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RETURNS BY PRECINCTS OF PRIMARY ELECTION OF MAY 2

Returns of the Democratic Primary election held in the several voting precincts of Haskell county, Texas, on May 2, 1908, as estimated by the chairman and executive committee of the Democratic party on Tuesday may 5th, 1908, to wit: for Delegates and Alternates at large

Precinct	J. W. Bailey	Cone Johnson	M. M. Brooks	O. T. Holt	J. L. Storey	C. F. Thomas	A. J. Baker	Lee Young	B. F. Looney	Marshall Hicks	J. R. Kubena	R. C. Dial	J. R. Bowman	A. C. Owsley	C. L. Blanchfield	Walter Tips	Polls Paid in each Precinct
Haskell	519	257	240	253	238	252	238	251	240	246	241	248	241	247	241	577	577
Bushy	36	29	7	28	7	28	7	28	7	28	7	28	7	28	7	7	70
Howard	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19
Sagerton	42	56	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	204
Rochester	128	32	96	32	95	32	93	32	93	32	93	32	93	32	93	32	116
Wentert	60	30	10	30	10	30	10	30	10	30	10	30	10	30	10	116	116
Rule	255	103	148	103	148	103	148	103	148	103	148	103	148	103	148	383	383
Chiff	55	38	17	38	17	38	17	38	17	38	17	38	17	38	17	66	66
Graymare	11	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	84
Hanson	35	17	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	84
Jud	45	17	18	17	18	17	18	17	18	17	18	17	18	17	18	17	84
Carney	67	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	105
Totals	1340	658	653	651	651	649	648	648	650	648	648	649	646	649	646	2020	2020

West Texas State Summer Normal, June 15 to July 30, 1908

TO BE HELD AT HASKELL, TEXAS.

A FEW STRONG FEATURES:

UNION OF FOUR--Haskell, Stonewall, Throckmorton and Baylor. **FACULTY OF FIVE.** Lectures will be given by the following prominent educators: State Supt. R. B. Cousins, Dr. O. H. Cooper Simmon's College, Abilene; Dr. Boaz of Polytechnic College, Ft. Worth; President Lockhart of Christian University, Waco.

A Rare Opportunity for Teachers to Improve their Scholarship

A special instruction given to those desiring to take the examination for teachers certificate. Further information address J. STONE RIVES, Conductor, Haskell, Texas.

CONGRESSIONAL CAMPAIGN WARNING

The congressional campaign is opening up in this district and promises to be a warm one, as is indicated by the Borden Citizen's account of Mr. Cunninghams recent speech out in the Borden country. The Citizen says:

"Mr. Cunningham who is again a candidate for congress in opposition to Hon. W. R. Smith, our present able and faithful representative, was here recently and made a speech to the people of Gail.

The burden of Cunningham's campaign seems to be that he likes Smith job and wants it, but he failed to give a single good and sufficient reason why the voters of this district should displace an able, faithful representative, one who has done something for the district, for a man whose ability as a national legislator has yet to be demonstrated.

Mr. Cunningham left some campaign literature behind him which it seems to us had best been unpublished.

One circular he distributed was headed "Fraternity and Labor" and is a reprint of speeches delivered by the gentleman last year.

In the Fraternity speech Mr. Cunningham flings a few bouquets at all the secret orders from the "Red Cross Society" to "Masonry," but what possible bearing can this have on his fitness to represent us in Congress. Sure, Mr. Cunningham is not acquainted with the secret orders for support of his candidacy. He well knows that politics have no part or place in the tenets of these orders and that they do not countenance, political methods which involve the obligations of the order, or even by suggestion or influence seek support of men or measures under cover of the order.

Mr. Cunningham's labor speech is pure buncombe. He expressed beautiful and wordy sentiments about labor, but makes no promise of what he means to do for labor when elected to Congress. Compare the speech which he distributes with Congressman Smith's record on organized labor.

Since he was elected to Congress Smith has voted and worked for every measure proposed in that body looking to better conditions for organized labor. In his platform Smith says:

"I am opposed to government by injunction and I favor and will support an employers liability law, arbitration and a proper extension of the eight hour law."

If organized labor wants to support candidates who do something for them, it seems to us that this comparison is all sufficient.

Another circular is a copy of his El Paso speech wherein Mr. Cunningham in one breath criticizes Mr. Smith for what he has done for El Paso in Congress in the way of irrigation and in the next he declares that he wrote the plank in the platform on which Smith was nominated that committed Smith to the El Paso irrigation project. If Smith obeyed the platform demand written by Cunningham upon what grounds does the latter criticize our faithful representative?

Cunningham heaped a tirade of abuse on El Paso people for supporting Smith. He alleges fraud in the last election and says that of the 1433 Smith got in El Paso County 1200 were Mexicans, Negroes and Republicans. Now, everyone knows that such talk is silly. The

splendid citizenship of El Paso is known to all Texas, and the bulk of these true Americans are supporting Smith. It would be unnatural if they did not after what he has done for that section. But the Rio Grande Dam is not only beneficial to El Paso but to the whole of that great section of Texas which has hitherto been called a desert. Soon it will be under irrigation and producing wealth untold for our state.

If there was corruption in the election, why hold Smith accountable for it? He was not even in the State when the election was held, nor for three weeks previous. His wife's desperate illness kept him away from the state during almost the entire campaign and he had no more to do with the election than a citizen of another state.

Cunningham charges Smith with nepotism because he employed his own son as typewriter and stenographer during the summer. He says Smith violated the spirit of the law in employing his son as private secretary. Such is not the case.

In the first place there is no such office as private secretary to a Congressman. Congress merely allows each member so much money to pay clerk hire each month. To draw that a Congressman merely has to certify that he has paid or will expend the amount for that purpose. Smith's clerk left his employ last spring and until his return to Congress he had his son do the work. Can any body find wrong in that? Mr. Smith has now and has had since Congress convened a young man who is not related to him. But if he was, what of it? The Grand Old Commoner, John H. Reagan, Lanham and Coke when in in Congress employed members of their families as clerks. Gregg, Garner, Gillespie and Stephens of the Texas delegation do it now.

No, the truth is, Cunningham wants Smith's place, and because Smith's record is untarnished must need resort to trivialities in his criticisms.

Smith has been a faithful representative of the people's interest. He is honest and fearless and the whole district has been benefitted by his work in Congress and the people of the 16th District mean to keep him there.--Borden Citizen.

STILL HUSTLING.

The depression experienced in the real estate business during the last few months does not have any effect upon the record of J. J. Stein as a hustler. Mr. Stein has recently succeeded in closing a very large deal, wherein he and Sid Post exchanged their interest in the two-story brick building, occupied by the Haskell State Band and McNeill & Smith Hardware Co., for 900 acres of land out of the Joseph McGee Survey, about seven miles south-east of Haskell, and owned by David Garnier. Total amount involved \$48,590.20

BY MOONLIGHT

Friday evening a crowd of Haskell young people drove out to the Bailey tank about two miles from town and ate supper and drove home by the light of the moon. Those who enjoyed the occasion were Misses Lillian and May Pace, Dean, Lucile Hughes, Witzer, Cecil Hughes, Mamie Meadors, Sallie Hughes and Weston Payne and Messrs. Stephens, Touchstone, Smith, Killingsworth, Simmons, Long, McDonald and Mr. and Mrs. Eastland.

HASKELL TELEPHONE CO.

Charter Amended Absorbing the Profit Telephone Co.

CAPITAL INCREASED TO \$100,000.

Now the Most Extensive Telephone System in West Texas.

Through its attorney S. W. Scott of this place, the Haskell Telephone company has surrendered its original charter and that of the Profit Telephone Co., which it has been operating for some months under purchase, and filed a new charter consolidating the two into one system under the name of "Haskell Telephone Company."

The capital stock of the two old companies was \$50,000.00 which is increased under the new charter to \$100,000.00, of which \$80,000 is paid in and the remaining \$20,000 is to be paid up within two years.

The sole owners and incorporators of the new company are:

G. R. Couch, F. M. Morton, M. S. Pierson, S. W. Scott, E. B. Combs, A. J. Combs, Sr. and A. J. Combs, Jr.

The officers are F. M. Morton, president, A. J. Combs, Sr., vice-president and general manager, G. R. Couch, secretary and treasurer.

The lines radiating from Haskell penetrate thirteen counties, reaching the places named below, where toll stations are maintained. It also maintains local exchanges at Haskell and the places whose names are in italics: *Throckmorton, Esutt, Graham, Olney, Reynolds, Breckenridge, Crystal Falls, Ellasville, Clark's Ranch, Elbert, Farmer, Graham's Ranch, Huftstulde, Indian Mound, Jeffries Ranch, Margaret, Murry, Pitts Neal, Round Timbers, Spring Creek, Tankersly, True, Vera, Eight Ranch, Maybelle, Red Springs, Heiner, Hunts Ranch, South Bend, Bachelor's Ranch, Archer City, Wichita Falls, Holiday, Dundee, Seymour, Goree, Rhineland, Monday, Weinert, Crowell, Benjamin, Chillicothe, Truskett, Gurthrie, Pitchfork Ranch, Driver's Ranch, Dickens City, Espuela, Spur Ranch, Knox City, Carney, Rochester, Rule, Sagerton, Ample, Cliff, Jud, Hooker, Pinkerton, Union Gin, Thorp, Aspermont, Mattie, Mayfield's Ranch, Stamford.*

The Company's mileage in long distance lines 1000 or more miles.

W. O. W. Unveiling at Stamford

Quite a number of the Haskell Woodmen, members of Elmwood Camp No. 24, attended and assisted in the unveiling of a monument at Stamford on last Sunday to a member of the order at that place. The Haskell burial team composed of Ben Morgan, captain, J. L. Roberts, F. I. Pearsey, R. A. Busby, A. G. Lambert, Earl Williams, Alex Edwards, T. J. Lemmon and E. A. Johnson attended in full uniform and lead in the ceremonial work. Other members attending were, G. D. Norris, Dr. E. E. Gilbert, L. V. Smith, C. H. Mooneyham, J. B. Lamkin, Arthur Edwards, W. D. Joiner and T. E. Bowman.

Commissioners in Session.

The Commissioners' Court has been in session all the week, this being a regular quarterly term. A good deal of the time has been spent in considering petitions for new neighborhood roads, appointing juries of view and passing on the reports of road juries appointed at the previous term of court. The general business was not reached in time for report in this issue.



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WE HANDLE ONLY MEDICINES of known and proved merit. Our guarantee as well as that of the makers goes with every bottle. We shall be glad to recommend a variety of reliable remedies if you have no particular choice. If you have a favorite that has done you good before, you can get it here at a reasonable price.

COLLIER'S DRUG STORE.



THERE'LL BE SOMETHING MISSING

some day, and then you'll regret that you didn't put it where it would be safe. In a word, the place for your surplus cash is the FARMERS BANK. It will be absolutely safe there, and you'll find your account growing. And you'll be afforded every accommodation consistent with conservative banking. Put your money where it will grow. Most good to you.

FARMERS NATIONAL BANK.

R. C. MONTGOMERY, Cashier of Haskell, Tex. W. L. Miller.

Church of Christ Meeting.

Evangelist Lee P. Mansfield at Lingleville Christian College school begin a series of meetings Haskell Saturday night, Mer et al to continue indefinitely, request everybody to attend court services and hear him. J. T. meeting will be in a tent intersect two blocks north of public school house. Come one, come all. No. 15 will be indulged in.

Elders Church of Christ

Another Brick Business

Mr. J. F. Pinkerton et al contracted for the erection of a building 30 by 60 feet on the N. J. of the wooden building which was lost by fire two weeks ago. W. joining the I. O. O. F. hall, on Paul north side of the square. D. Scott has the contract for erection of the building and district gan work on the foundation Monday, but has been delayed by the rain.

Fine Wheat Promised.

County Commissioner C. F. Davis of the Sagerton precinct who is in attendance on court this week, says that some of the wheat in his section is fair to make 40 bushels an acre if no disaster befalls it between now and harvest. The last rains have afforded plenty of moisture to mature grain.

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HASKELL, - - - TEXAS

A friend in need often turns out to be a useful "double."

Did Methuselah live on sour milk, or buttermilk, or what?

Wall street will never get over that taste for bumping the bumps.

It is evident that Castro's physician is no longer prescribing rest and quiet.

Oxford is the largest university in the world. It has 21 colleges and five halls.

There are 1,567 walled cities in China where there is neither a foreign nor Chinese pastor.

Helen Gould might be good enough to remember that the prince doesn't want to marry her.

Sometimes Paris would prefer that London should bombard it with shells rather than tourists.

The Hollow Earth Exploring club ought to be able to get information at almost any tile works.

By this time the fools are wondering whether to take 'em off or wait until the rock-the-boat season opens.

In view of family objections, could Prince Helie be persuaded to take the millions without insisting on the lady?

California is producing the largest crop of lemons the state has ever had, but she isn't going to hand any to the sailors.

There are times when China must be tempted to wish that Japan would get involved in trouble with some remote country.

Judging by the peekaboo waists appearing in the fashion pictures, the politics of the summer will be extremely radical.

Some people talk too much to express one thought on the principle of the man who digs up the whole yard for one angleworm.

To be sure, the price of meat is going up, but the mackerel are coming, and the price of vegetables will be getting cheaper every day.

A San Francisco rat having chewed off the signature of a last will and testament, the courts decline to follow suit and ratify the document.

Cubans are restive under the order prohibiting cock and bull fighting. This is about the best authenticated cock-and-bull story in existence.

Miss Helen Gould has been compelled to curtail her charities, but she does not propose to reduce the extravagances of make-believe royalty.

A Paris museum is having difficulty in finding room for the diplotocus given it by Andrew Carnegie. The obvious thing to do is to store a syllable or two somewhere else.

Those who think Japan can't go to war because of the lack of money forget that the American revolutionists set up a fight with a paper issue worth no more than a continental.

The first pair of spectacles were made in 1285, and probably that is the year when man first started saying "I can't read" because he'd left his glasses at home.

The Kaiser, though he finds it impossible to make ends meet on \$4,000,000 a year, probably wouldn't be interested in the current discussion whether a man can afford to get married and raise a family on \$12 a week.

An owl flew out of a burning chimney at Coverach, Cornwall, England, with its feathers on fire, and perched on a haystack near at hand. The result was that the rick was completely destroyed, and several stacks of straw were consumed.

Barleigh of Maine is one of the members of the house whose bill permits the familiar sentence: "I'll sue you at the university."

He is a real newspaper man, publisher of the Kennebec Journal and has been governor and state auditor of his state.

Cases of astigmatism arise from the practice of reading in bed, usually by persons recovering from a severe illness. It strains the muscles of the eye to such an extent that they alter the curvature of the cornea—the abnormality to which the term astigmatism is applied.

If Dr. Hill takes along a \$4 cigar with him when he goes to call upon the Kaiser, we hope he won't make the same mistake as the Maine lawyer who plotted to corrupt the judge, and who in his nervous embarrassment kept for himself the 50-cent cigar that he had bought and gave the judge the other.

Mrs. Humphry Ward is collecting some highly interesting and impressive information in her tour of the public schools of New York city. In one of the largest of them she was informed that 40 per cent. of the students there were of foreign birth, but that there was not a pupil in the school either of whose parents was born in America. Quite likely this may be an exceptional case, but there are said to be several other schools in the metropolis where the native born parents are in an insignificant minority.

THEY QUESTION PLAN

MANUFACTURERS THREATEN TO WAR ON TEDDY'S POLICY.

"LET US ALONE" THE SLOGAN

Labor's Demands to Be Fought Out at the Polls Is Now Said to Be The Intention.

New York, May 11.—The Herald prints the following from Washington:

Never before has there been a more dramatic and at the same time a more dignified protest against an attempted governmental policy than that which has been recorded here during the last ten days. It bears on the attempt of the administration to force through Congress the amendments to the Sherman anti-trust law and the so-called anti-injunction bill.

It is believed that the administration is now seriously questioning whether it has not made a mistake but whatever the outcome may be, the movement marks the entry of practically every manufacturer in the United States into the political arena, where the challenge of the American Federation of Labor will be taken up. The news from St. Louis yesterday that the business men who are sounding the slogan, "Let us alone," would carry the fight into politics, was the first intimation of such a movement afoot. There is much additional confirmation of the purpose obtainable here.

To accentuate the situation the National Association of Manufacturers, with a membership of 3,000, will begin a movement to carry the war against labor's demand to the polls and become active in politics at a convention which will open at the Waldorf-Astoria on May 1. This will be a notable gathering, because the members of the association, under the leadership of J. W. Van Cleave, the president, have decided that the time has come when the controversy with labor must be finally decided in a death grapple at the polls. The most prominent speaker will be Representative C. E. Littlefield of Maine, who was one of the members of congress marked for slaughter by Mr. Gompers in 1906, but who was re-elected.

Thus the fight is already on, and it is said to rest with the President and congress to choose finally which side they will remain with, for every sign indicates that the manufacturers are completely roused and feel that they are at last making a fight for continual existence.

Lacerated Body Found Lifeless.

Dallas: James Warner, a charcoal burner aged about 60 years, was killed Friday night at the doorway of his little tent, which was pitched on the Mahon farm, about three miles north of Hutchins. Robbery is supposed to have been the motive. The body was discovered about 4 o'clock Saturday morning by E. H. Beatty, who had gone to the old man's place to get a load of charcoal to carry to town for sale. He found the corpse lying near the doorway of the tent. The old man had been shot through the breast and shoulder with a charge of slugs from a shotgun, and a two-edged ax had been used to almost sever the victim's head from his body.

Wichita Falls Has Let a Contract for

eight miles of sewers, at a cost of almost \$29,000.

Peanuts and Prosperity in Wood.

Austin: Former State Senator R. N. Stafford of Mineola says that the cultivation of peanuts is being gone into by the farmers of Wood County, and the indications are that a great crop of peanuts would be raised. He said that the town of Mineola has recently gone on a cash basis; in other words, there is not one credit house in the town, and the new arrangement works admirably and is a good thing for everybody.

"Fighting Bob" Says Farewell.

San Francisco: There were tears in "Fighting Bob" Evans' eyes Saturday night when he left his ships behind him, never to return to them. Three hundred officers of the Atlantic Battleship fleet gathered at the depot at Oakland and gave the veteran sailor a rousing send-off as his special car, attached to the Overland Limited, pulled out of Oakland for the East. The leave-taking was informal, owing to Evans' health.

Found Samaritans at Last.

Fort Worth: Three brothers, Luther Cooper, aged ten, Lee, aged seven, and Sydney, aged four, arrived in the city penniless, on their way to their grandfather's farm at Memphis, Texas. The boys had had nothing to eat for two days. Bystanders at the station made up a fund and bought them clothing and food and transportation. The youngsters came here from Arkansas, where their father has just died, leaving them alone in the world.

TOWN STORM SWEEP

Dozen Killed and Many More Reported Injured.

Oklahoma City, Ok., May 12.—At least a dozen killed outright, as many more fatally injured and three score more or less seriously injured, is the result of a succession of tornadoes that swept Woodward and adjoining counties Sunday night. The cyclone covered an area of twenty-five miles, leaving death and destruction in its wake. Wires are down and communication cut off, and it is impossible to learn the full extent of the casualties.

Seven towns are reported to have been wiped off the map, and at Grand, Arnett and Estelle, where the storm spent its fury, the death list is heaviest. The villages destroyed are about twenty-five miles from the nearest railroad.

The towns of Viel, Mutual, Cooley and Richmond are reported as having been devastated.

At Little Robe, fifty-five miles southwest of Woodward, Mrs. J. E. Hale was killed.

In the vicinity of Arnett, O. E. Null and daughter were caught in the storm while driving. They escaped injury, but their team was killed.

The little town of Cestos, Dewey County, also is reported wiped off the map. No details from there as yet have been obtained.

The known casualties are:

At Arnett—Mr. Hale, killed.

At Viel—Dr. Hauser, fatally injured.

At Mutual—Arthur Sibert, his wife and several others seriously injured.

At Little Robe—Mrs. J. E. Hale.

Grand, the county seat of Ellis County, is said to have been wholly wrecked. The towns of Estelle, Richmond and Cooley are also reported to have been devastated.

Temple of Peace Started.

Washington: President Roosevelt Monday laid the cornerstone of the first international temple of peace, friendship and commerce yet to be laid, the tangible evidence of the desire of the twenty-one American Republics that war shall be no more in the Western world. The new building is to be the joint property of all the Republics. It is adjacent to our Government buildings, facing the Mall. Three-quarters of a million dollars toward the construction of the building is the donation of Mr. Carnegie, while each of the Republics has added an appropriation to the fund. The building is to be the home of the International Bureau maintained by the American Republics.

Manufacturers' Association to Meet.

Chicago, Ill.: The Illinois Manufacturers' Association is receiving many favorable replies to its recent call for a mass meeting to be held here. Preceding the meeting, counsel for the association will hold a conference for the purpose of seeing what legal action can be taken, if any, to prevent the proposed freight rate increase. It is possible that the association may go into court for an injunction to restrain the railroads from putting the threatened increases into effect upon the ground that they are the result of combined action, taken in contravention of the Sherman act.

Murder Mystery Still Unsolved.

Chicago, Ill.: Authorities here have decided not to excavate the premises formerly occupied by Mrs. Belle Guinness in Austin, Ill., until it has been definitely settled that the woman is dead. The owner of the property objects to the notoriety, and claims that his place would be ruined. Neighbors of the woman, relatives and physicians unite in the statement that Mrs. Guinness never had any children, and the ones who met death at Laporte were adopted. The number of her victims, so far as known, is now ten.

Frank Schneider shot and killed Fred Wetzel, Jr., in Germantown a few days ago, claiming that Wetzel had insulted his wife.

Train Wreckers at Work.

Houston: Trainmen on the Houston division of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas report that several attempts at train wrecking have been discovered recently in time to avoid disastrous smash-ups. Recently train No. 401, southbound, ran upon the approach of a bridge between Hillendahl and Houston which was discovered on fire.

Shooting Bee in Oklahoma.

Shawnee, Ok.: Three men rode into Hanna in a buggy and began shooting, and when Deputy Sheriff Abans called on them to surrender, he was fired on. In the shooting which followed George Strong was killed, Henry White shot in the arm and in the melee a buggy overturned and Will Stevens had both legs broken in the wreck.

ALL FRISCO JUBILATE

REAR ADMIRAL EVANS AND 15,000 JACKIES PARADE.

RED LETTER DAY ON PACIFIC

Secretary of the Navy Metcalf Is Honored Visitor at Formal Welcome to Atlantic Fleet.

San Francisco, Cal., May 8.—The great naval, military and civic parade, constituting the chief feature of yesterday's celebration of the arrival of the Atlantic fleet, started from the foot of Market Street on its long march through the leading business portion of the city shortly after 9 o'clock in the morning. There were about 15,000 men in line, 8500 being marines and sailors from the vessels in the bay. A large force of regular troops from the Presidio, the marine corps, naval militia, National Guard of California, veterans of the Civil and Spanish Wars, California Pioneers and various semi-military organizations and officials and prominent citizens in carriages made up the rest of the procession. Secretary of the Navy Metcalf, Governor Gillette of California and Mayor Taylor of San Francisco and Rear Admiral Evans and staff rode in carriages in the first division, which was headed by the grand marshal, Brigadier General Kooster of the National Guard of California and regular troops commanded by Brigadier General Funston, including detachments from the infantry, cavalry, signal corps and United States engineers.

The Salt Lake battalion of High School Cadets acted as special escort to Rear Admiral Evans, whose carriage was followed by others containing the commanding officers of the fleet and foreign consuls.

The second division, headed by Captain Seaton Schroeder, commanding the United States naval forces, consisted entirely of marines and sailors from the Atlantic and Pacific fleets. It was the longest division in the parade, and the bluejackets were enthusiastically cheered all along the line.

Colonel D. Smith, commanding a provisional brigade of the National Guard of California, headed the third division. A company of signal corps of militia preceded the Fifth California Infantry, commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Hunt. Then came the State naval militia, under Captain Bauer; veterans of the Mexican and Spanish Wars and a strong detachment of the Grand Army of the Republic, including many visiting camps from other cities.

Naval Veterans of California, League of the Cross Cadets, the Columbia Park Boys' Club and other semi-military organizations comprised the rear guard of what undoubtedly was one of the most impressive and picturesque parades ever seen in this city.

Marshall After Another Railroad.

Marshall: The Sabine Valley Railway Company, recently chartered to build a railroad south from Marshall toward Port Arthur, has made a proposition, which has been accepted. The proposition calls for a cash bonus of \$30,000, payable in installments as the road is built; also free right of way through the county, including twelve miles of completed grade, and about thirty acres of terminals within the city limits.

Flames Devour Four Persons.

New York: Four persons were killed and twelve injured Thursday in a fire believed to be of incendiary origin, which practically destroyed a five-story tenement house on Archard Street. This building is within a stone's throw of Delancy and Allen streets, where twenty-six persons were burned to death in a tenement house fire three years ago. More than one hundred persons were taken down from the fire escape platforms.

They Got Married.

Beardstown, Ill.: Rev. and Mrs. A. H. Coffield wedded here, despite the nearness of their allotted threescore-and-ten years, and waited two hours for a train to take them to their home in Thayer, Kan. The present Mrs. Coffield, who is a younger sister of the first Mrs. Coffield, who died a year ago, is the mother of ten children, and a grandmother twenty times over. The groom boasts of four children and twenty-six grandchildren.

Grayson Oil Development.

Sherman: G. H. Rose of Salem, W. Va., has arrived in Sherman, and has gone to the G. D. Brown farm near Friendship, where he will superintend the building of the rigging for the oil well which will start as soon as the machinery can be placed. All of the material is here, and there now seems nothing in the way of pushing the work to an immediate completion.

BIG FIRE AT ATLANTA.

An Early Morning Fire Causes Loss of \$1,250,000.

Atlanta, Ga., May 9.—Thirty-one buildings destroyed, forty-two business concerns burned out, 1000 persons thrown out of employment, and a financial loss conservatively estimated at a million and a quarter dollars, is the result of a fire which started about 3:30 o'clock yesterday morning and raged for four hours in the business district of this city.

Last night the fire was under control, with ruined buildings in the district bounded by Forsyth, Nelson, Madison and Hunter Streets. Late yesterday the police and fire departments dynamited what was left of the ragged walls. Last night half of Atlanta's fire fighting force was playing water into a dozen razed structures.

Origin Is a Mystery.

How the fire started is a mystery. It was discovered in the building occupied by the Schlessinger-Meyer Company Bakery. From there it ran its way in all directions until it struck the Terminal Hotel, one of the largest in the city, and gutted that. During the early morning hours every one in the Terminal and various other small hotels in the district had warning. There was no loss of life and no injured.

The insurance on the property destroyed is placed by insurance men at \$750,000.

Bank Cashier in the Toils.

Pittsburg, Pa.: William Montgomery, cashier of the Allegheny National Bank for over twenty years, was arrested Thursday for embezzling \$429,000 of the bank's funds. He was arraigned before United States Commissioner Lindsay and held for the Federal Grand Jury under bond of \$50,000, which was furnished. The financial standing of the bank is in no wise impaired, as it is in a position to bear the loss without embarrassment.

Dallas Gets Naturalization Office.

Dallas: Dallas has been made headquarters for the employees under the Department of Commerce and Labor for the carrying out of the provisions of the naturalization laws, passed by Congress in 1906. This division will include Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana and Mississippi. George A. Crutchfield, heretofore stationed at Chicago, and a former resident of Dallas, will be in charge.

Youthful Long Distance Traveler.

New York: Having traveled alone all the way here from South Africa, where his mother died two months ago, the three-year-old Wilfred Stevens, whose father lives at Southampton, L. I., arrived on board the Teutonic in charge of a stewardess. It has taken the child six weeks to complete his 11,000 mile voyage, and in that time he has not seen a face that he knew until his father greeted him on the pier here.

Cockle Burrs Kill Hogs.

Manchester, Ok.: This is the season of the year when the reports of the loss of young shoats that are running where cockle burrs grow reach the newspaper offices. E. E. Berdue reports the loss of several head, and three died out of a bunch of 150 that were permitted to run along the banks of a creek where cockle burrs were scattered and sprouted and grew in the spring. The bunch was moved to an alfalfa field, where there is not a burr plant growing, and no more have died.

Tennessee Negro Lynched.

Nashville, Tenn.: Elmo Harvard, an 18-year-old negro, arrested Wednesday at Pulaski for attempted criminal assault on Claude Allen, 16 years old, daughter of L. P. Allen, was lynched Friday afternoon by a mob of about 300 unmasked men. The men broke open the jail and carried the negro to a bridge and hanged him. Several shots were fired into the negro's body by members of the mob, but no further disorder occurred.

Burgess Clark, a Confederate Veteran,

died at Caddo Mills Thursday of heart failure while sitting on his porch reading a book. He had resided in that community for the past fifty-two years, and enlisted in Bob Spencer's company at Greenville in 1863.

David M. Ray, M. D., aged 68 years, a Confederate veteran, and for fifty years a resident of Grayson County, died at his home in Whitewright Thursday morning shortly after 8 o'clock.

Messrs. Simpson and Kenneday of Altus, Ok., are looking for a route for a railroad from Altus to Memphis, Texas, and also looking for a bonus for building the road. The citizens now have under consideration the matter of raising a bonus, and will report within the next few days.

The S. G. Greer saw mill near Blodgett, Titus County, burned May 2, the loss aggregating \$5000 with no insurance. Several thousand feet of lumber near the mill was saved. The origin of the fire is unknown.

NEWS FROM OVER TEXAS

The First National Bank of Lockney opened its doors for business Thursday. It is capitalized at \$25,000.

The taxable valuation of property in Waxahachie this year is \$3,567,000, an increase of \$125,000 over last year.

Paris balloonists are arranging for an attempt at making a new record by staying up in the air 48 successive hours.

Tom Jance, a farmer who lived a mile south of Robert Lee, was dragged and kicked to death by his horse one day last week.

The Ladies' Home Mission Society of the Northwest Texas Conference will convene Wednesday to a several days' session at Weatherford.

An oil well of good producing quality was brought in Friday on the A. C. McAfee farm north of Powell. It was brought in at a depth of 960 feet.

The attorney general approved for registration \$8,000 street and alley improvement bonds of the city of Quanah being ten-forties, bearing 5 per cent.

Elmer Hawkins, wanted at Hobart, Ok., on charge of murder was arrested at Greenville Friday night. He acknowledged the killing and claims self defense.

The night-riders' trouble in Kentucky seems unabated, if not really in a worse stage than ever before. Troops seem to aggravate rather than alleviate conditions.

"Three thousand inhabitants inside of twelve months," is the slogan of the energetic citizens of Tempe, who met a few nights ago and formed the Thousand Club.

Prof. J. H. Grove, for the last eighteen years at the head of Howard Payne College has announced his resignation, which will take effect at the close of this term.

Friday night Milinda Bright, a negro, was fatally cut by a yellow negro of doubtful identity. She ran to a drug store and asked for a doctor, but was dead before assistance arrived.

Collier Brothers of Hico have purchased a lot near the freight depot and are preparing to raise what is left of that eight-stand cotton gin since the big overflow and erect a first-class gin on the new location.

Jimmie Lee, a negro boy about fifteen or sixteen years of age, died suddenly Saturday morning after 9 o'clock. The boy was employed in a livery stable at Dallas and was grazing a horse near the corner above mentioned when he suddenly collapsed and died in a few minutes.

Silas Dooley, a negro wood chopper working in West Dallas, aged about 63 years, was killed by a companion named Smith, aged 23. Dooley's head was literally chopped open from ear to ear. No one knows what led to the difficulty and the cast was seen only by a boy who was at work in an adjoining field. Both parties are negroes.

At a recent meeting of the Hillsboro Board of Trade a committee of business men was appointed to co-operate with farmers living on and near the Hillsboro and Branon road, and with the commissioners' court in building a mile of demonstration road.

A middle-aged man, evidently an Italian, whose identity is not known save the fact that his name is Al Ragina, jumped into the Neches river at Beaumont Saturday afternoon and was drowned.

The Fort Worth authorities will not catch the dogs as heretofore, but will simply notify their owners, and unless they procure tags they will be subject to a fine of \$2 per day for each day thereafter in which the dog is without a tag.

It is reported that an order has been received at Ennis announcing that the Houston and Texas Central shops will be operated twenty-four hours a week till May 9, and then be closed down until June 1.

Great preparations are being made in Austin for the proper celebration of the anniversary of the centennial celebration of Jeff Davis' birthday on June 3, at which time the Confederate Woman's Home will be formally dedicated.

All talk of the segregation of the Rock Island-Frisco Systems in Texas seems to have died away locally. Railroad men generally believe that the report sent out some time ago from New York was without foundation.

Headed by a brass band, the fire department with city officials Oklahoma City held a funeral parade Saturday to bury "Pat," a fire horse eight-year old in the service. A marble slab will mark "Pat's" resting place.

THE WEEK'S EPITOME

A RESUME OF THE MOST IMPORTANT NEWS AT HOME AND ABROAD.

NEWS FROM EVERYWHERE

A Carefully Digested and Condensed Compilation of Current News Domestic and Foreign.

Grover Cleveland is rapidly recovering from his recent severe illness.

"Doc Riley Smith" is the name of the Dallas waterworks switch, in honor of Doc Riley, of Riley's oRander.

Paris Creamery Company elected officers Saturday, and will proceed to install the plant as early as possible.

The Kansas City Southern is arranging to install electric fans in all its lay-over sleepers between Kansas City and Port Arthur.

The city police swooped down on every place of amusement at Chattanooga, Tenn., Sunday and closed them up.

The National Convention of Retail Grocers met in Boston and had a big meeting. Hundreds of grocersmen, including many from Texas, attended.

Apiculturists generally report bees in bad condition, the rains having prevented the storing of dry honey; in fact most colonies have to be fed.

The Paris Temps says it is time Venezuela were being taken in hand and "spanked," and suggests that President Roosevelt take the matter in hand.

A band of men, evidently from Kentucky, destroyed tobacco beds near Aurora, Ind. They left warnings against further attempts to raise the weed.

Charles Matthews, one of Chicago's most prominent journalists after many years of suffering from nervous troubles, suicided in Hot Springs a few days since.

Olga Nethersole, in a Sunday address before the People's Institute, New York, says women had better marry and have homes, rather than follow "careers."

Jim Kennedy, a well-known negro man of Montgomery, Ala., locked up his seven children in his house and set the building on fire. Five were burned to death.

A twenty-five million cubic feet gas well was brought in Saturday afternoon by the F. R. Letcher Company in the Bald Hill field, thirty miles west of Muskogee. Its roar can be heard for miles.

Allen Hunter, speaker of the house of the Arkansas legislature, has taken the oath of office of Governor, to act during the absence of Acting-Governor Pindell, who is in Washington attending the call to the governor made by the President some time since.

The sawmill of the Simms Lumber Company, fifteen miles north of Alexandria, La., on the Iron Mountain Railroad, was destroyed by fire. Practically all of the lumber was saved. The loss will amount to about \$50,000.

An ocean courtship, begun on the steamship Heliogolav from Norway, during the voyage over, culminated in a marriage upon the pier immediately after the steamer's arrival in New York.

In a difficulty at Knox City Tuesday and John Burroughs are back in Washington after spending several days at Pine Knob, Mrs. Roosevelt's country place, near Charlottesville, Va.

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Coracana boasts of a negro 81 years old who is the mother of twenty-five children.

A 22-rattler snake was killed a few days since at Blockhouse ranch, some 20 miles south of Brady.

Col. A. B. McDougal, of Denton, the oldest Elk in the United States, will attend the Dallas reunion.

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Chief Yellow Hammer of the Modoc Indians says that there only remains four pure full-blood members of the Modoc tribe.

The Southwestern Portland Cement Company of El Paso capitalized in the sum of \$2,000,000 has been organized for business.

The cornerstone of a new Y. M. C. A. building was laid in Sherman Thursday evening in the presence of a vast throng.

At the regular meeting of the Dallas pastors Monday it was voted unanimously to push the fight for State-wide prohibition.

Under the provision of the new Illinois compulsory education law, children between the ages of fourteen and sixteen must be "in school or at work."

An electric car system is an early improvement for San Angelo, a \$50,000 company having just been chartered for the purpose of operating a system.

After a short shut-down the shops of the St. Louis and San Francisco at Kansas City reopened Thursday. Three hundred and fifty men are employed.

Engineers have located a flowing well on Long Island at 763 feet, establishing the fact the water supply of the island is not confined to a surface source only.

Mrs. J. N. Blanton, a veteran citizen of Strawn, took carbolic acid on April 4, from the effects of which she died Thursday. She had relatives living in Johnson County.

Max Crockett, a fifteen-months-old child, died at Lewisburg Tuesday from wounds inflicted by a large rooster. The child fell in the yard and the rooster attacked him.

Mexia is soon to have a sewerage system. Surveyors are running lines for the location of the mains and connections. Ample capital with plenty of water is back of this deal.

Prof. A. C. Peterson, superintendent six years a resident of Grayson County of the Yoakum public schools, is very ill at his home from blood poisoning, as the result of a scratch from a pet cat at his home.

The disarming of the Basilian Moros in Manila, is progressing without serious trouble. The Llano districts are quiet. The trouble against which the troops were recently operating was neither general or serious.

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FARMERS' EDUCATIONAL AND CO-OPERATIVE UNION OF AMERICA

Don't be afraid to plant plenty of feed, and then some.

It is the DO THINGS sort of people who are worth while to the Union. The others do not count.

To the growing boy who is mainly made up of appetite, it seems miles from the field to the dinner table.

Prompt and regular settlements are commendable from every point of view. Even the weather settles every few days.

This is the time of the year to take good care of all the implements and the vehicles. See that they are all under shelter when not in use.

Those who took the advice of the Union press and planted a lot of flowers in the front yard two months ago are now getting back double pay.

Pretty soon the weather will be very dry and hot, and it will be a good thing to give those trees you planted last winter an occasional drink of water.

If you have been keeping your poultry in a tight house, now open it up even if you have to tear the sides off of it. Close quarters will kill every fowl on the place.

The picnic is about ripe now, and those who get into the early picking will have the cream of the season's picnics. This is the sort of thing that builds up any order.

Cotton grading should be taught in all schools where it is possible to be taught. All State Agricultural schools should teach it. We do not know what we have after we have produced it.

By raising everything at home that your soil, climate and seasons will permit, a Wall Street panic will not hurt you. If you have to use the banks to turn your cotton into meat for the family, may the good Lord be merciful to your poor soul!

Union men are a well-informed set as a whole, but the best of them are not so smart that they do not want all the new ideas and developments in their line of business. This distribution is a part of the business of the local Union.

No great structure can be builded without a little trouble now and then on the way. If there were no obstacles to encounter the victory would not be worth the getting. Let us keep up the work, for this, a business organization.

JNO. CRACKER vs. JNO. CRAKORE.

A Little Story With a Moral for Every Union Man.

John Cracker and his wife lived in a one-story, unpainted house, standing in the middle of a cotton field. Not a tree surrounded the house, not a bit of green grass. His mules lived in a log hovel, through which the winter winds howled, and they ate cottonseed hulls for lack of hay, and whatever corn could be spared. John had some scrub cattle out in the cane brakes all winter, but not a cow to give them milk; and all winter and most of the rest of the year the only vegetables that appeared on their table were collards, field peas and sweet potatoes, and their only bread was corn-dodgers with fat Western bacon for grease.

John plowed all his land every year for cotton, except a little piece of bottom land that went in corn every year,

SUMMER RATIONS FOR HENS.

For fifty hens I give one quart of wheat in the morning scattered in the litter. At 11 o'clock they get one quart of wheat, barley or oats. The last feed at night is two quarts cracked corn. Fresh water is given three times a day during the winter. Charcoal, grit oyster shell and dry cracked bone are within reach at all times. A half peck of green stuff, such as turnips, cabbage, or beets, is given every day or two. In a trough with slatted front they have free access to a mixture of dry ground grains. This mixture is composed of 200 pounds wheat bran and 100 pounds each of corn meal, middlings, gluten meal and beef scrap thoroughly mixed together. Our fowls are hardier and we do not lose as many as when we feed meal ration as a wet mash. They molt quicker and the pullets come to laying sooner.—D. M. Cleveland.

CONCERNING RAILROADS AND BANKS.

Batten's Wedge: Would there be panics? If railroads were managed from their terminals, and not from Wall Street?

If every railroad president had worked up, on merit, from the ground floor of the operating department?

If no man could be a director who did not have at least half his fortune invested in the "common" stock of the road?

and he planted that one stalk in a hill, six feet apart each way, "because," he said, "corn must have air in the South," and he got more air than corn, and not enough for "supplies." John said "farmin' don't pay," but he went on year after year in the same old way and plowed the land right up to the windows for cotton, and took his holidays in bed with fever and ague.

One spring, however, he and his wife took a rare holiday by invitation of his cousin, the Hon. James Crakore, who lived in a pretty home in a Northern town suburbs, surrounded by a beautiful farm, with gravel walks, shrubbery, trees, and flowers.

John and his wife had never fared so sumptuously in their lives. There was running water in the bed-rooms, and fine porcelain bath-tubs in the bath-room, which was heated by a radiator from the kitchen range. Soft carpets covered the floors, and the beds had soft mattresses made from cotton felt. John and his wife felt like living in Paradise. Then the table was supplied with fresh meats, with green peas, snaps, tomatoes, cucumbers, and a profusion of vegetables of all sorts. John wondered where they raised all these things, and was told that they came from the South where he lived, and that they had to buy them at fancy prices, and they said "How fortunate you are to live in a climate where you can have all these things long before any of them can be had here. You must be happy to live where such luxuries can be had so cheaply for the gathering. We would love to live on a Southern farm and enjoy these blessings that cost so much here."

John got to thinking. Said he: "Wife, we are not going to be Crackers any more, we are going to be Crakores." And they went home, and John went to work and laid off a space around his house for a lawn, and sowed it, and planted some trees and shrubbery, and laid out flower beds for his wife. He took The Southern Farm Gazette and learned the value of a farm rotation, and changed his farming till he made more cotton on one-fourth of his land than he had before made on all of it. He had corn to sell, and oats for his mules and hay as well, and bacon and mutton and beef. Then he did not forget the vegetables, but started a garden, and studied the best in variety. The old house was painted and a broad porch added as his farming began to pay. His children began to take an interest in the home, and they, too, read the farm paper, and went into the competitions offered for farm boys and girls, and often beat John himself, and made him think. A windmill and a deep pipe well and a tank soon gave them water in the house for range and bath and fever was no more.

Some years ago his cousin, the Hon. James Crakore and his wife, came down for a visit in the South in late winter, and they were so delighted with everything, especially with the fresh headed lettuce from the glass-covered frame in the garden, which was so crisp and fresh that it made the lettuce they had been buying North seem worthless. They were so pleased that the Hon. James determined to buy a little place in the same section for a winter home to escape the rigors of the North, and to have fresh vegetables from their own garden instead of the stale shipped stuff.

Moral: Get away from home, John, and see how other people live, and you will realize that you are not living up to your opportunities, and that there is something more in farming than getting "supplies" for growing more cotton merely; that farming pays, while planting does not, and that beautiful surroundings make life better worth the living, and that in a real home your children will grow up intelligent and worthy citizens, leaders in improvement rather than traders in the tracks of their grandfathers.—W. F. Massey, in (Starkville, Miss.) Southern Farm Gazette.

BY THEIR FRUITS.

Co-Operator: We judge a tree by its fruits. This is scriptural and therefore it is the very essence of truth and good sense. If a man points out to you a peach or an apple tree in your orchard and tells you the tree is worthless; that it will not bear good fruit nor much of a yield, but if by year that tree goes on budding and blooming in season and at the right time bringing forth rich, luscious peaches or mellow delicious apples, as the case may be, you will wisely judge the tree by its fruits and not by what this man has told you, or listen to similar tales from other people. In other words, be just to the tree and judge it by what it shows for itself, not by what people say.

CO-OPERATOR CULLINGS.

Don't neglect the local newspaper. Suggest to your local editor that he ought to have a Farmers' Union department, or if not a special department, a portion of the paper devoted to the interest of the local Union.

No man can afford to make up his mind too hastily. When he does this, he is generally sorry for it.

This country needs more farmers who believe that since the farmer makes the stuff that the people live upon, that he is entitled to the best of it.

Sit steady in the boat. There's two sides to every question. A sensible man will not make up his mind till both sides are heard; a fool will rush in where an angel would fear to tread. Let us be careful always to know what we are doing.

NEED SMALL TOWNS

THE BULWARK AND THE HOPE OF THE COUNTRY.

CENTRALIZATION AS AN EVIL

Building Up of Large Cities, with Their Crowded and Discontented Population, One of the Perils That Menace Nation.

There are many country merchants who see their trade gradually slipping away from them—leaving the country and going to the great cities by the channel of the mail-order trade, writes George H. Maxwell in the Michigan Tradesman.

There are many country editors who see the prosperity of their towns depleted and circulation and advertising income reduced for the same reason.

There are very few, however, who realize that their problem is a national one, and that it is wrapped up in and a part of the great fundamental question whether this nation shall be perpetuated or shall be destroyed by the physical degeneration of humanity, the social unrest, industrial discontent, moral and political corruption and class hatred bred in the city slums and tenements and certain to culminate in anarchistic crimes, riotous mobs and all-destroying social upheavals as the result of some long continued period of industrial and commercial depression.

The fact is that the upbuilding of the country town and suburban village, as an antidote and safeguard against the poisonous social, moral, physical and political consequences of herding millions of our working people together in the unnatural congested life of the tenements, is the one great question that rises above all others in importance as a problem that this nation must solve. Unless it does solve it, it will suffer death from human dependence as a problem that this nation and civilizations that have risen in the past only to be destroyed. Ours will be likewise destroyed unless we take heed in time.

The danger arises from the congestion of population in cities and from nothing else.

The solution lies in checking the further growth of cities as the homes of industrial workers and scattering these homes into and among suburban homecroft villages and in country towns and rural settlements.

To do that, trade and industry must be decentralized. Industries of all kinds must be established in the suburbs of the cities or in the towns instead of in the congested centers. That is something that requires an organized campaign, but first it requires a current of right thought in the minds of the people.

It requires that everything should be done that can be done to hold in the existing towns and villages the trade that now naturally centers there. Any part of it, small or large, that is diverted to any of the huge central mail-order concerns in the big cities, and thereby taken away from the locality where it originates and belongs, is an influence that promotes just to that extent the growth of the evil that is eating at the heart of our national life. Whatever is needed to supply the needs of every household in every rural community should be sold over the counter of a local store and not through the postoffice and the mail trade.

Then comes the question of the growth of towns and villages. There is where the country editors and merchants can help themselves. Once get it into the minds of the whole American people that the salvation of the union depends on the upbuilding of the country towns and suburban villages—get the idea planted and deeply rooted so it will grow itself—and a thousand influences will enter the field and enlist for this great campaign for rural and country town and village development to check the overgrowth of cities with all its resultant evils.

It can not be done all at once. The first thing is to get public thought actively aroused and turned into right channels. There must be a complete common conception in the minds of millions of people of this new national ideal. Then there must be united, concerted and vigorous action to realize that ideal. The facts and arguments to support it must be disseminated through a great educational campaign—entirely separate and apart from politics.

Every country editor and country merchant should be a leader in the movement in his locality.

School Books in Philippines.

The other day I took my company on a practice march to Marikina. When we reached the river we had to wait several minutes for the old rope ferry to come over. Just then two Filipino boys came along on their way to Pasig.

I asked one of them, a lad of about 12, to show me his school books. These consisted of a second reader, a speller and an arithmetic, and differed from those in the United States principally in the words. Was there no interesting tale of apple stealing? Not exactly; it was "mangas" the bad boys stole; yet the same terrible retribution had overtaken the thieves as had overtaken them when our great trust magnates were schoolboys. It was "Pedro," not "John," who was drowned because he went fishing on Sunday. The arithmetic had examples in bananas and pesetas instead of in plums and dimes.—From Army and Navy Life.

RIGHT KIND OF PUBLICITY.

How to Use Newspaper Space to the Best Advantage.

It is the hard blows from the blacksmith's hammer that welds the iron. It is the continual chipping away of the sculptor that is necessary to finish the statue. It is the word after word written down by the writer that constitutes the completed novel, and it is the constant advertising that brings success to the merchant, combined with the ability to carry out all business agreements.

If you will note the successful merchant in any locality, you will find that he is the persistent advertiser. There are exceptions, of course, where business has been built up perhaps without ever a cent being spent for printer's ink. The pioneer storekeeper in a new country may have such a demand for his goods that he may be able to succeed. He may be able to retain his customers and thus go ahead for awhile. But his business is not likely to be permanent. Some advertisers will start in his field, and by liberal use of methods of publicity gain in a few months' time trade greater than the pioneer took years to build up.

Any merchant who has common sense essential to success should have all the qualities required to construct a drawing advertisement. He knows the quality of his goods, the prices, the class of customers he has in his neighborhood, and with these points as a basis he should be able to arrange matter for an attractive advertisement. He no doubt can secure pointers from his home editor; that is, if the editor has any ideas, and most of them have. One reason why advertisements in the country papers sometimes do not show up well is because of the scanty supply of type the editor is compelled to struggle along with. It matters not how good the wording of an advertisement may be, it must be well "set" to attract attention. A clumsy printer can spoil the pulling power of the best-worded advertisement.

CITIES AND TOWNS.

What is Essential for Their Upbuilding and Permanency.

Cities and towns are built up where there are certain natural advantages that afford economic means for manufacturing or for the distribution of products. Towns and cities may be classified as manufacturing towns and commercial towns. Large cities are built up by support from industries that employ people. There are few communities that can exist within themselves and upon home resources without the assistance of other communities. The city must draw from a large trade territory. All parts of the world contribute toward the sustenance of such great cities as New York, Boston and Chicago. It is the support thus received that makes these cities great. The country town has its trade radius limited. Unless the proper effort be made to protect this trade, to care for it, to cultivate it, it is likely to drift elsewhere. It requires push, continual exercise of energy to build up a good trade center. Competition is constantly growing keener. It is pulling together and constant work, push and enterprise and hatched up with common sense and always wins.

Avoid Narrowness.

There is such a thing as carrying principles of economy in business. Put extremes of practicing the trim will do operations until harm results, much cutting down of expenses may decrease business and loss.

How many times do business men seek cheap help rather than their own whose experience and aptness gives them their asking for good work. Cheap help is generally expensive poor help. The clerk who receives five dollars a week cannot be expected to be much more than an automaton machine, and he may be all in certain capacities, but he will not prove a trade winner for the merchant who employs him. Many a man, Miller, fails in business just because C. Allen niggardly way of running things, account of his ideas that he counts out with cheap help, and can do business without advertising.

Hustlers in Demand.

The world likes a hustler, a hustler little use for the laggards. It was ever known to get to the court when its affairs were in the wide open of a lot of pessimistic moss-balls, the optimist who has a wheel of J. T. lated balance wheel who is to intersect one to take the helm. One school house er and worker in a town who is right kind of mettle in his allowed \$15 'though he have not a cent in a dozen men without progress ideas who may be leaders in finan et al affairs.

One on "Lobby."

As proprietor of Truth, Mr. Her Labouchere, popularly known as "Lobby," has had to spend a deal of money in libel actions. He once N. J. mitted in court that he had spent \$7,000,000. "Then," said the late Frank Lockwood, "I must thank Paul M. Labouchere, on behalf of the profession. Go on, and prosper!" He was less to say, there were roars of laughter in court.—London Tit-Bits.

Maude Booth's Strenuous Day.

On her recent visit to New Orleans Mrs. Maude Ballington Booth passed at least one strenuous day. She preached at a prison in the morning, held an informal reception in the afternoon, then preached at the home of detention, after this held another reception, then addressed the Brethren, which wound up with a third informal reception.

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R. M. REED
of Stonewall County.
D. J. BROOKERSON
of Knox County

For County Judge:
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H. R. JONES
JOE IRBY

For County and District Clerk:
J. W. MEADORS

For County Treasurer:
A. G. JONES

For County Attorney:
BRUCE W. BRYANT
W. C. JACKSON

For Assessor of Taxes:
R. H. SPROWLS
J. W. TARBETT
E. W. MOSER
L. D. MORGAN
A. D. STAMPS
J. N. McFATTER

For Sheriff and Tax Collector:
M. E. PARK
J. W. HESTER
W. W. FITZGERALD
D. W. FIELDS

For County Superintendent of Public Schools:
T. C. WILLIAMS

For Constable Pre No 1:
T. W. CARLTON

For Public Weigher Prec. No. 1:
THEODORE BOWMAN
W. A. MARSH
CLAUDE H. MOONEYHAM

For Justice of Peace, Pre 1:
G. W. LAMKIN

For County Commissioner, Pre 1:
M. A. CLIFTON
J. N. F. GILLILAND

For Constable Pre 4:
T. E. SCHARFF
L. P. BURRIS

For Commissioner Pre No 4:
W. P. MCCARTY

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Notice to the Public.

The partnership business of the firm of Irby & Stephens, a firm composed of J. E. Irby, Sr., and R. D. C. Stephens, has by mutual consent been dissolved, Mr. Irby retiring from the business, and Mr. Stephens assuming all the responsibilities and liabilities of the firm.

J. E. Irby,
R. D. C. Stephens.

Important Meeting

On Monday afternoon the 18th at four o'clock the mothers of the school will meet at the school building. The topic for discussion will be "The Relation that should exist between teacher and parent." Miss Wells will lead the discussion from the standpoint of the teacher and Mrs. O. E. Oates, Mrs. P. D. Sanders and Mr. G. J. Graham will discuss it from the parent's standpoint. An interesting talk on "The Condition of the Rural School" will be given by Superintendent Williams. All parents are expected and those interested in educational work and civic improvement are urged to come.

No waste in ice if you use our refrigerators, Cason, Cox & Co.



NOTHING SMALL ABOUT OUR STOCK

of grain and feed—we are ready for all comers, whether they want bushels, bins, carloads or carloads. The quantity does not worry us—the quality need not worry you. Bagful or cartload, you'll find our oats, corn, hay and all sorts of provender the right sort.

L. P. Davidson
Grain & Coal Co.
Phone 157.

NEW MARKET

I have opened a meat market on the north side of the square, where I will serve the best fresh meats to be obtained.

I will appreciate a share of your patronage.

ELMER WALL

Money to Loan.

We have \$10,000 to loan on "Gilt-Edge" real estate security. Inspection at once and loans closed promptly. See us at State Bank.

WEST TEXAS DEVELOPMENT COMPANY.

BISCUIT

That most people like good biscuit and light, fluffy, wholesome bread is proven in the great success we have had in introducing and selling

"Queen of the Pantry"

flour. This flour is guaranteed to be made of choice selected wheat, thoroughly cleaned before being milled, and is bound to make wholesome and nutritious bread.

Have You Tried It Yet?

Your attention is also invited to our general stock of groceries, which includes everything in the line of staple and fancy family groceries, flavorings, seasoning etc., and which we endeavor to have of the purest and best.

Exclusive Grocery Store

we buy in large quantities and are in position to make you the best prices.

W. W. FIELDS & SON.

Mr. C. F. Davis authorizes us to announce him as a candidate for reelection to the office of county commissioner for precinct No. 4. Mr. Davis was raised in Haskell county and this is the first time he ever asked for office, he having been appointed to fill out the unexpired term of Mr. W. P. Caudle, who resigned as county commissioner. Mr. Davis has proved himself to be frank and outspoken on all questions coming before the court, and has shown himself to be practical and sound in his views and policies affecting county affairs. We learn that he has given his personal attention to bridge building and has devoted his time without charge and in many instances, devoting his personal efforts and services of his teams to such purposes. He now asks that his neighbors show their approval by electing him to the office of

county commissioner, promising that he will in the future, as in the past devote himself to the duties of the office, and discharge them to the interest of "all the people"

The rains Tuesday morning and night, amounting to 1.62 inches, following the seven inches of rain during April, puts a season in the ground that will carry crops well along into the summer in good growing condition, where frequent, shallow cultivation is practiced.

Judge J. M. Pressler of Comanche, who was lately appointed by Governor Campbell as one of the judges of the court of Civil Appeals at Fort Worth, has been endorsed by the Haskell bar as a candidate in the Democratic primaries in July for that office.

Mr. H. B. Mayes of Rule visited Haskell Monday.

A SPECIAL SALE OF LUMBER FOR 30 DAYS

I want to build 140 feet more shed room and have 100,000 feet of 2x8, 2x10, 2x12, one whole car of 1x6 heart fencing and a big lot of Boxing and Ship-Lap on the ground where I want to build, and to move it off and put it back in shed would be a considerable expense, so I have decided to move it by cutting prices.

Come and get prices and see the lumber. Don't take "Old Hear Say's" word about it as he rarely ever tells the truth about anything. If you want to build or buy a house see us as we have three cottages and two business houses for sale, will give you liberal terms. Money paid out on rents never come back so buy you a home and put your money into it.

S. G. DEAN, Mgr.

TERRELL

DRUGGIST, JEWELER
AND OPTICIAN

Buy and Sell for Cash Only

TERRELL'S DRUG STORE

Locals and Personals.

Mr. T. J. Pennell of Stamford was in the city Monday.

Mr. J. L. Jones of Rule was in our city Monday.

June corn and cotton see for sale at my farm one mile east of town. F. D. C. Middleton.

Mr. W. L. Cox of the south side was in the city Tuesday and told us that he had about 35 acres of cotton up to a stand.

Good fresh Jersey cows shipped from Lewis' farm at Tyler. Get you a milch cow. W. T. Hudson.

Mr. Chas. Warbritton of Anson visited his brother, Mr. O. G. Warbritton of this city this week.

Mr. Ivan E. Terrell of Dallas, a brother of Dr. C. L. Terrell, was in our city the early part of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Boone and daughter Miss Beryl are visiting at Snyder.

Judge H. G. McConnell went to Fort Worth Thursday.

100 Bushels of Harvell cotton seed for sale. Phone 42.
T. A. Williams, Haskell.

Miss Ruby Fitzgerald has returned from Sweetwater where she has been visiting relatives the past three weeks.

No danger of fire if you have a brick furnace for your laundry. See Chas. Jansky.

Mr. Bruce W. Bryant visited the Woodmen Camp in Center Point community last week and made a Woodman speech to a large audience at the school house.

Mr. J. A. Howard of the Howard community on Paint was in town Tuesday. He said that he had a small acreage of fall oats that is now looking very fine.

When your premises need cleaning up and your wash is to be hauled away call on city scavenger. L. A. Stewart.

FOR TRADE—Good Mesquite wood for a good milch cow.
G. H. Powell.

Mr. Jim Logan of the west side was in Haskell Monday and called at the FREE PRESS office and renewed his subscription.

I have plenty of fine cotton seed, cane seed, grain, hay and other feed stuff. Come and see me and be convinced as to quality and prices. G. J. Miller.

On last Sunday at the Weaver school house four miles south of town they had an all day singing and dinner on the ground for all visitors. Our informant says they had a splendid time and everybody enjoyed it very much.

When you have or see any dead animals, chickens, etc. in town call L. A. Stewart, city scavenger, phone No. 48.

The saving in your ice bill for one season will pay for one of those refrigerators at Cason, Cox & Co's.

Master John Oates, who has been in a Military school at San Antonio, returned home Monday. The session at the collage is out for the summer.

Save your stove and fuel by having me build you a laundry flue.
Chas. Jansky.

The best line of buggy whips, lap robes and home blankets at Ever's shop, Haskell.

Mr. F. A. Green, who is on Mr. R. G. Landess farm south of town was in the city Monday. Mr. Green in conversation with the FREE PRESS reporter stated that he had 120 acres in cotton and that 65 acres of it was up to a good stand. Mr. Green enrolled as a subscriber to the FREE PRESS.

Let me build you a brick furnace for your wash kettle. Save fuel and save your stove.
Chas. Jansky.

Mr. H. W. Twiner was in town Tuesday purchasing binder supplies preparatory to harvesting his oat crop.

Mr. T. E. Glaze who resides just north of town called in Wednesday and handed us his subscription to the FREE PRESS.

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

Mrs. P. D. Sanders attended a convention of the Home Mission society for the Northwest Texas Conference district at Ft. Worth this week, as a delegate from the Haskell Home Mission Society.

This is the time of year when cyclones come. Let us write you a cyclone policy on your house. Sanders & Wilson.

The mother's club will meet Monday, May 18th, at 4 p. m. at the north public school building. "All the mothers are coming."

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Sheriff Sam Lanier of Stonewall county brought a Mexican to Haskell Tuesday and placed him in custody of Sheriff Park in the Haskell county jail. The Mexican is charged with a criminal assault on a Mexican woman and the venue of his case has been changed to this county.

Dorothy Dainty matched sets of Hair Ribbons and Sashes now in stock. C. D. Grissom & Son.

They keep it cool and sweet, one of those refrigerators at Cason, Cox & Co's.

Mr. M. D. McCrary of the south side was in the city Tuesday. He said that the Howard school was to have a picnic on Paint creek Friday (yesterday) and that there would be several speeches to enliven the occasion.

Mr. J. W. Allen of Rule visited the county capital Monday. Mr. Allen said to a FREE PRESS reporter that everything was moving along smoothly out that way except that the high winds and sand had caused some damage and replanting of crops in the sandy country beyond and north of Rule.

Mr. Z. B. Pounds of the Rochester neighborhood had business in Haskell Tuesday.

Mr. J. A. Parish of the Rule community was in Haskell Monday.

I have put in a rubber tire machine and can repair your rubber tires at my shop.
J. B. Lamkin.

See the laundry furnace I built for Mr. M. S. Spook and have one like it. Chas. Jansky.

Messrs. T. J. Lee and J. R. Johnson of the west side were doing business in the county capital Wednesday.

Baggage transferred to all parts of the city ring No. 114 or Rupe & Carsey.

TO HAVE PICNIC

We are requested to announce that the people of the Weaver school community will have a picnic at the old picnic grounds at the mouth of Spring branch on Mule creek the first Saturday in June. The town people and all the country around are invited to attend.

PROHIBITION CALL

All Prohibitionists are hereby called to meet at the court house in Haskell on May 18th, at 2 p. m. Those who made pledges to the work should come prepared to pay them.

All those having lists of names should send them in to Sterling Strong, Dallas, Texas.

We insist that every prohibitionist attend this meeting.
J. T. NICHOLSON, Ch'rm.

ICE MAKING AND REFRIGERATION.

Great Extent and Value of this Modern Industry. The Haskell System Latest Development of Science.

To the lay mind the problem of securing machinery for the making of ice would not at first sight appear much of an undertaking. However, after some investigation, the seeker after information will find a really complex task. Unlike many standard industries, the production of ice, or refrigeration, does not involve simply the working upon one commodity like grinding grains, or ginning of cotton, but the raw material is not so apparent. Really there is a raw material so to speak, and it is a combination of natural and artificial facilities which vary very materially in different localities. Within the memory of most men of middle life, the first machine for production of cold was invented, and unless specially informed from time to time, few would realize to what magnitude, and for what varied purposes, this machinery is now used.

As a short description, to this purpose can do no better than give quotation from an address by Mr. John E. Starr as President of the Society of Refrigerating Engineers, taken from "Ice and Refrigeration" as follows:

"To define our field in a word I may say, that we claim as our own all that relates to the production of temperatures below the ordinary for useful purposes. If this be a correct definition, the record of what has been accomplished and what remains to be achieved discloses a sphere of operation worthy of the highest effort. The commercial genesis of our art had to do almost entirely with the production of ice. I need not present to you who are so well acquainted with its history an array of statistics to show how this branch alone has grown to be one of the greatest industries in this country—and the end is not yet. The immediately following developments were in the line of producing low temperatures for the preservation, transportation, and marketing of food products, rendering feasible gigantic operations that were before impossible.

Take a single division of this department, I allude to dairy products of milk, butter, cheese and eggs, and compare it with other industries. Cast up into one sum the total value of our iron trade, our textile fabrics, our lumber and our cotton, add to this all subsidiary manufactures, and the figures will fall below the volume reached by the four items first mentioned; and yet these products in their production, preservation and distribution could not be handled as they are today without refrigeration. Our enormous meat handling and packing industry is absolutely dependent on the efficiency of our work.

Not alone, however, does the manufacture of ice and the preservation afforded call for our best efforts, for while agriculture in its various departments leans heavily on our shoulders to help through the heat of the day—other extensive interests are as close to us. Bacchus and Gambinus rely on us to keep them on their throne.

Metallurgy, the dean of the arts, has called to us for a helping hand. (Note—Refrigeration is now used to a large extent in the smelting of ore, and manufacture of steel) The oil king demands our best efforts, the great textile industries in cotton silk and the like, with their increasingly severe requirements as to conditions of temperature and moisture, are seeking aid and comfort at our hands.

My Lady Nicotine is wooing us, pleading for help to preserve her graces, and the perfume and texture of her soothing leaf. Photo-

graphy demands great deeds of us. The gentle art of perfume production is helpless without us. Chemical industries are demanding more from us day by day. Our good brothers, the civil engineers, are calling on us to help sink their shafts and build their tunnels. Our mining friends look to us to provide a cool place in the Gehenna of their lower levels to recuperate their heat burdened workmen, and enable them to take out precious ore, otherwise not reachable.

Therapy has already made valuable use of our efforts. Sweltering humanity asks us to render more pleasant its places of meeting, and should we desire to indulge our altruistic tendencies, what greater and nobler field in this direction can be offered than the effective amelioration of conditions in the summer heated, fever stricken hospital wards, with the possibilities of comforting the sick and the saving of human life.

I have mentioned these matters, gentlemen, not as a boast of our importance, but as an indication of the gravity of our task.

When one considers and takes into full account the amount of study, time, and expense expended in the development and application of this line of machinery to above work they are well able to realize that many changes have been made, many new ideas worked out, and many false notions eliminated. With the results that today the industry has a fine array of data, and engineers are able to proceed along safe and sure lines, not alone to the end that the actual results be accomplished but that in doing so, it is by the best methods for local conditions."

Actuated by a desire to procure ice for this vicinity of a pure and uniform quality, and at a cost as low as possible for this section of the country, the Haskell Ice, Light and Water Co., advised by the Manager, Mr. Joe McCrary, decided that the proper combination of quality and cost could best be obtained by use of an oil engine for power and a style of freezing system adapted to this form of power. Accordingly, arrangements were made with the York Manufacturing Co., of York, Pennsylvania, an old established concern, employing some 1200 men in this line alone, and who make it a special point to keep abreast of the times, manufacturing all types of ice and refrigerating apparatus, to supply them with one of their standard block ice making system, with flooded ammonia system, air purifying appliance, etc., all complete. In operation, the 40 ton refrigerating York compressor is belt driven by a 100 horse power Morse and Fairbanks Oil engine, arranged with friction clutch for attaching and detaching from the engine at will. The oil engine is designed of ample power to do the work of ice making, and also to carry the city electric lighting and power work, at the same time, and for which purpose the engine is provided with suitable pulleys, etc. In this way their old engine can be given a thorough overhauling and will be available as a reserve for the lighting work, thus assuring their patrons of very efficient service.

As to the manner of freezing by the block system, this is arranged so as to imitate nature as much as possible, by which the freezing effect advances from one side only and at such rate that water in solution is

eliminated. This obviates the difficulty in the can system, which, freezing from four sides, ultimately concentrates and confines whatever impurities the water may contain.

In this system the cake has attained the desired thickness in a surplus of water, the residue, corresponding to the "core" in the other system, being left in the tank and drawn off as waste water. The water to be frozen is drawn fresh from the well, prepared and cooled near to the freezing point in a fore cooler, from which it is drawn into the freezing tank as needed. In the freezing tank the ice-forming surface is continually swept by air currents; a supply of air being maintained under pressure, filtered and cooled for this purpose. After ice of proper thickness has formed upon the coils it is cut loose in blocks by a clever device specially designed for this purpose. Ice formed by this process should be hard and of uniform density, being entirely free from "core," consequently being entirely free from odor, or objectionable taste. Made from well water of sufficient purity for drinking purposes, the further effect of the aeration, and freezing is bound to remove all question as to its purity.

After the cakes are cut loose in the tank they are drawn out by means of an electric traveling hoist, and removed to the storage house. The company has secured a switch and will be able to load in car lots direct from the tank, or storage house. Their capacity will admit of extensive shipping trade, as well as having abundance for home demand.

A. S. MOON.

Isn't It Laughable?

It is laughable to notice the inconsistency of some people, especially some business colleges in their advertisements. Along about April each year some of them come out with glaring headlines "Scholarships at a big discount for the next 30 days," then they will extend this 30 days from time to time until it reaches over into the fall. Another will state: "Our special summer rates, a \$50 scholarship for \$25." They will announce this rate about the first of April, run it thru until about November, then announce their big Xmas gift to all who enroll during January, a big discount as a Xmas present. One came out this spring with the announcement that they reduced their scholarships from \$50 to \$25 because they had, during the past four years, cleared over \$80,000. If these schools can make money six months in the year by selling their scholarships at half price, it is hardly necessary to argue that they get twice as much as their scholarships are worth the other six months in the year. The school that claims to give its big discounts because of its eighty odd thousand dollars clear profit proves conclusively by its own statement that it has been charging far more than its scholarships were worth. Merchants often make reductions in selling a bankrupt stock, or at the end of the season they will put on a bargain sale to close out a surplus stock, rather than to carry it over, but what sensible reason can any business college give for selling its scholarships cheaper at one season of the year than at another? Wherein is the consistency of a man paying \$25 for his education to be used thruout life time, if he gets it in the summer, and \$50 if he gets it in the winter? Their scholarships never run out of season like a stock of goods.

If you are going to attend a business college, you would want to select one that follows sound business principles, one that has fair prog on its scholarships thruout the entire year and that gives you the very best instructions to be had by the very best teachers that money can secure,

METEROLOGICAL STATEMENT

Showing Rainfall at Haskell from Official Record Kept for Sixteen Years.

MONTHLY AND ANNUAL AVERAGES SHOWN.

Believing that the information will be of much interest and value at home as well as to our readers abroad, the FREE PRESS has with considerable labor and time compiled in tabular form a complete statement of the rainfall at Haskell from the records kept by the local weather observer under the direction of the United States Weather Bureau for the last sixteen years. The record as kept shows the amount and date of each rain that has occurred during that time, but owing to the very large amount of space and labor it would require to give each date and rain we have taken months as the unit, giving the total by months.

EXPLANATORY:—To understand the table, follow this illustration—take column for the month of January and following it down see the rainfall in that month for each year and the total for all the years, 8.67 inches, and as the record for January was kept but 14 years out of the 16, divide by 14 to get the month's average, which is .62 of one inch and so for any month.

Where there are naughts in the table the record was kept but there was no rain in that month, it is counted, however, in getting the divisor by which the average is ascertained.

Blank spaces indicate that no record was kept for that month and it is not counted in ascertaining the divisor.

Following the lines across to the right the total for each year is found, the first total column being the actual recorded precipitation and the second total column being this amount with the averages for the missing months added. The totals for 16 years foot up 350.96 inches which divided by 16 years shows an annual average rainfall of 21.93 inches. Adding the averages of all the months gives an annual average of 21.68 inches, which proves that the method adopted of finding each year's total is practically correct, the two results differing only .25 of an inch.

	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	Total	Total
1890	—	—	—	8.57	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8.57	8.57
1891	—	.00	1.87	—	.88	2.71	—	—	—	—	—	2.96	9.10	15.64
1892	.15	.49	1.92	.31	—	—	3.99	1.86	2.29	.32	.00	2.96	11.01	21.23
1893	.05	1.85	1.09	2.30	2.46	.79	.11	2.00	1.83	.00	.61	.61	13.09	14.39
1894	.78	—	1.24	.89	7.46	6.79	.33	2.09	.22	.69	—	—	20.49	22.87
1895	1.20	1.52	.00	2.45	1.99	6.70	6.23	.00	.01	2.57	2.10	2.12	26.89	26.89
1896	1.52	.00	—	.81	.40	—	3.34	1.90	3.68	—	1.60	2.60	15.85	17.55
1897	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.77	1.27	.73	—	.25	.35	4.37	17.89
1898	.97	1.53	2.82	1.01	2.02	3.68	2.83	1.43	—	—	—	—	16.29	22.75
1900	—	—	—	7.75	3.04	.70	1.47	—	11.89	.76	.99	.14	26.74	31.39
1901	.02	1.40	.10	.31	5.05	.00	2.18	2.47	.77	1.54	1.24	.60	15.68	15.68
1902	.07	—	1.01	1.10	3.29	1.95	6.80	.55	1.34	2.61	2.13	.82	21.67	21.67
1903	1.15	5.16	1.29	.72	1.43	4.98	.04	.80	1.35	2.84	.04	.00	19.80	19.80
1904	.53	.26	.00	1.15	2.93	5.22	.57	.46	4.58	1.02	—	.41	17.13	17.13
1905	.54	1.64	3.19	2.63	3.56	4.23	4.85	1.74	4.60	.60	1.25	.08	28.91	28.91
1906	.31	.79	.60	3.04	5.93	5.16	3.35	1.56	2.59	5.78	3.82	.50	33.43	33.43
1907	.90	.00	2.10	.28	4.54	1.12	—	5.74	—	—	2.08	.99	17.75	23.74
1908	.48	.45	1.49	7.04	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	8.67	15.09	18.72	40.36	44.98	44.03	37.86	23.87	36.24	18.73	15.50	12.18	350.96	350.96
Avg.	.62	1.08	1.25	2.52	3.21	3.14	1.70	1.70	2.59	1.70	1.30	.87	21.93	21.93

systems that are modern and revised right up to date. There is perhaps no other one thing that has done more to make the Tyler Commercial College of Tyler, Texas, famous than the fact that they have one price to all thruout the entire year; they are consistent in all their business dealings and their advertising. We trust the cut rate, Cheap John business college will soon discover its error and either strengthen its courses or lower its price to where it can be consistent thruout the year. It is very unsatisfactory for a student in one of these schools to discover, after he has been there only a few weeks and paid \$50 for his scholarship, that his seat mate has only paid \$25; he cannot help but feel that he has been robbed and that if the school is not making money off of his seat mate at \$25 that he is paying a part of his seat mate's tuition.

Fire Company Elect Officers.

Companies Nos. 1 and 2 met in joint session Tuesday night of last week and elected officers as follows:

Joe McCrary chief, both companies, and W. H. Patterson assistant chief, both companies.

Officers No. 1. Ernest Sutherland, captain; Walter Robertson, assistant captain; W. T. Buchanan, secretary and treasurer. Nozzlemen, Geo W. Andruss, W. T. Buchanan, Jno G. Russell, R. M. Craig, Henry Johnson, Jno. Piques.

Officers No. 2. Jack Simmons, captain; Ovid Wilson, assistant captain; Worth Long, secretary and treasurer. Nozzlemen, Ovid Wilson, E. E. Marvin, Walter Hicks.

The companies have ordered coats for the nozzlemen and both companies will be better equipped to fight fire in future.

WE WANT MONEY

Hence will on the 25th of this month throw our whole stock on the market for one week at greatly reduced prices.

If you want big bargains, be sure to attend this six days clearance sale

WE MEAN BUSINESS

And will offer surprising bargains in every department. Come early and secure your share.

Wonderful Offerings

In Glassware, Chinaware

QUEENSWARE

Graniteware, Tinware

Lamps and Fixtures

Toilet Soaps, Perfumery

TOILET ARTICLES

Combs, Brushes, Notion

Jewelry

The most extensive line in town, all grades

STATIONERY, BOOKS, PICTURES, ETC. Hundreds of other things useful and ornamental

Remember the date

MAY 25th to 30th

Remember also that votes on our \$325 prize Piano go with this sale.

HASKELL RACKET STORE

W. H. WYMAN, & CO.

FROM THE COMMONER

MR. BRYAN'S PAPER

SECRETARY TAFT ON TRUSTS.

Secretary Taft is rapidly disclosing his ignorance on the trust question, for to believe him ignorant is more charitable than to believe that he does not intend to interfere with the trusts, although his language would justify even this belief. He takes Mr. Bryan to task for favoring the extermination of trusts, and says that to exterminate trusts would be to exterminate industry. The secretary desires to regulate and control trusts. But has his party not been "regulating" and "controlling" for some 11 years now? And have we not more trusts now than we had when the regulating and controlling began? The trust family is a family big enough to satisfy the president's ideas of the size of a family, and the birth rate is greater than the death rate. The administration has commenced suit against a few trusts, but not against many, and the trusts are still gentle enough to come up and eat out of the hand of the administration. What has been done in regard to the steel trust? Did it not swallow up the Tennessee Coal and Iron Company? And was it not given out that the swallowing was done after the administration had been consulted? Is the steel trust fighting Secretary Taft? And what about the International Harvester Company? Have the farmers secured any relief yet? And what about the paper trust? The steel trust has something like \$1,000,000,000 of water in its stock; it can afford to contribute ten millions to the Republican campaign fund, because it can get back many times that out of a Republican victory, and this is only one trust out of the many. How can the people hope to regulate or control trusts when the trusts, by the election of their favorite to office, are able to control the government?

The extermination of trusts is not the extermination of business. If, for instance, a single corporation has a monopoly of the production of a necessary of life, and has ten factories in different states for the production of this particular article, the extermination of this trust would mean the selling off of enough factories to reduce the production of this one corporation to a point where it would no longer have a monopoly. But this would not mean closing up of the factories. The people would still need the article and the article would still have to be produced. But the independent factories coming into competition with the original corporation—now no longer a monopoly—would reduce the price of the article, and the people at large would get the benefit of the reduction. With a reduction in price, the people could buy more of the article produced, and this would increase the demand for labor, and new factories would spring up or existing factories would be enlarged. With a number of factories competing for laborers, the laborer's chance of employment would be better, and his wages would be higher. Then, too, with a number of factories competing for raw material, the price of raw material would increase. In other words, the extermination of the trusts, instead of destroying business, would restore business to a healthy condition, while it reduced the price of the product, increased the price of raw material and improved the condition of the laboring man. Competition is the natural condition, and the extermination of the trust would restore competition. Monopoly is an unnatural condition, and the Republican party has fostered monopoly and thus built industry upon a false basis to the detriment of all of the parties concerned except the monopolist, and he has been demoralized by his unearned wealth while the rest of the people have been victimized by the practice of monopoly.

Secretary Taft ought to study the trust question a little more, or discuss it less, for each speech reveals his lack of familiarity with the subject or his lack of sympathy with the people at large.

The United States steel corporation's 1907 earnings were the greatest in its history. You would look a long while for a tariff revisionist among the managers of that corporation.

The speaker of the national house introduced his resolution for an independent investigation of the paper trust and the allegations that have been made against it by the publisher. The resolution was passed yesterday and the speaker appointed an investigating committee. But if any of the standpatters imagine that they are fooling anyone their capacity for self-deception is extraordinary.

Who takes the resolution seriously? Who takes the investigation seriously in view of the origin and purpose? It will be regarded as an investigation for "Buncombe county only." The new trust busters are in no hurry. Though there is "nothing doing" in congress, it is not expected that the work will be completed before adjournment. And then the national conventions will monopolize attention, and no one will remember wood pulp. After that the dog days will furnish an excuse for a slow pace.

Outstander friends intend to "exploit" the resolution in their "despatches," to point to it with affected pride as a statesmanlike substitute for

revision. They will run the risk of hooting and jeering. Their little game is too transparent. Their only serious argument—that they could not touch wood pulp and paper without reopening the whole tariff question—was gone when it was shown that the admitted need of forest-saving furnished a complete and convincing reason for treating the wood pulp and paper duties as belonging to a separate and distinct category. The house minority is on record as acquiescing in such treatment of these duties. The anxious standpatters know that telling quotations from presidential messages and resolutions of manufacturers and clubs and other organizations were at their disposal to justify to all minds the singling out of the schedule in question for revision at this time. They are reckoning without the common sense and the humor of their constituents.

(The above is not a Commoner editorial. It was not taken from any Democratic paper. It appeared as an editorial in that devoted old Republican newspaper, the Chicago Record-Herald—issue of April 22.)

The proposed plan to have a commission revise the tariff is not nearly so good as the plan of letting the people elect a congress that will revise it in the interests of the people.

THE WORLD DODGES.

Writing to the New York World, T. K. VanDyke of Harrisburg, Pa., says: "Here are three questions for the World to answer:

"1. Did the World support Bryan in 1896 and 1900?"

"2. Will the World support Bryan in 1908 if he is nominated by the overwhelming vote of the national convention?"

"3. For whom does the World speak, naming specifically the interests which control its utterances?"

Over Mr. VanDyke's letter the World prints this headline: "Answered with Pleasure," and below the letter appears the following:

"Answers: "1. The World did not support Mr. Bryan in 1896. It supported him in 1900 on the issue of the un-American policy of Asiatic colonial government."

"2. It is not easy to conceive of circumstances in which the World could conscientiously support Mr. Bryan for president this year."

"3. The interests which control the utterances of the World are the public interests.—Ed. World."

But the World does not answer Mr. VanDyke's third question. He asked "For whom does the World speak, naming specifically the interests which control its utterances." And the only answer which this great newspaper makes to this question is: "The interests which control the utterances of the World are the public interests."

But that by no means answers the question. It is mere assertion and leaves the reader dependent upon the word of the editor of the World, which, in this particular, may be of no value.

Let the World state the extent of the financial interests held by its owner, Joseph Pulitzer, in railroad companies and in great corporations commonly known as trusts.

With this information the readers of the World will be in better position to determine the special interests for which the New York World is carrying on its campaign of misrepresentation with respect to Democrats who have not the favor of the World and its masters.

A Republican exchange says that Senator LaFollette would be more of a Republican if he voted less often with the Democrats. True, but he wouldn't be right nearly so often.

"THE FULL DINNER PAIL."

The state labor department of New York on April 19 issued a bulletin in which it is stated that at the close of 1907 one out of every three union men in the state was idle. The trades union policy is to not only shorten the working day, but to limit the number of working days per week in order to insure work enough for their members to provide against want. For instance, the International Typographical union has a law prohibiting a member working more than six consecutive days if there is any member of the union looking for work in the local jurisdiction. Many local unions adopted a five-day law early last winter in order to distribute the work among more men. Other unions do the same thing, and this served in large measure to tide many men with families over the winter. But if one out of every three union men in New York state is out of employment, what must be the proportion of jobless men in the unorganized trades and occupations? The campaign slogan of "the full dinner pail" would elicit more jeers than cheers if offered to the workmen of New York to-day.

The New York Evening Post insists that organized labor demands the legalizing of the boycott. The Post is unable to see what organized labor demands is merely that a member of a union may legally do what he might legally do if not a member of the union. In other words, organized labor demands that the possession of a union card shall not deprive a man of his rights as an individual under the law and the constitution.

Several representatives of public interests at Washington no doubt wish some of the American newspaper reporters would go on strike like those German newspaper men.

Mr. Harriman has just scooped in another \$50,000,000 on a railroad deal. But Mr. Harriman is "a practical man."

PLEASANT CURE FOR INSOMNIA.

Mr. Philgmintrow Suggests One That Might Do in Some Cases.

"In my own case," said Mr. Philgmintrow, "I find that insomnia proceeds largely from worry over money. My nerves are all right and I have a cast-iron stomach. I can eat anything and enjoy it, and as a general proposition life looks pretty rosy to me; but still I do occasionally have nights when I can't sleep, when I lie awake worrying over how I am going to make both ends meet."

"I never deliberately consider financial questions at night, but I do find that sometimes—and this may be after a most completely comfortable evening—financial questions obtrude themselves upon me after I have gone to bed."

"To stave off these unpleasant questions and enable myself to forget them so that I could go to sleep I have tried various familiar methods; I have got out of bed and stood up to make myself tired; I have recalled and dwelt on pleasant journeys; I have counted from one up to a million, more or less; I have said the alphabet backward over and over again; I have tried many things; but do you know what in my case I find most efficacious? It is a story that I tell to myself about how I am going to become comfortably rich and thus free from all financial troubles."

"It took me a considerable time to build up this story in such shape that it just suited me, so that it seemed natural, like something that might have happened, you understand, and then I filled in the amount that was coming to me, making that enough so that the income from it would be sufficient to provide for all ordinary wants and as well for a few modest luxuries, including a little travel—a pleasant prospect to dwell upon. And by the time I had this story completely built up it took me some time to tell it to myself, with that snug little fortune that was to save me from all financial worry coming in at the end."

"And then when those money questions used to pounce on me after I'd gone to bed and threaten to keep me awake I'd start off and tell myself that story, as in truth I have done many times. And sometimes I'd have to tell it to myself two or three times over in succession to drive away the specter and then again once would do, that money coming in at the end of it soothing me to sleep, and then I have sometimes not even been compelled to tell it all through once; I have fallen asleep before I had finished it, before I got the money, so sure was I that it was coming to me."

Tennyson's Terror.

There are many stories of Tennyson in the duke of Argyll's recent book, "Passages from the Past," and one of the most characteristic relates to the time when the marriage of his grace—then the marquis of Lorne—and Princess Louise was in the air.

One day Tennyson had a number of guests at luncheon, among who was the marquis of Lorne. In the course of talk, the marquis told Tennyson, then poet laureate, that the queen liked his new volume.

"I am glad to hear it," Tennyson said, in his sonorous, slow, musical bass voice. "I have given a good account of her in that volume, but the newspapers don't like my rhymes—say they are bad."

"I live in terror," he continued, "of any of the queen's family marrying, and of hearing from her that she hopes I will write something. I have no news of that kind yet, but I live in terror of it."

This with a solemnly sly wink—Youth's Companion.

A Poet's Favorite Flower.

A welcome harbinger of spring whose burnished gold stars now gleam on sunny roadside banks around London is the lesser celandine, the "humble" little flower that Wordsworth loved and which is carved upon his tomb. It has no real connection, either by kindred or similarity, with the celandine, and the misleading name comes from a catalogue which old John Gerard, the herbalist, published four centuries ago of the plants that grew in his garden on Holborn hill. Like all really good things, the lesser celandine combines beauty with utility. Although the plant belongs to a poisonous group, the leaves are eaten in Sweden. Nicholas Culpeper, "the radical physician," with the root of this flower cured his daughter of the king's evil in one week "without leaving a scar."—Westminster Gazette.

The Higher Criticism.

Critic—Now that your play is to be actually produced, you can surely give me some idea as to the plot and general action.

Playwright—It's still too indefinite. You see, the call boy and the man at the stage door haven't told me yet what they want done to it!—Modern Society.

Woe! Woe! Woe!

Wife (on her return home)—Have you noticed that my husband missed me very much while I was away, Mary?

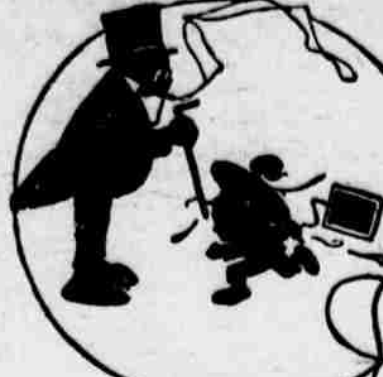
Maid—Well, I didn't notice it so much at first, but yesterday he seemed to be in despair.—Tit-Bits.

Would Do Her Share.

"So you married my daughter thinking I'd pave the way for you in business. Is that it?"

"Well—er—no, sir. I'll attend to the paving, but I thought you might supply the rocks."

CAUSE FOR HIS HURRY.



"Ah, I love to see a little boy in such a hurry to get to school!"

"Yes, sir. My little brother's got de measles, an' I'm hurrying up to get excused!"

You Would Not Accept Counterfeit Money, Why Accept Counterfeit Goods?

Good money is made by the Government in which you have implicit faith and confidence. Good goods are made by manufacturers who are willing to stake their reputations on the quality of the material offered to you through the medium of their advertisements in this paper. Counterfeit goods are not advertised. The reason for it is they will not bear the close scrutiny to which genuine advertised goods are subjected. Counterfeit money pays more profit to the counterfeiter. Counterfeit goods are offered to you for the same reason.

Insist on the Genuine—Reject the Counterfeit.

The New Baby.

A young woman of a religious turn of mind wished to announce to a friend the birth of her first-born child. She sent the following telegram: "Isalah, 9-6," which, being interpreted, read, "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given."

The friend, more literal and less familiar with the prophets, read the message, and said to her husband: "Margaret has a boy, but why on earth did she name him Isalah? He must be a healthy chap, though, for he weighs nine pounds and six ounces."—Woman's Home Companion.

"Makes It Go Away."

We simply can't do without it. We are not going to try. When Bobby stubs or cuts his toe, it's "Ma, where's the Lightning Oil?" When Lizzie burns her hand or arm, it's "Where's the Lightning Oil?" When little Dick's been playing with a bumble bee, it's "Where's the Lightning Oil?" The echo of all our afflictions is "Where's the Lightning Oil?" It's the balm that makes the pain go away. Sincerely yours, P. CASSIDY, Montevale, Ala.

The Coloring Matter.

Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, the government's famous food expert, was talking about the adulteration of wines.

"One day," he said, "I heard a wine salesman discussing a new price list with his father. The father was going to buy some wines. He turned page after page of the list, ticking off his selections with a pencil.

"Look here, son," he said, "how is it that your red wines are all dearer than your whites?"

"Why," said the son indignantly, "do you think that crimson lake costs nothing?"

Ready to Pay Fines.

"I know where \$3,000,000 in cash lies concealed," said a New York lawyer. "This vast sum lies concealed in the inside vest pocket of the 30,000 automobilists of New York state. Each man carries \$100 of it in one crisp note, ready to be paid out in a fine, if he should be arrested for speeding. Fines, though, don't appear to stop speeding," he continued. "Perhaps the rich automobilist regards them much as the Suabian wood thief did. The thief was arrested. The magistrate said to him: 'You are brought up on the charge of stealing wood. This charge has been proved against you. But you are old and poor and you shall be let off this time. Only don't do it again.' 'Nonsense!' retorted the thief. 'Let us not have any false sentimentalism here. I steal my wood, I pay my fine, and there's an end of it.'"

CHANGE IN FOOD

Works Wonders in Health.

It is worth knowing that a change in food can cure dyspepsia. "I deem it my duty to let you know how Grape-Nuts food has cured me of indigestion."

"I had been troubled with it for years, until last year my doctor recommended Grape-Nuts food to be used every morning. I followed instructions and now I am entirely well.

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The reason this lady was helped by the use of Grape-Nuts food, is that it is predigested by natural processes and therefore does not tax the stomach as the food she had been using; it also contains the elements required for building up the nervous system. If that part of the human body is in perfect working order, there can be no dyspepsia, for nervous energy represents the steam that drives the engine.

When the nervous system is run down, the machinery of the body works badly. Grape-Nuts food can be used by small children as well as adults. It is perfectly cooked and ready for instant use.

Read "The Road to Wellville," in pkg. "There's a Reason." Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.

Counting a Billion.

Speaking of counting the hairs of your head—suppose you undertook to count a billion, how long do you think it would take you to do it? A billion, according to the French notation, which we follow, is a thousand millions. If you had before you a pile of silver dollars containing a million, and could count one every second, for eight hours every day, it would take you 35 days to complete the task. But suppose you undertook to count a thousand of those million-dollar piles—you would be at work eight hours a day for 35,000 days, or about 100 years.

Starch, like everything else, is being constantly improved, the patent Starches put on the market 25 years ago are very different and inferior to those of the present day. In the latest discovery—Defiance Starch—all injurious chemicals are omitted, while the addition of another ingredient, invented by us, gives to the Starch a strength and smoothness never approached by other brands.

Force of Habit.

"Bet that lady has been to the millinery opening," whispered the big waiter in the white apron.

"What makes you think so?" asked the cashier.

"Why, I said: 'Madam, what kind of trimmings do you like with your steak?' and she says: 'Why, make it black lace and two bunches of red cherries with wire leaves.'"

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh that Contain Mercury.

Mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is too great to be repaired by any means.

Rough on the Candidate.

"There's a candidate outside, want in to see you," said the hired man.

"Hang the candidate!" exclaimed the farmer.

And the hired man went out muttering: "I ain't lynched a man in a mighty long time, but ef he ain't too much for me I'll feller instructions!"—Atlanta Constitution.

The extraordinary popularity of fine white goods this summer makes the choice of Starch a matter of great importance. Defiance Starch, being free from all injurious chemicals, is the only one which is safe to use on fine fabrics. Its great strength as a stiffener makes half the usual quantity of Starch necessary, with the result of perfect finish, equal to that when the goods were new.

A Hard Loser.

First Cheap Sport—I saw McGann comin' out of the poolroom lookin' like a hard loser.

Second Cheap Sport—He lost all he had.

First Cheap Sport—How much?

Second Cheap Sport—The price of his morning's eye-opener.—Illustrated Sunday Magazine.

Important to Mothers.

Examine carefully every bottle of CASTORIA a safe and sure remedy for infants and children, and see that it bears the Signature of *Wm. C. Child* in Use For Over 30 Years. The Kind You Have Always Bought.

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The public expects much of the modern nurse—the same self-sacrifice, righteousness and pureness of living as in the past, but combined with a technical skill and an amount of learning unknown to our predecessors.—The Nursing Times.

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Compensation.

Mrs. Baker—My husband costs me a good deal of money.

Mrs. Barker—Yes, and he isn't very good to you, either.

Mrs. Baker—I know it, but I got a dandy lot of wedding presents with him.

Try It Once.

There is more actual misery and less real danger in a case of itching, skin disease than any other ailment. Hunt's Cure is manufactured especially for these cases. It relieves instantly and cures promptly. Absolutely guaranteed.

Very Likely.

"Again Mae Wood!" exclaimed the non-sensational reader of the newspapers.

"Yes," replied his cynical friend; "I guess they wish Mae wouldn't."

TO DRIVE OUT MALARIA AND BILIOUSNESS. Take the Old Standard GINGER TARTARUM. This formula is what you are taking. The formula is purely natural, and is shown in its simple outline and form in a leaflet, showing it is simply Quinine and Iron in a palatable form, and the most effective form. For general people and children. 5c.

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Hicks' Capudine Cures Headache, Whether from colds, heat, stomach, or nervous troubles. No Acetanilid or dangerous drugs. It's liquid and acts immediately. Trial bottle, 5c. Regular 50c and 50c at all druggists.

We are willing to be knaves in order to acquire wealth, and fools in order that it may not bore us.—Life.



This woman says that sick women should not fail to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound as she did.

Mrs. A. Gregory, of 2355 Lawrence St., Denver, Col., writes to Mrs. Pinkham:

"I was practically an invalid for six years, on account of female troubles. I underwent an operation by the doctor's advice, but in a few months I was worse than before. A friend advised Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and it restored me to perfect health, such as I have not enjoyed in many years. Any woman suffering as I did with backache, bearing-down pains, and periodic pains, should not fail to use Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound."

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For thirty years Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, made from roots and herbs, has been the standard remedy for female ills, and has positively cured thousands of women who have been troubled with displacements, inflammation, ulceration, fibroid tumors, irregularities, periodic pains, backache, that bearing-down feeling, flatulency, indigestion, dizziness or nervous prostration. Why don't you try it?

Mrs. Pinkham invites all sick women to write her for advice. She has guided thousands to health. Address, Lynn, Mass.

Hanging Scaffolds.

With the modern skyscraping office building has come a new form of building scaffold. Instead of constructing the scaffold from below, which is impossible in the cases of buildings ranging from 10 to 50 stories high, platforms are suspended from the steel girders above. On these swinging platforms the bricklayers work and the scaffold is raised as the work progresses.—System.

A Household Necessity.

I would almost as soon think of running my farm without implements as without Hunt's Lightning Oil. Of all the liniments I have ever used, for both man and beast, it is the quickest in action and richest in results. For burns and fresh cuts it is absolutely wonderful. I regard it as a household necessity. Yours truly, S. HARRISON, Kocchuak, Miss.

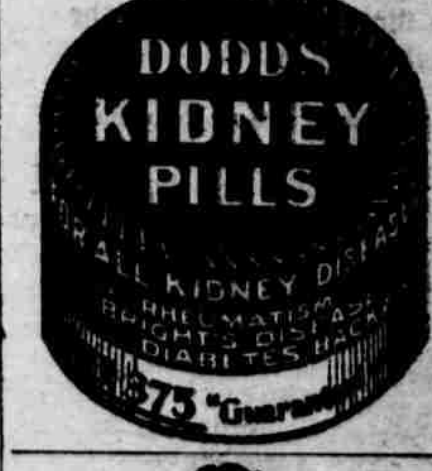
When you are dealing with a man who continually insists that "business is business" you had better examine all the documents carefully.—Puck.

SORE EYES, weak, inflamed, red, watery and swollen eyes, use PETTIT'S EYE SALVE, 25c. All druggists or Howard Bros., Buffalo, N. Y.

It is dishonor to think what it is dishonor to do.—Pulsford.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. For children teething, soothes the gums, reduces inflammation, cures colic, 25c a bottle.

A well-informed physician is frequently ill-informed.



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FATE AGAINST THEM

LOVERS' ROMANCE SPOILED IN STRANGE FASHION.

Letters "Posted" in Hollow Tree Became the Sport of Squirrels—Each Probably Believed the Other to Be Untrue.

In the hollow of an old tree which they chopped down in a field near Richfield, N. J., recently workmen found two letters. The first was in a woman's hand. It said:

"Dear Jim—I got your letter all right the day it was left here—our little post office—but it is only now that I have had a chance to leave a reply. I think you meant what you said, although at times I have believed you were untrue. I have been watched since your letter came, and had a long wait before the opportunity arrived for me to slip out with the reply. I want to meet you some night—say, next Thursday—and we will both go away together. I will be all ready, and if you are not on hand and the letter is gone I'll be convinced that you don't want me. Then I'll go away myself, and you'll never again hear from me. Good-by.—Alice."

This was dated Wednesday, June 10, 1881. The other letter, written in a man's hand, was dated ten days later. It read thus:

"Dear Alice: I have waited so long for a reply that I have begun to think that you have gone back on me. I have come to the tree many times, and looked in vain for an answer. Night and day I have thought of you, wondering if it could be possible that you had forsaken me. I have heard all about the other fellow, but cannot make myself believe that you care for him. I will wait five days more. Then if I don't hear from you I will be convinced that I am not wanted. After that I will leave you alone to enjoy the happiness which you may find with him. I'll go far away from here and try to forget.—Jim."

There was a small opening in the tree about seven feet from the ground. From this opening the hollow, bored out by squirrels, ran clear to the ground. The woodchoppers believe that the missives fell or were dragged clear to the ground after they had been deposited in the "post office."

"Alice" and "Jim" were probably in the habit of leaving letters in the aperture, which could be taken out with the hand until the squirrels had bored up from the bottom and reached the point where the letters lay soon after the girl left her last message there. Both letters were crumpled and eaten away at the edges, giving rise to the belief that they were probably dragged down into the hollow trunk by the squirrels.

Seeing the Wind Blow.

Wind is air in motion. Sometimes you hear people declare on a sultry day that there is "no air." Of course, that is impossible; there is always plenty of air, but there is not always a wind. Strange to say it is possible to see the wind, if the right means are employed.

Take a polished metal surface of two feet or more, with a straight edge; a large hand-saw will answer the purpose. Take a windy day for the experiment, whether hot or cold, clear, or cloudy, only let it not be in rainy, murky weather.

Hold your metallic surface at right angles to the direction of the wind—i. e., if the wind is north, hold your surface east and west, but instead of holding it vertical incline it about 42 degrees to the horizon, so that the wind, striking, glances and flows over the edge, as the water flows over a dam. Now sight carefully along the edge some minutes at a sharply-defined object, and you will see the wind pouring over the edge in graceful curves. Make your observations carefully and you will hardly ever fail in the experiment; the results are even better if the sun is obscured.

Kindred Spirits.

Nothing is more certain than that our manners, our civilization, and all the good things which are connected with civilization, have in this European world of ours, depended for ages upon two principles, and were indeed the result of both combined; I mean the spirit of a gentleman and the spirit of religion. The nobility and the clergy, the one by profession, the other by patronage, kept learning in existence even in the midst of arms and confusion, and while governments were rather in their causes than formed. Learning paid back what it received to nobility and priesthood, and paid it with usury, by enlarging their ideas and by furnishing their minds.—Edmund Burke.

Quiet Nights Assured.

"I see where some wizard has evolved a barkless tree," remarked the scientific boarder as he helped himself to the hot cakes.

"Great Jupiter!" exclaimed the comedian boarder. "Wouldn't it be a great benefit to the world?"

"What?"

"Why, if some wizard could evolve a barkless dog."

Study at Home.

"Maud graduated from your cooking school last spring, didn't she?"

"Yes, but she's going to take a post-graduate course next fall."

"Going back to the same school again?"

"Oh, no! She's to be married to a poor young man."—The Catholic Standard and Times.

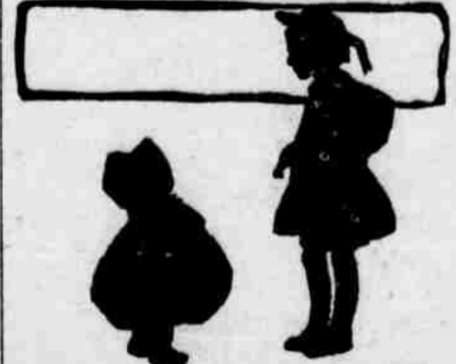
AT A CRITICAL TIME.

Women Are Likely to Suffer with Dangerous Kidney Disorders.

Mrs. John Kirk, R. F. D. No. 2, Detroit, Mich., says: "Five years ago at a critical time of life I was on the verge of a collapse with kidney troubles, backache, dizziness, puffy dropsy swellings and urinary irregularities. I lost flesh and felt languid, nervous or unstrung all the time. As my doctor did not help me I began using Doan's Kidney Pills. In a few weeks all these symptoms left me. I now weigh 163 pounds and feel in excellent health."

Sold by all dealers. 50 cents a box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

AN EXPLANATION.



"Why didn't you answer your teacher when she spoke to you in the arithmetic class, Ethel?"

"Coz mamma told me I muthn't tpeak durin' theool hourth."

BOY KEPT SCRATCHING.

Eczema Lasted 7 Years—Face Was All Raw—Skin Specialists Failed, But Cuticura Effected Cure.

"When my little boy was six weeks old an eruption broke out on his face. I took him to a doctor, but his face kept on getting worse until it got so bad that no one could look at him. His whole face was one crust and must have been very painful. He scratched day and night until his face was raw. Then I took him to all the best specialists in skin diseases but they could not do much for him. The eczema got on his arms and legs and we could not get a night's sleep in months. I got a set of Cuticura Remedies and he felt relieved the first time I used them. I gave the Cuticura Remedies a good trial and gradually the eczema healed all up. He is now seven years old and I think the trouble will never return. Mrs. John G. Klumpp, 80 Niagara St., Newark, N. J., Oct. 17 and 22, 1907."

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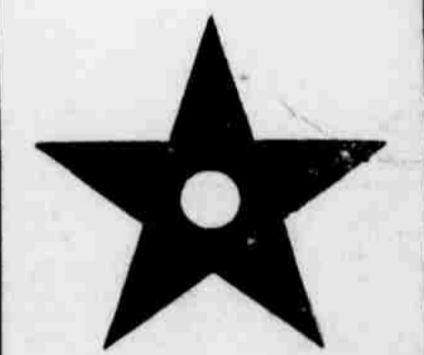


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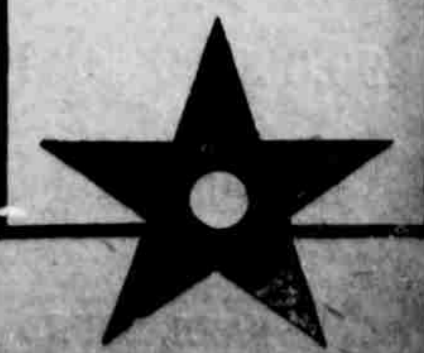
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CITATION.

THE STATE OF TEXAS. To the Sheriff or any Constable of Haskell County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon the unknown heirs of Randal D. Heck, deceased, whose names and residences are unknown, by such work for right successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the nearest county where a newspaper is published, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Haskell County, Texas, to be held at the Court House thereat, in Haskell on the 14th Monday in May A. D. 1908, the same being the 25th day of May A. D. 1908, and there to answer the first amended petition filed in said court on the 23rd day of March A. D. 1908, in a suit numbered on the docket of said court No. 140, wherein said Randal D. Heck is plaintiff and the unknown heirs of Randal D. Heck are defendants, whose names and residences are to the plaintiff unknown, said petition being:

That petitioner on the 1st day of January A. D. 1907, plaintiff, was lawfully seized and possessed of a certain tract of land hereinafter described and holding the same in fee simple; that on the day and year last aforesaid defendants entered upon said premises and ejected plaintiff therefrom and wrongfully withheld the possession thereof from plaintiff to his damage in the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars.

That the premises so entered upon and wrongfully withheld by defendants from plaintiff are bounded and described as follows: 60 acres of land situated in Haskell County, Texas, known as survey No. 49, on the waters of Salt Fork of Brazos River, about 7 1/2 miles S. E. of its junction with the Doublemountain Fork of the Brazos, by virtue of Bounty Warrant No. 206 issued by William C. Cooke, Adjutant General, June 25th, 1847, the right to obtain said certificate having been transferred to R. D. Heck, October 29th, 1850, beginning at a stake in the E. bank of the Brazos river bet. 200 and N. W. Cor. of survey No. 48, thence of George G. Alford, from which a mesquite bears S. 70° E. 48 varas, another bears S. 30° E. 54 varas and the N. W. Cor. of the E. League of George G. Alford bears S. 50° W. 420 varas. Thence down the river with its meanders N. 22° W. 1025 varas to a stake on the east bank from which a mesquite bears N. 45° W. 82 varas. Thence E. 200 varas to a stake from which a Chittim 12 inches bears S. 35° W. 80 varas, a mesquite bears S. 48° E. 24 varas. Thence S. 30° W. 200 varas to a stake and mound in prairie. Thence west 200 varas to the beginning and patented to said R. D. Heck on 10th day of August A. D. 1871 by patent No. 987, Vol. 14.

Plaintiff further shows to the court that he is claiming said land under a deed from M. G. York to G. C. McGregor dated March 11th, 1874, and duly acknowledged on same day before A. B. Grew County Clerk Law County, Texas, and duly recorded in Vol. 11, Page 557, Deed Records of Haskell County, Texas, also under a deed from Ann M. Siddings, Heber Stone and wife M. L. G. Stone to G. C. McGregor, dated December 15th, 1880, and duly acknowledged same day before A. Jeffries Notary Public Washington County, Texas, and duly recorded in Vol. 41, Page 76, of the Deed Records of Haskell County, Texas, also under a deed from Anna P. Metzger, A. W. Metzger, Hugh McLendon and wife Almida McLendon to plaintiff Charles M. Metzger, dated May 29th, 1905, and duly acknowledged by all the said grantors before S. H. Clayton Notary Public McLennan County, Texas, on May 20th 1905, and duly recorded in Vol. 70, pages 342, 343 and 344 deed records of Haskell County, Texas.

Plaintiff further shows to the court that he is claiming said land under deeds duly registered and that he has had peaceable and adverse possession of said land and premises herebefore described cultivating using and enjoying the same, and paying all taxes due thereon, for a period of more than five years prior to the first day of January A. D. 1907, and before the commencement of this suit, and this he is ready to verify.

Plaintiff further shows to the court that he has had peaceable continuous and adverse possession by an actual enclosure of said land and premises herebefore described, using cultivating and enjoying the same for a period of more than ten years prior to January 1st, A. D. 1907, and before the commencement of this suit, and this he is ready to verify.

Plaintiff further shows to the court that he is unable to set out the claim or claims of the several defendants or the pretended claims of the said defendants for the reason that their said several claims or pretended claims are to this plaintiff unknown, unless said defendants are asserting some kind of a claim or claims as the heirs of M. B. Menard the patentee of said land.

Plaintiff further shows to the court that the annual rent of said premises is of the value of five hundred dollars.

Wherefore Plaintiff prays that defendants be cited to answer this petition, and that he have judgment for the title and restriction of the above described premises, for his damages, for cost of his suit and for general and special relief, and he will ever pray etc. etc. etc.

Herein Fail Not, but have before said court, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness J. W. Meadows, Clerk of the District Court of Haskell County.

Given under my hand and Seal of said Court, at Office in Haskell this 24th day of March A. D. 1908.

J. W. MEADOWS, Clerk

District Court Haskell County, Tex.

CITATION.

THE STATE OF TEXAS. TO THE SHERIFF OR ANY CONSTABLE OF HASKELL COUNTY—GREETING:

You are hereby commanded to summon the unknown heirs of M. B. Menard deceased, the unknown heirs of Rebecca M. Thrasher deceased, and the unknown heirs of Clara Bass deceased, whose names and residences are unknown, by making publication of this citation once in each week for eight successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the nearest county where a newspaper is published, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Haskell County, Texas, to be held at the Court House thereat, in Haskell on the 14th Monday in May, 1908, the same being the 25th day of May, 1908, then and there to answer the first amended petition filed in said court on the 23rd day of March A. D. 1908, in a suit numbered on the docket of said court, No. 147, wherein Charles M. Metzger is plaintiff, and the unknown heirs of M. B. Menard deceased, and the unknown heirs of Rebecca M. Thrasher deceased, and the unknown heirs of Clara Bass deceased are defendants, whose names and residences are to the plaintiff unknown, said petition being:

That petitioner on the 1st day of January A. D. 1907, plaintiff, was lawfully seized and possessed of a certain tract of land hereinafter described, and holding the same in fee simple; that on the day and year last aforesaid defendants entered upon said premises and ejected plaintiff therefrom and wrongfully withheld the possession thereof from plaintiff to his damage in the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars.

That the premises so entered upon and wrongfully withheld by defendants from plaintiff are bounded and described as follows: 400 acres of land situated in Haskell County, Texas, known as survey No. 47, on the waters of Brazos River about 7 1/2 miles S. E. degrees W. of Belknap by virtue of unconditional certificate No. 93 issued by the Board of Land Commissioners of Galveston County, Texas, to George Deibel on March 6th, 1845, and by him transferred to M. B. Menard, beginning at the N. W. Cor. of survey No. 46 by virtue of Bounty Warrant No. 230, a stake on the bank of the Brazos River from which a cedar bears S. 65° E. 7 varas, another bears S. 25° W. 7 varas. Thence down the river with its meanders N. 22° W. 950 varas to a stake on the bank of the river from which a mesquite is 100 inches in diameter bears north, 20° E. 24 varas, another 8 inches in diameter bears S. 20° E. 40 varas. Thence E. 200 varas to a stake and mound in prairie. Thence south 200 varas to a stake and mound in prairie. The east 1/2 of survey No. 45, and with its north boundary line of said survey in all 800 varas to the place of beginning, and patented to said M. B. Menard on 11th day of December A. D. 1872, by Patent No. 493, Vol. 14.

Plaintiff further shows to the court that he is claiming said land under a deed from J. I. Campbell and wife Sarah M. Campbell to G. C. Metzger dated January 15th A. D. 1887, and duly acknowledged before M. V. B. Sparks County Judge of Lampasas County, Texas, on said January 15th, 1887, and duly recorded in Vol. No. 9, page 200 and 201 of the deed records of Haskell County, Texas, and under a deed from Anna P. Metzger, A. W. Metzger, Hugh McLendon and wife Almida McLendon to plaintiff Charles M. Metzger dated May 29th, 1905, and duly acknowledged by all said grantors before S. H. Clayton Notary Public McLennan County, Texas, on May 20th, 1905, and duly recorded in Vol. 50, pages 342, 343 and 344 deed records of Haskell County, Texas.

Plaintiff further shows to the court that he is claiming said land under deeds duly registered, and that he has had peaceable and adverse possession of said land and premises herebefore described, cultivating using and enjoying the same, and paying all taxes due thereon, for a period of more than five years prior to the first day of January A. D. 1907, and before the commencement of this suit, and this he is ready to verify.

Plaintiff further shows to the court that he has had peaceable continuous and adverse possession by an actual enclosure of said land and premises herebefore described, using cultivating and enjoying the same for a period of more than ten years prior to January 1st, A. D. 1907, and before the commencement of this suit, and this he is ready to verify.

Plaintiff further shows to the court that he is unable to set out the claim or claims of the several defendants or the pretended claims of the said defendants for the reason that their said several claims or pretended claims are to this plaintiff unknown, unless said defendants are asserting some kind of a claim or claims as the heirs of M. B. Menard the patentee of said land.

Plaintiff further shows to the court that the annual rent of said premises is of the value of five hundred dollars.

Wherefore Plaintiff prays that defendants be cited to answer this petition, and that he have judgment for the title and restriction of the above described premises, for his damages, for cost of his suit and for general and special relief, and he will ever pray etc. etc. etc.

Herein Fail Not, but have before said court, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness J. W. Meadows, Clerk of the District Court of Haskell County.

Given under my hand and Seal of said Court, at Office in Haskell this 24th day of March A. D. 1908.

J. W. MEADOWS, Clerk

District Court Haskell County, Tex.

CITATION.

THE STATE OF TEXAS. To the Sheriff or any Constable of Haskell County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon Louis Czarinow and George Winslow, whose residences are unknown, and the heirs of Louis Czarinow whose names and residences are unknown, and the heirs of George Winslow, whose names and residences are unknown, by making publication of this citation once in each week for eight successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the nearest county where a newspaper is published, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Haskell County, Texas, to be held at the Court House thereat, in Haskell on the 14th Monday in May, 1908, the same being the 25th day of May, 1908, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 23rd day of March, 1908, in a suit numbered on the docket of said court No. 105, wherein T. C. Douglas, Mrs. Ada Douglas, Mrs. L. B. Brennan, Mrs. Willie Webb, Clifford Douglas, Sr., Clifford Douglas, Jr., John Douglas, Sr., John Douglas, a minor, and his Guardian Mrs. Steward Douglas are plaintiffs, and Louis Czarinow and George Winslow, and the heirs of Louis Czarinow, deceased, whose names are unknown, and the heirs of George Winslow deceased, whose names are unknown, are defendants, said petition alleging that on or about the first day of January, 1908, defendants wrongfully and unlawfully withheld from the plaintiff herein named and possessed of the following described land and premises situated in Haskell County, Texas, holding and claiming the same in fee simple to-wit: 32 acres of land the same being the Simon P. Ford Survey, Abstract No. 139 and patented to Louis Czarinow and George Winslow assignees of Simon P. Ford on 7th Dec. 1855, by virtue of Bounty Certificate No. 929 issued by B. T. Archer, Secretary of War on 7th of November, 1840, and transferred by said Ford to R. F. Mott and by said Mott transferred to said Czarinow and Winslow on 5th December 1840, and described by metes and bounds as follows: Beginning at the N. E. corner of Survey No. 79 John A. Heuser and the N. W. cor. of this survey from which a mesquite bears E. 17 1/2 varas, another bears S. 20° W. 4 varas; Thence East 1145 1/2 varas to a stake for N. E. corner from which a mesquite bears N. 20° E. 205 varas, another S. 85° W. 49 varas; Thence S. 155 varas to a stake for the S. E. corner; Thence W. 1141 1/2 varas to a stake for S. W. corner; Thence N. 155 varas to the place of beginning.

That on the day and year last aforesaid defendants unlawfully entered upon said premises and ejected plaintiff therefrom and unlawfully withheld from the plaintiff herein named and possessed of the same the possession thereof to their damage \$999.00. That the reasonable annual rental value of said land and premises is \$100.00.

Plaintiff further shows to the court that they are claiming said land and premises as the lawful heirs of James S. Douglas, deceased, under a General Warranty Deed executed by Simon Weiss to said James S. Douglas, now deceased, on the 15th day of September 1854 and duly and legally acknowledged by said Simon Weiss on the 15th day of September A. D. 1854, before Thomas H. Brennan, Notary Public, Jasper County, Texas, and duly recorded in Vol. 17 page 210 Deed Records of Haskell County, Texas, conveying by proper description said Certificate No. 929 by virtue of which said 320 acres of land was located, surveyed and patented.

Plaintiff further shows to the court that they are claiming said land under deeds duly registered and that they have had peaceable and adverse possession of said land and premises herebefore described cultivating, using and enjoying the same, and paying all taxes due thereon for a period of more than five years prior to the first day of January 1908 and before the commencement of this suit and this they are ready to verify.

Wherefore they pray Judgment of the court. The plaintiffs further show to the court that they have had peaceable, continuous and adverse possession by an actual enclosure of said land herebefore described, cultivating, using and enjoying the same for a period of 10 years prior to the 1st day of January, 1908, and before the commencement of this suit, and this they are ready to verify.

Wherefore they pray Judgment of the court. The plaintiffs further show to the court that they are unable to set out the claim or claims of the several defendants, or the pretended claims of said defendants for the reason that their several claims or pretended claims and the nature thereof are to the plaintiffs unknown.

Wherefore the plaintiffs pray that the defendants be cited in the terms of the law to appear and answer this petition and that the plaintiffs have judgment of the court for the title and possession of the above described land, and that writ of restitution be issued, and for costs, damages and cost of suit and for such other and further relief, special and general, in law and in equity, that they may be justly entitled to.

Herein Fail Not, but have before said court on the 1st day of the next term thereof, this writ with your return thereon showing how you have executed the same.

Witness J. W. Meadows, Clerk of the District Court of Haskell County.

Given under my hand and seal of said court, in the town of Haskell, this the 24th day of March A. D. 1908.

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AN ORDINANCE TO PREVENT THE DISCHARGE OF ANY FIRE ARMS IN THE CITY LIMITS AND FIXING A PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF SAID ORDINANCE.

SEC. 1. Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Haskell, Texas, That if any person shall discharge any fire arm are fire arms in the city limits of the City of Haskell, Texas, he shall on conviction thereof be fined in any sum of not less than Five Dollars nor more than Twenty Five Dollars.

SEC. 2. The above ordinance shall not apply to a peace officer in the discharge of his official duties, nor to any person in the protection of his home or property nor to any person who may discharge a fire arm or fire arms on his own premises.

Introduced May 11th, 1908, passed May 11th, 1908, and approved May 12th, 1908.

Signed, T. E. MATTHEWS, Mayor of the City of Haskell.

Attest, O. E. PATTERSON, City Secretary.

Haskell Scholastic Census.

Having finished the roll for the town of Haskell, we wish to have you to help us. Will you do so? The proposition is this, in this work as well as in all other of the kind, it is an easy thing to overlook some one, and if you have been overlooked, or if you know of any one who has been overlooked, you will please notify me or Judge P. D. Sanders, president of the school board. It is to the interest of the school to have every scholastic enrolled and any assistance in this work will be appreciated.

Respectfully J. W. WATSON.

The Dallas Excursion.

The Dallas Commercial club excursionists reached Haskell at 4 p. m. Thursday and were met by citizens in autos, carriages and buggies and taken on a spin through the residence portion of town. Rounding up on the square, the band accompanying the party mounted the band stand in the court yard and gave a selection, when Mayor Matthews introduced Mr. W. H. Murchison, who made a brief but well expressed address of welcome. Messrs. O. L. Oldham and Geo. I. Baldwin responded in behalf of the Dallas party, paying our town and county some nice compliments and inviting everybody to visit Dallas, vouching for a hearty welcome and entertainment in keeping with the courtesies extended to them.

The party then took a brief look around the business part of town and many individuals were heard to speak in praise of the number, size and character of the business houses and the large stocks of merchandise. Evidently the town made a better appearance than many of them expected to see. We regret that lack of space will not allow a more extended write-up of this event.

The entertainment given by the Cemetery Association at the opera house Thursday night for the benefit of the cemetery improvement fund was pronounced good by those who attended. The attendance, however, was not what it ought to have been, purpose considered.

Messrs. Ellis & Williams have moved their grocery business to the west side of the square, in the Oates building.

Mr. W. D. McGee, 85 years of age, dropped dead at his home in this place about 1 o'clock yesterday. Mr. McGee has been actively engaged at his anvil as a blacksmith to within a few days of his death.

FROM PLEASANT VALLEY.

Our Correspondent Tell About the Singing Convention and the Crops.

TO THE FREE PRESS:

The singing at Pleasant Valley last Sunday was attended by a large number of people from different parts of the county. The capital city was represented by the following: Mr. C. M. Hunt and wife, Mr. Joe Taylor and Miss Eula Poole, Mr. McDonald and Miss Alice Poole, Mr. Tom Brooks and Miss Mamie Draper, Mr. Lou Ellis and Miss Louise Goodlet, Mr. R. R. Robinson and Mrs. Breazeale, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Eastland, who took part in the singing, but we are sorry to say, they got lost on the way and failed to arrive in time for dinner, which was one of the best that has ever been pulled off at any of the singing conventions in the east half of Haskell county. But as luck would have it, Capt. Hunt and his company carried a lunch with them and, running up on a windmill and well of good water in Mr. G. R. Couch's pasture, had a little picnic of their own.

We wish to say to the Haskellites that we appreciate your presence at our singing, and hope you will be on hand next time for dinner.

The singing was conducted by Profs. Warren, Wilson, Foster and Hemphill.

Our singing convention meets next at Roberts school house, eight miles east of Haskell, on the first Sunday in July—dinner on the ground—everybody invited. Come with your song books and well filled baskets.

The health of our community is good with the exception of Paris Stepp, who is suffering with a light attack of the appendicitis.

Farm work is better advanced than ever before at this time of the year.

Wheat shows a prospect of a full crop.

Corn is growing off finely, and volunteer oats are headed out.

Maize is looking good and cotton is coming to a stand.

The baseball game between the Cottonwood and Pleasant Valley teams came off last Saturday according to schedule and the Cottonwood boys "took it all out" of the Pleasant Valley fellows.

With lots of love to all the candidates, I am, yours truly, SWAMP FOX.

CATTLE SALES

Mr. J. H. Baldwin of Windom, Texas, a brother of Mr. J. L. Baldwin of this place, was here the early part of this week and closed a sale of 1600 head of cattle, which he had located in a pasture west of Rule. We are informed that the price secured was \$12.50 per head, counting in calves.

We also learned that Mr. T. E. Ballard of this place sold 100 head of steers to Henrietta parties at \$25 per head, and that Mr. S. W. Scott sold 61 head of threes and fours at \$25 and \$28 per head.

Mr. J. L. Baldwin, who has a ranch in the county and is well posted on range and cattle conditions, states that the calf crop this spring is the largest in the history of this section, that is, the per centage of calves to cows is the largest. He also says that stock of all kinds is in better condition than ever before at this early a period in the spring. Stock went into the winter in good condition and the early and copious rains brought out an early and heavy crops of grass, causing unusually early growth and fattening of range stock.

NOTICE

The pastures of the following named parties are posted. Fishing, hunting or trespassing of any character is forbidden under penalty of the law.

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