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HASKELL, HASKELL COUNTY, TEXAS, SATURDAY MORNING SEPTEMBER 8, 1906.

NUMBER 36

The Building is Nearing Completion

THE GOODS HAVE BEEN SHIPPED...

We expect to open up in Haskell about September 15th, with a new and complete line of

Dry Goods, Clothing, Shoes, Hats, Trunks, Matting, Etc.

Watch the papers for further announcement.

D. EGGER & SON
"HAVE IT FOR LESS"
STAMFORD, - TEXAS

COUNTY BONDS PAID.

At its August term the commissioners court of Haskell county made provision for the payment of five court house and two road and bridge bonds of the county, thereby reducing the bonded indebtedness of the county to \$41,000. The money with which this indebtedness was paid has been accumulating in the sinking funds for several years, but could not be used as the bonds were not payable until now.

The Breath of Life

It's a significant fact that the strongest animal of its size, the gorilla, also has the largest lungs. Powerful lungs means powerful creatures. How to keep the breathing organs right should be man's chiefest study. Like thousands of others, Mrs. Ora A. Stephens of Port Williams, O., has learned how to do this. She writes: "Three bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery stopped my cough of two years and cured me of what my friends thought consumption. O, it's grand for throat and lung troubles." Guaranteed at Terrells drug store. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

Square to Have New Fence.

At its last term the commissioners court authorized County Judge Oscar E. Oates to have a new fence constructed around the court house square. The new fence to be set in 25 feet from the position occupied by the present fence, thus widening the street around the square. Four public watering troughs, one at each corner, are to be provided.

Take a dose of Prickly Ash Bitters at night when you go to bed and you will feel bright and vigorous next morning. It will insure you a copious and healthy passage of the bowels, improved appetite and digestion and increased energy of body and brain. It beats stimulating drinks because its relative influence is natural, hence permanent. C. E. Terrell, special agent.

We Give as Much Care

and consideration to small accounts as large ones. Begin now to build your fortunes and depositing small amounts regularly with THIS BANK. We are well equipped to afford the best of service and treatment.

THE FARMERS NATIONAL BANK

HASKELL, - TEXAS.

For Sale or Exchange.

One five room house and two lots. Five unimproved resident lots, 70 x 140 ft, choice business lots. Z. B. Thomason

When you lack energy, do not relish your food, feel dull and stupid after eating, you need a few doses of Re-Go Tonic Laxative Syrup. It will make you feel like a new person and give you an appetite like a harvest hand. 25c, 50c and \$1.00 bottles sold at Terrells drug store.

Ask your blacksmith about "Fewer gallons; wears longer."

TERRELLS DRUG STORE.

Haskell Lumber Co.,
HASKELL, - TEXAS.

We carry one of the largest and most complete stocks of Lumber, Sash, Doors, Screen Doors, Cement, Lime, Etc. ever offered to the Haskell trade.

Don't fail to let us make figures on your bill, be it small or large.

Your first bill with us will only be the beginning of a continuous patronage.

This is a new stock and we give you prompt service and courteous treatment.

We Guarantee Satisfaction.
C. D. LONG, Local Mgr.

Miss Ellis Entertains.

Misses Jestany and Annie Ellis very charmingly entertained a large number of their friends Tuesday evening in honor of their guest, Miss Grace Cunningham of Palo Pinto. As the guests arrived they were graciously received by their hostesses who made them feel that it was good to be there. Some time was passed in merry conversation and in meeting Miss Cunningham. After which several very amusing diversions were enjoyed. First the advertising contest in which Miss Vera Neathery and P. J. Anthony received the prize. Each person was requested to write a poem on his or her partner and it was discovered that there were several "sure enough poets." Miss Cunningham's and Wallace Alexander's productions were judged the most brilliant and they received the prize, a pearl handle paper knife. After which dainty refreshments consisting of grape juice and Nabiscoe were served. Each young man present was asked to try his arts at love making and Mr. Walter Hicks was found to be the most progressive love maker and biggest flirt present and was presented with a bunch of suggestive postals. In the circus contest Miss Cora Lemmon drew an animal which the judges thought looked most like an "animal" and she was awarded a box of animal candy.

At a late hour the guests departed, each declaring that he or she had spent a very pleasant evening.

Those present were: Misses Salome Anthony, Ida Maxwell, Dulah Smith, —Graham, Lola Wallace, Eula Poole, Mammie Meadors, Annie Lida Hughes, Alice Poole, Lucille Hughes, Hazle Hudson, Kate Lemmon, Geneva McWhirter, Cora Lemmon, Docia Winn, Bertha Irby, Vera and Fay Neathery. Messrs. O. E. Patterson, Albert English, Ira Ellis, Caleb Terrell, Arthur Brown, Wm. Hunt, Chess Neathery, Walter Hicks, —Cunningham, Byron Wright, Charley Irby, Arthur Cummings, Ollie Henderson, Turner Lewis, Jack Simmons, —Zuggs, Carey Touchstone, P. J. Anthony and Wallace Alexander.

STRAIN TOO GREAT.

Scores of Haskell Readers Find Daily Toll a Burden.

The hustle and worry of business men, The hard work and stooping of workmen, The woman's household cares, Are too great a strain on the kidneys.

Backache, headache, sideache, Kidney troubles, urinary troubles follow.

W. S. Miles, of Big Springs, Texas, says: "Two years ago when on a trip into the Indian Territory, I had a pretty bad attack of kidney backache. A druggist at Muskogee advised me to try Doan's Kidney Pills and I did so. They acted on me like a charm, driving the pain away completely. Since then I have had a return of the trouble brought on by riding much on horseback, and whenever I feel it coming on I get Doan's Kidney Pills. They have never yet failed to relieve me, or other members of my family who have used them."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50c. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States. Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

SCHOOL NOTICE.

School will begin Monday, September 10th, with a six weeks private term. All pupils who expect to attend will please report at the school building between 8:40 and 9 o'clock Monday morning. The terms will be reasonable and it is hoped that all the patrons of the school will send their children the first day in order that no time be lost and the pupils have the full eight months of school to make satisfactory progress, as it is always discouraging to the child to enter his grade six weeks behind the other pupils.

There will be an opening exercise in the auditorium and all parents and friends are cordially invited to be present if they wish to come. We tried to do our duty last year and every effort will be put forth to have a more successful school this year. All patrons and friends are requested to visit and inspect our school work and you will be welcome at any time.

F. L. Morrow, Supt.

Starving to Death.

Because her stomach was so weakened by useless drugging that she could not eat, Mrs. Mary H. Walters of St. Clair St., Columbus, O., was literally starving to death. She writes: "My stomach was so weak from useless drugs that I could not eat, and my nerves so wrecked that I could not sleep; and not before I was given up to die was I induced to try Electric Bitters; with the wonderful result that improvement began at once, and a complete cure followed." Best health Tonic on earth. 50c. Guaranteed at Terrells drug store.

It is reasonable to believe that no one is better qualified to judge of the merits of an article than the dealer who sells it, for the reason that he bases his opinion on the experience of all who use it. Wm. Gliszinski & Son, Amherst Jc., Wisconsin, say: "We took the agency for the sale of Hart's Honey and Horehound about two years ago, and consider it the best cough medicine we have in stock. It is our best seller and we do not hesitate to recommend it to all of our customers." 25c, 50c and \$1.00 bottles sold at Terrells drug store.

A pair of bay matched ponies for sale. C. L. Terrell.

Miss Georgia Welch and sister and Miss Rosemon and Mr. Oscar Benning of Rule were visitors in Haskell Monday.

Mr. F. M. Morton came in on the noon train Tuesday from his ranch ten miles north of town.

Second-hand sash, doors and screens for sale cheap. C. L. Terrell.

Cause of Insomnia.

Indigestion nearly always disturbs the sleep more or less and is often the cause of insomnia. Many cases have been permanently cured by Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. For sale at Terrells drug store.

All the popular settings in solid gold and gold filled rings at Terrell's.

Mr. H. O. Schulz, a lawyer, late of Brenham, has located in Haskell. He comes well recommended as a gentleman and young lawyer of ability and the FREE PRESS is pleased to welcome him to our midst.

Mr. D. M. Graham and sons Bob and Dee sold a lot of the best corn in Haskell a few days ago that has ever been sold in this market. It was grown by them last year.

Bracelets are in style again and Terrell has some handsome pure gold and gold filled goods.

YOUR MONEY IS SAFE... Only When it is

Safely Invested.

Burglars can annoy you; Bad loans may cripple you; Speculation may ruin you.

The Haskell National Bank

is safe because it is governed on a conservative basis. It holds your money where you can get it quickly and without danger of loss.

Here are the Directors of this Bank

M. S. PIERSON, G. R. COUCH, LEE PIERSON, S. W. SCOTT, F. M. MORTON, T. E. BALLARD, M. PIERSON.

H. C. WYCHE

CONTRACTOR AND BUILDER.

All Work Done Up to Now!

We have one section of land adjoining the town of Emma, Crosby county that we will exchange for improved town property in Haskell, Rule or Munday. Write us. Neal, Morgan & Carter, Emma, Texas.

A Remedy Without a Peer.

"I find Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets more beneficial than any other remedy I ever used for 'stomach trouble,'" says J. P. Klote of Edna, Mo. For any disorder of the stomach, biliousness or constipation, these tablets are without a peer. For sale at Terrells drug store.

W. J. DENVER'S WASHINGTON SQUARE GARDEN SPEECH

I like all travelers who have visited other lands, I return with delight to the land of my birth, men proud of their people, with a more confidence in its government, and grateful to the kind Providence that cast my lot in the United States.

The first message from the old world is a message of peace. The cause of arbitration is making rapid progress, in spite of the fact that the most prominent in the establishment of the Hague tribunal have themselves been engaged in war since that court was organized.

The money question. This far I have dwelt upon subjects which may not be regarded as partisan, but I am sure that you will pardon me if in this presence I betray some of the feelings which are common to the democratic party.

Those who will be injured. Who are to be benefited by the application of the Jeffersonian doctrine of equal rights to all and the democratic party will not only challenge the republican party to bring forward effective legislation on this subject, but will so examine every law...

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"String me up at once and be done with it."

square with sentinels about twenty feet apart each way. Knowing just where each man was stationed, the rangers fired repeatedly at their enemies with certain results, while the convicts were unable to distinguish friend from foe and often shot at one another by mistake.

the outlaws after the coach to enable the regulators to withdraw from the farm carrying the treasure with them. Each moment was precious, for the convicts were being constantly reinforced by strangers, fully armed, and who imbued spirit into the attacking squad by force of numbers.

Too Full for Utterance. "How was it I saw Footlites in town this week?" "He isn't playing." "Why I thought he was the star in that tank drama."

Bachelor Maids' Union. Young girls are less eager to marry than they used to be, says a writer in The Lady. At one time a girl who remained unmarried when she had been out one or two seasons was almost a reproach to her parents...

Can Bet They Prayed Fervently. An official of Tientsin, China, recently ordered five prisoners to pray for rain on the understanding that if it did not rain in three days they would be executed.

Locals and Personals.

Screen wire at McNeill & Smith's.
 Mr. A. Fuller was in town Monday.
 Capt. W. M. Wood had business in the city Monday.
 Fresh pickles at S. V. Jones'.
 Mr. A. M. Allen, the Jud merchant, was in Haskell Monday.
 Gold filled bracelets, latest styles, at Terrell's.
 We will absolutely not sell school books on credit. Collier-Andruss Co.
 Mr. S. L. Sherrill of Temple was here Saturday looking after his interests in this county.
 Mr. Y. L. Thomason left Thursday on a trip to Corsicana.
 Mr. E. G. Bennett was in town Monday.
 Ask your Minister about "Fewer gallons; wears longer."
 Nabisco wafers at S. V. Jones'.
 Mr. W. F. Tompkins was doing business in town Monday.
 Ask Judge Sanders about "Fewer gallons; wears longer."
MONEY TO LOAN ON FARMS and ranches by the W. C. Belcher Land Mortgage Co. Fort Worth, Tex.
 Cigars, best line of smokers in town at Terrell's.
 Mr. R. G. Landess of the southeast corner was doing business in town Monday.
 Mr. W. D. Kemp of the east side was in the crowd Monday.
 Gold filled watches at Terrell's.
 W. J. Evers is the name of Haskell's new saddle, harness and shoe shop man. North side of square. 34tf
 Monday was trading day and the streets of Haskell presented a very animated appearance.
 Mr. W. S. Perry of Ringgold, La., arrived in Haskell Sunday, on a visit to the family of Mr. W. P. B. Tucker and to look at the country.
 Cotton Sack Duck—3000 yards at lowest prices, at S. L. Robertson Co's.
 Have your saddles, harness and shoes repaired at Evers' new shop—north side of square. 34tf
 We have just received an up-to-date hearse or funeral car which will be hired out at a reasonable price.
 CASON, COX & CO.
 A good cow and calf for sale.
 H. C. SCOTT.
 500 plain gold rings at Terrell's, fit anybody from baby up.
 Mr. F. M. Todd has returned after an absence of about two weeks in the central portion of the state.
 Mr. W. D. Garren, a farmer of some twelve or fifteen years experience in the southwestern portion of the county, was in town Wednesday and, speaking of the condition of cotton, said that the boll worms had done considerable damage in his section but that there would be lots of cotton made yet.
 When you send your children for school books send the money. Collier-Andruss Co.
 If you need a storm house built, or a well dug or cleaned, call for N. J. Sandlin, phone No. 62. 35-13t
 Ask your druggist about "Fewer gallons; wears longer."
 228 acres of land for sale, 7 miles N. E. of Haskell, 30 acres in cultivation, fine tank of water, \$16 per acre, half cash, balance on terms to suit purchaser. G. M. Clayton. 35-4t
 Our new grocery department is fully stocked up with fresh goods. It is our intention to keep this department more complete in future than ever before, as we now have ample room. Call No. 28 for what you want. S. L. Robertson Co.
 Ask the postmaster about "Fewer gallons; wears longer."
 Attention is directed to the business card in another column of Miss Ella Day, who is making a specialty of abstracting.
 "Fewer gallons wears longer" means that Sanders & Wilson have a section of land at \$6.50 per acre! It's a bargain. Two more good sections at \$10 per acre. There's your answer, profit by it. P. D. Sanders.
 Mr. J. E. Hubbard of the north part of the county was doing business in Haskell Monday and Tuesday.
 Miss Bettie Herren left Monday for Blooming Grove to attend the bedside of her uncle and aunt who are very low with typhoid fever.
 Fob chains for ladies or gentlemen at Terrell's. Best goods, lowest price.
 Mrs. W. L. Hills and children were over from Rule Thursday.

"Fewer gallons wears longer" means fewer troubles and that your nerves will wear longer if you get your abstracts from Sanders & Wilson.
 You can get a solid gold or a gold filled watch at Terrell's with his and the manufacturer's guarantee.
MARRIED: Mr. H. J. Hambleton and Miss Nellie Miller were united in marriage on Wednesday, 5th inst., at the Methodist parsonage, Rev. J. H. Chambliss performing the ceremony. Miss Miller is a daughter of our townsman Mr. G. J. Miller and is in every way a worthy young lady, while the groom is an industrious young carpenter. The FREE PRESS is pleased to wish them a prosperous and unclouded journey o'er life's pathway.
 Vanilla, lemon, strawberry and other popular flavoring extracts, spices and seasonings at S. V. Jones. Phone No. 1.
 For high grade painting, paper hanging and house decoration see P. F. Crowell. He will make estimates of cost and guarantee satisfaction with his work.
 Ladies' and gentlemen's fob chains, finest goods, lowest prices at Terrell's
 Fresh stock of choice staple and fancy family groceries at S. V. Jones' on south side. Phone No. 1.
 We have one section of land adjoining the town of Emma, Crosby county that we will exchange for improved town property in Haskell, Rule or Munday. Write us. Neal, Morgan & Carter, Emma, Texas.
 W. J. Evers who runs the new saddle shop at Haskell does all repairing in leather at reasonable prices and makes goods to order. All his work is guaranteed. 34tf
 You are cordially invited to call and see how we show up in our new quarters on the west side of the square. S. L. Robertson Co.
 Mr. W. D. King presented us with a cantaloupe the other day that in the matter of dimensions capped anything we ever saw in the cantaloupe line. It was 27 inches in length and about four inches in diameter, tapering to an oval at the ends. We found it of very good flavor and more than the office force could dispose of at one sitting.
 Solid gold engagement and wedding rings at Terrell's.
 Mr. Eugene Meadors left Monday for his home at Fayetteville, Ark., after spending several weeks with relatives and friends here.
 Solid gold watches at Terrell's

LAND SALES.
 We are still doing business at the old stand on the north side of square; we are not the ONLY people that sell land in Haskell county, we make no EXAGGERATED claims as to what we are doing; but can show you the actual sales. We have the buyers brought from other parts of the state by good reliable co-operative men and if you want to see your lands at reasonable prices come and talk with us about it. We can loan you money on lands.
WEST TEXAS DEVELOPMENT CO.
 Haskell, - Texas.
 No fancy profits on those genuine diamond rings at Terrell's.
 If you want your vendor's lien notes taken up, see H. O. Schulz, Haskell.
 Mr. G. R. Couch of the Haskell National bank went to Munday Tuesday on business.
 Terrell sells best quality diamond rings at lowest prices.
 Messrs. Sam Egger and R. P. Moore were up from Stamford Tuesday and paid our office a call. Mr. Moore will be in charge of the D. Egger & Son dry goods house soon to be opened in Haskell, in the Whitman concrete stone building on the west side of the square. Mr. Egger informed us that the stock had been purchased for their Haskell store and was ready to be placed in it as soon as the building is completed. Work on it is being rapidly pushed and it is expected that it will be ready within ten days or two weeks.
 Diamond rings, best quality at lowest prices at Terrell's.
 W. J. Evers, the new saddler at Haskell, gives you a better buggy whip for 25 cts. than you have ever bought before. 34tf
 Star Brand Shoes are always better and cheaper and will last longer than any shoe now on the market. Come and see our mammoth stock. S. L. Robertson Co.
 West Texas Development Co. have on exhibition at their office several heads of broomcorn 34 inches in length, which was grown by Mr. G. E. Courtney this year on his farm a few miles northeast of town. Mr. Courtney is raising broomcorn and manufacturing it into brooms. He makes good brooms, for which he finds a ready market in Haskell and surrounding towns.
 One of Terrell's cigars gives you a delightful, soothing smoke.
 Ask your lawyer about "Fewer gallons; wears longer."

OUR NEW FALL STOCK.

Our new Fall Stock is arriving daily and will be complete in a few days.

DON'T

be confused by other new stocks; we are still headquarters for the best merchandise.

ALEXANDER MERCANTILE COMPANY.

The Newest, Prettiest
 AND
 Most Thoroughly Artistic

SHOWING OF
 Dress Goods,
 Silks, Cloaks,
 Notions and
FALL MILLINERY

is now to be found at our store, a careful selection from the markets in Kansas City, St. Louis and Chicago has given us an assortment of Superior tone. Our Selection of
Plaids, Browns and Blues

in dress goods is unequalled. Likewise our showing of Silks and Cloaks is of the fashionable kind.
 Pay us a visit. Inspect our stock and you will be better posted on
CORRECT FALL DRESS.



Only a Suggestion
 OF
 The Superior Style
 and Elegance

Embodied in our showing of FURNITURE, new in the furniture business, we present our claims with a new and attractive assortment which combines

Art, Quality and Distinctive Styles
 with moderate prices. Having bought in large quantities our prices were the lowest. Already our first four cars of furniture have been reduced so that we have had to make three local and one car load order for more.

That is
GOING SOME
 for a little over one month during the summer. We are going to keep the good work going for we can sell
Iron Beds from \$2 to \$35.00
Oak Suits from \$20 to \$25.00
Rockers from \$1.50 to \$15.00
Diners from 60c to \$4.00
Springs from \$2.25 to \$8.00
Mattresses from \$1 to \$10.00
 Everything Else in
PROPORTION.



Groceries

THE EATABLE KIND.
EGGS, BUTTER, CABBAGE
 AND
 All Kinds of
 Country Produce

THE
FAMOUS SINCLAIR BACON
 AND
Superior Flour and PEARL MEAL...

Wapco Canned Goods
 and everything in season are in stock.

We Keep the BEST
 Try us and be Convinced.

The Store HUNT & GRISSOM. With The Goods

SIMMONS' TRANSFER.
 Our Wagonette transfers passengers and baggage to and from all trains arriving at or leaving Haskell. Phone No. 25 for prompt service.

EVOLUTION OF A COUNTRY

Following is one of a series of articles written for the FREE PRESS by MR. DON M. BIGGERS:

PART V.

The OLD CALIFORNIA RANCH.



THE OLD CALIFORNIA ranch is one of the most picturesquely located and perhaps most completely forgotten of all Western Texas early day landmarks. It is only a

few years since one leaving the old California ranch and traveling westward left behind him the last vestige of civilization in so far as western Texas was concerned, whereas, today it stands in the heart of the State's greatest and most rapidly and remarkably developed agricultural section; but this once hospitable home, this once far famed ranch, is now but a bleak untenanted relic of the past; as vacant, desolate and lonesome as once was the country for miles around it. Its location guards it from the hostile plowshare and only a long siege of neglect can reduce it to total ruin or complete obliteration.

This once famous old ranch is located on California creek about seventeen miles southeast of Haskell and near the county line. It is near the Albany and Haskell road and is on the north bank of California creek. Just above it is a long rock bluff and a nice valley, some distance to the south is a considerable mountain, while down the creek is another beautiful valley, and to the north is a long incline which leads to the great level country that has made Haskell county famous. Not a great distance south of the old ranch is the famous old McKenzie Trail.

Such in brief are its surroundings—its natural and historic environments.

The old house was erected by Matthews & Reynolds in the early seventies, though the exact date is not now obtainable. At that time the cattle range of these gentlemen covered all this section of country, and here they resided with their families and had their ranch headquarters. Some years after its erection Messrs. Matthews & Reynolds moved away, abandoned the old ranch, and for a time it stood vacant; then Mr. Tucker, who served as the first county judge of Haskell county, came along with a little bunch of stock, fancied the location and took charge of the premises. The hospitality of the Tuckers soon became very extensively known, and it is one of the most pleasant reminiscences of the old time cowboys and travelers through that section of country. Judge Sam Scott can tell you something about what a warm place these good old people had and will yet have in the hearts of the hun-

dreds of cowboys and strangers they have fed, sheltered and entertained.

It is not positively known, nor is it material, just when Judge Tucker moved away from the place, but it was some time in the early eighties, perhaps when he was elected judge. But again the old house was to serve a most useful and noble purpose. A Mr. Austin died, leaving a widow and several small children, with only a small band of sheep as their earthly possession and means of support. This unfortunately situated but determined lady did not give up in despair or appeal to charity, but took possession of the old house and proceeded to fight the battle of life in the sparsely settled west. The sad, lonesome hours through which that woman and her babies struggled and the privations they endured can be better imagined than described, and one can almost bless the old walls that gave them shelter and protection. But they prospered, bought land and built a home of their own, and once more, and doubtless for the last time, the old house was left vacant. It served well its purpose and stands as a worthy monument to a strenuous age of unwritten history. To many it has given material comfort and faithful service and now the romancer may feast upon its ruins.

Some where not far from the old house occurred one of the most remarkable Indian episodes that has ever occurred in the west; this incident, however, by far antedates the construction of the house.

As early as 1857 there was a small settlement in Shackelford and Throckmorton counties. The Indians made a raid into that country and killed a young man by the name of Joseph Browning, the murder being committed near the mouth of Bufford Creek. This was in 1858 or 1859. Soon after the commission of the crime the young man's body was found and the alarm was spread throughout the little settlement, and a party consisting of John R. and George B. Baylor, Elias Hale, Nunn Wright and John Dawson started in pursuit of the Indians and overtook a small band of them somewhere in the vicinity of Mule or California creek, and completely wiped them out of existence. The experienced frontiersmen were confident from the actions of the Indians that they had been overtaken near what was to be a common meeting point of a marauding but scattered band, so they concealed themselves and awaited further developments. It was but a few hours until another band of half a dozen or more appear-

ed and before they had discovered the bodies of their companions or in any way been apprised of the dangers surrounding them they were greeted with a deadly volley and completely exterminated. During the day several small bands arrived and were served as had been those coming before them, but near night a big band appeared, and as the fighters had exhausted the greater part of their ammunition they retired. It is said that during the day the five men killed more than forty Indians and not one of the Americans received so much as an arrow scratch, bows and arrows being the only weapons with which the Indians were armed at that time.

The land on which the old house is situated was the original headright of Robert M. Williamson, commonly known as Peg Leg Willie, and it has probably been the property of as many noted persons as has any other body of land in the State. Succeeding Williamson and his heirs it has belonged to Judge G. B. Gerald, "the Wab Hoss of Waco," J. A. Waldo, J. D. Giddings and Mrs. Huber Stone, but I do not know who owns it now.

If you want to commune with nature by day and with the romantic past by night, I know of no better spot than the old stone house on California creek. During the day you may fish, view the scenery, smoke and lounge about as one naturally would in a comfortable camp "far from the madding crowd," but when night draws, bats begin to flit about, coyotes howl among the hills and bull frogs bellow from the nearby creek, and the music of tinkling bells floats from far down the valley, a dream of the long ago will throw its spell about you, though you be ever so wide awake and your thoughts ever so absorbed with other matters of the mind. About the old stone walls hovers a dead, romantic past and the breezes that purr about you softly sing a requiem to the days long gone and lull to slumber the living present; but no matter what period of the country's history you may contemplate, what incident may excite, alarm, disturb or entertain you, you can sleep sweetly, soundly and safely, for no human foe or hostile condition now environs you. All about you there are peaceful, prosperous homes and the prairies beyond are desolate no more. The Indians, the buffaloes, the antelope, the mustang, the hunter and even the cowboys are gone, and government trains and troops of soldiers travel the old McKenzie trail no more. Only the old stone walls stand to speak of a strenuous, romantic past, and even they are fast tottering to decay. Once known to every cowboy that worked the range and to every man that traveled across the country, but now almost forgotten and seldom mentioned. Such is the brief story of the old stone house—the Old California Ranch.

This supplement contains the last of the series of articles by Mr. Biggers.

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Opinion of an Illinois Man.

As the "proof of the pudding is in the eating and not in chewing the string,"

so the merits of a medicine are most clearly demonstrated after it has been used. Mr. John T. Teal, Tabor, Ill., says: "I have been handling Harts' Honey and Horehound for the past year and have found it very meritorious. Have used it in my own family with excellent results, and it is my best seller in the store." When our readers have occasion to need a cough medicine we would recommend them to try Harts' Honey and Horehound. 25c, 50c and \$1.00 bottles. Sold at Terrell's drug store.

The Killeen Herald has the following good word for a former citizen of its town who has cast his lot in Haskell and will be a teacher in our public school:

Prof. T. C. Williams came in from Haskell a few days ago and is shaking hands with his numerous Killeen friends. He has accepted a position in the Haskell school, and will enter upon his school duties on the second Monday in September. He is well pleased with his new home, for he likes the location and the people, and the Messenger wants to say right here that Haskell has drawn a prize in securing Prof. Williams and that the better those people know him the better they will like him.

THREE JURORS CURED

Of Cholera Morbus With One Small Bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera, Diarrhoea Remedy

Mr. G. W. Fowler of Hightower, Ala., relates an experience he had while serving on a petit jury in a murder case at Edwardsville, county seat of Cleburne county, Alabama. He says: "While there I ate some fresh meat and some soured meat and it gave me cholera morbus in a very severe form. I was never more sick in my life and sent to the drug store for a certain cholera mixture, but the druggist sent me a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy instead, saying that he had what I sent for, but that this medicine was so much better he would rather send it to me in the fix I was in. I took one dose of it and was better in five minutes. The second dose cured me entirely. Two fellow jurors were afflicted in the same manner and one small bottle cured the three of us." For sale at Terrell's drug store.

The Tented Theatre.

An unusual novelty in the amusement line and one that comes well recommended and showing fine press notices from the principal papers of the West, is the Houston-Franklin show advertised to be in Haskell Friday and Saturday, Sept. 14-15.

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Paper—Christ's Enemies—Miss Wilfong.

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The Cemetery Association.

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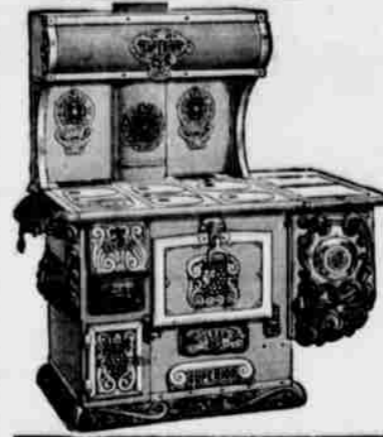
Mesdames C. D. Long, H. R. Jones and H. G. McConnell left the early part of the week for a brief sojourn at Mineral Wells.

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