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## Our Big June Clearing Sale

begins Friday,  
June 1st and continues through the whole month of June.

Read our big adv. for particulars.

Yours for trade  
**D. EGGER & SON**  
"HAVE IT FOR LESS"  
STAMFORD, - TEXAS

### SCHOOL TERM CLOSED.

#### Haskell High School Has Interesting Commencement Exercises.

On Friday night, 25 ult., the large auditorium of the Haskell public school building was packed with the parents, friends and relatives of the graduating class who were to participate in the commencement exercises, including an essay contest for a handsome gold medal offered by the board of trustees.

The following program was rendered:

Invocation ..... Rev. J. H. Chambliss  
MUSIC  
Song ..... Greeting Glee  
Essay Contest for Trustee Medal  
Winifred Bevers ..... Why America is Great  
Fannie Elizabeth Cummings ..... The Indian Dispossessed  
MUSIC  
Song ..... "Happy May"  
Marguerite Pierson ..... The American King  
Alice Gertrude Poole ..... The Evils of Monopoly  
MUSIC  
Instrumental Solo ..... Marguerite Pierson  
Mary Eula Poole ..... The Star of the First Magnitude  
Lockie Flora Sprows ..... The American Queen  
MUSIC  
Song ..... "Come to the Forest"  
ORATION  
Wilmer Ed Camp ..... Dangers of Immigration  
MUSIC  
Song ..... "Class Song"  
Presentation of Diplomas—Judge P. D. Sanders  
MUSIC  
Instrumental Duet ..... Fannie Cummings and Marguerite Pierson  
Awarding of Essay Medal  
MUSIC  
Song ..... "Farewell"

The report of the judges on the essay contest awarded the medal to Miss Eula Poole, subject, "The Star of the First Magnitude." (Texas) and Superintendent F. L. Morrow made the presentation in a few well chosen words commendatory both as to her general work in the school and her achievement in winning the medal.

While the medal was no doubt justly awarded and the award met with general approval, it was a close contest, as the essays by some of the other young ladies were excellent in matter as well as in manner of delivery, and as the audience dispersed

numerous expressions of approval were heard, such as, "They all did well," "All of them were good," "They all did splendidly."

The oration by Mr. Wilmer Camp, the only young man in the graduating class, in which he had for his subject "The Dangers of Immigration," presented thoughts on the subject worthy of the consideration of our law makers, and it was delivered in a forceful style indicative of the fact that the speaker possesses some of the elements of oratory.

We regret that we can not reproduce Judge Sanders' address to the class in awarding the diplomas, as it contained much of interest and good advice to young people in general.

After the farewell song Prof. Morrow spoke briefly to the class in praise of their faithful work and good deportment throughout the school term. He told them that they had but laid the foundation for a good education and that whether or not they went to some higher institution of learning that they might by proper application and energy attain to a much greater degree of learning than they now possessed.

At the conclusion of Prof. Morrow's remarks the class gathered in the center of the stage and gave the class yell.

This closed perhaps the most successful term yet experienced by the Haskell public school. A term unmarred by any dissensions and in which the pupils generally made excellent progress in their studies, making it a matter of congratulation to both pupils and teachers.

#### Musical Recital.

On account of the inclement weather Thursday night of last week, Miss Ida Maxwell postponed her pupils' recital until Saturday evening.

The renditions by the pupils showed that several of them were possessed of no small degree of musical talent and that their accomplished teacher had given them all the most careful and efficient training. The large audience gave evidence of their appreciation in liberal applause.

The following program was rendered, Miss Smith of Cisco assisting:

Carnival Polka, ..... Dana  
R. M. Alexander and Nina Morris  
Sleep, My Dolly, ..... Swift  
Nina Morris  
Wild Rose, ..... Steabog  
Ruby Davis  
On the Lake, ..... Behr  
Annie May Dodson  
In the Hammock, ..... Ferber  
Fay Smith  
Tin Soldier's Parade, ..... Kern  
Ella Re DoBard  
The Toy Horseman, ..... Krug  
Frankie Alexander  
By the Spring, )  
Hunting Song, ) ..... Gurilt  
Francis Sherrill  
At Full Tilt, ..... Van Raalte  
Ruth Lewis and Fay Smith  
The Lily, - Rustie Dance, - Waddington  
Ruth Lewis  
Una, ..... Pabst  
Mary Pierson  
Butterflies, ..... Liege  
Fire-Fly, ..... Webb  
Ruby Fitzgerald  
Eldin Frolic, ..... Pabst  
Maggie Pierson  
With Courage & Strength, - Von Blon  
Maggie Pierson & Fannie Cummings

#### Cuban Diarrhoea.

U. S. soldiers who served in Cuba during the Spanish war know what this disease is, and that ordinary remedies have little more effect than so much water. Cuban Diarrhoea is almost as severe and dangerous as a mild attack of cholera. There is one remedy, however, that can always be depended upon, as will be seen by the following certificate from Mrs. Minnie Jacobi of Houston, Texas: "I hereby certify that Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy cured my husband of a severe attack of Cuban diarrhoea, which he brought home from Cuba. We had several doctors but they did him no good. One bottle of this remedy cured him, as our neighbors testify. I thank God for so valuable a medicine." For sale at Terrells Drug Store.

#### AT CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

Pastor J. H. Shepard announces that the subject of discourse tomorrow at 11 o'clock will be "The American Church". We are also requested to state that there will be some special music at the service, among other pieces a double quartette, or octet, to be rendered by Dr. Pinkerton, Messrs Boynton and Terrell and Mesdames Baker and Geo Fields and Misses Matthews and Eva Fields.

## 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.**

### REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE

## HASKELL NATIONAL BANK

AS REPORTED TO THE COMPTROLLER APRIL 6, 1906.

#### RESOURCES:

Loans and Overdrafts . . .	\$153,625.00
U. S. Bonds . . . . .	25,000.00
F'k H., Furn. and Fixtures . . .	9,660.40
Other Real Estate Owned . . .	4,416.48
Cash and Signt Exchange . . .	140,366.84
Total . . . . .	\$333,069.90

#### LIABILITIES:

Capital Stock . . . . .	\$ 60,000.00
Surplus and Profits, net . . .	24,542.08
Circulation . . . . .	25,000.00
Deposits . . . . .	223,527.82
Total . . . . .	\$333,069.90

The above statement is correct, **G. R. COUCH, Cashier.**

Deposits April 6, 1905, . . . . \$101,433.44  
Deposits April 6, 1906, . . . . \$223,527.82  
Increase in one year 120 per cent, or \$122,094.38

**We Solicit Your Account.**

#### IMPORTANT

When you buy life insurance you want the best, you can get it in the old Union Mutual. Pays the largest dividend of any company doing business. Get some of this while you are in good health.

See J. B. Martin, special representative, first time you are in Haskell.

#### Death From Lockjaw

never follows an injury dressed with Bucklen's Arnica Salve. Its anti-septic and healing properties prevent blood poisoning. Chas. Oswald, merchant, of Rensselaersville, N. Y., writes: "It cured Seth Burch, of this place, of the ugliest sore on his neck I ever saw." Cures Cuts, Wounds, Burns and Sores. 25c at Terrell's Drug Store.

## PLANTERS

We have the CASE and the STANDARD, both good. You try and be judge yourself whether you want to keep. If they fail to do the work, they are ours. Our desire is to furnish what you want.

**SHERILL BROS. & CO.**

No DINNER. The Magazine Club and the Baptist ladies called off the dinners which were to be given by them Monday and Tuesday, yielding the county court room to Mr. Robertson to store his goods in.

The laxative effect of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets is agreeable and so natural that you do not realize it is the effect of a medicine. For sale at Terrells Drug Store.



**CITY MEAT MARKET**  
ELLIS & ENGLISH, Proprietors.  
West Side of the Square.  
Your Patronage Solicited.  
We Keep all Kinds of Fresh Meats Obtainable in Their Seasons.

**ORIENT WORK.**

Rochester, Texas. The engineering corps is engaged at this place doing preliminary work, and the Orient railroad is putting in 7,200 feet of side track at this place. Building is in progress and lumber is being hauled from the first station north of this place until the switch tracks can be laid.

**WE WANT THE SMALL ACCOUNT**

of the wage-earner and house holder as well as the larger patronage of business firms and corporations. We are gratified to see the steady growth of the small depositor and are glad to help and encourage all who earnestly desire to better their financial condition.

**THE FARMERS NATIONAL BANK**  
HASKELL, - TEXAS.

**H. C. WYCHE**  
CONTRACTOR AND BUILDER.  
All Work Done Up to Now!

**DOWNWARD COURSE**

Fast Being Realized by Haskell People.

A little backache at first. Daily increasing till the back is lame and weak. Urinary disorders quickly follow; Diabetes and finally Bright's disease.

This is the downward course of kidney ills. Don't take this course. Follow another's advice.

A. A. Allen, grocer, of Main St., Big Springs, Texas, says: "I had my back hurt several years ago, being thrown from a horse, and ever since then I have had more or less trouble from my kidneys, the secretions being too frequent, particularly at night. If I over exerted myself in any way my back gave me great misery. I got Doan's Kidney Pills and one box relieved me of the trouble with my back and regulated the secretions. My wife has also used this remedy and thinks it splendid. Doan's Kidney Pills are well worth recommending."

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.

If you want to buy, sell or trade real estate call or write O. E. Patterson.

EVENTS OF EVERYWHERE.

H. A. Griffin has been re-appointed postmaster at Galveston.

Judge C. H. Jenkins will make the race for Representative from Brown and Coleman Counties.

John Elrod, living about two miles from Sunset, was bitten by a copperhead snake while shucking corn to feed.

A flow of gas was struck in a well being drilled by parties for artesian water near Sulphur, I. T. Great excitement prevails.

O. C. Connor, Jr., of Paris, who has a farm in Red River County, sold 105 bales of cotton at Annona last week for 11 3-4c all around. Some of it was long staple.

Rev. W. B. Sargent, who lives eight miles east of Kaufman, dropped dead between his plowshares. He was a Baptist minister, 75 years of age, and left a family.

What is claimed to be the largest flywheel ever cast in Texas was cast at Fort Worth a few days since. When erected the wheel will weigh 15,000 pounds.

Jim Austin, a negro, had a tree fall on him while working in the woods near Humble, and received injuries from which he died. Deceased was about 40 years of age.

Rutherford Grant, a postoffice employe at Austin, while on his wedding trip was attacked with fever at New Orleans, and returning home died of the disease.

Practically all of the San Francisco banks have secured temporary quarters and are open for business. There was no run, as was expected, but on the contrary, increased deposits.

The State Convention of the Fraternal Order of Eagles met in the hall of the local acerie at Waco, which had been specially decorated for the occasion. This is the first regular State meeting and organization was effected.

C. H. Strong, of Dublin, has shipped since Feb. 1 thirteen solid car loads of eggs. The average price per car paid the farmers was \$1,200 or a grand total of \$16,000. In addition to the above, Mr. Strong has shipped from 10 to 45 crates every few days.

Carman, Ok., has been chosen for the location of the Oklahoma Odd Fellows home under the proposition to donate 100 acres of land, pay \$2,000 cash, furnish all sand necessary in construction of building and furnish and plant 250 worth of trees.

Walter Perry, a young farmer living near Prattville, Delta County, was thrown against a cross-tie while jumping from the northbound Texas Midland passenger train Monday night just before reaching Enloe and sustained a fractured skull, from which he may die.

No. 3239, the most powerful passenger engine ever built or used on any Texas railroad, has just been turned out of the Texas and Pacific shops at Marshall, where it was built and is being broken in between Marshall and Texarkana for regular work between Marshall and Fort Worth.

The court at Beaumont handed out a 250-days' sentence to a pistol toter a few days since.

An agreement is under consideration between Mexico and the United States covering riparian rights along the Rio Grande.

Peter Schnur, ex-postmaster and founder of the Joplin, Mo., News Herald, dropped dead of heart disease while marching in the parade of the Knights Templars that was a feature of the State convalesce.

It is currently talked that Congress will adjourn between June 10 and 20.

Steps are being taken by Congress to formally accept the Port Arthur canal as a present to the Government, in which event Port Arthur will be made a port of entry.

Nearly 200 new pension applications have been filed and the applicants placed on the roll for the next quarter's pension warrants. There will be about 7,500 pensioners and they will receive \$13 for the quarter.

The San Saba Valley Railway Company is a new corporation organized to build a railway from Antelope Gap, on the Santa Fe, fifty miles to Crothers, on the Fort Worth and Rio Grande.

Mrs. Jefferson Davis, who has been quite ill, is rapidly recovering.

The White Star liner Republic, having on board the victorious American athletes who competed in the Olympic games at Athens, Greece, arrived at quarantine at New York Friday morning.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR TEXAS.

The "Garden of the Lord" Fares Well in Plums.

Washington, May 29.—The sundry civil appropriation bill will carry these Texas items:

For filling behind the seawall at Galveston \$159,000.

Trinity River (removing snags below section 1) \$25,000.

Trinity River (completing locks and dams Nos. 1, 4 and 6) \$56,000.

Aransas Pass (improvement of jet ties) \$100,000.

Mouth of Brazos (jetty work and bank protection) \$87,500.

Galveston Harbor (dredging and jetty work) \$250,000.

Galveston Ship Channel and Buffalo Bayou \$200,000.

Sabine and Neches Rivers \$411,500.

These amounts are exclusive of the expended appropriations made by the last Congress.

In the case of the Trinity, for example, it is estimated that on June 30 of this year there will be \$224,419 unexpended of the appropriation for the completion of locks and dams Nos. 1, 4 and 6, so that with the \$86,000 appropriation in this bill \$310,419 will be available for this work.

In the case of the Galveston Ship Channel and Buffalo Bayou project it is estimated that there will be an unexpended balance of \$116,000, so that the total available for this work will be \$316,000.

Of the appropriation of \$250,000 for Galveston Harbor, \$75,000 is for dredging, \$125,000 for jetty work and \$50,000 for the transfer to Galveston Channel.

Of the Trinity appropriation the bill divides the amount thus: Probable expenditure during the fiscal year 1907 for completing lock and dam No. 1, \$115,419, construction of lock and dam No. 4, \$75,000.

The appropriation of \$25,000 for the removal of snags from the Trinity completes the amount called for by the river and harbor act of 1902.

These appropriations are merely to carry on the work through the fiscal year, beginning July 1, authorized in rivers and harbors acts of preceding Congresses. There will be no rivers and harbors bill at this session, so that no new projects will be undertaken.

Nine Persons Killed in a Wreck.

Louisville, Ky.: Nine persons were killed and twenty-two injured by the derailment of two coaches of a passenger train on the Louisville and Nashville Railroad in this city Monday. The train was on time and was nearing the Union Station in Louisville at a moderate speed when a flange on a wheel of the smoking car broke, throwing open a switch and causing two of the coaches to crash into some freight cars on a siding.

Thirt Parlor Can't Pay License.

Cleveland: Five hundred and eighty-nine saloon keepers have quit business in Cleveland. It is believed that one-third of the city's 2,475 saloons will close their doors. All in business after Monday was charged with the \$1,000 Alken tax. Returns from the various wards show that the greatest number of saloons are closing in the outlying districts. Not one of the finely furnished downtown saloons has closed.

Edmund Blanc's 4-year-old bay horse Jardy, by Flying Fox-Alra and Graces, has been sold to Senor Luro, an Argentine breeder, for \$150,000.

The entire business section of the town of Fairbanks, Alaska, was destroyed by a fire which started in the Fairbanks building, a three-story frame structure, at 4 o'clock Tuesday.

State Recovers Land.

Washington: By a decision rendered by the Supreme Court, the State of Texas recovers 18,410 acres of land in Webb County. The style of the case was Thomas O'Connor, plaintiff in error, vs. The State of Texas, defendant in error. O'Connor claimed title by virtue of a decree of the District Court of Webb County in 1872 and also by virtue of long acquiescence on the part of the State.

Mob Spirit Loose in Carolina.

Raleigh, N. C.: A special to the Times from Wadesboro, N. C., says early Monday a mob of citizens, after having knocked insensible Sheriff Boggan, battered down the doors of the county jail and secured J. V. Johnson, who some time ago murdered his brother-in-law, Quinlan Johnson. Johnson was taken out into the suburbs, where he was swung up to a tree and his body riddled with bullets.

Suicide at Brenham.

Brenham: J. J. Sanders, a well-known bridge builder, killed himself at the Dixie Saloon Monday afternoon. He went into the Dixie restaurant, ate dinner, came out and walked behind the bar and asked the bartender what he kept in the drawers of the bar, pulling them out until he came to one that had a six-shooter in it. He picked up the gun with a quick movement, fired, the ball entering just below the heart, and he tumbled down dead.

Stroke of Lightning Kills Five People

Mobile, Ala., May 28.—During the progress of a baseball game this afternoon in an open field about three miles from the city a thunderstorm came up, accompanied by vivid lightning, which struck in the midst of the crowd, instantly killing five of the spectators and injuring twenty-five others more or less seriously.

The dead are: Donald Tourart, aged 21; Stephen Tourart, aged 19; Arthur Moody, aged 19; John Green, colored; Charles Thomas, colored.

Seriously injured: John Yockers and Fred Johnson.

Among the more painfully injured were Fred Burch, Joe Dolbear and George Cleveland.

At least fifteen or twenty others shocked and knocked down by the stroke, who quickly recovered and were able to leave the scene. The field was strewn with bits of shoes and clothing from those who were killed or seriously injured, and the bodies of the dead presented a terrible spectacle, being burned in numerous places. A silver dollar taken from the pocket of one of the victims was melted on both sides.

To Starve Out the Fever Tick.

Victoria, Texas: J. D. Mitchell of this city, an expert of the United States Government, investigating the fever tick among the cattle in Texas, spent a day or two at home here with his family and left again for San Antonio. He says he has covered practically two-thirds of the State, investigating the fever tick situation. Before leaving Mr. Mitchell had the following to say when pressed for an interview:

"The United States Government proposes to make war on the fever tick with the object of its total eradication from the South and doing away with quarantine line. The first step to this end will be the establishment of demonstration stations throughout the State to educate the cattlemen and farmers on the life and habits of the tick, the damage it does and the way to get rid of it. Then will follow a co-operative period between the people, the State and the United States Government, when the eradication work will be done.

The plant proposed by the Government is what is known as the starvation theory, by dividing a pasture into two parts, putting all stock in one part and excluding all cattle, horses, mules and donkeys, the only animals so far known to carry the fever tick, from part two, for five months in summer, or longer in winter, as very cold weather does not count against the tick. Every tick in part two will be dead. Then by dipping, scraping or any satisfactory method clean the stock of ticks and put them in part two. Then starve out part one and the work is done."

NEW SENATOR FROM TENNESSEE.



Robert L. Taylor, former governor of Tennessee, who has been named at the Democratic primaries to succeed Senator Carmack, is a mountaineer. He was elected governor of Tennessee in 1886, his opponent being his brother, "Aif" Taylor. He was again elected in 1896.

Tyler Ships Spuds.

Tyler: The Irish potato season was inaugurated here Friday, the first solid car being shipped out by the Tyler Fruit and Truck Growers' Union, and sold for 95c per bushel. The car contained about 500 bushels. The second car was shipped out Saturday and next week the season will be on in full blast. Between fifteen and twenty cars are expected to leave Tyler, while the county will get out probably fifty.

Ablene Gets Observatory.

Washington: A Weather Bureau observatory is to be built at Ablene. Judge Smith, who has been trying for several months to persuade the authorities to erect an observatory there, was notified Saturday that they had decided to do so. The site will be selected next winter and the erection of the building begun next spring. It will cost about \$10,000.

Ball Player Killed.

Houston: Late Sunday afternoon in a game of ball at Houston Heights, Slash Wianowski, who was catcher for one of the teams, was struck over the heart, taken from the field insensible and shortly afterward died from the effects of the blow. He was taken to a nearby sanitarium and died soon afterward. It was an amateur baseball team in which he was playing catcher. His people live in that part of the city.

Member of the Japanese Embassy.

Washington: A member of the Japanese Embassy at Washington is now in Western Texas studying the conditions with relation to sugar beet culture in that section.

A British torpedo boat capsized off Port Said Friday, drowning seven sailors.

J. R. B. Gormley was struck and killed by lightning while riding along the road north of Bochno, I. T. His horse was also killed.

A white prisoner, under charge of forgery, was caught filing the bars of his cell in the Pittsburg jail in two. He had already cut one when he was caught.

Sunday at Columbia, S. C., Rev. Angus Johnson, of Texas, preached in the Presbyterian Church, in which he was ordained seventy years ago.

The 15-year-old son of John Kelley, who lives near Goldthwaite, became entangled in the harness of the horse he was plowing, and was dragged death while going home.

ALL OVER TEXAS.

Arrangements are being perfected to build a \$20,000 opera house and Pythian Temple at Longview.

St. Paul's Colored Baptist Church of Paris, has just completed a brick building at a cost of about \$10,000.

W. H. Alexander, a well-known farmer living two miles south of Petty, was kicked in the side by a mule and received injuries probably fatal.

A small storm west of Palmer Friday destroyed several outhouses, much fruit and damaged shrubbery.

The Waters-Pierce Oil headquarters will be moved from Marshall to Shreveport, carrying about twenty-five men.

The Ennis-Crisp brick company, a new company with a capital of \$30,000, will put in a brick-making plant at Crisp.

The new city directory of Dallas, issued last week, shows a population of 90,000, and a business growth that is most remarkable.

Uncle Johnny Fondren, a pioneer of Dallas County, died at Gordon at the age of 93, at Gordon last week. He moved to Gordon several years ago.

Mrs. Shaddock, while looting in her garden at Rising Star, was struck by lightning and instantly killed. She leaves a husband and three children.

Two Japanese newspaper correspondents arrived in San Francisco last week to write up the aftermath of the great San Francisco catastrophe.

The 12-year-old son of Mrs. Ben Groom, of Fort Worth, was drowned in the natatorium while in swimming with his aunt and uncle.

W. Molinex was instantly killed by lightning in his field near Cumby, in sight of his wife, who had carried him some water a few minutes previous to the stroke.

A little son of Jim McClain of Wager community, near Floyd, was struck by lightning while hoeing in the field. Death was instantaneous, the bolt breaking his neck.

The directors of the South Texas Telephone Company met and decided to move the general offices and all records from San Antonio to Austin, and direct the company from there.

State Treasurer Robbins announces that the list of land forfeitures, about 600, will be ready and be furnished the commissioner of the general land office by June 1.

The Commissioners' Court of Fannin County has ordered an election to be held June 9 to determine whether a special tax of 15c on the \$100 shall be levied for road improvement.

The election for alderman for the third ward in Dallas has been declared null and void by the city council, and a new election is ordered to be held Tuesday June 5.

Advices are received of the death of ex-Senator Jim Hale of Caldwell, Texas, which occurred at Seattle, Wash. He resigned his seat in the Texas Senate after the last regular session and was succeeded by O. P. Storms, who served in the recent special session.

While not officially announced, it is understood that the contract giving the Santa Fe trackage over the Cotton Belt from McGregor to Waco has been signed, and that the service will be inaugurated as soon as the depot facilities in Waco are arranged.

The De Kalb Development Company has been chartered, and is going to bore a well for oil and gas. The company has leases on about 12,000 acres of land and expect to begin boring in the next three or four weeks.

Edward Payson Weston, an old pedestrian, now sixty-eight years of age, walked from the city hall of Philadelphia, in twenty-three hours and thirty minutes, a distance of ninety-two miles to New York, thus beating his own record made a quarter of a century ago.

The fourth list of public school lands will be ready for distribution in a few days. It will show about one and a half million acres which are now or will come on the market after July 1, 1907.

A large poultry packing and storage house is being erected in Temple. The building is a frame, 30x100 feet, and three stories high. It is the intention to ship 1,000,000 pounds of dressed poultry from Temple during next fall and winter.

The Texas Railway Company has completed the contract with the Block-Pollack Iron Company for the purchase of 7,000 tons of steel rails to be used in building the line from Yoakum to Conners Port.

A dispatch from Athens says that peaches that are being shipped from Athens now are bringing prices that are encouraging, indeed. Farmers are laying by old corn, most of which has good color, though not as large as usual at this time of year.

SUFFERING IN FRISCO.

Cold and Rain Make Life a Burden to Campers

San Francisco, Cal., May 26.—The heavy rain and windstorm which began Thursday night at 5 o'clock continued throughout the night. It caused much suffering among thousands of refugees living in tents and improvised shelters in Presidio and on vacant lots. A majority of these unfortunates are provided with good tents, but hundreds are poorly protected against inclement weather. In addition to the rain and wind, the night was very cold.

Severe Earthquake in China.

Victoria, B. C.: Advices from the Orient state that an earthquake, causing great loss of life and considerable damage to property, occurred at the beginning of May at Unkai and vicinity, in Congo. The Pekin Times reports that a chasm several feet wide was caused by the earthquake. The walled city of Unkai was almost completely destroyed, loss of life being very heavy. Pekin received news of a calamity of exceptional severity.

Grain Dealers Elect Officers.

Fort Worth: The Texas grain dealers elected the following officers: Eugene Farley, Waco, president; T. G. Belew, Pilot Point, first vice-president; C. F. Gribble, Sherman, second vice-president; H. B. Dorsey, Fort Worth, secretary. The executive committee composed of the following will select the next meeting place: R. M. Kelso, John Stephenson, Fort Worth; G. J. Gibbs, Clifton.

Rev. Caldwell Vindicated.

Fort Worth: A special from Greenville, S. C., Friday morning says the special committee reported favorably in the famous Caldwell case, and the assembly sustained the report, thus giving Dr. Caldwell of Fort Worth a complete victory over the Texas Presbyterian synod, which threw him out at the meeting at Houston last November.

The Green Hotel, at Mount Vernon, which cost about \$10,000, is being destroyed by fire, origin unknown. The building is insured. No other damage.

From the effects of an accident caused by a runaway horse, which threw him from his rig, W. A. Donovan, a switchman for the Southern Pacific is dead at Houston.

George Younger, a negro, who shot and killed William Rector at Columbus, Miss., on last Sunday while the latter, as a member of a posse, was endeavoring to effect the negro's arrest, was taken from the jail Wednesday night by a mob and lynched.

A few days ago a negro made remarks of an improper nature concerning the daughter of A. J. Easterling, who lives near Delta, and soon after the negro was shot to death. Mr. Easterling was arrested and made bond in the sum of \$200.

The Fort Worth Retail Grocers and Butchers' Association, of Fort Worth, has decided to give a picnic on the afternoon of May 30 at Handley. The inclemency of the weather at the last picnic discommoded everybody and the program that was arranged for the occasion could not then be carried out.

At Laredo, Francisco Elizardo stabbed to death his 15-year-old stepdaughter, Guadalupe Ramos, because she wished to marry against his will, and then plunged the knife with which he committed the deed into his heart, dying almost instantly.

About forty foundrymen representing the leading foundries in the state met at Austin Thursday for the purpose of organizing a state association and to discuss the foundry business in general.

Two hundred members of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas and patriotic persons Tuesday witnessed the hanging on the north wall of the Alamo of the portrait of David Crockett recently purchased by the Daughters' organization.

A fire broke out in Dreamland theatre, in Cleveland's great summer resort, White City, and the total section was destroyed.

A New York "puller in," a sort of second-hand merchant, was recently fined \$1000 for trading for a regular soldier's uniform.

The Federal grand jury which has been investigating the alleged "prillier" trust, at Nashville, has returned indictments against about eighty people.

Commencing May 21, the bricklayers in San Francisco will receive \$7 per day of eight hours and helpers \$4 a day. This is an advance of one dollar per day for bricklayers and fifty cents for helpers.

The "Velasquez" painting of Philip IV, now in possession of the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, at a cost of \$40,000, is attacked again as bogus by a critic very near home, Prof. Charles H. Moore, Harvard's fine arts instructor.

## FOUND GUILTY OF GIVING REBATES

FREIGHT BROKER GEORGE L. THOMAS AND HIS CLERK L. B. TAGGART

Geo. H. Crosby, a Railway Traffic Manager, on Trial on Same Charge, Was Released, Court Holding No Evidence Had Been Submitted.

Kansas City, Mo., May 26.—George L. Thomas, a freight broker, and L. B. Taggart, a clerk working for Thomas, in the United States district court here, were found guilty of the charge of conspiracy to illegally give rebates to shippers. The jury considered the case only thirty minutes before arriving at a verdict. Attorneys for the defendants will file a motion for a new trial. The court will not pronounce sentence against Thomas and Taggart until the motion for a new trial is disposed of.

**Crosby Discharged.**  
George H. Crosby, general freight traffic manager for the Burlington railway, on trial on the same charge, was discharged, the court sustaining a demurrer alleging that no evidence had been presented to connect Crosby with a conspiracy. This indictment charged that Crosby had conspired with George L. Thomas, a freight broker, and L. B. Taggart, his clerk, to pay rebates to certain persons.

**Hearsay Evidence.**  
Mr. Crosby's name had seldom been heard in the proceedings, which were begun here on Tuesday last. The first testimony offered by the government to show Crosby's alleged part in the conspiracy was that of Frank Barry, of Washington, D. C., former agent of the interstate commerce commission. Barry said that Crosby told him, in 1905, that the Burlington railway was paying George L. Thomas a "generous salary," because of the tonnage he controlled. Judge McPherson said: "Such evidence can not be used to deprive any man, high or low, of his liberty. Nor can such evidence be used to create a cloud upon any man's name by reason of a criminal prosecution in any court, state or federal."

**Merchants Equally Guilty.**  
In sustaining the demurrer as to Crosby, Judge McPherson said, to illustrate the conspiracy with which it was sought to connect the defendant:

"Suppose \$200 a month, or 2 per cent. on the business obtained, is deemed a fair remuneration. If the parties are agreed, it is no concern of others. But suppose that, knowing that \$200 a month, or 2 per cent. commission, is a fair compensation, the company pretends to give, or the agent pretends to receive, \$400 a month, or 4 per cent. commission, with the secret understanding that the agent shall pay over to consignees of such freight he may contract the one-half of which is paid to him under the guise of compensation. What is and what can be but the payment of rebates? And how can it be said that such merchants who receive moneys in that way and the companies paying it in that way are not guilty of crimes against the United States?"

**The Penalty.**  
Thomas and Taggart live in New York, and Taggart, who has been present in court only in the person of his counsel, is said to be very ill in that city. He and Thomas have been under bonds of \$5,000 each, and the court allowed the bonds to continue in force until sentence is imposed. This section of the Revised Statutes under which Thomas and Taggart are convicted provides that their punishment shall be a fine of not less than \$1,000 or more than \$10,000, or imprisonment in the penitentiary for not more than two years, or both fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the court.

## AN AMERICAN CHOSEN "BLACK POPE"

New York, May 26.—Rev. Rudolph J. Meyer, S. J., has been chosen "black pope" to succeed Father Louis Martin, who died recently in Rome. The "black pope" is the general of the Jesuits (Society of Jesus), the most powerful society in the Roman Catholic church.

(Rev. Rudolph J. Meyer was born in St. Louis, Mo., November 8, 1841, and is the first American to reach the head of the order. His father was George Henry Meyer, and his mother, Anna Meyer, born Kemper. His birth place was on Grand avenue, near what is now the main entrance to Tower Grove park. He was a student at the St. Louis university, and afterwards became its thirteenth president. He entered the order of Jesuits in 1860, attended school at Boston and Georgetown, D. C., taught in Cincinnati, and then attended Woodstock college in Maryland. He visited Poland and Belgium, and after further studies to perfect himself in the order, and then as rector in Cincinnati, and serving as president of St. Louis university, he was sent to Loyola, Spain, where he was general over the English speaking portion of the order.)

**Mexico Explains.**  
Washington, May 27.—The Mexican government's reply to the American inquiry in the seizure of American fishing schooners has been received. It shows that the ships were in Mexican waters in violation of the Mexican law.

**Did Not Open.**  
London, May 26.—The head office of the Mutual Reserve Life Insurance Co., in London, and all the country agencies, did not open for business Friday.

## THE POET IBSEN DEAD

A WRITER OF SOCIAL PROBLEM PLAYS

Author of "A Doll's House," "The Pilgrims," "Hedda Gabler," "Ghosts," Etc.

Christiana, Norway, May 24.—Henrik Ibsen, the Norwegian poet and dramatist, died Wednesday afternoon, aged 78.

The death of Ibsen was unexpected, although for a year he had been very weak, and his death was only a question of time. Toward the end he was unconscious, and passed away peacefully.

Ibsen was born March 20, 1828, in the little village of Skien, in the south of Norway. His ancestors were Danish, Scotch and German, and he was Norwegian only in residence.

His first printed work was a poem written when he was 21, which, printed in a newspaper, attracted no attention. His first drama was a three-act play, "Catalina," of which 39 copies were sold to readers. The rest of the edition was sold as wrapping paper to a huckster.

He attended the university at Christiania for about a year, his collegiate career being broken up by the performance of "The Warrior's Mound," a play he had written while at college. He then decided he could do without a college training.

In 1856 he wrote his first historical drama, "The Banquet at Solhaug," which was produced with great success, first at the Bergen theater and later at Christiania, Stockholm and Copenhagen. He then wrote "Lady Inger of Osterant," "The Vikings at Helgeland," the "Comedy of Love" and a considerable number of short poems. In 1866 he wrote "Brand," for which the Norwegian Storting gave him the "Poet's Salary," a small annuity.

After this he produced in rapid succession "A Doll's House," "The Pillars of Society," "Ghosts," "An Enemy of the People," "The Wild Duck," "The Lady from the Sea," "Hedda Gabler," "Master Builder Solness," "Emperor and Galilean," "Peer Gynt" and "The League of Youth."

Ibsen's plays have been a fad in the United States, and many of them, including "A Doll's House," "Hedda Gabler" and "Ghosts" are well known to theater-goers.

## 22 INDICTED FOR LYNCHING NEGROES

Springfield, Mo., May 24.—The special grand jury which has been in session more than three weeks, investigating the triple lynching of negroes on Saturday, April 14, has submitted a final report, which embraced a sensational review of the incidents connected with the burning of the three negroes, and was accompanied by 14 true bills against 22 persons.

Four of the persons indicted are said to be charged with murder in the first degree, eight with murder in the second degree, six with burglary by breaking into the county jail at the head of the mob, and four with having given perjured testimony before the grand jury. The collective indictments are against persons said to be charged with perjury.

## BIG LUMBER YARD BURNS

People Fled From Their Homes in a Panic—Loss, \$100,000; Insurance, \$30,000.

Terre Haute, Ind., May 24.—The Rees-Snyder lumber yard, located in the heart of the city, suffered a loss of about \$100,000 by fire early Wednesday morning. The plant was practically destroyed, and for a time the flames threatened the entire neighborhood, causing a panic. Residents fled to the streets in scant attire.

The fire broke out at 4:30 o'clock, being discovered by a newsboy, and it was hours before it was under control. Millions of shingles were burned. The company only carried \$30,000 insurance.

## A BILLION DOLLAR COAL TRUST NEXT

New York, May 26.—Anticipating and discounting the effects of the railroad rate bill, which demands a separation of the railroad and the coal interests, J. Pierpont Morgan, so Wall street learns, has been entrusted with the organization of a gigantic coal combine, with a capitalization which, it is believed, may reach fully \$1,000,000,000, outstripping even the steel trust in the merging of industrial interests. Mr. Morgan is now in Europe, where he has been so successful at times in his great financial ventures, and it was reported in Wall street that he will delay his return to this country until the groundwork for floating the stock apportioned to Europe is completed.

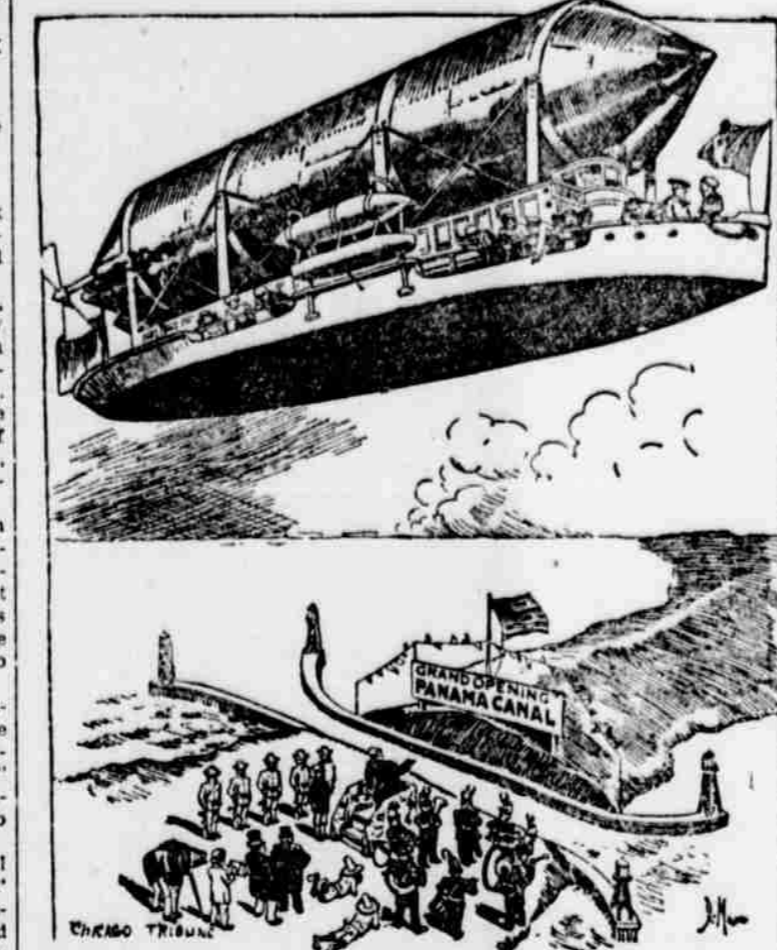
## WIFE DIES UPON HEARING DEATH OF HUSBAND

Hot Springs, Ark., May 24.—Henry F. Kirkpatrick, a well-known police officer of the city, died after being sick but two hours, and when his wife was notified she collapsed and died half an hour later.

## MISSOURI WOMAN UNDER DEATH SENTENCE

Supreme court of Missouri affirms death sentence of Angie Meyers and Frank Hoffman, convicted of the murder of the former's husband, Clarence Meyers, at Kansas City, Mo. While Hoffman beat Meyers with the butt end of a billiard cue, the woman cut his throat with a razor.

## WHEN THE CANAL IS FINISHED WE MAY NOT NEED IT.



## FOR INSPECTION OF FRESH MEATS

SENATE ADDED IT AS AMENDMENT TO AGRICULTURAL APPROPRIATION.

It Also Provides for the Inspection of All Animals Before They Enter the Packing Houses—Forbids Interstate Commerce of Uninspected Meats.

Washington, May 25.—The senate has passed the agricultural appropriation bill, carrying an appropriation of \$7,800,000 and, without a word of debate or an objection from any source, added to it as an amendment the bill providing for an inspection of fresh meats. The provision is along the general lines of the law for the inspection of meats intended for domestic consumption and the work is delegated to the bureau of animal industry. It requires that acceptable meats shall be labeled, and authorizes the destruction of condemned products. It also authorizes inspection of all animals before they enter the packing houses and requires that those establishments shall be maintained in a sanitary condition, gives the inspectors access to all departments of them and forbids interstate commerce in fresh meats which are not marked by the inspectors. The expense of the inspection is to be borne by the owners and a fine of \$1,000 and imprisonment for two years are fixed as the penalties for the violation of the provision.

## SAID WATERS-PIERCE HIRED R. R. AGENTS

Cleveland, O., May 26.—Frank B. Fretter, secretary of the National Refining Co. of Cleveland, and president of the National Pipe Line Co. of Ohio, resumed the witness stand Friday in the Standard Oil investigation.

Mr. Fretter testified that for over three years his companies had trouble in making shipments from Memphis, Tenn., to points in Arkansas. There were many delays, he said, customers being compelled to wait all the way from 20, 60 and 90 days.

He said he found that the agents of the roads were also agents of the Waters-Pierce Oil Co. of Missouri, a Standard Oil adjunct. These agents, he said, deliberately sidetracked shipments in order to destroy his trade.

W. J. Cram, of Marietta, O., testified that the Standard, for years, hounded his company and that the company was finally compelled to sell its property at a low figure.

E. M. Gibbs, a merchant of Tipton, O., said he was compelled to handle the Standard's oil because the Standard's agents threatened to start another store close by and sell every article he sold in competition.

## REBELS TAKE THREE TOWNS

Revolution in the State of Mato Grosso, Republic of Brazil.

New York, May 26.—A cable dispatch from Buenos Ayres, Argentina, says: Paraguay telegrams from Asuncion say that the revolutionists in the state of Mato Grosso, headed by Dr. Gonzo Ponce, captured the towns of Corombo, Santa Ana de Parahibo and Pacome, and are now near Cuyaba, the capital of the state.

The governor, Senor Paes, arrested the chiefs of the revolutionists on the 10th instant, but afterwards set them at liberty, the revolutionists promising to remain calm.

Three days later new arrests were made, and Senor Ponce then began his advance toward Cuyaba. Several fights took place, and number were killed or wounded, but the revolutionists were mostly victorious.

## BURTON MUST LEAVE

RESIGNATION OR EXPULSION FROM SENATE

The Convicted Senator Given a Few Days in Which to Think It Over.

Washington, May 26.—Unless Senator Joseph R. Burton, of Kansas, who has been convicted of a crime, and has been sentenced to a term of imprisonment and to pay a fine, resigns his seat in the senate within a few days, action will be taken to have him expelled from that body. Notice that effect will be served on Burton by members of the committee on privileges and elections, which has considered his case. He will have until next Friday to make up his mind. On that day the committee will meet, with the intention of reporting a resolution of expulsion if Burton does not get out.

Burton's proposal to Senator Burrows, chairman of the committee, that provided no action were taken on his case in the meantime, Burton would resign his seat if the supreme court denied the application for a rehearing of the case, was brought to the committee's attention, but was immediately rejected.

It develops that senators who have talked with President Roosevelt indicated to senators that in his opinion Senator Burton should immediately resign or be expelled.

## ANARCHISTS ATTACK A BANK

Bloody Encounter in the Industrial Center of Warsaw, Russian Poland.

Warsaw, Russian Poland, May 26.—A brief but bloody encounter took place here Friday afternoon at the Industrial savings bank, which was attacked by a band of anarchists. The latter, with revolvers in their hands, ordered the clerks and customers present to throw up their hands.

The chief clerk promptly drew a revolver and fired at the intruders. This was the signal for a brisk fusillade, during which two of the customers were killed and two customers, five clerks and one of the anarchists were wounded. The anarchists escaped, carrying off their wounded.

## QUAKES DESTROY MONGOLIAN CITY

Victoria, B. C., May 26.—The Chinese mail brings news of an earthquake, causing a great loss of life and damage to property, which occurred early in May at Unaiakai, in Mongolia. A chasm several feet wide was caused by the earthquake. The walled city of Unaiakai was almost completely destroyed, the loss of life being very heavy. Shocks are also reported from Fo Kaen province in China, the most disastrous being at Chuen in Chou province, where many buildings were destroyed.

## SENATE AMENDMENTS SENT TO CONFERENCE

Washington, May 26.—The house sent all the amendments to the railroad rate bill to a conference. The vote providing for this step was 44 to 105.

## Tornado in Nebraska and Iowa.

Oakland, Neb., May 26.—A tornado passed over the west side of Oakland during the afternoon, doing considerable damage, but no lives were lost. It struck the town of Whiting, la., destroying a house and barn on the same spot a house was wrecked by a storm three years ago.

## Alfonso Meets Eva.

Bordeaux, May 25.—A meeting between King Alonzo and Princess Eva of Battenberg, the future queen of Spain, occurred with absolute privacy at Angouleme. They traveled to Madrid, where the royal wedding is set for Tuesday, followed by a week of festivities.

## THE PRESBYTERIANS HAVE COMBINED

THE CUMBERLAND BRANCH AND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA.

Action Ratified in Des Moines and Decatur Assemblies—The Assembly at Des Moines Transferred into a Cheering Crowd When Union Was Proclaimed.

Des Moines, Ia., May 25.—I do solemnly declare and here publicly announce that the basis of reunion and union is now in full force and effect, and that the Cumberland Presbyterian church is now reunited with the Presbyterian church in the United States of America as one church.

With these words, uttered before the general assembly, Moderator Hunter Corbett officially established the union of the Cumberland church and the Presbyterian church in the United States of America.

**Received With Rejoicing.**  
The big ecclesiastical assembly burst into a storm of rejoicing. Hand-clapping, cheers and waving of handkerchiefs gave expression to unalloyed pleasure. The consummation devoutly wished and worked for through many years, despite many obstacles, had become a reality.

Wednesday a telegram was received from Decatur announcing the adoption of the joint resolution of the Cumberland church. At the opening session of the Des Moines assembly similar action was taken, and messages to that effect dispatched to Decatur.

## Two Vote Against Union.

The most intensely dramatic scene of the ceremonies attending the formal union of the two churches was the vote against union by two commissioners. Moderator Hunter Corbett put the question, which was in the form of a resolution, and called for the affirmative vote, and called for the commissioners rising to their feet.

Instantly the assembly hall was converted into a stamping cheering crowd. As the hand-clapping and cheering died down and the commissioners took their seats, the moderator said: "All who are of the opinion that the motion should not prevail will please rise."

Two commissioners rose to their feet. One of the men was Dr. William Laurie, of Bellefonte, Pa., and the other was Rev. Roger F. Cressley, of Jacksonville, Ill.

## Gave Their Reasons.

Dr. Laurie is a stalwart Scotchman, and his personality dominated the convention.

"Greatly as I dislike to record my vote against this union, and deeply as I feel the pain of being forced to disagree with my fathers and brothers, yet I can not conscientiously vote for this union. It is purely a question between me and my God. I have to oppose it."

Rev. Mr. Cressley said: "This is a matter of conscience with me. I can not honestly vote for the union."

A motion was made that the negative votes be recorded. Cries of "No" were raised. Dr. Laurie was on his feet immediately, declaring:

"I desire that the negative votes be recorded. I never yet was ashamed to stand by my convictions."

The record was duly made.

## Cheer Cumberland Victors.

Immediately after the adoption of the resolution uniting the churches, and the declaration by the moderator that the union was now consummated, two representatives from the Cumberland assembly were introduced to the assembly, which came to its feet and applauded, cheered and waved hats and handkerchiefs for five minutes.

The Cumberland visitors were President William H. Back of the Missouri Valley college, Marshall, Mo., and Dr. B. P. Fullerton, pastor of the Lucas Avenue Presbyterian church, St. Louis, Mo. President Back was the Cumberland chairman of the joint conference on church reunion and union.

Both men made speeches to the assembly, expressing their gratification at the union.

The assembly telegraphed the Cumberland assembly at Decatur, Ill., of the action on the question of union immediately after the juncture was declared operative, and received a reply congratulating the assembly, and announcing the official union and the adjournment of the Cumberland assembly.

## DEATH OF OLDEST EDITOR IN UNITED STATES

Columbia, Mo., May 26.—Col. Wm. F. Switzer, historian of Missouri, and for 65 years an editor in this state, is dead, aged 87. He claimed to be not only the oldest editor in Missouri but in the United States.

He was born in Kentucky, and moved with his father's family to Missouri in 1841. He was a member of the Presbyterian church, and never tasted intoxicating liquors in his life. He began his career as editor in 1841, and continued as editor and writer until his death. He served several years as the head of the bureau of statistics in Washington; was a member of two constitutional conventions of Missouri, wrote a history of the state, of his county, and a history of the state university.

## Eighty-Three Veterans Injured.

Lafayette, Ind., May 24.—One man was killed and 83 old soldiers were injured, some seriously, in a collision on the Lafayette battleground electric road. Both cars were crowded with veterans attending the G. A. R. encampment.

## ACTING OF THE AMATEUR.

Illustrative Instance of the Work of Ambitious But Incompetent Beginners.

It is surprising to discover how very differently people who have played parts all their lives deport themselves before the footlights, writes Richard Mansfield, in Atlantic. I was acquainted with a lady in London who had been the wife of a peer of the realm, who at one time had been a reigning beauty, and who came to me, longing for a new experience, and imploring me to give her an opportunity to appear upon the stage. In a weak moment I consented, and, as I was producing a play, I cast her for a part which I thought she would admirably suit—that of a society woman. What that woman did and didn't do on the stage passes all belief. She became entangled in her train, she could neither sit down nor stand up, she shouted, she could not be persuaded to remain at a respectful distance, but insisted upon shrieking into the actor's ears, and she committed all the gauderies you would expect from an untrained country wench. But because everybody is acting in private life, every one thinks he can act upon the stage, and there is no profession that has so many critics. Every individual in the audience is a critic, and knows all about the art of acting. But acting is a gift. It cannot be taught. You can teach people how to act acting—but you can't teach them to act. Acting is as much an inspiration as the making of great poetry and great pictures. What is commonly called acting is acting acting.

They were strolling through one of the uptown parks, plainly mother and daughter, the latter a child between five and six years of age. The daughter evidently is learning the letters, and has the regular order of the alphabet well in her little mind, relates the New York Sun.

Passing under a big oak tree, the mother stopped and picked up a handful of acorns with their cups that had fallen from the tree.

"Look, Kathie," she said to the child, "you can take these home for cups and saucers for dolly."

"What are they, mamma?" cried the delighted child.

"Acorns," said the mother.

"Why not B-acorns?" said the interested little one.

"Because they grow on that oak tree," said the wise mother.

"Then why not O-acorns?" queried the deep thinking little one.

"I'll spank you, darling, when we get home if you ask me any more such foolish questions," answered the affectionate mother.

## NORWAY EXPORTS SEAWEED

An Industry That Has Surpassed Fishing and Agriculture in That Country.

Seaweed selling is the price of certain Norwegian prosperity. The gathering of seaweed in southwestern Norway has assumed the proportions of a large industry, which has surpassed fishing and agriculture in fortune building. Farmers collect the apparently worthless growth, burn it, and sell the ashes to representatives of various manufacturing institutions in other countries. These ashes contain valuable chemical properties, including iodine. Old debts have been paid and small farms that were isolated and surrounded by unproductive land have had their boundaries extended by draining of marshes and clearing of rocky wastes that have not been utilized or productive since the stone age. Twenty years ago there was not a mowing machine in the district, while now there are mowers, hay rakes, harrows, and other modern machinery on nearly every farm. Modern dwellings and barns for grain and stock have replaced the ancient huts. The transformation has been so great that farming in this locality has become veritable American.

## Taking the First Step.

The Gashful—Ah! I am so happy. I wouldn't let myself even hope that you would accept me.

The Girl—Well, you see a fortune teller told me yesterday that my second marriage would make me happy and wealthy, and you know, of course, I had to get my first marriage over with.—Brooklyn Eagle.

## The Modern Sunday.

Mamma (returning from church)—Why, Willie, take your wheel into the back yard. You must not play in the front yard on Sunday.

Willie (protestingly)—But, mamma, isn't it Sunday in the back yard too?—Lippincott's.

## Two Forms of Courage.

Tom—I can't imagine anything more difficult than to tell a girl that you love her. I tell you it takes courage.

Dick—Yes, but think of the courage it takes to tell a girl that you don't love her after you've once told her that you did.—Stray Stories.

## Evenly Bad Tempered.

Mrs. Whyte—is your husband even tempered?

Mrs. Browne—Well, yes, I suppose so. Sometimes he's even bad tempered.—Somerville Journal.

## Pity 'Tis.

We have most of our generous impulses at the times when we haven't the means to put them into execution.—N. Y. Press.

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HASKELL, TEXAS, June 2, 1906.

Attorney General Davidson of Texas has been in Washington City, New York, Chicago and St. Louis for two or three weeks studying up on trust busting methods. We shall expect something to happen in Texas soon.

The Free Press acknowledges an invitation from Press Headquarters at Louisville to participate in the festivities of "Home-Coming Week" and share in all the courtesies extended to representatives of the press.

They are making great preparations at Louisville, Ky., for "Home-Coming Week", June 13 to 17, when it is expected that 50,000 to 60,000 former Kentuckians will gather there from every state in the Union. A very elaborate program has been arranged covering the five days entertainment of the home-comers, after which they will visit their old homes, friends and relatives throughout the state.

In a Democratic judicial district convention of sixteen counties of northwest Ohio, held at Lima last week, resolutions were adopted declaring that Bryan would have been renominated and elected in 1904 had the trusts not stolen the nomination from him and that the National Democracy will nominate him in 1908. A similar declaration was adopted by a Democratic convention in New York a few weeks ago.

### JEFFERSON DAVIS' BIRTHDAY.

The Twenty-Ninth Legislature of Texas enacted a law making Jefferson Davis' birthday, June 3d, a legal holiday.

In pursuance Gov. Lanham has issued a proclamation calling upon the people of the state to suitably observe Monday, June 4th, as such holiday instead of the 3d, which falls on Sunday this year.

### BALLEW NEIGHBORHOOD.

To the Free Press: After several weeks of silence, will again honor (?) the readers of the Free Press with a few items from this community.

Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham and daughter, Mabel, spent Sunday with Mr. Frank Tompkins and family.

Mr. Alvy Couch closed a very successful term of school here Friday, May 25.

Harvest is here and the people are busy putting up their grain, and some of the farmers are planting cotton over on account of the heavy rains which fell last week.

Bro. Nicholson preached to a large congregation last Sunday at the school house.

Miss Genevieve Stanfield of Knox Prairie spent Saturday night and Sunday with her cousins, Misses Mary and Hattie Proctor.

Misses Addie and Noble Tompkins returned home Wednesday from Belton, where they have been attending school.

### Found a Cure for Dyspepsia.

Mrs. S. Lindsay, of Fort William, Ontario, Canada, who has suffered quite a number of years from dyspepsia and great pains in the stomach, was advised by her druggist to take Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. She did so and says, "I find that they have done me a great deal of good. I have never had any suffering since I began using them." If troubled with dyspepsia or indigestion why not take these Tablets, get well and stay well? For sale at Terrells Drug Store.

Miss Zenobia Francis left her school this morning to go to town and buy a bottle of Hooper's Tetter Cure to relieve her sore, itching feet. Guaranteed by Collier-Andrus Co.

### BACK FROM ALABAMA.

#### A Haskell County Citizen Saw Sights Queer to a Texan.

Mr. J. F. Mitchell, a leading citizen of our county in the Carney neighborhood, was transacting business in Haskell Thursday and the Free Press reporter learning that he had recently returned from a trip to Alabama, requested some observations on his trip.

Mr. Mitchell said that he saw some very poor country and a lot of very poor people, or, at least, it looked that way to a Texan. He said that he saw both men and women plowing with a single steer on steep hillsides where the old dead trees, stumps and rocks were so thick that it looked like it would have been risky to plow a good horse, and that he saw people going to town and to preaching in ox wagons, hallowing "Wou come here, Larry," "Gee Buck," etc., as in the primitive days of long ago.

Mr. Mitchell said that he heard a Mr. Smith make an agricultural address to a crowd of Alabama farmers in which he told them he didn't see why they wanted to try to raise cotton there, because they could not compete with the West. He said to them "Why, a twelve year old boy can get on a riding plow out in Texas and raise more cotton than five men can raise here." Of course, he didn't know there was a Texas farmer in the crowd that he could prove it by, said Mr. Mitchell, but I said to him later at my sister's hotel that he said more for my state than he did for Alabama, and he replied, "It is true, anyway."

Mr. Mitchell said that on returning to Texas he stopped over in Morris, Johnson, Hill and Ellis counties and that in his opinion Haskell county is in better shape from a farmer's standpoint than either of them, although they are regarded as leading agricultural counties in this state.

### RAILROAD NOTES.

There is little to say about the railroad except that it is building right along. The steel and other material is being shipped in as fast as it is needed.

The track has been laid 17 miles from Seymour. Wet weather has delayed the work to some extent. If there should be no more wet weather Col. Morgan Jones says the road will be into Munday next week.

About forty men went on a strike last week. Their complaint was about the water, but Col. Jones says it was beer they wanted. Since the beginning of the railroad work here there have been in all a thousand laborers here. When they get a little ahead they quit and go on to the next place.

The boarding cars and commissary keep up with the track laying. The rails are laid from a truck, and the ties are hauled ahead with teams.—Baylor Co. Banner.

If tracklaying reaches Munday this week it ought then to reach Haskell easily by July 1st. Haskell should arrange to make a double celebration of the coming of the railroad and the Fourth of July. The Commercial club should take the matter up in ample time.

The excessive rains this week will stop all work for a week or longer.

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The storm Thursday night toppled a stone wall over on the roof of my store, crushing it in for about two-thirds of the length, letting in the rain and precipitating the dust from the ceiling onto the goods below. As a consequence a portion of my stock of staple dry goods, clothing, hats, etc., is more or less soiled and damaged. I will sell all damaged goods at

## Very Low Prices

Come and look over them and get some bargains. Many things which will be sold at a reduced price can be restored by dusting and washing and will be as good as ever for all practical purposes, but come and see how cheap you can buy them.

## UP AGAIN!

To my customers and the general public I have to say that I will immediately erect a temporary building near the postoffice where I will in a few days be prepared to handle their trade until my new stone building on the west side of the square is completed.

Meantime come and get your share of the bargains out of the damaged stock.

## S. L. ROBERTSON.

### SCHOOL HONORS

Following are the pupils in the higher grades who received the highest average grade for the year 1905-6 in the Haskell High School, as furnished us by Prof. Morrow:

#### GRADUATES:

First honor, Wilmer Camp, 96.  
Second honor, Lochie Sprowls, 94.4.  
Third honor, Eula Poole, 93.

#### TENTH GRADE.

First honor, Mayne Mayes, 91.  
Second honor, Emma Nicholson, 87.

#### NINTH GRADE.

First honor, Mary Dickey, 90 1-4.  
Second honor, Mabel Baldwin, 89 4-5.

#### EIGHTH GRADE.

First honor, Lewis Sherrill, 97.  
Second honor, Cleveland Pierson, 91.  
do do Vivian McWhirter, 91.

#### IN MEMORY.

Resolutions by the Haskell W. H. M. Society upon the death of Mrs. Mary J. Sayle:

Whereas, death has removed from our midst one of our most faithful members, Sister Mary J. Sayle, who died on the 17th day of May, 1906; therefore, be it

Resolved: That, in her death, we realize that our society has lost one of its most faithful and loyal workers; the church, a true and zealous member; and the community, one whose Godly influence was always for the right.  
Resolved: That we hereby express our high appreciation of the character and influence as well as the Christian spirit manifested in her life upon all occasions.

Resolved: That we tender our sympathies to the relatives of the deceased, and  
Resolved: That these resolutions be published in the Haskell FREE PRESS and also read on the minutes of the society.

Mrs. A. H. CHAMBLISS.  
Mrs. F. G. ALEXANDER.  
Mrs. R. W. TYSON.

# MOVED

## The Racket Store

has moved from its former location on the west side to the north side of the square, in new building next door to Sherrill Bros.

Drop in and see us in our new quarters.

## WALL PAPER

A large line of choice patterns just received. Various grades and prices.

## The Racket Store

### Haskell Telephone Company.

Has Long Distance Connection with All Points, and Direct lines to the following local places.

Ample, Aspermont, Broach Ranch, Suinney Lake,  
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Cliff, Irby Ranch, Throckmorton, Stamford,  
Rayner, Orient, Gatlin, Munday, Seymour.

Local Exchanges at Haskell, Aspermont and Munday. Telegraph messages received and transmitted.

J. F. POSEY, Manager, Haskell, Texas.

Pearl buttons per dz .....3c  
 Talcum powder per bx.....3c  
 Pins, per paper .....3c  
 Hooks and eyes per card 3c  
 Safety pins.....3c  
 Hair pins .....1c  
 Attend this sale.

# OUR FIRST BIG SALE

It is Our Custom Every Year to Hold a Sale for the Purpose of Cleaning

Everything in the store goes in to make the June Clearing Sale the greatest you ever attended. We handle the best goods. Do it now.

up all odd lots of goods that might have accumulated and also to reduce the stock of Spring and Summer goods. Commencing Friday, June 1st, and continuing through the month of June. We are going to give you our June Clearing Sale. Nearly every article in the store goes at cut prices. All Spring and Summer goods and all odd lots must go. A saving on every counter and shelf. Attend this sale.

## Wash Goods and Silks

Every yard must go.

50c Eoliennes, in all plain colors June Clearing Sale..... 43c

50c Wash Goods, Floral Designs June Clearing Sale..... 39c

40c Silk stripe Dimities, June Clearing Sale..... 33c

30c Kimona cloth, Eoliennes, etc, June Clearing Sale..... 25c

25c Mulls, Dimities, etc, June Clearing Sale..... 19c

20c Dimities, etc., June Clearing Sale..... 15c

All 15c Wash Goods to close out for..... 12c

All 12c Wash Goods to close out for..... 10c

All 10c Wash Goods to close out for..... 8c

One lot plain and figured Lawns were 7c & 8c, June Clearing Sale..... 5c

12c Kyoto Crepe, extra good value, June Clearing Sale..... 10c

36-inch wide Chiffon Taffeta Silk regular price \$1 yd this sale..... 89c

All our regular 75c Silks for..... 69c

All others in proportion. We cut the price—you profit.

## Cotton Dress Goods

One lot dress Ginghams, sell regularly at 10c yd, this sale..... 5c

20c White Pique, June Clearing Sale..... 15c

15c White Pique, June Clearing Sale..... 11c

15c Voiles, June Clearing Sale..... 11c

20c Chambray Ginghams, June Clearing Sale..... 16c

Extra value, Zephyr Suitings, late shades new effects, others ask 20c, for this sale..... 12c

36-inch Percale, 12 1/2 value, June Clearing Sale..... 89c

We challenge all competition to meet our prices.

Standard table Oil Cloth, the best made sells nowhere for less than 20c per yd, our price now..... 15c

"The hand of economy maketh rich"—here's the start to a fortune.

## Table Linens and Towels

35c Table Linen, this sale..... 30c

Regular 60c Table Linen, 62 inches wide, June Clearing Sale..... 53c

Regular 90c, all pure Linen, 70 inches wide, June Clearing sale..... 79c

Regular 75c Linen towels, now..... 50c

Bath towels 22 inches wide, 48 inches long, each..... 25c

"All Linen" crash toweling, this sale for..... 8c

## Counterpages

The largest assortment for you to select from.

Regular 90c values, worth \$1.00 for.... 75c

Regular \$1.25 fringed, worth \$1.50, for..... \$1.00

Regular \$1.50 values, this sale for.. \$1.25

All others at the same low rates.

## Embroidery

Something that appeals to every woman's fancy is embroidery. We are without a doubt the leaders on this line of goods.

Regular 40c corset covering, this sale for..... 25c

All regular 10, 12, 15 and 20c embroidery, this sale for..... 8c

One big lot special, June Clearing Sale..... 5c

Good goods and true.

## Ladies Skirts

We have more of these on hand than we want now, therefore, we make these prices.

All \$12.00 skirts, now for..... \$9.95

All \$10.00 skirts now for..... \$7.95

All \$9.00 skirts now for..... \$6.95

All \$8.00 skirts now for..... \$5.95

All \$6.50 skirts now for..... \$4.95

All \$5.00 skirts now for..... 3.95

All \$3.50 and \$4 skirts now for.. 2.95

All \$2.50 skirts now for..... 1.95

Bargain dividends are being declared. Have you gotten your share?

## 50 Per Cent off on Lace Curtains

You get our \$1.00 Curtains for..... 50c

Our \$2.00 Curtains for..... \$1.00

Our \$3.00 Curtains for..... 1.50

Our \$4.00 Curtains for..... 2.00

Our \$5.00 Curtains for..... 2.50

And so on all through the entire line.

## Shoes

We have by far the best equipped shoe department in this section of the country, showing all the new shapes etc., and these too are to feel the effects of our June Clearing Sale.

Men's \$5.00 Oxfords, June Clearing Sale..... 3.95

Men's \$4.00 Oxfords, June Clearing Sale..... 3.25

Men's \$3.50 Oxfords, June Clearing Sale..... 2.95

We have just received a shipment of one of the best advertised shoes in America, made to sell for \$3.00 and \$3.50, with price stamped on them. Our price \$2.50 and \$3. Whatever is here is right; if not here, not right.

## Clothing

In our clothing department we are going to place prices that have never been seen on such high class goods before. These are not shoddy shelf worn goods but new, highly tailored goods and have been ready sellers at our former prices.

All \$17.50 and \$16.50 Suits for..... 13.95

All \$15.00 Suits for..... 12.95

All \$13.50 Suits for..... 11.95

All \$12.50 Suits for..... 10.95

All \$10.00 Suits for..... 8.95

These suits are in three and four button sacks and also double breasted and square cut designs. One that looks like a mountain to competition.

One lot consisting of 200 Men's two piece suits worth \$6, \$7 and \$8, this sale at.. 4.25

Save the difference and buy ice.

Odd pants will suffer the fate of a uniform reduction of 20 per cent discount.

## Gents Furnishing Goods.

In perfecting the dress for man it is necessary that you have the correct things in Shirts, Underwear, Ties, etc. Such is ours.

Our 1.50 Shirts, this sale price..... 1.25

Our 1.00 Shirts, this sale price..... 85c

Our 75c Shirts, this sale price..... 60c

Our 50c Shirts, this sale price..... 40c

Others meet their fate in like proportion.

## Hats

Here is where we will gladden the hearts of the wise consumer, placing at your disposal goods of merit at prices asked for inferior goods.

All 3.00 Hats..... 2.50

All 2.50 Hats..... 2.15

All 2.25 Hats..... 1.95

All 2.00 Hats..... 1.65

All 1.50 Hats..... 1.25

## Mattings, Carpets and Linoleums.

All 35c Matting..... 30c

All 30c Matting..... 25c

All 25c Matting..... 20c

Two yd wide heavy Linoleum, Special \$1.00 per yard.

It's up to you now. Twenty per cent will be given off on all Carpets.

## TRUNKS

We have the largest assortment in this section of Texas, and will offer you all through this sale, 20 per cent discount. The kind we handle makes the Baggage man smile---can't smash them.

Embroidered Pineapple Tissue, new designs and weaves, regular 15c, now..... 10c

In putting on our June Clearing Sale, we are shoveling out sunshine into every home. We always have just one price for everyone, we never play favorites. Every man's dollar is worth 100 cents to us. It will pay you to come to this sale, no matter how far you live. You can't afford to miss it. Remember it begins Friday, June 1st, and lasts through June. We will expect you to be here.

### SPECIAL ON BELTS

An accumulation of odds and ends in belts, were 25, 35 and 50c, to close out at.....15c

A big lot that were 60, 75, 1.00 and 1.25, for.....25c

They Better Expectations.

# D. EGGER & SON

HAVE IT FOR LESS

STAMFORD,

TEXAS.

### CORSETS.

One big lot of regular 50 and 75c values to close out at.....25c. We are sole agents in Stamford for the Royal Worcester corsets, the best made. Come expecting bargains.

# HASKELL COUNTY TEXAS

## Climate, Health, Resources and Advantages Plainly Told.

### INTERESTING INFORMATION FOR THE HOMESEAKER.

#### Location and Area.

Haskell county is about 120 miles west of Fort Worth and in the tier of counties north of Tarrant county, in which Ft. Worth is situated. It lies on the 33 degree north latitude, about midway between the Texas & Pacific and the Ft. Worth & Denver railroads and is just east of the 100 meridian of west longitude. This meridian is the assumed line between the wet and dry sections of the state. Thus Haskell county is seen to be near the dividing line, so that its seasons and weather conditions must be about a mean between the two extremes of wet and dry in eastern and far western Texas, respectively. The county is in fact nearly in the center of the state from east to west, being about 75 miles east of the center on a line drawn from Texarkana to El Paso. Perhaps few East Texas people have thought of this when thinking of Haskell county.

The county contains a little over 900 square miles, or, 585,000 acres.

#### Character and Prices of Lands.

The land varies in character in different portions of the county. Much of it is a dark, sandy loam, grading from that to a heavier texture with more clay, some of it approaching in character the soil of the "black land belt," without, however, its sticky or waxy quality, being much more friable. There is also a considerable area of chocolate or reddish colored land, sometimes mistaken by strangers for red clay, but it is a very fertile and productive soil. In the north western portion of the county there is quite an area having perhaps an excess of sand. That is, however, the oldest settled and most densely populated portion of the county. The land is very easy to cultivate and has proven so far to be very productive of all of the leading crops and vegetables, and is unexcelled for melons, etc. It is not well adapted to small grain on account of the sand blowing and covering it up sometimes when year. More or less farming has been done on all the different characters of lands mentioned for several years, and all of them have proved to be very fertile and productive—surprisingly so when conditions have been the most favorable.

Lands range in price from about \$6 to \$20 per acre, depending largely on improvements, and location as to school, postoffice, trading point, etc. Prices have advanced rapidly during the last few years and will continue to advance as the value of this country becomes more widely known.

#### Field Crops.

Owing to the friable and loamy nature of nearly all of our soils and their freedom from crab grass, tie vines and many noxious weeds that are the bane of the eastern farmers, and the ease with which all improved implements are used on our level, smooth country, enabling farmers to do most of their work while riding, farmers here usually cultivate twice as much land to the hand as they do in the older states and in the older settled portions of Texas. Hence, it will be seen that it must be a very hard year and a poor yield indeed, when Haskell farmers do not make a living. Such a thing rarely happens. But, with this large acreage, give them fairly good conditions and their graineries will be found overflowing, their forage crops immense and their cotton and other crops good. Such is the case this year, when every farmer has made grain and forage enough to do him two years—some say three—and their cotton is turning out on one-third to three-fourths of a bale per acre.

In giving the yields of crops we shall base our statements upon the results obtained by farmers of at least average industry and enterprise. We all know that there are farmers everywhere who, because of their own shortcomings, seldom, if ever, make a good crop, and such should not be taken into consideration when estimating the productiveness of a country.

Cotton yields here one-fourth to one bale per acre—1.3 to 1.2 bale being the general average. The staple is good and it is gathered clean, owing to the usually open, fine weather during the picking season. Its adaptability to this section and the easy cultural conditions make it a profitable crop here. The wonderful increase in its production from about 3,500 bales in 1900 to about 8,600 bales in 1904, and an estimated crop of 15,000 to 17,000 bales this

year, 1905, tells of the rapid settlement of our county as well as of the estimation in which this crop is held by our farmers. No boll weevils here.

Wheat under average conditions yields about 20 bushels, but we have known 41 1-2 bushels to be made.

Oats range from 30 to 60 bushels, the average being 50 to 60 bushels per acre.

Rye and barely have not been grown extensively here, but when sown have given good yields.

Corn is uncertain in yield, ranging from a few bushels some years to 50 bushels per acre other years. Some farmers say they have made from 50 to 60 bushels per acre this year. All farmers know that there is a critical period of a few days in the life of corn when, if it is not provided with sufficient moisture, either from rain or by a method of cultivation which has retained moisture from previous rains, it will be cut short. It is a fact that some of our farmers have much better average success with corn than others, due probably to their methods of preparation and cultivation of the land. We have other grain crops that are certain of a good yield every year and that are such excellent substitutes for corn—are in fact better feed in some respects—that they are more largely grown and relied upon. These are milo maize, Kaffir corn and African millet. These yield from 30 to 60 or more bushels of grain every year, depending upon the seasons, besides a large quantity of good forage.

The planting season for dwarf milo maize is from early spring to the middle of August, so that if the spring planting does not prove sufficient the fact will be known in ample time for later plantings, which may be made on wheat or oat stubble. Here then is a most valuable resource not available to farmers in many other countries. The grain of these has been proven to be an excellent work feed for horses, as, also, for growing and fattening hogs and cattle.

Both the little and the German millets usually make fine crops here.

Common sorghum is largely grown for forage or hay and usually makes a heavy yield, and never fails of a fair yield. Few hay crops, if any, except clover, excel it in food value.

Of the minor crops, field peas, peanuts, pumpkins, cashaws, potatoes and melons of all kinds grow to perfection here almost every year.

Broom corn is another good and fairly certain crop here. A little seed has been planted experimentally several years and found to make a long, fine straw. This year two or three farms in one neighborhood planted 35 acres and got a yield of over half a ton of excellent straw per acre, and one of them has purchased machinery and is manufacturing it into brooms.

#### Vegetables.

As a rule about all of the standard garden vegetables grow well here. We generally have as fine beans, peas, beets, turnips, radishes, squashes, cucumbers, tomatoes, etc. as grow in any part of the state. Cabbage do well here some years, but in others require a little irrigation to carry them over a summer drought. For three years in succession a two days fair has been held in Haskell late in October and each time vegetables of the varieties named, as well as several others, of as fine size and quality as are usually raised anywhere, have been exhibited by farmers from different portions of the county. With a little irrigation by windmill from a well or artificial pond, any family may have an abundance of fine vegetables any year, and all the year.

#### Fruits.

For several years little effort was made toward fruit growing, it being thought by the earlier settlers that it would not succeed. But orchards coming into bearing the last few years have demonstrated the fact that we can have plenty of good fruit here. Peaches and plums have been planted mostly and yield fine crops of excellent flavored fruit of good size. Some pear trees in town have yielded good crops. Grapes usually bear well. With irrigation, and it would not require much, we believe this section would rival California in grapes, as in our high altitude they are not affected by the fungus diseases which are so damaging in a lower altitude and humid atmosphere.

#### Water Supply.

Good well water is obtained in abundance in nearly all parts of the county at depths ranging from 15 to 60 feet. There are several noted springs in the county. Those at the

town of Haskell were known far and wide in old cattle days, before there was a settler in the county, and trail herds made it a point to reach them for a camping and resting place. Stock water is furnished by a number of streams, as the two Paints, Miller, Lake, California, Clear Fork and several lesser ones, and the Brazos River, which dips into the western side of the county. And on many farms and ranches water is pumped by windmills from wells, or artificial ponds are made. In this atmosphere and climate standing water does not putrefy.

**Stock Raising.**  
Considering the history of this section as a stock raising country, long before "the man with the hoe" came, when hundreds of men grew rich raising cattle, horses and sheep on the rich native grasses of west Texas without so much as thinking about providing a bundle of hay for them in the winter, it is perhaps not necessary to extol this section as one peculiarly adapted to live stock raising. Suffice it to say, there is none better, and all kinds are remarkably free from diseases here.

With intelligent breeding and a proper adaptation of stockfarming methods, as fine thoroughbred stock can be raised here (some is being raised now) and cattle can be finished for market in as fine shape as any where in the world. That is a broad statement, but it will stand. Climatic conditions and the ease with which an abundance of cotton seed, grain and all necessary forage is produced, unite to make it absolutely true.

Hogs also thrive here. We have never heard of a case of hog cholera in Haskell county. Many of our farmers are now producing their own meat and lard and say they do it easily and cheaply as it can be done in any country.

#### Health and Climate.

Few, if any, countries surpass this section in healthfulness. Our altitude is about 1650 feet above sea level. This is about twice the altitude of Dallas, 150 miles east, and only about half of that of the plains

favorably with the people of the older sections. It may be news to some, but it is a fact shown by official statistics, that there is less crime committed in this section in proportion to population than in the densely settled portions of the state, or in many of the old states.

**Schools.**  
There are 22 public schools in the county, free to all from 7 to 18 years of age. This places a school in reach of every neighborhood, and the number will be increased as rapidly as increasing population demands them. All but one school district has voted an extra tax with which to supplement the state fund. The county still owns its four leagues or 17,712 acres of school land, which is leased and the rent from it divided among the schools.

**Churches.**  
Besides the churches in the town of Haskell, several neighborhoods and villages have church buildings and regular services. But most of the neighborhoods as yet hold their religious services and Sunday schools in their school houses, nearly all of them having preaching from once to twice a month.

#### Fraternal Societies.

There are in Haskell lodges of Masons, Grand Order of the Orient, Odd Fellows, Woodmen of the World, and Modern Pretorians. And there are W. O. W. camps at several places in the county. The Farmers' Union also has a flourishing organization in the county.

#### Towns.

Haskell, the county seat, is the principal town, for description see separate article. There are several small towns or villages, each having a postoffice and from one to three small stores, blacksmith shop, etc., as Ample in the northeast part of the county, Pinkerton eight miles northwest of Haskell, Cliff near the north line of the county, Marcy in the west side, and Leavitt is a postoffice in the southwest part of the county and Jud in the northwest.

Sagerton in the southwest, Rule in the west center and Carney in the



HASKELL PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDING.

country, beginning 100 miles west of us. We have no miasmatic vapors arising from swamps and stagnant or putrefied water and decaying vegetable matter, no malaria, chills, etc. Colds are somewhat prevalent in winter owing to weather changes and the carelessness of most people in not giving better attention to conforming their clothing to the changes, and in summer we have some slow fever of a typhoid type, but our physicians have learned to handle these so well that there is little fatality from them.

It is a well established fact that a very great majority of persons who come here in poor health, or with their systems charged with malarial poisons, soon regain their health, and the healthy become more robust. The temperature rarely goes above 100 here in the summer, and even that heat is not as oppressive here as 80 degrees is in a low altitude and a still, humid atmosphere, as we are seldom without a good breeze and, sometimes the wind blows for days at a time so strong as to be a little disagreeable to newcomers, but they soon become accustomed to it and are no longer inconvenienced by it.

In the winter we have some sudden changes from warm to cold, as when a cold "norther" comes down on us, but these seldom last more than from two to four days. Most of our winter weather is comparatively mild and pleasant. Only a few times during the past 12 or 15 years, since a record of the weather has been kept, has the temperature gone to zero or below, and then only for a night or two. There are but few days in a year when outdoor work can not be carried on in comparative comfort.

#### Society.

Hospitality and sociability is a characteristic of Western Texas people, and ours have a full share of it. They meet the stranger who comes to cast his lot among them with an open hand and a cheerful welcome, and he is neighbor and friend so long as he maintains a worthy character. Our people have their social organizations and observe the amenities of polite society, and in education and refinement will compare

northwest part of the county, are new towns located on the line of the Orient railroad, now being built through the county, and bid fair to make good towns.

#### Railroads.

Our county is soon to be well provided with these long needed developers and arteries of commerce. The Kansas City, Mexico & Orient Railroad is now building through the western portion of the county from north to south. It will pass about 12 miles west of Haskell. The Wichita Valley Railroad, which leaves the Fort Worth & Denver at Wichita Falls and runs southwest to Seymour, is now extending its line via Monday in Knox county and the town of Haskell to a connection with the Texas Central at Stamford south of us. Bridge building over the Brazos and grading on the line is now in active operation.

It is considered almost certain that the Rock Island or the Texas New Mexico & Pacific Railway will build to Haskell from the east within one or two years. Needless to say, these railroads will work wonders in the development of this country.

#### Finally.

If you want a home in one of the best and most healthful sections of the state, in a truly "coming country" where values will increase greatly, come while you can get in on the ground floor. Sell your high priced land and come here and get two to four times as much for your money. You will then have enough to settle your children around you as they grow up and marry off. Come and take a look.

#### TOWN OF HASKELL.

Haskell is the county seat of Haskell county, situated in the heart of one of the richest and most productive sections of the great Southwest, which is today outstripping any other section of the United States in productive development and growth in wealth. The town has a population of about 1200, as before indicated, of as progressive and energetic people as can be found any where.

For the benefit of readers abroad, who may not thoroughly understand the aggressive character and energy

possessed by the true westerner, and which have carried him ever forward in conquering the western wilds and bringing them under man's dominion, to put it briefly, we will say, he is the embodiment of that indomitable energy, perseverance and pluck which never stops short of success where success is possible of human achievement. They are not a slow-going, plodding people, but are keen of wit and intellect, quick to grasp and utilize situations as they present themselves.

Such men, with a clear conception of the future in store for a country like this, and, knowing that as the country developed towns would spring up, chose wisely the location for the county seat and planned the town on a liberal scale, providing sites for county buildings, churches, schools, etc., and this judgment is verified in the fact that today Haskell is commanding the attention of the commercial world as being the distributing point of agricultural implements and farm and ranch supplies for a large and prosperous territory, and the best inland town in West Texas.

The town is beautifully located on an almost level stretch of prairie, but with enough slope for good drainage into a small branch or ravine which has its rise just west of the town and runs through its southern edge and wanders off to the southeast. In this connection it may be mentioned that several strong springs of pure water have their rise along this ravine, within the town limits, and their waters flow off through it. And throughout the town, inexhaustible wells of good water are obtained at depths ranging from 15 to 30 feet. In this inexhaustible supply of nearly pure water, which has proved to be entirely satisfactory for steam engines—and must be good for any manufacturing purpose—lies one of the town's great natural advantages, as it will admit of the establishment here of manufacturing enterprises requiring any quantity of water, at a minimum of cost for procuring it.

There are in the town quite a number of handsome and commodious residences and many less pretentious ones, which afford all the comforts and conveniences of pleasant homes, many of them adorned externally with beautiful flower gardens and shade trees.

The business portion of the town is composed principally of wooden buildings, but there are some good brick and stone buildings and several of the larger firms are planning for the erection of buildings of manufactured stone, a plant for the manufacture of which has been put in here.

That a large per cent of our people are religious and do not neglect the spiritual and moral side of their being is attested by the fact that Haskell has four neat, well furnished and commodious church buildings, owned by the Methodist, Presbyterian, Christian and Baptist denominations, and each of these denominations owns a comfortable parsonage for the use of its pastor. And it is no exaggeration or flattery when we say that the present pastors of these churches are men above the average in ability and eloquence. Besides the regular preaching service, each of these denominations maintains a Sunday school and society for the young people, such as the Baptist Young People's Union, the Christian Endeavor and the Epworth League. From this the reader who may contemplate a westward move, but hesitates for fear of taking his family away from moral and Christian influences, will see that he has nothing to fear on that score in coming to Haskell.

Our public buildings are on a scale commensurate with the needs and ambitions of such a citizenship as we have previously described.

The court house is a splendid three-story stone building of handsome external appearance and nicely finished and furnished inside and provided with fire-proof vaults for the deed records, for the tax collector's books and rolls and for the treasurer's records. There is in it a complete suit of offices for all of the county officials and a full equipment of rooms for grand and petit juries, consultation, etc., and an ample room on the first floor for the sittings of the county court. The district court is provided for on the second floor with a commodious room, seating 300 persons on the

main floor, while a gallery extending around three of the sides, will accommodate half as many more. The building is surmounted by a lofty cupola upon which a heroic figure of the goddess of justice stands 109 feet above the ground, and within the cupola is a clock with dials four feet in diameter facing the four cardinal points of the compass.

The county jail is a substantial brick structure equipped with steel cages. It is perhaps the least used adjunct of our civilization, from the fact that serious crimes are few among a population like that of Haskell county.

But the thing which exemplifies as much or more than any other, the quality and ambition of our people is the commodious and modern school building, erected last year at a cost of more than \$15,000. In the first and second stories there are eight commodious study and recitation rooms, separated by wide halls, while a large auditorium occupies the third story, under the mansard roof. The building is constructed on hygienic principles as to cleanliness, ventilation and heat. The later being supplied by furnaces located in the basement, from which hot air is forced into any or all parts of the building at will. The structure is of concrete blocks or "manufactured stone," moulded to represent cut stone, which was adopted after careful investigation, and about whose strength, durability and fireproof qualities there is no question. This building represents an achievement on the part of the people of our school district of which a much stronger community might feel a justifiable pride. The school as at present organized is composed of something under 300 pupils with a corps of 7 teachers and a principal of recognized ability as a teacher and disciplinarian. The school is classified into eleven grades and all of the common and high school branches are taught, including higher mathematics, Latin and Greek, so that a pupil who finishes the course here can go directly into the leading colleges of the state.

To give the reader a more definite idea of the lines of business and their general scope, as carried on here, we follow this general sketch with a brief write up of nearly all of the business concerns and professional men of the town.

By going over these, the reader will observe that we are lacking in several enterprises, such as a flour-mill, cotton seed oil mill, electric light and ice plants, steam laundry, etc., which deficiencies are in most part due to our isolation and lack of transportation facilities.

But it is confidently believed that with the coming of the Wichita Valley railroad next summer, or even before its advent, all of these things will be added to us. This railroad has entered into written contract, with a heavy penalty in the event of its failure, with the citizens of Haskell, to build through Haskell with the extension of its line from Seymour to a connection with the Texas Central at Stamford, south of us, for a bonus of \$25,000, depot grounds and right of way, all of which has been secured to the satisfaction of the railroad company, which has let the contract for the building of the road, and grading forces of men and teams and steam graders are now at work on the line, and work has also commenced on the big bridge which is to span the Brazos river.

Our town is, as a result of this, already taking on a new impetus, and considerable building and improvements are under way.

Haskell has other railroad prospects, as the extension of the branch of the Rock Island running from its main line in Wise county west to Jacksboro and Graham, a survey for which was run into this place a little more than a year ago. It is believed that it is only a question of comparatively little time until the company will extend this branch to connect with their road through New Mexico.

Another is the recently chartered T. N. M. & P. & Great Western Railway chartered to run from McKinney to a connection in New Mexico, probably Las Vegas. The company is contracting with towns on the proposed route for subsidies and right of way, and has begun a survey of the line.

Persons who have money to invest in profitable enterprises in a coming town and country will do well to investigate the openings here, as indicated above.

#### To Homeseekers and Investors:

The accompanying write-up gives you without exaggeration a fair idea of our country. Our railroad has recently built through the county, another is graded to Haskell and track is being laid and it will run trains here by July 1, 1906.

Our town is building rapidly, and no town or county in Texas offers a better or safer opening for profitable investments.

Come and see us or write us and we will take pleasure in securing for you what you want. We suggest that the only man who has lost money in this country is the man who did not invest here.

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