clean and honest government can be maintained. Indeed, no more potent truth was ever uttered than that contained in Jefferson's warning that, "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty!"

The counties composing this senatorial district, the 28th, are Palo Pinto, Stephens, Eastland, Midland, Glasscock, Ector, Winkler, Loving, Ward, Crane, Upton, Terry, Gaines, Yoakum, Borden, Lynn, Dawson, Kent, Scurry, Garza, Fisher, Stonewall, Jones, Haskell, Shackelford.

It is understood that the issue which precipitated this election involves the reelection by the legislature of United States Senator Bailey. Mr. Hawkins, who was elected state senator by this district at the last general election, having resigned because, he said, that in view of the charges against Senator Bailey he could not conscientiously comply with the instructions given in the July primary and vote for Senator Bailey's return. He offers for

reelection on the proposition that if he is reelected the district endorses his position. Opposed to him is Mr. W. J. Cunningham, also of Abilene and the district attorney in his district, who avows his intention if elected to vote for Senator Bailey's return to the senate. No other question is being discussed in the campaign between Messrs. Hawkins and Cunningham, or by anyone else, for that matter.

## WHEN THE KIDNEYS ARE AILING.

The Urgent Need of Prompt Restorative Measures is Something That Every One Should Understand.

"A Stitch in Time Saves Nine."

Slight disorders in the kidneys or urinary organs are more serious than most people think. The first warning symptoms should receive prompt medical treatment to ward off Bright's Disease or some other dangerous malady. When the kidneys are ailing and the symptoms become sufficiently pronounced to be noticeable the condition calls at once for prompt measures to stay the progress of the disease. Prickly Ash Bitters is the remedy needed. Taken on the appearance of the first symptoms, such as pain in the back, puffiness under the eyes, irregularities in the urine, digestive disorders, it will save the victim incalculable misery and suffering, mental torture and expense. Used at the beginning of the trouble it cures quickly. Used in the more advanced stages it will win back health and strength as rapidly as circumstances will possibly permit.

Accept no substitute. Insist on having the genuine Prickly Ash Bitters with the large figure 2 in red on the front label.

Sold at Drug Stores. \$1.00 Per bottle.

Mr. B. A. Barnes of Center, Texas, who purchased land in this county and lots in Haskell about fourteen years ago, most of which he owns yet, was here several days this week. Mr. Barnes says that he has at last decided to move to Haskell with his family. He is through the FREE PRESS, and we will be pleased to welcome him to our midst.

Cut this out and take it to Teraell's Drug Store and get a free sample of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. These tablets are far superior to pills, being easier to take and more pleasant in effect. They correct disorders of the stomach, liver and bowels.

If it's plow gear you want, Evers at Haskell has them.

Mr. Jim Cunningham, one of the progressive farmers of the east side, was in town Monday and called at our sanctum and set his subscription account up another year, and he also had us send the paper to his father in Kaufman county.

When you want a well, cistern or storm house dug, see Alfred Leavitt, Haskell, Texas. (5t)

# Alexander Mercantile Co.

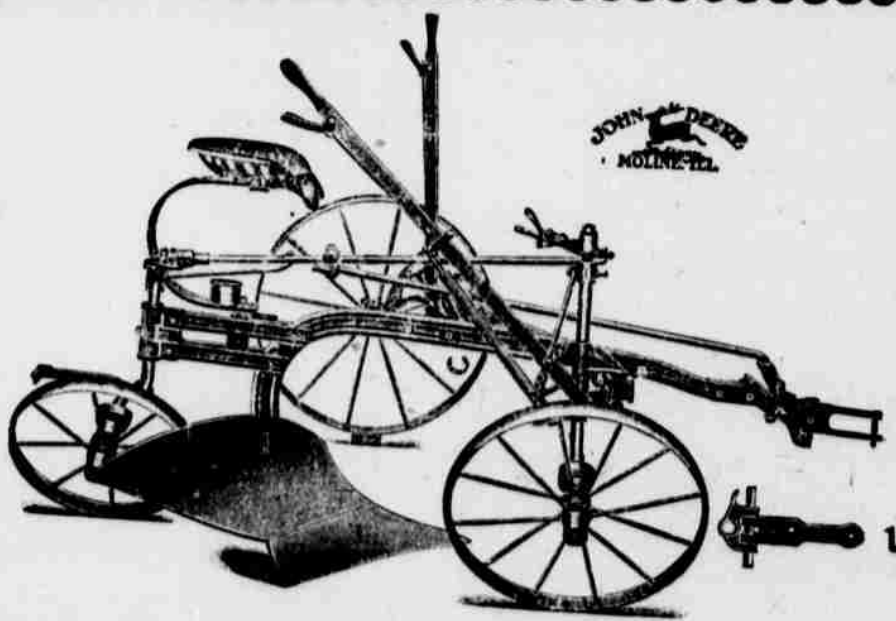
## JANUARY CLEARANCE SALE--NOW ON

We are making preparations for Spring stock and are selling at very low prices all seasonable goods.

## OUR BARGAIN COUNTER

will surely interest you. Don't fail to see this counter when in the store. Every item on it--GOOD clean stock, and going at very low prices.

# Alexander Mercantile Co.



The John Deere is the plow that does your work up O. K.

BUILDER'S HARDWARE, Complete line.  
CARPENTER'S TOOLS, best makes.  
BARBED WIRE at low price. See us about prices on anything in our line.

## Undertakers' Supplies.

We carry a full line of undertakers supplies and have a hearse to let for funerals.

# CASON, COX & CO.

HASKELL, TEXAS.

## MONEY SAVED IS MONEY MADE

That is what you can do if you want a good CULTIVATOR for little money. Buy now, while prices are right. Good machines at \$23.00.

Having a few Cultivators that was bought at the hands of a receiver, they are slightly damaged in appearance, but the quality unaffected.

The best chance that you have had to get a good Cultivator for the coming years work.

This great slaughter of prices will close Feb. 15. Come at once and see them and don't miss this

Great Opportunity.

# SHERRILL BROS. & CO.

The FREE PRESS has recently been the recipient of several compliments both publicly and privately given. It is a human institution and very naturally feels gratified and encouraged by such expressions of appreciation and approval from our best citizens.

Mr. W. P. B. Tucker has sold his place near Rule and moved back to Haskell.

**To Tax Payers.**  
If you don't pay your taxes before the first day of February there will be added to the amount 10 per cent. Don't forget, it is the law.  
M. E. Park,  
Sheriff and tax Col.

Mr. J. W. Mason of Williamson county purchased a farm near Rule the other day and paid \$50 per acre for it.

For small sandy land farms cheap, see the Texas Land Co., Haskell.

Mr. R. W. Williams of Rule was in Haskell Thursday. He still likes to joke.

The water works at Weinert, the new town on the Wichita Valley, were burned a few days ago. The fire was caused by an explosion of gasoline. We are informed that new machinery will be put in at once.

Mrs. R. W. Williams of Rule visited and attended church in Haskell Sunday.

For bargains in Haskell city property see Johnson & Davis.



# SHOT, - SHELL - AND - DYNAMITE

## CYCLONES & RAINSTORMS

Can't stop the work, and like chain lightning the sale goes on.

### ONLY THIRTY DAYS

but it will bring sunshine to your homes. Every item in these stores bears the big mark of destruction. Our prices will sell **CARPETS AND RUGS.**

Kouldn't Kause the Kommotion we Koused Last Thursday. It wasn't Minnie Balls, but it was Cannon Balls that hit 'em right and left.

## HASKELL AND STAMFORD ARE IN THE SWIM.

The tidal wave that brings joy to the hearts of the people has reached Jones and Haskell counties. The poor as well as the rich can have some of the good things of this world. **EVERYTHING AT SALE PRICES.** We are not in the trust and you buy **The Best Calico for 4 1-2 cts. THE YARD.**

## MERCHANDISE WAS THROWN TO THE FOUR WINDS

All Haskell and Stamford Turned out last Thursday - **Crowding the Store**

Surging to and fro, trying to get waited on. We did our level best but now we have more people to wait on you. We want to see you. We want all the people of Haskell, Jones and surrounding counties to come out and enjoy a feast in merchandise buying, such as they never saw before in their lives. This sale lasts until the midnight hours of February 9, 1907. It is on each and every article in these big stores. It's gala day in Haskell and Stamford. It's red hot selling all over the house. We want kash, and we want it quick, so we send word to the people and they are coming by the hundreds. The whole house is ablaze with bargains. It is sunshine for the farmer and working man, but a blighting frost to competition. Whatever you want it will cost you less at Egger & Son. We are shooting hard. If it is

## KALIKO, DRESS GOODS, Clothing, Hats, Kaps, UNDERWEAR

or anything in the notion line you will surely be here to get it. A big lot of tailor-made suits to close out at sacrifice prices. Tremendous values in ladies and misses cloaks and jackets. We save you from \$2.00 to a five dollar bill on Ladies Skirts. Egger & Son's word is their bond, and you all know you get what is promised. Nothing advertised that we can't and wont show you. Trunks, suit cases, carpets, mattings all go in this great effort to get cash. It's the battle of our lives to cut these big stocks down. All the roads leading to Haskell and Stamford are lined with people. They have heard of the sale and nothing but a cyclone could keep them away. 'Cause we have made prices that has got them to shouting out 'loud. Would be competitors have set up the yell that Egger & Son are losing thousands of dollars to cut these big stocks down, but it is going to be done at all hazards. Their word is out. It is a duty you owe to yourselves and family to place your hard earned dollars where they will go the farthest. Gigantic bargains in

## Fable Linens, Bed Spreads, Lace Curtains

### IT'S CASH WE WANT

We want it quick. Will you come and gather in some of the big bargains that are waiting for you and your family. We believe you will. We've got more clothing in these stores than any concern in these towns. We own it direct from the manufacturers. It has not passed through the hands of jobbers in any community and can buy it here at prices that absolutely shake these stores. **PRICE VETS** until you would think they had had the price for a thousand years. \$25.00 suits for 19.95; \$30.00 suits for 15.95; \$17.50 suits for 13.95; \$15.00 suits for 12.95; \$12.50 suits for 10.95; \$10.00 suits for 8.95. We've got the prices cut on all of them and on some we save a cool forty or fifty per cent. **MOTHERS WE WANT** you to come down and get your wants in the clothing line for the little folks. The like was never seen before and we think will again in this city. It wont cost you much more than while this sale lasts. We've got thousands of

things in our Notion department. You will want them now while 9 cents here will nearly do the work of 20 cents elsewhere. All standard calicoes go at 4/8c per yard. Cotton checks and bleached domestic at prices far below what you would expect to find them at. Outing flannels and sheetings at prices never made before by mortal man. There isn't much time to work in, come now and get your share. Our shoe sale is a revelation and a **DOLLAR SAVER TO YOU.** They are piled out on the counters. Shoes for men at \$1.49 per pair that formerly sold for \$2.00, \$2.50 and \$3.00. Ladies shoes for 95c. Hamilton-Brown American Lady shoes for \$2.45—were never sold under \$3.00. On these shoes we have made a special price that means a saving of from 50c to \$1.50 on every pair. All blankets at reduced figures and thousands of other articles too numerous to mention here, that you will want. A visit will convince you that these are absolute facts. Ladies underwear at 19c that always sold for 25c before this sale. All our laces and embroideries are sold for less than the other fellow pays for his. All tickings, shirtings, percales, and cambrics go in the same low way. We don't expect to look for profits. It's

money we want and we want it quick. **OUR LOSS IS YOUR GAIN.** We lead the procession—others must follow. Mens' hats are in the cut and slash list at the most ruinous prices you ever saw, Ladies skirts and petticoats almost given away and the biggest bargains in Dress Goods ever shown this side of New York. Mens' underwear at prices that will surprise you. Heavy fleeced underwear at 75c the suit. Those suspenders worth 25c for 9c the pair are **A FROST TO COMPETITION.** Our hosiery line is complete, and they all go at prices far below the original value of the goods. All of our apron check gingham at 6c. The dry goods side is the liveliest spot in a hundred miles of here. Everything in Dress Goods cut to the quick and they must go in this sale. You can get two dress patterns at about **THE PRICE OF ONE ELSEWHERE.** We haven't said much about table linens, but we are going to talk out loud and straight from the shoulder. You'll buy table linens at about the price others will charge you for oil cloth. It is facts in cold print. Our underwear specials consist of everything in the house. Gloves don't cost much during this sale, and everything is at cut prices.

### IT WILL PAY YOU TO COME FIFTY MILES TO BUY YOUR SUPPLIES

matters not whether you want a suit of clothes, a trunk, or a suit case, one Dress Pattern or a dozen for your wife and the girls, or whether you want Underwear for the whole family; whether it is shoes for yourself, the children or your wife; whether it is corsets, no matter of any and all kinds. They are all here for you with the big mark of destruction staring you in the face.

Go Into all the Surrounding Country and in Your Travels, Tell 'em About This Sale.

Struggle in the Far East  
It is a comparison to some of the  
of these war-priced vets to  
through the line. You know  
a fellow is crippled he will  
at 10% of us use. We cut this  
stock loose for 30 days and no  
what you want your hard  
dollar will buy nearly as much  
elsewhere.  
**GET OUR SALE.**

Tell them about this store; that everything they get is the best money can buy. That  
it all goes in this effort to get cash. We need your cash; you need our goods.

## D. EGGER & SON

HAVE IT FOR LESS  
STAMFORD AND HASKELL

We've Got 'em Boiling Over  
Our prices on lace curtains, bed  
spreads and towels have raised their  
hair. The price on lace curtains has  
been cut one-fourth off. You'll buy  
towels cheaper than you ever saw  
them in your life. Everything in  
these stores goes. They are howling  
now, they'll yelp before we get  
through.  
**GET THAT SUIT TODAY.**



# The Chance to Make \$3.00 Do the Work of \$4.00

A statement like that is worth looking into isn't it? And if it is found to be true it is worth acting upon isn't it?

It is an actual fact that for the next fifteen days we are going to give the greatest reductions in the price of Dry Goods you have ever enjoyed. Room is the coveted object with us. Room for our Spring goods which have already begun to arrive, and to make this room we have placed a price on every item in the

## Dry Goods Department

that will surely make it go.

It is a business proposition for both you and us. It is a chance for you to get Good Clean Seasonable Merchandise goods that you NEED EVERY DAY for one-fourth less than you usually pay.

It is a chance for us to make room for our Spring goods, to give them a better display, and thereby increased our sales on Spring Goods.

### Men's Sanitary Fleece Underwear, 70c Per Suit.

BED SPREADS	
\$3.50 grade for	\$2.55
\$3.00 " "	\$2.25
\$1.00 " "	85c

TABLE LINEN	
\$1.25 grade for	95c
75c " "	65c
60c " "	45c

EMBROIDERY	
15c grade for	10c
35c " "	19c
10c " "	6c
5c " "	4c
50c " "	35c

LADIES SKIRTS	
\$7.00 grade for	\$5.75
\$6.00 " "	\$3.95
\$4.00 " "	\$2.95
\$2.50 " "	\$1.95

50c Neck Wear for	35c
\$3.50 hats for	\$2.45
5 pr half hose 10c grade for 30c	

BLANKETS	
85c grade for	60c
\$1.50 " "	\$1.10
\$2.00 " "	\$1.45
\$5.00 " "	\$3.95
\$7.00 " "	\$5.15

UNDER SKIRTS	
\$1.25 grade for	95c
75c " "	60c
\$1.50 " "	\$1.10
\$1.00 " "	75c

DRESS GOODS	
\$1.25 grade for	95c
60c " "	45c
35c " "	27c

CLOAKS	
\$15.00 grade for	\$9.95
\$12.50 " "	8.95
7.00 " "	4.85
6.00 " "	4.35
\$1.50 Dress Shirt	\$1.15
\$1.10 " "	85c
75c " "	50c

Nothing but GOOD HONEST, CLEAN GOODS will be offered for sale. We have no old shelf worn stock that we are trying to unload. We are wanting room and CASH. These prices will surely bring us both.

## HUNT & GRISSOM

THE STORE

WITH THE GOODS

Mr. J. F. Jeter, one of the prosperous farmers of the southwest part of the county, sold cotton in Haskell Monday and had his name enrolled as a FREE PRESS subscriber.

Take your jewelry to Craig, the jeweler, for repairs. North side of square.

The W. H. M. Society will meet at the parsonage Friday at 3 p. m., January 25, and we are requested to say that all members of the society are requested to attend the meeting.

Bring me all repairing on saddles, harnesses, boots and shoes. Evers, Haskell.

### Locals and Personals

R. M. Craig, practical watchmaker, north side of square.

See or write the Texas Land Co. If you want a farm or town property.

Remember that we are to elect a state senator Monday.

Mr. L. D. Morgan returned this week from trip to Emma, from which place he is moving back to Haskell.

Judge P. D. Sanders and Mr. M. S. Shook made a business trip to Stamford the early part of the week.

I have taken the front chair in the Haskell Barber Shop, where I will be pleased to meet my old friends and customers. C. R. Peters.

Mr. C. G. Jolly, late of Limestone County, has lately settled in the southeastern portion of this county.

Mr. P. D. Solomon was in town Monday and one of his acts, appreciated by the FREE PRESS, was to subscribe for this paper.

Miss Addie Haswell went to Hutto Monday to teach in the public school at that place. She ordered the FREE PRESS sent to her address, and will keep up with Haskell happenings.

We have some bargains in farms for cash. See us. West Texas Development Co.

Mr. R. P. Williams of Pinkerton has purchased the Lion Ton restaurant on the east side of the square and moved to Haskell.

Mr. T. J. Lisle and wife of Aurora, Texas, are visiting the family of Mr. Lisle's brother, Mr. O. P. Lisle of this place.

We still have plenty of money to loan at 8 per cent on land and to buy Vendor's Lien notes. Sanders & Wilson.

Messrs. W. S. Fouts and J. E. Cloud made a drive Monday with their greyhounds and caught a wolf.

Messrs. C. D. Grissom, W. W. Kitley and Walter Tharp went out bird hunting the other day and killed 101 birds.

We are in receipt of the second issue of the Channing Courier with J. C. O'Bryan editor and proprietor. It is a five column quarto, handsomely gotten up mechanically, is well edited and carries a good array of local matter. The FREE PRESS with Mr. O'Bryan's many Haskell friends wishes him success in his new journalistic enterprise.

When you want to go to the depot ring No. 25 for Simmons' Wagonette.

## NOTICE

To WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

All parties indebted to the CENTRAL MEAT MARKET will please call and settle same at once.

Thanking each and every one for their liberal patronage in the past, we respectfully solicit a fair share of your patronage in the future.

We pay the highest cash price for cattle, hogs and hides.

Wishing you a prosperous year, we are

RESPECTFULLY,

**HASKEW BROS.**

## NOTICE!

If you have EYE TROUBLE and wish to know plain facts about your condition we will frankly tell you without charge what we can do for you. We do not claim to CURE THE INCURABLE, though we have cured many who were blind for years and had BEEN TREATED AND PRONOUNCED INCURABLE. We do not ask you to take our word, but invite investigation. Glasses Accurately Fitted and Guaranteed to give Satisfaction.

Dr. DALY Will be in Haskell JANUARY 25 and 26th OFFICE AT THE WRIGHT HOUSE

Judge W. C. Jackson returned Monday from Comanche accompanied by his family. Judge Jackson established a law office here some time since and this completes his move and permanent establishment in Haskell — this together with the fact that he has ordered the FREE PRESS sent to him.

Messrs. T. E. Ballard, W. T. Hudson and J. L. Baldwin each shipped two cars of beef cattle to Fort Worth Monday.

Our co-operative men are getting busy and will soon be here with the buyers. List your bargains with us quick. West Texas Development Company.

Our abstract books are complete and up-to-date. Get your abstracts from Sanders & Wilson.

Our long spell of midwinter spring weather disappeared Tuesday with the advent of a cool wind from the north, disagreeable on account of the mist and drizzle accompanying it. The weather turned warm again Wednesday afternoon and has remained warm, but cloudy, with a mist and fog at times, which is rather unusual here.

Don't forget, your poll tax; it must be paid before February 1, or you will not be a voter during the succeeding twelve months.

Take your jewelry to Craig, the jeweler, for repairs.

We have bargains in cheap homes in Haskell. See us, north side of square. West Texas Development Company.

The light crust or Burris' upper crust flour at S. L. Robertson & Co's.

Mr. Samuel Hunter a real estate man of New Madrid Mo., who is on a tour of investigation through Texas, was in Haskell yesterday. He was pleased with our town and country and subscribed for the FREE PRESS to keep him in touch with it.

Mrs. B. L. Frost and son Wyatt are visiting old friends in Haskell, of whom she has many and who are very much pleased to see her after an absence of several years.

There is much good news for buyers in the FREE PRESS ads this week.

Mr. Leon Gilliam, the popular book-keeper for the Farmers' National Bank, celebrated his birthday on Thursday with a dinner to which he invited a number of young lady and gentlemen friends. Not being a girl, we don't suppose he will object to our remarking that it was his twenty-second anniversary on this terrestrial globe.

### The Haskell National Bank.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Haskell National Bank held on the 8th instant the old board of directors was unanimously re-elected, as follows: M. S. Pierson, G. R. Couch, M. Pierson, T. E. Ballard, F. M. Morton, S. W. Scott and Lee Pierson.

At a succeeding meeting of the board of directors the old officers were re-elected to their former positions and the office of second vice-president was added, to wit: M. S. Pierson, president; Lee Pierson, vice-president; T. E. Ballard, second vice-president; G. R. Couch, cashier; M. Pierson, assistant cashier.

In this action the stockholders recognized the ability and faithfulness of the old board of directors and officers in the past management of the affairs of the bank, which is now one of the oldest and most substantial financial institutions of West Texas, and the increase in the volume of its business is keeping pace with the rapid development of the town and county. When its annual statement was made on Dec. 31 its deposits amounted to \$298,571.57 which, we understand, have since increased to \$300,000.

### Accidentally Shoots Himself.

San Marcos: Postmaster Owen Ford was instantly killed here Friday morning. The tragedy was enacted just as he got out of his carriage in front of the office. He got out of the carriage and told the driver to wait until he got his gun. Just then the driver heard the report of a pistol and when he got to Ford he was dead. The ball entered the temple and death was instantaneous. The shot is believed to have been accidental.

### Negro Coal Heavers Strike.

Taylor: Ten negro coal heavers employed in the coal chutes of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway at Granger, north of Taylor, struck for higher wages and quit work. During the rush of cotton picking season these laborers were paid \$2 a day of ten hour's work. Since labor became more plentiful the wages of the heavers were reduced to \$1.75 per day, hence the strike.

John McKay, district clerk of Bell county, it is understood, has been appointed chief clerk of the state treasury department by Treasurer-elect

We have a large line of House, Roof, Barn and Buggy Paints, Varnishes, Stains and Enamels

which we are going to sell out between now and JANUARY 1st at a very low price. Don't fail to call on us and get our prices before painting. We will save you money.

## Collier-Andruss Co.

North Side Square - HASKELL, TEXAS

## OPERA HOUSE STABLE

HASKELL, - - TEXAS.

DAILY HACK TO RULE—Leave Haskell 7:25 Meets northbound train at Rule at 10:58 a. m.

We will furnish good rigs to all surrounding points. Charges Moderate. TRY US FOR PROMPT BUSINESS.

**SIMMONS BROS.**



It's LIKE Dropping Money in a HOLE

When you buy cheap goods at good prices, but when you buy

## Good Goods at CHEAP PRICES

then it's like "getting money from home!" I am in a position to offer you the

BEST GOODS FOR THE LEAST MONEY

My groceries are absolutely fresh and my hardware to date, only the best.

All I ask is a fair trial, then I know you will be convinced.

My Motto: "We Split the Price."

YOURS FOR BUSINESS,

**H. J. RICKLEMS**

WEINERT, - - - TEXAS

### THE MAGAZINE CLUB.

Holds First Meeting of Current Year and is Entertained.

On the 5th instant the Magazine Club held one of its most pleasant business meetings with Mrs. Montgomery. After the business hour an enjoyable diversion was given by the hostess and dainty prizes were awarded, Mrs. W. E. Sherrill winning one and Mrs. H. R. Jones carrying off the "booby." Delicious refreshments were served, and the club women adjourned, thanking their hostess for a most pleasant afternoon, and feeling that this, their first meeting of 1907, was an auspicious beginning of the pleasant meetings in store for them.

The Magazine Club was delightfully entertained by Mrs. H. S. Wilson on last Saturday afternoon. The legal status of woman in Texas was the study for the hour and the discussions on the subject were very interesting. After the lesson was concluded light refreshments were served and the clubwomen departed feeling that Mrs. Wilson was an ideal hostess and clubwoman.

At the recent stockholders' meeting of the First National Bank of Knox City, our townsman G. R. Couch, cashier of the Haskell National Bank, was honored by his election to the presidency.

Lighter crust or "Burris' upper crust" flour at S. L. Robertson & Co's.

Mr. J. W. Bell for an immense house on the south-

Try the light crust S. L. Robertson & Co's.

Mr. E. F. Epley where he is engaged in business, is back on rents, who reside in of the county. Mr. ally selling stock which he and a brother and are endeavoring

Tax Collector C. King his assets and funds so many more than formerly than of his time to count the time the meets in June.

The Burris is the best.

Nothing shows in prosperity of our town more than the improvement of the farms. At the meeting, Stockholders of the National Bank of 8th inst., after new dead and new was increased handle the limited

Mr. H. J. Ricklems general manager of Haskell The prop-



# BIG JANUARY CLEARING SALE!

THE BARS THROWN DOWN

\$20,000 Worth of Fall and Winter Goods to be Sacrificed

# AT COST

From Jan. 19th to February 10th

We will install one of the Greatest Money-Saving Events in the history of our business. During the past year we have enjoyed the most phenomenal business in our history, but our January invoice shows that we have on hand too many seasonable goods. These goods must be sold. We naturally feel liberal and intend to make this Clearing Sale a record breaker. We feel justly proud of the reputation our house has gained of handling only first class goods, and it is only this class of goods we shall offer in this sale.

We quote you a few sample prices below to give you an idea of how they run all through our stock. We doubt if you can find their equal anywhere--we are quite sure you can not beat them on the same grade or quality of goods:

## DRESS GOODS

That were \$1.35	NOW \$1.10	That were \$1.25	NOW \$1.00
" " 1.25	" 1.00	" " 1.00	" .85
" " .85	" .60	" " .65	" .45
" " .50	" .35	" " .40	" .30
" " .35	" .25	" " .25	" .17½

That were 12½c NOW 10c

## OUTINGS

That were 12½c	NOW 10c	That were 16 2-3	NOW 12½c
" " 10c	" 8 1-3	CALICOES	
" " 8 1-3c	" 6½c	Everything in this line at 5c	

## KAMONA GOODS

## BLEACHED DOMESTIC

That was 10c	NOW 8c
" " 7½c	" 6½c
" " 6½c	" 6c

## BROWN DOMESTIC

That was 10c	NOW 8 1-3c
" " 8 1-3	" 7½c
" " 6c	" 5c

## COTTON FLANNEL

That was 12½c	NOW 11c
" " 10c	" 8 1-3
" " 8 1-3	" 6½c

## BLEACHED SHEETING 10-4

That was 25c NOW 20c

BROWN SHEETING 10-4 That was 27½c NOW 25c

## LADIES CLOAKS

That were \$15.00	NOW \$10.00
" " 12.50	" 9.35
" " 11.50	" 8.25
" " 9.00	" 6.00
" " 6.00	" 4.00
" " 4.00	" 3.25

## LADIES UNION SUITS

That were \$1.25	NOW 85c
" " .85	" 55c
" " .65	" 45c
" " .35	" 25c

## LADIES SKIRTS

That were \$5.00	NOW \$4.25
" " 3.50	" 2.40
" " 2.50	" 1.40
" " 1.75	" 1.00

## LADIES KID GLOVES

That were \$1.25	NOW \$1.00
" " 1.00	" .75

We have these in all colors.

## Ladies Golf Gloves

That were 50 cts.	NOW 40 cts.
" " 35 cts.	" 25 cts.

## PEARL BUTTONS

That were 10c Doz. NOW 5c.

## MEN'S CLOTHING

Suits that were \$22.50,	NOW \$16.50
" " 20.00	" 15.40
" " 18.00	" 13.75
" " 15.00	" 11.00
" " 12.50	" 9.35
" " 10.00	" 7.15
" " 8.50	" 6.05

## Men's and Youth's Overcoats

That were \$10.00	NOW \$7.15
" " 8.50	" 5.50
" " 7.50	" 4.95
" " 6.00	" 3.85

## Childrens Overcoats and Jackets

That were \$4.00	NOW \$3.05
" " 3.50	" 2.50
" " 2.50	" 1.65
" " 1.50	" .95

## Blankets

That were \$5.00	NOW \$3.85
" " 4.00	" 3.30
" " 3.50	" 2.50
" " 2.00	" 1.40
" " 1.75	" 1.10
" " 1.25	" .85
" " 1.00	" .75
" " .75	" .55

## COMFORTS

That were \$2.00	NOW \$1.40
" " 1.75	" 1.25
" " 1.50	" 1.10
" " 1.25	" .90

Remember that everything in our entire general merchandise department goes at corresponding prices, including

# Dry-Goods, Notions, Clothing, Shoes, Hats, Etc.

When you consider the quality of our goods you must see at once that the prices are remarkable. There is no shoddy or trashy goods in our stock. When We Say

**COST we mean COST for CASH**

This sale is like swapping dollars and we must have the cash down, as the only advantage we gain is in getting the money to put into a big stock of Spring Goods.

Our clearing sale last year was a big success and gave universal satisfaction and we are sure this one will do the same.

# S L ROBERTSON & CO.



# SERIAL STORY

## Lavender Creighton's Lovers

By OLIVIA B. STROHM

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"Gerald," she moaned beneath her breath, and she stroked his arm with a pitiful little caress as if to assure herself that he, at least, was spared. Then she knelt over her dead father's body.

Winstow opened his eyes to see a motley crew—some bent on giving aid, others only seeking a fresh sensation. For this furnished keen zest to the frontiersman, because of its savor of blood and death.

With the pain of being lifted, Winstow swooned again, nor saw the sad little procession which, taking the opposite road, followed the dead man and his child to the lonely cabin on the branch.

All unconscious of the journey on the litter, and still half-delirious, Winstow opened his eyes again. This time they rested upon dull rafters above his head, studying the antics of a spider pendant there.

Then his unseeing eyes traveled down the walls where grotesque shadows leaped in obedience to the flicker of candles. A murmur of voices and the click of glasses reached his ears, but as echoes from a distance.

An impious voice proposed a toast: "Here's to the soul of old Jabez Miller! May he keep the fires all hot till we get there!"

And this time the answering shouts were louder to his slowly rousing senses. He heard the gentle remonstrance: "Hush! if you can't let the dead rest in peace, you might have a care for the living."

There was a moment's silence—but for a moment only. What was there to be solemn about in the death of this old man, the scar-visaged hunchback who drank many a bottle, but never asked their company? And this wounded stranger—who was he, that they should keep silence for him? A knife-wound more or less, a stab in the dark—what did it matter? So the roystering crew drank and made merry while to the sick man, on his bed of boughs in the farthest corner, their shouts were faint and far echoes, bringing struggling reason home.

A step crossed the room, and somebody bent over him. He could dimly see the outline of a woman, lithe and slender. That her hair was inky black, instead of bronze; her eyes jet, instead of purple-blue, he did not see. To his wavering vision the octoroon's face, dark with the warm olive of the south, shone white and pure. He had been dreaming of his love, of Lavender, and now she was here! One weak hand stole upwards, until it touched hers. His eyes glowed with the light of fever and passion. The unconscious action was a revelation of all his smoldering, secretly cherished love. And the woman bending over him, saw and understood; in his delirium he mistook her for another, for the fair white girl his heart desired. She would let him think so—let him believe it was she who ministered. So she smoothed his hair and bathed his temples, moistening the hot lips that murmured her name.

CHAPTER XV.  
When Lavender and the Spaniard left the dance in search of Gerald, they followed the road that led to the inn.

"Where are we going?" Lavender murmured, "hadn't we better wait here? He will surely return to the party."

But Gonzaga insisted. "It is only a short walk to the 'Sign of the Bat,' and the night is heavenly."

"But why should Gerald seek such a place at this hour?"

Gonzaga coughed deprecatingly. "He may have business with some of the village folk, and your brother knows where to find them. Besides, the boat is there."

His argument prevailed, and Lavender walked at his side through the breathless, fragrant night.

Half the distance passed, they were startled by a woman's scream. They could not guess whence it came, for no other sound followed. Instinctively Lavender shrank back. The Spaniard took advantage of her fright to put one arm protectively around her, but she broke from him and hurried forward.

"There is trouble near," she said; "let us hurry." And he quickened his pace to hers.

As they came in sight of the tavern torches flared through the avenue of trees that led in the opposite direction. They could vaguely distinguish forms moving away, the lights they bore growing dimmer through the interfering boughs.

But another row of torches was coming toward the inn, and between the smudgy lights, and half obscured by their smoke, trudged a file of men bending beneath a litter. In the doorway, peering out, stood a woman whose dark beauty Lavender at once recognized.

"That is the octoroon, Belle, who was with us on the boat," she whispered. "Why is she here?"

"Her master keeps the inn," Gonzaga explained. "They have been in St. Charles for some time. Shall I go forward and find out what is the matter?"

"Do so, please. I will wait here." Out of the circle of light she re-

mained unseen, unnoticed in the excitement, while Gonzaga went forward. For his was more than idle interest—more than curiosity. He was feverishly anxious to know if that woman's scream, if this light and uproar, all had to do with his plot which, even now, should reach its climax.

Near the door of the inn lounged the landlord in apathetic attitude. In the breast of this one-time planter and man of fortune vicissitude had bred a dull indifference, half philosophy, half bitterness. From his seat on the horse block outside he watched the now deserted bar with meager interest in the proceedings. Disgusted, world-weary, he felt no emotion at sight of the on-coming litter, though its burden was, perhaps, a corpse which had for requiem only this clamor for candle torches, and for pall the sky.

The particulars the landlord had learned as Gonzaga approached. The latter greeted him. "Good evening, Price. You have excitement of the real kind to offer them who tarry tonight. What is the trouble?"

"One man killed; another pretty near it," was the response, and, in reply to the Spaniard's tone, which, in spite of him was eager, Price continued: "The dead man is Jabez Miller, whose daughter young Creighton keeps company with. The other one—the one who was wounded—see, they are carrying him to my place."

Then, with a quick look at Gonzaga's face, he added: "A friend of yours, maybe?" for his listener had grown white as the brow of the unconscious Winstow who was at that instant borne past.

The Spaniard rallied with an effort. Had his deeply laid plan, his deliberate scheme to ruin Winstow's reputation resulted in his death? To win the love of that girl hovering there in the shadow he would risk much, but he had not meant this.

"A friend of mine? Hardly that," he replied. "But I met him on the boat, as you know. Is he—is he dead?"

Price shook his head. "Guess not, but badly cut. Jabez was always handy with his knife."

"How did they happen to meet?"

"Lord knows. Jabez was skulking about to catch Sue, I reckon; but I can't imagine what brought the other man to this place this time o' night."

"A love affair, possibly?" and Gonzaga lowered his voice to a suggestive whisper.

The landlord shrugged his shoulders. "Don't know," he said, rising; but the other stopped him. "One moment, have you seen the young Creighton—Gerald?"

"No," was the curt reply, and Price went indoors.

A lounge near by volunteered: "He's gone home—along o' the other gang; helpin' Sue with the funeral arrangements."

Then he added with a titter: "First time he was ever let in at the front door, I'll bet on that."

Somebody else said: "Do they know who killed her pa?" And the first speaker replied: "Well, it ain't extry hard to guess. Sue says her dad and this city stranger tussled a bit, then her dad whipped out a knife and stuck the other fellow. The next she knowed Jabez himself was deader 'n a coon, with a slash in the neck just like a knife cut. Taint much of a riddle how he got it. What d'ye s'pose that other man was doin' all that time? Thinkin' o' home and mother?" and the speaker grinned sarcastically.

Gonzaga rejoined Lavender, whom he found trembling with fright and anxiety.

"Where is Gerald?" she asked.

But he hastened to assure her. "Your brother is safe. I did not see him, but hear that he has gone with those who carried the dead home."

The girl's voice sank to a pining note. "Then there are two dead?"

"No, senorita. The man whom you saw borne on the litter is not dead; only wounded. He will live—yes, he will live." He repeated this, as if to an inward accuser. He spoke slowly, too, in the hope that she would catch the meaning in his tone, and ask the reason for it. For he had now fully decided to make the most of this web which his own planning and unforeseen circumstances had conspired to weave. But it was evident that Lavender had, thus far, no suspicions. It was time they were roused.

"The dead man was Jabez Miller—father of the girl whom you saw tonight peeping in at the dancers. Do you remember?"

"Oh, yes; the girl with the 'city lover.' It was her poor father who was killed, you say. By whom?"

"By that 'city lover.'"

There was a pause while Lavender watched the crowd ambling to and fro about the tavern, her eyes wide with fright. Both hands pressed the scarlet blossoms of the Judas tree at her breast.

Gonzaga continued: "From all I can learn her father had heard of the midnight appointment in the wood and resolved it should be the last. He interfered—with the result we see."

Lavender interrupted him, half choking. "It is too horrible! I have seen enough—heard enough. Can we not find Gerald, and then—then let us go home, home to the forest, where there is no humanity to pollute the air of heaven?"

She spoke wildly, unnerved by the sights she had witnessed, by the brawling and ribald jests. To the daintily bred girl from far Virginia the backwoodsman was a being whom to meet was a venture—to oppose, madness. She knew that there were exceptions—were not Gerald and her father frontiersmen? But outnumbering their class were the "gouger" and the ruffian, many of the scum of civilization.

Gradually the revelers began to disperse, and in noisy groups retrace past

where the two yet lingered in the shadow.

"Why does not Gerald come?" Lavender complained. Then suddenly, with suspicion of ill: "We cannot find him," she said. "You do not offer to bring me to him—the man on the litter—" her voice rose to a little shriek of agonized suspense.

"No, no, Miss Creighton; on my honor it is not your brother." He took her hand to steady her, and she did not forbid him. She seemed not conscious of his presence. But at the touch of her, at this first sign of yielding, his purpose was fixed, his last scruple vanished. Possession of the woman beside him was the goal—what did he care for the means? All was fair in love.

"It is not your brother. But do you know who he is? He who lies upon a bed of straw in yonder inn? It is the man who murdered the father of his sweetheart because he resented her betrayal. It is the traitor to his friends, to his flag! See," and he led her, unwilling, to the window of the now almost deserted tavern.

There, in the corner, his pallid face shining out of the gloom, lay Winstow, one shoulder swathed in white, his dress of nankeen stained with blood and travel. And at sight of him thus Lavender gave a scream that was half a sob. In that moment her heart went out to him with all the affectionate yearning of an earliest fancy. Half to herself she breathed his name and moved impulsively to enter. But Gonzaga barred the way. "Are you sure of a welcome? I believe he came to see—" He paused and she stood silent.

Her eyes drooped before his, wherein were blended mocking triumph and evil suggestion. Here, then, was the

proof with which this man had threatened to confront her. Proof that Winstow's reasons for his failure to see her—the story of his detention at St. Louis were a cheat—a lie. He had been, instead, engaged in dishonorable tryst with a girl whose father's blood now stained his hand. It was not alone that she suffered through jealousy and wounded pride; her faith in a true and loyal knight was shattered. She turned sick and giddy as her idol fell.

The voice of Gonzaga recalled her; she shrank from the pity in it.

"Come away, Miss Creighton. I will take you home."

There was a proprietary tenderness in his tone which she resented. It nerved her—roused her pride. "I prefer to wait for my brother," she said, in a leaden, weary tone, then, turning aimlessly away: "We might walk a little until he returns," she said.

Gonzaga followed, a look of cruel satisfaction on his handsome face.

For some time they walked in silence through the random street of the settlement, with the worm trail of the fence on either hand. Ghostly and quiet were the cabins, fragrant the juniper weed everywhere, moist and cool the kisses of the night wind.

Gradually her scattered senses returned. "Let us go back to the tavern," she said. "Gerald may be there by this time."

Her voice was steady, her manner self-possessed, and the man could not mock her with sympathy, dared not press his advantage.

CHAPTER XVI.  
On their return to the "Bat," only a faint light blinked drowsily through the window. There was no sound—the last gust was gone. The door swung half ajar, and on its step, her head against the post, her hands crossed on her knees, sat the octoroon, Belle. She was staring into the glade of over-arched trees, where not even the light of a star filtered.

When Lavender came within the gleam of the candle, the octoroon recognized and came forward to greet her.

Controlling herself by an effort, Lavender said: "I have heard the news; is there anything we can do?"

In spite of her attempt, her manner was forced, cold.

The other woman's quick instinct noted it. "No, thank you, ma'am; we will keep him here for awhile. At sunrise Mr. Price is going for the doctor."

There was a short pause, and the octoroon continued: "Mr. Winstow must have come very sudden."

With eyes low on the ground, the girl replied: "I should imagine so."

Lowering her voice, to a note of meaning softness, the other said: "I thought you would have been the first to know of his coming."

Lavender had begun an embarrassed reply, but just then a querulous note of pain, as of a sufferer coming back from oblivion, sounded through the half-open door.

"Excuse me, he may want something," the octoroon murmured, and hurried into the tavern.

And she, who would gladly give of her health and strength to his service—she stood outside unnoticed, unremembered.

The wind rose, bending the branches of the trees until they scraped the roof with a dismal sighing. Just beyond, the river fretted its foam-edged way to the sea. Tears trickled down the girl's cheeks as she stood thus alone in the dark.

The Spaniard had gone to meet a man who approached from the farther edge of the forest. It was Gerald, and to Gonzaga now, his presence was most undesirable. Explanation from her brother would start questioning from Lavender which must exonerate Winstow. He must find a way to prevent discussion.

Out of the range of light Gonzaga stopped Gerald, and spoke rapidly and low. "Your sister knows of the encounter, but she does not know of your part in it. As your friend, Mr. Creighton, I have allowed her to be ignorant of your connection with this affair. She would be terribly shocked; is it not better to let her be deceived?"

"The youth's face grew paler in the darkness. 'Then she has heard?'"

"Only a part."

"Certainly she does. Winstow was there—Winstow was shot—Winstow was, therefore, the lover. A natural supposition, is it not?"

The other drew himself up with disdain. "It would be too dishonorable, senior. I cannot let an innocent man suffer for me. That he has been wounded through my fault is bad enough; more I cannot permit."

But Gonzaga asked politely: "One question: Did you kill this old man, Miller?"

### COUNSEL FOR THE DEFENSE

#### Defended a Treasured Tree and Himself as Well and Won His Point.

William Austin, in 1811 a resident of Charlestown, Mass., was a man of determination, not easily influenced. As an illustration of his firmness, says Youth's Companion, Mr. T. T. Sawyer, in "Old Charlestown," tells the following story: Along High street there stood at that time several remarkably large and fine elm trees. One of these, the grandest of all, was in the middle of the street, nearly in front of the Austin mansion. There came a time when the selectmen of the town looked upon it as an obstruction to travel, and by vote directed the superintendent of streets to cut it down.

One pleasant morning, Capt. James Deblois, who was then at the head of the street department, appeared with his men, provided with axes to carry out the order. Mr. Austin, who had learned what was to be done, had risen early and taken a position by the tree as its defender.

"I understand," he remarked to Capt. Deblois, "that you are here with the intention of destroying this beautiful tree."

"That is so," replied the captain. "I have a copy of the vote of the board of selectmen authorizing and directing me to cut it down, and I shall obey orders."

"But you are not authorized, sir," said Mr. Austin. "To chop off my legs, which will have to be done before the blade of an axe touches this tree."

"Squire Austin," said Capt. Deblois, "I have great respect for you as a man and as a lawyer, but you know you have no right to place yourself in this position, and if you persist you must take the consequences."

"Ah, sir," said Mr. Austin. "I am prepared for that. I shall defend the tree and defend myself, and it is you who must take the consequences if you advance further in this wicked business. And you have lived long enough in the town with me, Capt. Deblois, to know that I am in earnest."

While this was going on around the tree, a remonstrance, which had been signed by many citizens, reached the chairman of the selectmen, who soon appeared on the spot to stay proceedings; and on his assurance that nothing further would be done until after a hearing of the remonstrance, Squire Austin left his post at the tree and went in to a late breakfast.

The old tree was not disturbed until years afterward, but grew on, admired and appreciated by all lovers of the grand and beautiful in nature, a continued joy to its defender as long as he lived.

#### Surgeon's Nightmare.

Two patients who called in company upon a noted surgeon, found him bemoaning a twinge of pain in his right forefinger. The callers smiled.

"Great Scott, doctor!" exclaimed one, "you don't mean to say that a pain in the finger bothers a man so used to scenes of suffering as yourself?"

"It certainly does," the surgeon answered, with a worried look. "How do I know that it isn't the first symptom of blood poisoning? That is the nightmare of the surgeon. No matter how careful he may be, he is liable to contract poisoning in operating and that kind of poison is of the most virulent type. Any time a surgeon is complaining about a pain in the hand, sympathize with him, for he is doing some hard guessing."—Philadelphia Record.

#### Versatile Sam Young.

One of the most remarkable men that ever lived in Columbia, said Col. J. S. Dorsey the other day, "was Sam Young, who was a lawyer here for 12 or 15 years before the war. He was not only a good lawyer, but one of the best actors I ever saw on the stage. He was a fine shoemaker, the best cigarmaker I ever saw, and could play a violin as well as the old masters. He could make the most effective temperance speech and then a few hours afterward could be drunker than any other man in Columbia. He made an ideal prayer meeting leader and could beat everyone else in a poker game. He was the most accomplished man I ever saw."—Columbia (Mo.) Herald.

# Farmers' Co-Operative Union Of America

How about your split log drag? They are surely doing the work up in Grayson County.

If there are not enough farmers in the Unions to control and keep down those elements that some say are at all times threatening to "work" the Union, it is a real good time to get out and hustle in a few more farmers. Don't you think so?

Don't let the children miss school a single day. It is often now or never in getting a schooling, and you cannot afford to have the lack of an education for your child charged up to your carelessness. You are already too deeply in debt to opportunity to take any more risks.

There isn't much danger of the Unions going to the demeriton bow wows as some of the alarmists seem to think. It is a shame that one finds doubt of the ability of the horny-handed, hard-headed, big-hearted yeomanry of this country to manage an organization that they compose almost absolutely.

Since the size of the crop doesn't depend so much upon the amount of land cultivated as it does upon how the cultivation is done, it seems that every one interested in the real weal of the country would immediately get busy in the scattered movement now on foot to "make two blades of grass to grow where only one grew before."

If you are not prepared to fight the mortgage and its concomitant devastating interest, get ready now. The actual farmers have paid enough to mortgagees in Texas to have bought half of the State within the past dozen years. The sack of flour bought under a crop mortgage will generally cost just one and a half times as much as one bought with the almighty green stuff, and this rule will hold good through all the things you buy that way.

If a bale of cotton won't buy as much meat now as a bale of cotton would ten years ago, better raise feed crops, fatten meat and let the old bale of cotton go to thunder. It breaks backs, anyhow; and it breaks pockets, and it keeps the children out of school and cheats them out of their education. There's a whole lot to be said against a bale of cotton before much can be said for it.

### PRESIDENT BARRETT IN TEXAS.

President C. S. Barrett, of the National Farmers' Educational and Co-Operative Union, whose home is in Atwater, Ga., is on a visit to different Unions of the Texas organization. Mr. Barrett brings the news that his State is going to fall several thousand bales short of its usual cotton crop this year.

Excessive rains, followed by drouths of several weeks' duration, rust and the boll weevil have all combined to make the result disastrous to the farmer. Mr. Barrett says, however, that year's yield will not be as much as a million bales, the estimate made at the Texarkana convention last fall.

Mr. Barrett says that the growth of the Georgia State Union is exceeded only by that of the Texas organization. About four big State rallies or conventions, he says, are held each year by the State organizations in the endeavor to increase the growth, influence and general usefulness of the Union to its members. The next one, he says, will be held at Atlanta, Ga., on Jan. 22. Among the list of speakers to address this convention appears the names of Hon. Thomas E. Watson, late presidential nominee on the Populist ticket, and Hon. John Temple Graves. Mr. Barrett extends the invitation to each and every member of the Texas Union to attend this meeting.

### CO-OPERATOR CLIPPINGS.

Let us be builders of warehouses. Now is the time to begin to take care of the next crop.

What a mighty force the producers will be when they understand themselves!

Good morning. Have you a warehouse in your community? If not, go to work to get one.

An industrial organization must be clear of politics. All sidings are very unsafe. Let us stay on the main track.

As long as we depend upon the other fellow to help us, we will never build a proper system. We must depend upon ourselves.

Why is it some merchants play into the hands of the bear speculators, thus injuring their own customers and thereby injuring themselves. It does not seem that a merchant with a thimble more a farmer gets for his cotton, or grain, or whatever crop he has for sale, the more money he would have to spend for dry goods and other such things.

Senator Hansborough has offered an amendment in the United States Senate to the existing law for the denaturing of alcohol, that authorizes farmers to distill denatured alcohol on their premises under certain restrictions. This denatured alcohol is intended as a fuel for running farm machinery and every character of light engines, as well as for cooking and lighting purposes. It is claimed it can be manufactured and sold for less than kerosene and gasoline, and that it is actually safe, while the others are dangerous.

Let us not blame the other fellow. Let's go in and take control ourselves. There is no other way to have stability of prices. The producer has always been his own worst enemy. He breaks the market by feeding it too fast. We must make the demand and supply equal market demands if necessary.

Never get discouraged. The world was not made in a day. By organization and agitation we have accomplished wonders. We must now get down to business and make permanent the success we have achieved. This can not be done without work. This can not be done without money. Sentiment is not going to build permanently.

President J. A. West of the Indiana State Union has a very able proclamation in this issue. Be sure to read it, every line of it. Brother West is a progressive, capable official, who believes in going forward. He stands for a solid line-up of the Co-operators of the entire country. Read the proclamation.

According to the census report, each member of the farmer's family gets only 17 cents a day, while the family on an average produces over \$2000 a year, and they are the most unorganized and defenseless body of labor slaves in the United States. The poorest paid working man is the farmer. Get it in the neck because they are not organized. Join the Farmers' Union and demand justice.

Mighty near the last call for the planting of trees in those waste corners. Have you ordered them yet?

### TYPES OF SUCCESSFUL FARMING.

The following examples of successful farming in some of the Southern States is taken from a national document issued by the National Agricultural Department:

"While stock raising is not at the present time carried on to a large extent in the cotton-growing portions of Louisiana, Arkansas and Northeastern Texas, there are widely scattered phases of it.

"Dairying has made gratifying progress in a good many places; for instance, Hammond, La., once a cotton-growing center, is now shipping 700 gallons of milk daily to New Orleans. At Marshall, Tex., one man has run a successful dairy for three years. In that time he has built up his herd to about 75 cows, pure-bred and high-grade Jerseys, the returns from which are over \$500 a month. The gross receipts from each cow in a herd of 40 high-grade Jerseys at Lafayette, La., for the past year ranged from \$180 to \$222. The milk in this case is bottled and sold to local customers at 25 to 30 cents per gallon.

"In the matter of beef production, the Louisiana Experiment Station has demonstrated that 'market tappers' can be produced for the Chicago market. The Mississippi Experiment Station has produced high-grade two-year-old feeders at a cost not exceeding \$12. These facts indicate that there are large possibilities in beef production in the South.

"In scattered instances horses and mule colts sell readily at 1 year old for \$40 to \$50, at 2 years old for \$75 to \$100, and at 3 years old for \$150 to \$200. There has never been a time in recent years when good mules did not bring good prices. Horses are not usually sold until broken, when they sell for \$100 to \$200.

"Angora goats have been found profitable near the northern limit of the cotton area, and in rare cases are to be found further South. These should be raised in the South. These should be raised in the South.

"Many instances could be given of success with hogs, especially where alfalfa has become established and is used for pasture. In those sections where alfalfa has not passed the experimental stage other crops are used for hog pasture, and the industry is bound to be highly profitable. In fact, there is no portion of the country where pork can be raised more cheaply.

find a place in the timbered sections, especially in the hill lands, where they would be valuable in clearing the land of brush and where the character of the soil is conducive to good health among them.

"An example of successful general farming is found in the hills of Lincoln Parish, La., where a man on 125 acres of his 1900-acre plantation has for ten years raised all the hay and grain not only for his own stock, but for that of all his tenants. For the markets he produces horses and mules, milch cows and stockers, pure-bred Poland China pigs, and Plymouth Rock, Rhode Island Red, and Wyandotte chickens, besides cotton, corn, oats, peas, peanuts, sweet potatoes, hay, ribbon cane syrup and lard.

"There is a strong, growing demand in the North for Southern-grown vegetables and fruits. Many of these can be put on the markets at seasons when there is little or no competition and can be disposed of at paying prices. Successful fruit-growing and truck-growing associations exist in some portions of this territory, and the number is increasing each year."

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**Dr. Hester's Accounts.**

All of Dr. Hester's medical accounts have been turned over to me for collection and all persons knowing themselves indebted to him will please call on me at Haskell and arrange settlement of same. T. J. Lemmon.

**THE VALUE OF ADVERTISING.**

Thousands of people have been induced to try Harts' Honey and Horehound from reading what it has done for others, and having tested its merits for themselves are now its warmest friends. Our readers may rely on Harts' Honey and Horehound to cure a bad cold more quickly than any other medicine. For weak lungs and bronchial troubles no other remedy can compare with it. 25c, 50c and \$1.00 bottles sold at Terrell's Drug Store.

**A LADY HUNG.**

It was reported that a lady was hung, an investigation was made and the lady was found hanging on her husband's arm begging him to get that carpenter Reavis to fix up their old house or build a new one.

A Jamaican Lady Speaks Highly of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

Mrs. Michael Hart, wife of the superintendent of Cart Service at Kingston, Jamaica, West Indies Islands, says that she has for some years used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for coughs, croup and whooping cough and has found it very beneficial. She has implicit confidence in it and would not be without a bottle of it in her home. Sold at Terrell's Drug Store.

**Young Mares for Sale.**

We have a lot of good young mares for sale at reasonable figures. They are in charge of J. A. Davis. One mile west of Rule. Mr. Davis is authorized to make prices and terms. Jones Bros.

**Dangers of a Cold and How to Avoid Them.**

More fatalities have their origin in or result from a cold than from any other cause. This fact alone should make people more careful as there is no danger whatever from a cold when it is properly treated in the beginning. For many years Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has been recognized as the most prompt and effectual medicine in use for this disease. It acts on nature's plan, loosens the cough, relieves the lungs, opens the secretions and aids nature in restoring the system to a healthy condition. Sold at Terrell's Drug Store.

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**BANK DIRECTORS ELECTED.**

At the regular annual election of directors and officers of the Farmers' National Bank, held on the 8th instant, the old set of directors and officers were reelected without exception, to wit: T. L. Montgomery, president; H. M. Rike, vice-president; R. C. Montgomery, cashier; J. F. Vernon, assistant cashier. This was a natural result of their efficient and successful management of this growing institution. The old board of directors, composed of T. L. Montgomery, H. S. Post, J. S. Williams, H. M. Rike, A. G. Neathery, J. F. Pinkerton, B. F. McCollum, R. C. Montgomery and W. M. Sager, were also re-elected.

**THE GRIP.**

"Before we can sympathize with others, we must have suffered ourselves." No one can realize the suffering attendant upon an attack of the grip, unless he has had the actual experience. There is probably no disease that causes so much physical and mental agony, or which so successfully defies medical aid. All danger from the grip, however, may be avoided by the prompt use of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Among the tens of thousands who have used this remedy, not one case has ever been reported that has resulted in pneumonia or that has not recovered. For sale at Terrell's Drug Store.

**Farmers' Union Call.**

On account of the rainy, bad weather Tuesday not a sufficient number of delegates from the local unions responded to the call for a meeting of the county union on that date to transact the business.

The delegates present met and adjourned to meet again on Saturday, Feb. 2, 1907, to which date the former call was extended and each local requested to send its delegate without fail.

By order of the Union,  
J. G. BLAKE, Sec.

**THE JOY**

of living is to have good health. Use Herbine and you will have bushels of joy. You need not be blue, fretful and have that bad taste in your mouth. Try a bottle of Herbine, a positive cure for all liver complaints. E. Harrell, Austin, Texas, writes: "I have used Herbine for over a year, and find it a fine regulator. I gladly recommend it as a fine medicine for Dyspepsia."

**READ THIS**

I have a nice line of clocks, watches, solid gold, plain and set rings, spectacles, etc., at 40 per cent. discount. Eyes tested and glasses fitted perfectly. Clocks 55 cts. to \$3.50, Seth Thomas. Spectacles 15 cts. to \$2.00. Best Elgin watches \$5.00 to \$12.00. Don't Miss these bargains. Call at my residence.

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Many thanks to the Haskell people for their liberal patronage the past twenty years. Respectfully,  
W. H. PARSONS,  
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**WHY**

should your baby suffer? When he is fretful and restless, don't experiment on him and use any old thing your neighbors recommend. Buy a bottle of Whites Cream Vermifuge greatest known medicine and cure for all children diseases. It is mild in its action, builds up the system, makes thin, puny babies fat. Mrs. J. C. Smith, Tampa Fla., writes: "My baby was thin and sickly, could not retain its food and cried all night. I used one bottle of White's Cream Vermifuge and in a few days baby was laughing, happy and well."

**Wichita Valley Schedule.**

The train schedule as now arranged on the Wichita Valley Railroad is:  
North bound arrives at 9:40 a. m.  
South " " " 2:15 p. m.

Druggist have for sale anywhere from thirteen to thirty different kinds of cough medicines. When any one medicine proves so much more satisfactory and salable than another it must possess more than ordinary merit. R. B. Gibson, the leading druggist at New Auburn, Wis., says: "Harts' Honey and Horehound is my favorite remedy for Coughs, Colds, Croup, Sore Throat and Whooping Cough. I never fail to recommend it to my customers." 25c, 50c and \$1.00 bottles sold at Terrell's Drug Store.

**Veterinary Surgeon Coming.**

Dr. W. R. DeWitt, veterinary surgeon, of De Leon, Texas, will be in Haskell on Jan. 25-26, 1907. Bring him all of your diseased stock for treatment. Examinations free.

Mr. H. E. Melton sold cotton in Haskell Monday and subscribed for the FREE PRESS.

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**MARRIED.**

On last Sunday Mr. Alford Denson and Miss Alice Garren drove to town accompanied by quite a party of friends and were married at the residence of County Judge Joe E. Irby, who performed the ceremony. The accompanying friends were: Mr. Arthur Denson and Miss Kitley, Mr. David Armstrong and Carrie Garren, Mr. Frank Crews and Miss Velma Garren, Mr. Everest Crews and Miss Vannie Armstrong, Mr. Lovern and Miss Edna Davis, Mr. Powers and Miss Ruby Davis. After the ceremony the party were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Davis in Haskell. The bride is the daughter of Mr. W. D. Garren, a substantial citizen of the southwestern portion of the county and the groom is a promising young farmer of this county. The FREE PRESS is pleased to extend its best wishes to the happy couple. May their wedded journey be long, happy and prosperous.

**ALL THE WORLD**

is a stage and Ballard's Snow Liniment plays a most prominent part. It has no superior for Rheumatism, stiff joints, cuts, sprains, and all pains. Buy it, try it, and you will always use it. Anybody who has used Ballard's Snow Liniment is a living proof of what it does. Buy a trial bottle. 25c, 50c and \$1.00.

**Crawford Elected Representative.**

Reports by telephone yesterday indicated that Mr. Crawford had carried this district for representative by about 150 majority over Mr. Condron. It appears that the former carried Young and Knox counties and the latter the counties of Throckmorton, Haskell, Baylor and Archer, in which the vote was very light.

Aching in the small of the back is an indication of Bright's Disease. The proper course in such cases is to take a few doses of Prickly Ash Bitters. It is an effective kidney remedy and bowel regulator. C. E. Terrell, Special Agent.

Mr. W. G. Kemp of the eastern portion of the county died last Sunday and was buried at the Pleasant Valley burial ground. Mr. Kemp was very old and had several sons residing in the county.

Mr. Rufus Clay of the Carney neighborhood was in town Tuesday.

**Spent a Pleasant Evening.**

On Friday evening, the 11 inst., Mr. and Mrs. John Couch entertained a number of friends with the ever popular game of Forty-two. The evening was a beautiful one and helped to make this enjoyable occasion a complete success.

The score cards were unique little burnt leather needle books, and as each game was won, the players became more and more "stuck" on their score cards.

After the ninth game was played dainty refreshments were served and the remainder of the evening was spent in fun and laughter. Mrs. S. W. Scott and Dr. Pinkerton drew for the prize, having tied in winning the same number of games, and Dr. Pinkerton proved to be the lucky one. At twelve o'clock the guests bade their host and hostess a reluctant adieu.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Koister, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Montgomery, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Fields, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Killingsworth, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Jones, Dr. and Mrs. Pinkerton, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Andrus, Mr. and Mrs. Adams, Mrs. H. S. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Curran Hunt and Mr. and Mrs. H. G. McConnell.

**At the Methodist Church.**

The Rev. Jerome Duncan of Stamford will preach at the Methodist church tomorrow at 11 a. m., and Rev. Jno. R. Morris, presiding elder of the Abilene district, will preach at the same place at night. Quarterly conference will be held on Monday.

Mr. T. E. Bowman sold this week to Mr. H. L. Sherrill of Temple his farm of 135 acres nine miles north-west of Haskell for \$2,800 cash. Mr. Sherrill also purchased the Chatwell farm in the same neighborhood about ten days ago for \$4,000.

Mr. W. J. Waggoner, who purchased Mr. M. S. Shook's place in the northeast part of town, is having a good residence built on it.

FOR SALE. 7,000 acre ranch, 2,500 acres of this land is good farming land. All in good grass. Price \$6.00 per acre, terms 1 cash, balance on long time. Johnson & Davis. Over Collier-Andrus Drugstore.