

Congressman Hobson of Alabama is backing an experiment looking to the utilization of cotton stalks as fertilizer.

At a mass meeting of truck growers held in Marshall Saturday night, it was agreed to plant fifty acres in tomatoes.

An elevator in the hands of a green operator in a Chicago clothing store, fell ten stories, killing two passengers and injuring six others.

Clubs and hotels, dancing parties and social organizations of all kinds are to be the next to feel the lash of the Law and Order League.

The Eagle Lake Bank, which suspended some three weeks, is preparing to open again in a few days, having been found to be perfectly solvent.

The Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railroad Company has let a contract for steel rails to complete the road between Wichita, Kansas, and Red River.

Parties who are posted on the cotton situation declare that untold numbers of weevils were killed throughout Red River County during the recent cold weather.

The Phillips Packing Company has completed negotiations for the purchase of ground and will erect an independent packing plant at Oklahoma City at a cost of \$100,000.

T. A. Elgin, a brakeman on the Trinity and Brazos Valley Railroad, was killed at Mungler, while coupling air brakes. He was twenty-three years of age and lived at Teague.

Electrocution as a means of inflicting the death penalty will be first used in New Jersey on December 9, when Sanorio Giovanni and Pasquale Delisoo will be put to death.

Assistant Attorney General Walthall has written to County Attorney R. E. L. Roy of Tarrant County, holding that it is not necessary for country clubs to procure a liquor license.

The six-year-old son of W. L. Thomas of Denison accidentally shot himself Saturday afternoon while playing with a .38-caliber pistol, from the effects of which he died a few hours later.

Melvin Powell, aged seventeen, shot and instantly killed his sweetheart, aged sixteen, near Hopkinsville, Ky., Saturday evening. Whether intentionally or accidentally is not known, but Powell has skipped out.

A movement is on foot, principally among Washingtonians, for the establishment of a National University, to be located in that city, backed by the general Government, after the style of some European schools.

Jesse Williamson, about seventeen years old, was accidentally shot and instantly killed at Cushing Saturday by Brice McMillan, his four-year-old nephew, who was playing with a target gun. The fathers of both boys are prominent business men of Cushing.

The New Orleans Times-Democrat Sunday night issued its estimate of the 1907 cotton crop. The estimate is 11,665,000 bales, exclusive of linters. In the Coolidge Precinct a prohibition election was held Saturday in which the pros were victorious by a majority of 111.

Express Messenger Frank Wells was robbed of \$800, consigned to the Houston and Texas Central Railroad at the Grand Central Depot in Houston Thursday. Wells says the robbery was committed by a negro unknown to him.

Fire Sunday night at Ardmore, Ok., destroyed the Bixler dry goods store and the Alexander Hotel, the total loss being in the neighborhood of \$25,000 to \$30,000, partially covered by insurance.

A mad dog at San Antonio Sunday morning bit Ross Bowles, aged five years, and Bertha Merckels, his playmate. Both children were attacked by the savage dog and would have been killed but for a timely rescue.

Eleven cents was paid for cotton at Hearne Friday, and something like 1200 bales were sold to the cotton buyers. A great deal of the fleecy staple is still being held by the farmers for better prices.

Mrs. C. L. Harris, living on the Green farm south of Terrell, was found dead in her yard Saturday afternoon about 3 o'clock. She was shot near the heart. A pistol was found near her. Her husband was in town at the time of the killing.

At an election held at Putnam Saturday for the purpose of incorporating Putnam into an independent school district, thirty-six votes were cast in favor of incorporating and twelve against.

THE ISSUE NOT NEEDED

CANAL BONDS WILL BE FULLY SOLD.

STRINGENCY ABOUT ENDED

Not More Than \$25,000,000 of Proposed Issue of Treasury Certificates Needed at This Time.

Washington, Dec. 2.—The close of the past week found a confident feeling prevailing in banking circles, and at the Treasury Department the financial situation of the country is expected to soon become normal. The intervention of the Government two weeks ago by which it was proposed to issue \$150,000,000 securities in new issues accomplished the purpose intended by President Roosevelt and Secretary Cortelyou in demonstrating the ability of the Treasury to relieve disturbed conditions. This result having been accomplished, the actual issues of new securities will only be about half of what was proposed. In this respect the present Administration departed from the policy pursued in 1893, when measures of relief were adopted only when they became imperative. It is felt at the Treasury that the wisdom of the new Policy has been vindicated—that it was better to take resolute and broad measures, even if they went beyond the immediate needs of the situation.

The issue of the Panama bonds will be for the full \$50,000,000 which was offered, but the issues of one-year Treasury certificates will not exceed \$25,000,000. It is probable also that the issues of new bank note circulation will fall considerably within some of the earlier estimates, because of the abundance of currency which will be available when currency payments are resumed by the banks and exchanges resume their normal course.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 2.—The easing money situation in the South was indicated last night by the announcement that the New Orleans Stock Exchange will today resume trading, after almost complete closing for several weeks. The exchange has been dealing only in the State, city and levee bonds, though not all the securities traded in before the crisis.

HORRIBLE DEED AT ASYLUM.

An Insane Mexican Cuts Throat of an Attendant at Terrell.

Terrell, Tex., Dec. 2.—A. A. Bouis, who, with his wife, has charge of the dining room of the male annex, was attacked by a Mexican patient at the North Texas Hospital yesterday evening about 5 o'clock and his throat cut. The assault happened in the dining room of the annex, a large knife used in slicing bread being used. The wound is a large one, beginning under the right ear and extending for several inches. Last night the injured man was believed to be dying, and scant hopes were entertained for his recovery. The man assaulted was reared in this county, is about twenty-six years of age, and had been at the asylum for a number of years. The patient who did the deed escaped from the institution several weeks ago, but came back of his own accord. The management of the institution had just been discussing the question of discharging him as cured.

Cameron is arranging to put in a sewerage system.

Money Went With Him.

St. Louis, Mo.: The announcement of a reward of \$250 has developed the information that two packages containing money amounting to \$5850, received Friday at the relay depot in East St. Louis for the Pacific Express have disappeared. The reward is offered for information as to the whereabouts of Thomas A. O'Connor, aged twenty-four years, who was the money clerk at the relay depot and who can not be found.

A Promising Railway Project.

Ballinger: Last Friday evening the Ballinger and Abilene Railroad perfected organization and officers and directors were elected. The application for charter will be forwarded at once to Austin, and construction work is to begin on or before January 1. As shown by the report of the chief engineer, it is fifty-three miles from Ballinger to Abilene, and the road will traverse one of the richest and most fertile sections of the State.

Williamson Lands in Anti Column.

Taylor: Complete returns from all but three small boxes of the thirty-seven voting boxes of Williamson County from Saturday's prohibition election give the anti a majority of 375 votes. The entire voting strength of the boxes yet to be heard from will not change the result fifty votes. Out of a total of 4761 votes cast in the thirty-four voting boxes the anti received 2563 votes and the pros 2193 votes.

CONGRESS IS NOW IN SESSION.

The Usual Formalities Are Handled Without Incident.

Washington, Dec. 3.—The Senate convened promptly at 12 o'clock noon yesterday. After Vice-President Fairbanks sounded the gavel, the proceedings were opened with prayer by Rev. Edward Everett Hale, the chaplain of the Senate.

Senator La Follette was the first Senator to be recognized, and presented the credentials of Senator Isaac Stephenson of Wisconsin.

The Vice-President ordered that the roll of Senators-elect be called alphabetically, and they were sworn in by fours, being escorted to the desk by their colleagues. All the Senators-elect were present in the chamber, except Senator Bankhead, who is detained at home by illness. Under the form observed by the Senate, neither Senator Bankhead nor Senator Johnston can be sworn in until the deaths of Senators Morgan and Pettus are announced. Messrs. Robert L. Owen and T. P. Gore of Oklahoma, not having been elected to the Senate by their Legislature, were not received by the Senate, and their credentials will not be accepted until after their formal election on December 10.

Resolutions were passed for a committee to inform the President that Congress had assembled and was ready to receive any communication he might wish to make.

Senator Teller offered resolutions of regret on the death of the late Senators Morgan and Pettus, and they were adopted and the Senate adjourned.

So far as the first session of the Sixtieth Congress is concerned, the House of Representatives convened yesterday amid scenes similar to those that have been witnessed in years gone by. The galleries were crowded with beautifully gowned women, who had come early in the expectation of witnessing some exciting scenes.

As is always the case at the first of the session, a multitude of bills were thrown into the House hopper yesterday. The member who introduced none won distinction by his forbearance; all but a few introduced from one to twenty each. Altogether probably more than 2000 bills were introduced in the House yesterday. They represent a wide variety of ideas and whims, and many of them are bills which have been presented regularly at every session for the last ten years.

Confederate Pensions Increase.

Austin: The Pension Bureau has completed the sending out of warrants to the Confederate pensioners, and it is found that approximately 8000 warrants were issued to that number of veterans of the Civil War, the greatest number ever issued for one quarter in this department. The new quarter begins January 1, 1908, and from present indications there will be at least an increase of 500 over the past.

Must Add Much Equipment.

Austin: Practically every railroad in the State will have to add to its rolling stock and equipment during the next three years. The commission has issued orders to thirty-three of the roads in the State, including most of the larger systems, and as soon as there is a quorum of the commission present it is expected that the thirty odd more roads in the State will get their orders.

A large force of men and teams are at work grading the streets throughout McKinney for the main line of the Sherman-Dallas Interurban. This will be immediately followed by the laying of the ties and rails.

New State Legislature Meets.

Guthrie, Ok.: Organization of the first State Legislature of Oklahoma was perfected Monday by each house working out its own details and the exchange of messages. The messages from both houses to the Governor, bearing the same information were delivered in less than four hours after convening. The House and Senate met in joint session and listened to the Governor's message delivered in person.

Practically Ends Ticket Scalping.

Washington: The Supreme Court of the United States Monday decided the case of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad against M. K. W. Blitnerman and others, involving the right of the defendants to engage in scalping the tickets of the railroad, in favor of the company, the decision being handed down by Justice White. This will practically put an end to ticket scalping all over the country.

Took Carboic Acid.

Paris: A message from Honey Grove says that the dead body of the wife of R. M. Miller, station agent of the Texas and Pacific Railway, was found late Monday evening underneath the house, after a search of two and one-half hours, following the return of Mr. Miller was not at home. An inquest was held by a Justice, and his verdict was to the effect that death was due to carboic acid.

PROPOSE COTTON BILLS

CONGRESSMAN BURLESON PUBLISHES GREAT ACTIVITY.

WOULD CREATE MANY JOBS

Author is Sanguine of Great Benefits to Planters if Proposed Bills Are Passed.

Washington, Nov. 29.—Congressman Burleson is preparing four bills bearing on the cotton industry and will introduce them shortly after Congress meets. These measures are supplementary of bills which Mr. Burleson put through the last Congress, and, if passed, they will, in his opinion, be of great benefit to the cotton planters of the South.

The first of these will provide for a quinquennial census of the cotton acreage. At present it is taken only once in every ten years. One year's acreage is estimated on the preceding year's acreage, and any error made in one year is compounded until the next census is taken, so that a slight error made the first year after the census is taken becomes a great error before the next census. He has conferred with Director North of the Census Bureau, and that gentleman promises to give the measure his support. This will make the third time the bill has been introduced by Mr. Burleson.

The second will provide for a uniform standard of cotton classification. Mr. Burleson says the purpose of this bill is to protect the producer "against the rapacity of the middleman." For a small amount, he says, the warehouse and Farmers' Union can get the standard of classification, and with it readily determine the correct class of cotton.

To prohibit trading in cotton futures is the purpose of the third of this series of bills. Mr. Burleson has conferred with Mr. Heppburn of Iowa, who intends to introduce a bill to prohibit trading in stocks on margin, and it is possible that the two may collaborate and try to achieve both purposes in one bill. This will not be determined, though, until Mr. Heppburn prepares his bill, for Mr. Burleson is not sure he will be satisfied with the means Mr. Heppburn may adopt.

The last of these bills provides a prison penalty for giving premature information of crop statistics. Secretary Wilson is earnestly in favor of some such measure as this and will recommend it in his annual report.

Death on a Street Car.

Fort Worth, Tex., Nov. 29.—One man killed and five or six seriously injured in the jumping the track and overturning of a Polytechnic street car at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon marred the Thanksgiving holiday in which all Fort Worth had joined. C. G. Gibson, the man killed, was an employe of the Railway Mail Service. He was a married man and had two children. His family is away on a visit at present.

The car was on its way to the city from Glenwood and was crowded with passengers coming to attend the matinee and football game, and was in charge of Conductor C. L. Maxwell and Motorman A. D. Mitchell. Shortly before reaching the bridge on Vickery Boulevard at Tyler's Creek, the car stopped to allow Charles C. Gibson to board it. He had been on board scarcely a minute when the car jumped the track to the left, and after rolling over four times righted itself at the bottom of the embankment about fifteen feet high, landing on its trucks.

Laurent Revel, a French globe trotter and artist, started from New York on his second walking tour of the world. He will proceed across the continent to Vancouver and from there sail for Australia.

While hunting near Blooming Grove, Charles Spikes was accidentally shot in the fact and lost an eye.

Seven Dead; Two Fatally Injured.

Kansas City, Mo.: Seven men are dead and two fatally injured as the result of a fire in a two-story rooming house at 1102 Union Avenue, caused by an explosion of gas at an early hour Thursday morning. The seven victims of the disaster were burned beyond recognition, and it is doubtful whether their identity will ever be established. The rooming house was patronized by transient white railroad laborers.

Sad Tragedy in Falls County.

Marlin: A tragedy at Otto, north of Marlin, at 6 o'clock Thursday morning, resulted in Lawrence Ferrell losing his life from a gunshot wound in his head. Death was almost instantaneous. Deceased was a young farmer about thirty years of age. Charles Leuschner, son of J. G. Leuschner, and about twenty-three years of age, surrendered to officers, and was admitted to bail in the sum of \$3000. The dead man leaves a wife and children.

LEROY TRICE RESIGNS.

The Movement is Regarded as a Very Significant One.

St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 30.—George J. Gould has extended his reorganization policy from the Missouri Pacific and Iron Mountain System to the International and Great Northern, a strategic road, which is regarded as being his personal property. Leroy Trice, Vice-President of the International and Great Northern, has, after visiting Mr. Gould in New York City, resigned his office, effective January 1, and he will be succeeded by Horace W. Clarke, brother to the Vice-President of the Missouri Pacific and Iron Mountain System.

The International and Great Northern connects with the National lines of Mexico at Laredo, forming the principal central route from Texas points to the City of Mexico. It runs from Laredo to Longview, where it connects with Gould's Texas and Pacific, which it connects with the Iron Mountain, and also from Fort Worth and Palestine to Galveston and Velasco on the coast of the Gulf of Mexico.

George J. Gould personally holds control of the International and Great Northern. The appointment of Horace W. Clarke to the Vice-Presidency of the road as successor to Mr. Trice is significant from several standpoints. It indicates that Mr. Gould desires to show in an emphatic way that the reports as to his supposed dissatisfaction with the Vice-President of the Missouri Pacific and Iron Mountain System are unfounded; that even closer relations will exist henceforth between the Gould connecting lines, and that Mr. Gould is taking a more active interest in his railroads.

Several months ago it was reported in the East and Southwest that Mr. Trice might succeed C. S. Clarke as Vice-President of the Missouri Pacific and Iron Mountain System. Now, however, it develops that Horace W. Clarke, a brother of the head of the Missouri Pacific lines, will succeed Mr. Trice as Vice-President of the International and Great Northern.

To Try New Leprosy Cure.

Honolulu: The Board of Health, on the petition of 527 of the lepers at the Molokai settlement, has agreed to permit J. Lore Wallach to attempt the treatment of twelve lepers from the settlement. This is the result of agitation which has been carried on by Wallach and his friends for several months, during which time he had so persistently claimed that he can cure leprosy that he has aroused the hopes of the lepers themselves.

Haskell Extends Quarantine.

Guthrie, Ok.: On the recommendation of the State Board of Agriculture, Governor Haskell issued a proclamation enforcing all rules, regulations and quarantine lines heretofore established by the Territorial Live Stock Veterinary Board, and extending the live stock quarantine line eastward from the Old Oklahoma Territory line near Tulsa, across Indian Territory to the Arkansas line and northward to the Kansas line.

Prominent Louisianan Dead.

Baton Rouge, La.: General Leon Jastremski, Confederate veteran, journalist, candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor and former Supreme Chancellor of the Knights of Pythias of the United States, is dead, of paralysis. He was one of the most prominent makers of Gulf States history. General Jastremski was appointed United States Consul to Callao, Peru, by President Cleveland in 1893.

Will Vote on Liquor in Shreveport.

Shreveport, La.: At a meeting attended by the members of the Shreveport Ministerial Association and several prominent business men, a petition was addressed to the police jury of Caddo Parish asking that body to call a prohibition election. It is asked that this election be held next month, as all liquor licenses of the parish expire December 31. There are about ninety saloons in Shreveport.

Sensational Kidnaping Case.

Naples: A dramatic and sensational kidnaping has occurred here, the victim being Marquis Giuseppe Cito, a member of the most ancient aristocracy and a cousin of the King. The Marquis was seized and carried to a grotto, where he was tortured and a letter to the Marquis demanding \$500 extorted from him. He was found half frozen and badly injured, and his condition is considered desperate.

Oil Strike Near Cisco.

Cisco: It was reported here by J. L. Neatherly that the Nimrod Development Company, engaged in drilling a well ten miles south of this place, struck oil at a depth of 285 feet. It is said that the flow is not sufficient to cause oil to come to the surface, but developments are expected when the drilling shall have progressed. Work is now proceeding.

Rangers confiscated a quantity of whiskey at Alvord one day last week.

PROOF FOR TWO CENTS.

If You Suffer with Your Kidneys and Back Write to This Man.

G. W. Winney, Medina, N. Y., invites kidney sufferers to write to him.

To all who enclose postage he will reply telling how Doan's Kidney Pills cured him—after he had doctored and had been in two different hospitals for eighteen months, suffering intense pain in the back, lameness, twinges when stooping or lifting, languor, dizzy spells and rheumatism. "Before I used Doan's Kidney Pills cured him—after he had doctored and had been in two different hospitals for eighteen months, suffering intense pain in the back, lameness, twinges when stooping or lifting, languor, dizzy spells and rheumatism. "Before I used Doan's Kidney Pills," says Mr. Winney, "I weighed 143. After taking 10 or 12 boxes I weighed 162 and was completely cured." Sold by all dealers. 50 cents a box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.



AS SHE HAD BEEN ORDERED.

Domestic Cleared Everything Left Over Out of the Ice Box.

There recently entered the service of a Cleveland family a domestic of Scandinavian origin. She had never seen a refrigerator before, and the lady of the house, after initiating her into its mysteries, instructed her never to leave anything old or left over in the ice-box, but to keep the refrigerator perfectly clean and fresh by throwing the old things away each morning.

The very next day the mistress, looking out of the window, observed something peculiar in the yard. "What is that, Sophie?" she asked. "And how did it get there?" "That is old ice, ma'am," was the proud response, "left over from yesterday. I trow it away lake you tol' me."—Harper's Weekly.

Caught Whiskers in Safe.

In locking his safe the other night prior to his going home for supper George Edgemont, a paperhanger who lives at Jefferson street and Hermitage lane, Manayunk, shut the safe door upon his flowing whiskers and was held until released by his daughter, says the Philadelphia Inquirer. Edgemont had been out collecting bills during the day. Returning to his office he opened his safe and placed the money in it. He then threw the door shut, catching the end of his beard in the door. In the excitement incident to his odd predicament he forgot the combination and so could not release himself. With his chin resting on the safe he was discovered about an hour after the accident by his daughter, who came to find what had delayed him. The safe was broken open by a locksmith.

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GEORGE E. PADDOCK, Doniphan, Mo.

A Fascinating Game.

A precocious little girl living on one of the crowded business thoroughfares of the city was in the habit of gazing out of the window at the busy street below for hours at a time. "What is it, Gladys, that you find so constantly interesting in the street?" asked her mother one day. "Oh," came the wise rejoinder, "just watching the cars go pro and con."—Harper's Weekly.

How's This?

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A Treasure Ship.

Eliaz Stubble—I see that every time that new ship sails—the Lucy Tanner I think her name—she carries 7,500 tons of coal. Hank Harkins—By ginger! It's a darn good thing there ain't no pirates rovin' the sea these days!—Puck.

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MESSAGE SENT TO CONGRESS

President's Recommendations on National Legislation.

AS TO CURRENCY QUESTION

Many Defects of Present System Are Pointed Out by Chief Executive.

NOT TIME FOR TARIFF

Postponement of Discussion of Revision of Schedules Until After Presidential Election Urged—Necessity for Improving Waterways of the Country.

Washington, Dec. 3.—President Roosevelt in his annual message deals vigorously with matters of national importance. Referring to the recent disturbance in financial circles he points out that the hoarding of money by the people, instead of keeping it in sound banks, was the first cause of financial stringency and a grave error. He pays a tribute to the general honesty of the men engaged in the banking business.

After quotation from his last annual message which dealt with the necessity of governmental regulations, the president asserts that his views have in no way changed and declares it is the duty of the national government to embody in action the principles he has expounded. Disclaiming any idea of advocating centralization the president insists upon the necessity for federal control of the railroads of the country through the interstate commerce commission, and also urges legislation looking to the proper control of the great business concerns engaged in interstate business, this control to be exercised for their own benefit and prosperity no less than for the protection of investors and of the general public.

Wants Federal Control.
Declaring that modern industrial conditions are such that combination is not only necessary but inevitable, the president refers to his message of a year ago concerning necessary changes in the antitrust laws. He goes on: "I ask for full power to the federal government, because no single state can by legislation effectually cope with these powerful corporations engaged in interstate commerce, and while doing them full justice, exact from them in return full justice to others. The conditions of railroad activity, the conditions of our immense interstate commerce, are such as to make the central government alone competent to exercise full supervision and control."

"The antitrust law should be made both more efficient and more in harmony with actual conditions. It should be so amended as to forbid only the kind of combination which does harm to the general public, such amendment to be accomplished by, or to be an incident of, a grant of supervisory power to the government over these big corporations engaged in interstate business. This should be accomplished by providing for the compulsory publication of accounts and the submission of books and papers to the inspection of the government officials. A beginning has already been made for such supervision by the establishment of the bureau of corporations."

"Among the points to be aimed at should be the prohibition of unhealthy competition, such as by rendering service at an actual loss for the purpose of crushing out competition, the prevention of injury to capital, and the prohibition of a corporation's making exclusive trade with itself a condition of having any trade with itself. Reasonable agreements between, or combinations of, corporations should be permitted, provided they are first submitted to and approved by some appropriate government body."

Like National Bank Supervision.

"The congress has the power to charter corporations to engage in interstate and foreign commerce, and a general law can be enacted under the provisions of which existing corporations should also be federal charters and new federal corporations could be created. An essential provision of such a law should be a method of predetermining by some federal board or commission the amount of capital for a federal charter was an association or combination within the restrictions of the federal law. The supervision established might be analogous to that now exercised over national banks. At least, the antitrust act should be supplemented by specific prohibitions of the methods which experience has shown have been of most service in enabling monopolistic combinations to crush out competition. The real ownership of a corporation should be compelled to do business in their own name. The right to hold stock in other corporations should hereafter be denied to interstate corporations, unless on approval by the proper government officials, and a prerequisite to such approval should be the listing with the government of all owners and stockholders, both by the corporation owning such stock and by the corporation in which such stock is owned."

The Currency Question.

On the question of the currency the president calls attention to his last annual message wherein he pointed out that our present system is defective and showing the need of a change. In that message he said:

"National banks should be permitted to issue a specified proportion of their capital in notes of a given kind, the issue to be taxed at so high a rate as to drive the notes back when not wanted in legitimate trade. This plan would not permit the issue of currency to give banks additional profits, but to meet the emergency presented by times of stringency. I do not say that this is the right system. I only advance it to emphasize my belief that there is need for the adoption of some system which shall be automatic and open to all sound banks, so as to avoid all possibility of discrimination and favoritism. Such a plan would tend to prevent the spasms of high money and speculation which now obtain in the New York market; for at present there is too much currency at certain seasons of the year, and its accumulation at New York tempts bankers to lend it at low rates for speculative purposes; whereas at other times when the crops are being moved there is urgent need for a large but temporary increase in the currency supply. It must never be forgotten that this question concerns business men generally quite as much as bankers; especially in this time of stockmen, farmers and business men in the west; for at present at certain seasons of the year the difference in interest rates between the east and west

is from six to ten per cent., whereas in Canada the corresponding difference is but two per cent. Any plan must, of course, guard the interests of western and southern bankers as carefully as it guards the interests of New York or Chicago bankers, and must be drawn from the standpoints of the farmer and the merchant no less than from the standpoint of the city banker and the country banker."

Repeats Recommendations.

The president continues: "I again urge on the congress the need of immediate attention to this matter. We need a greater elasticity in our currency; provided, of course, that we recognize the even greater need of a safe and secure currency. There must always be the most rigid examination by the national authorities. Provision should be made for an emergency currency. The emergency issue should, of course, be made with an effective guaranty, and upon conditions carefully prescribed by the government. Such emergency issue must be based on adequate securities approved by the government, and must be issued under a heavy tax. This would permit currency being issued when the demand for it was urgent, while securing its retirement as the demand fell off. It is worth investigating to determine whether officers and directors of national banks should ever be allowed to loan to themselves. Trust companies should be subject to the same supervision as banks; legislation to this effect should be enacted for the District of Columbia and the territories."

Not Time for Tariff Discussion.

On the subject of the tariff the president declares himself in favor of postponing all consideration of the question until after the presidential election. He says: "This country is definitely committed to the protective system and any effort to uproot it could not but cause widespread industrial disaster. In other words, the principle of the present tariff law could not with wisdom be changed. But in a country of such phenomenal growth as ours it is probably well that every dozen years or so the tariff laws should be carefully scrutinized so as to see that no excessive or improper benefits are conferred thereby, that proper revenue is provided, and that our foreign trade is encouraged. There must always be a minimum tariff which will not only allow the collection of an adequate revenue but which will at least make good the difference in cost of production here and abroad; that is, the difference in the labor cost here and abroad, for the well-being of the wage-worker must ever be a cardinal point of American policy. The sole consideration should be to see that the sum total of changes represent the public good. This means that the subject can not with wisdom be dealt with in the year preceding a presidential election, because as a matter of fact experience has conclusively shown that at such a time it is impossible to get men to treat it from the standpoint of the public good. In my judgment the wise time to consider the matter is immediately after such election."

Income and Inheritance Tax.

There has been no change in the mind of the president concerning the advisability of an income tax and an inheritance tax. In the message he says: "When our tax laws are revised the question of an income tax and an inheritance tax should receive the careful attention of our legislators. In my judgment both of these taxes should be part of our system of federal taxation. I speak diffidently about the income tax because one scheme for an income tax was declared unconstitutional by the supreme court; while in addition it is a directly tax to administer in its practical working. Nevertheless, a graduated income tax of the proper type would be a desirable feature of federal taxation, and it is to be hoped that one may be devised which the supreme court will declare constitutional. The inheritance tax, however, is both a far better method of taxation, and far more important for the purpose of having the fortunes of the country bear in proportion to their increase in size at the hands of the government. The absolute right to decide as to the terms upon which a man shall receive the bequest or devise from another, and this right of the evolution of property is especially appropriate for the imposition of a tax."

Due Enforcement of Law.

On the matter of the impartial enforcement of the laws the message says: "A few years ago there was loud complaint that the law could not be invoked against wealthy offenders. There is no such complaint now. The course of the department of justice during the last year has been such as to make it evident that no man stands above the law, that no corporation is so wealthy that it cannot be held to account. Everything that can be done under the existing law, and with the cooperation of the public opinion which so profoundly influences both the courts and juries, has been done. But the laws themselves need strengthening in more than one important point; they should be made more definite, so that the honest man can be led unwittingly to break them, and so that the real wrongdoer can be readily punished."

"The two great evils in the execution of our criminal laws to-day are sentimentality and technicality. For the latter the remedy must come from the hands of the legislatures, the courts and the lawyers. The other must depend for its cure upon the gradual growth of a sound public opinion which shall insist that regard for the law and the demands of reason shall control all other influences and emotions in the jury box. Both of these evils must be removed or public discontent with the criminal law will continue."

Use of Injunctions.

Referring to the question of the use and abuse of injunctions the president declares: "Instances of abuse in the granting of injunctions in labor disputes continue to occur, and the resentment in the minds of those who feel that their rights are being invaded and their liberty of action and of speech unwarrantably restrained continues to grow. Much of the attack on the use of the process of injunction is wholly without warrant, but I am constrained to express the belief that for some of it there is warrant. This question is becoming more and more of prime importance, and unless the courts will themselves deal with it in effective manner, it is certain ultimately to demand some sort of legislative action. I earnestly commend to the attention of the congress this matter, so that some way may be devised which will limit the abuse of injunctions and protect those rights which from time to time it unwarrantably invades."

Among the recommendations made in the message are for federal inspection of railroads, the establishment of an anti-trust commission, and for the extension of the present eight-hour law by the government.

Industrial Disputes.

The president favors compulsory investigation by the national government of industrial disputes, saying: "Strikes and lockouts, with their attendant loss and suffering, continue to increase. For the five years ending December 31, 1921, the number of strikes was greater than those in any previous

ten years and was double the number in the preceding five years. These figures indicate the increasing need of providing some machinery to deal with this class of disturbances in the interest alike of the employer, the employe and the general public. I renew my previous recommendation that the congress favorably consider the matter of creating the machinery for compulsory investigation of such industrial controversies as are of sufficient magnitude and of sufficient concern to the people of the country as a whole to warrant the federal government in taking action." The recent strike of the telegraphers is cited as an instance where such power might profitably have been used.

Child Labor Evil.

The necessity of checking the evil of child labor is pointed out with much directness. On the relation between capital and labor the president asserts that public opinion is in favor of the condemnation of evil practices on both sides. The work of the department of agriculture is given high praise and the importance of the department pointed out. Cooperation with the states is urged, and the necessity of a national system of inspection and grading of grain, to correct evils complained of, is also pointed out.

National Water Highways.

Showing the necessity for the development of the national water highways the message says: "Our greatest waterways should be developed as national water highways; the Mississippi, with its tributaries, standing first in importance, and the Columbia second, although there are many others of importance on the Pacific, the Atlantic and the gulf slopes. The national government should undertake this work, and I hope a beginning will be made in the present congress; and the great work of all our rivers, the Mississippi, should receive special attention. From the great lakes to the mouth of the Mississippi there should be a deep waterway, with deep waterways leading from it to the east and west. Such a waterway would practically mean the extension of our coast line into the very heart of our country. It would be of incalculable benefit to our people."

"As an incident to creating the deep waterway on the Mississippi, the government should build along its whole lower length levees which, taken together with the control of the headwaters, will at once and forever put a complete stop to all threat of floods in the immediate future. The territory lying adjacent to the Mississippi along its lower course will thereby become one of the most prosperous and populous, as it already is one of the most fertile, farming regions in all the world."

Public Lands.

Extension of the work of irrigation and the reclamation of waste lands is advocated, together with a revision of the present land laws in the territories and public lands for private grazing, the president says, must be stopped, but at the same time the necessity which occasioned it must be provided for. Several plans are recommended.

Conservation of the Mineral Wealth of the Country.

and the necessity for the preservation of the forests to prevent a timber famine, are dwelt upon. Drastic action by the congress is urged on the west coast. **Deal on Wood Pulp.**

The president declares in favor of the repeal of the duty on wood pulp, at the same time declaring that it should if possible be accompanied by an agreement with Canada that there should be no export of wood pulp from that country.

That the Government Should Own and Lease Mineral and Oil Lands is the Belief of the President.

Work on the Panama canal is declared to be proceeding in a satisfactory manner, and figures given to substantiate the statement.

For Postal Savings Banks.

On the questions of postal savings banks and the establishment of a parcels post system the message says: "I commend to the favorable consideration of the congress a postal savings bank system as recommended by the postmaster general. 'I further commend to the congress the recommendation of the postmaster general to extend the parcel post, especially on the rural routes. These recommendations have been drawn up to benefit the farmer and the country storekeeper; otherwise they should not have been made. It is going policy for our government to do everything possible to aid the small town and the country district. It is desirable that the country merchant should not be crushed out by the big city store. The same form of local self-government for Alaska is asked of the congress, and that the rights of citizenship be conferred upon the people of Porto Rico."

Campaign Contributions.

The president says: "It is well to provide that corporations shall not contribute to presidential or national campaigns, and furthermore to provide for the publication of both contributions and expenditures. In fact, if the law which prohibits campaign funds would vanish if congress provided an appropriation for the proper and legitimate expenses of each of the great national parties, an appropriation ample enough to cover the expenses of the national organization and machinery, which requires a large expenditure of money. Then the stipulation should be made that no party receiving campaign funds from the treasury should accept more than a fixed number of votes from individual subscribers or donors; and the necessary publicity for receipts and expenditures could without difficulty be provided."

The Extension of the Ocean Mail Act of 1891 is Recommended as an Aid to American Shipping.

A subsidy for Pacific steamers, the president thinks, is necessary. That the army in the past has been rigidly protected against the law, and more generously dealt with is dwelt upon at length, together with recommendations for future legislation. Yearly additions to the navy are recommended and in the president's judgment the country should build four battleships this year.

Reason for Pacific Cruise.

Concerning the dispatch of the fleet to the Pacific, the president believes it should be shifted between the two oceans every year or two as a means of teaching officers and men how to handle the vessels in a time of war.

Although the results of The Hague conference are declared not to have been up to expectations, a degree of good is said to have resulted, notably a provision by which the power of taking part in the conference agreed not to have recourse to armed force for the collection of debts owed to their citizens by foreign countries.

German Tariff Agreement.

Declared to be to turn over Cuba to a government chosen by the people of the island within the coming year.

Reason for Pacific Cruise.

The president asks for authority to remit to China all indemnity in excess of the sum of \$11,655,492.69 and interest at four per cent.

TRICK THE FOOLISH

SCHEMES OF PREMIUM MAIL ORDER HOUSES.

STUFF IS OF LITTLE VALUE.

Cheapest Kind of Goods Handed by These Concerns, and They Are Sold at the Highest Market Prices.

There are dozens of premium-giving mail order houses operating in different cities of the country. These houses reach out for trade in all parts of the country, and do not overlook the largest cities. They gain for their aides and their agents men, women and children, wives of lawyers, merchants, church workers and any class that they can. Some of them make a business catering to the Epworth leagues, the Sunday schools, the churches, and have plans by which the people are humbugged and loaded down with inferior goods, and the church gets a little cheap furniture, some dinky-dinky thing almost worthless for all the trouble gone to.

These premium concerns that put out baking powder, cheap coffees, groceries of every kind and description, generally put out the cheapest kinds of stuff. Recently samples of the goods that have been received from them have been sent to the chemists of the pure food departments in a number of cities, and universally the goods were found to be of the rankest kind. The coffee the cheapest Santos, and doctored up with roasted cereals and chicory; the baking powders were an abomination of cheap acids and other materials; the extracts were wholly synthetic, produced from coal-tar products, and so adulteration was carried to the extreme. These goods were sold at the highest prices and were of such class that no respectable grocer in any city or hamlet would have them in his stock.

These are the classes that the good women, perhaps well-meaning, but not up to snuff, palm off upon their neighbors when they become the secretary of "the club," and the kind of dope they innocently give to their husbands and children, and when the little ones become sickened by partaking of the stuff, the dear little woman gladly pays some doctor four times the amount the abominable goods cost.

There will be something dropping pretty quick among a certain class of these big "companies." Their business is of the fraudulent kind and there is a likelihood that at no distant period the government officers will secure such evidence as will put many of the concerns out of business.

Catalogue Houses Busy.

Thousands of dollars are being spent with the big catalogue houses of the east by the residents of the small towns in southern Utah, according to reports brought to Salt Lake by Orson Hewlett, president of the Manufacturers and Merchants' association, and Lorenzo Jenkins, secretary and manager of the Retail Merchants' association of the state.

Messrs. Hewlett and Jenkins spent nearly a week in Sanpete county and vicinity, calling merchants and farmers together to urge greater patronage of home industries. Ephraim, Moroni, Fairview, Spring City, Mount Pleasant, Fountain Green, Manti and Chester were visited and in each place the greatest enthusiasm was manifested by merchants over the campaign recently inaugurated by commercial bodies of the state for a more extensive patronage of home industries.

Fake Spices Sold to Public.

It has been found that more than 80 per cent. of the groceries sold by traveling agents who sell direct to consumers are of the adulterated classes. Examinations made of coffees sold by such concerns proved that there was 50 per cent. adulteration. The cheapest kind of Santos is used for a base, and with this ground coconut shells, burnt corn and chicory are combined. Such concoctions are dangerous, and a rank imposition upon the people. The spices that are sold by many of the alleged pure food concerns that have agents working among the people in small towns are dangerous to health. Many classes consist of ground bark, nut shells and other materials and flavored with artificial flavors that are coal tar products. It is unsafe to buy from the concerns that gain their business through canvassers, or who do an exclusive mail order business.

Lava Put to Good Use.

Residents of the district round Vesuvius have put to practical use the lava which has flowed from the volcano in the past and recent eruptions. Naples and its vicinity appear to be a world of lava. The streets are paved with it. There are lava staircases and statues, drinking troughs, bric-a-brac and even jewelry. The guides make a profit out of it by pressing coins or other objects on partially cooled fragments and selling these to visitors. On the ash sides of the mountain there is enough lava to build a large city. In appearance it resembles a shoreless frozen sea of dull black that shimmers strangely purple in some lights.

Cheyenne (Wyo.) Merchants Are Organizing to Fight the Mail Order Houses.

It is claimed that fully one-half of the clothing and dress goods purchased by the people of Cheyenne come from outside towns, and the local merchants are deprived of this business, to say nothing of the hardware, notions, novelties, etc., that are secured through the mail order houses.

Has Too Good a Thing Here.

One of Chicago's mail order houses announces that for the present at least it will not invade England. It prefers to keep busy building up its little \$60,000,000-a-year business to man's else.

MUST BUILD UP BUSINESS.

Country Merchant Can Use the Local Press to Advantage.

The sentiment exhibited in the numerous articles now printed in country newspapers for the purpose of inducing people to trade at home instead of sending their money to mail order houses is good and noble, but we doubt if it appeals to the multitude who patronize these mail order houses.

The best way in which the merchants in the towns and smaller cities can fight the mail order houses is to advertise. They know most of their patrons personally, can show them the goods before they buy them, have many other advantages over the mail order houses and in almost every instance can sell just as cheap, if not cheaper.

If the home merchant lacks foresight and is too penurious to properly advertise his goods, why should the publisher exert himself to keep the trade at home for him? If solicitations on the part of the publisher fail to educate the merchant to the fact that he must advertise if he wants to keep up with the procession, then nothing is left to the merchant but to learn in the school of experience, and if the teachings of that renowned school are of no effect on him, then there is no place for him and eventually his place in the commercial world will be taken up by some more enterprising competitor.—Buckeye Informer.

Catch-Penny Schemes.

Those who make a habit of answering advertisements in the cheap mail order papers are sure to bite at the "bait" held out to them sooner or later. One of the common grafts is advertising for men to "distribute circulars" and offering from three dollars to five dollars a day for the services. These concerns generally charge a fee of from two dollars to five dollars for "registering," and in return send a number of printed blanks and names of companies who want advertising matter circulated. After some dollars' worth of postage stamps is wasted in writing to the names supplied, the person anxious for a job concludes that he is out of pocket.

A common form of fraud is the advertising for men to become detectives. There are few of these rank humbugs doing business, and in a way so shrewdly devised that the authorities cannot deny them the use of the mails. In a few cases fraud orders have been issued against them, but a change was quickly made to another city, and the same old graft put in operation. In these cases a fee is charged for commission and badge and instructions. The bit of nicked brass sent out as a badge is familiar in nearly every police court as a source of trouble for green young men who think that its possession gives them official authority.

Business men should be on the lookout for a new game which has been played in a number of parts of the country of late. A stranger enters a store, buys a small bill of goods, not exceeding ten or fifteen dollars, says that he will call for them later, and gives a check for \$50 or more on a bank, receiving no change in return. He remains away for a few days, then calls for the goods. He is told that the check is no good. After roundly "cussing" the bank he pays for the goods, takes the check and goes. In a few days more the check comes to the merchant, paid at the bank, because it had the merchant's endorsement on it. This was the end to be obtained. Be on the lookout for this game.

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FROM ALL OVER TEXAS.

The Dallas Presbytery adjourned at Terrell Thursday, to meet at Grand Saline next year.

Dallas merchants are arranging to have all downtown streets illuminated during the holidays.

The new addition to the Dallas postoffice was completed last week and is now occupied.

Work, it is said, will be commenced on Temple's \$45,000 Santa Fe depot within the next six months.

McKinney has voted bonds to the amount of \$25,000 for city park and waterworks and electric light extensions.

Government entomologists stationed at Dallas state that the recent cold snap has been very destructive to boll weevils.

Fire destroyed seven buildings at Enloe Wednesday night with their contents. The loss is \$20,000. Origin of the fire unknown.

Miss Flora Minn, a young lady living in Rosen Heights, Fort Worth, was so badly burned by an exploding lamp that she may not recover.

Notification has been received of the robbery of the postoffice at Oran, Palo Pinto County. Money and stamps to the amount of \$100 were taken.

It is expected by the superintendent that the Praetorian building, the tallest building in the Southwest, in Dallas, will be completed by March 1.

Pauline Beck Hobes, corresponding secretary of the Reagan Monument Association, is out in an appeal for funds to build a worthy monument to the great Texan.

Alumni and ex-students of the Texas University who are now residing in Fort Worth will give a banquet at one of the hotels in that city on the night of December 12.

Floyd Johnson, the 16-year-old son of J. T. Johnson, Coahoma, a ranchman, while hunting accidentally shot himself through the foot with a 33-caliber Winchester.

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MAKE THE DEPOSITOR SAFE.

We are pleased to see that sentiment and opinion are growing in favor of the proposition to have the Government guarantee the safety of bank deposits. Several leading newspapers and men of prominence, among them Mr. Bryan, are advocating it as the quickest and best solution of the financial problem. The FREE PRESS lays no special claim to financial acumen, but it was among the first, in its first issue after the financial flurry developed in New York, to put forth the proposition for the government to guarantee bank depositors against loss in the event of the failure of a national bank.

The matter looks so simple and so clear that it seems strange to us that it has not been done long ago. With such a system in operation there would never be another run on a bank by its depositors, but on the other hand every cause for fear would be removed, because every one would know that if a bank failed the Government would at once take charge of it and pay off the depositors and reimburse itself out of the bank tax levied for that purpose, and millions of dollars ordinarily held out of banks by individuals would be deposited in the banks and thus find its way into circulation and aid in carrying on the business of the country.

With absolute confidence in their security there would be no bank failures caused by scared depositors and the failures would be reduced to the small per cent which occur as the result of questionable speculation, or, the rascality of bank officials, a fact which would make the tax on banks to provide the guarantee fund a very light one and, we think, there is no sort of doubt but that the increased business brought to the banks by the removal of all suspicion or fear would more than balance the cost.

We can conceive of but one class or interest that can propose any objection to the Government guarantee plan and that is the same whose influence defeated a bill embodying the guarantee plan introduced by Mr. Bryan when he was a member of congress some fourteen years ago—the large banks. Their reason for opposing it was the fact that it would make the small banks just as safe for depositors as the large banks with millions of capital and resources, because the Government would be behind the large and small banks alike.

With something over \$34 per capita in existence we do not believe that it is more money that the country needs but this guarantee system to bring the money the people now have into circulation.

LET'S HAVE A CHANGE.

The existing financial condition should impress upon the South and West as never before the desirability and the wisdom of changing as speedily as possible their methods of doing business. They are the great producers in the first instance of the material wealth of the country. They furnish more than seventy-five per cent of the staple necessities of food and clothing for export, for which comes back in return the gold of Europe and Asia. On this produce they have allowed the East to become their broker—a middle man—who takes large toll each way. They should arrange to do their

See S. G. Dean, Manager of

Progressive Lumber Co.

West of Haskell National Bank.

We have five million feet of lumber and no money. You need the lumber and we need the money.

..CALL AND SEE US AT ONCE..

own marketing with the foreigner. They furnish in large part the raw material which the Eastern manufacturer transform into finished products and which they buy back, paying heavy freights both ways and paying the profits of manufacturing and handling to build up factories and industrial enterprises of every description in the East.

In thus paying heavy tribute to the East on their productive resources the South and West have for the last forty years dressed the East in silk and fine linen. To such an extent has this business condition prevailed that the East has come to think that it holds the money bags and controls the financial situation as a matter of inalienable right.

There is no valid reason why this condition should exist, or, at least, why it should continue. The sections which produce the wealth should control it for their own advantage. And if they will assert themselves along the right lines they will do it: they will speedily become the masters of the financial situation and system of this country.

The South alone has the productive resources to do it in a large measure. Let her manufacture the clothing for the country and for export from her cotton and wool instead of selling the raw material to New England and Europe and allowing them to make more profit out of it than she does. She has an abundance of coal, iron and timber, from which she can manufacture her agricultural implements, vehicles, furniture and scores of smaller articles and keep millions of her money at home annually while at the same time the factories and industrial enterprises of every kind which she builds up in doing it will furnish a larger market for the products of a greatly diversified agriculture.

The South deposited millions of idle money in the East during the summer in order to have it produce an insignificant amount of interest and could not get it back when she needed it to handle her products. Would not our surplus money be infinitely better invested in actively promoting and building up an industrial South—a diversified South, so to speak?

Other millions go from the South annually to life and fire insurance companies as profits on their business. Why not have our own insurance companies and keep this money at home?

The foregoing does not end the catalogue of the things the South can and should do for her own good, but they will do to think about at one sitting.

STATE Senator Green of the San Antonio district died Monday and it is said that Representative Coker of San Antonio will probably be a candidate for his unexpired term. As Mr. Coker took a very active part in the Bailey investigation it is believed that his candidacy would bring the "Bailey question" to a test in that district.

CONGRESS assembled on Monday and, as is usual, there were many leading politicians of the country on hand to see which way the political wind was blowing and to look out for any plums that might be in sight. One thing they appear to be well agreed upon, as we learn from the dispatches of the reporters of leading newspapers to their papers, is that Hon. W. J. Bryan probably will have no opponent for the Democratic nomination for the presidency.

Two weeks ago the FREE PRESS called attention to two propositions to establish flouring mills in Haskell which Sec. Matthews has. Haskell and the farmers of Haskell county need a flouring mill at this point. One of the propositions referred to—the one asking a bonus of \$2,000—appeared to us to be worthy of consideration, but so far we have heard of no action by the Ten Thousand Club or any citizen toward a consideration of the matter. True, this is no time to raise a bonus, but something might be done to hold the proposition open, if it was found to be satisfactory.

THE communication of Secretary T. E. Matthews of the Ten Thousand Club in the FREE PRESS this week presents a subject which should have the prompt attention of every person interested in the growth of our town and county. We do not think that the figures he presents as the result of a judicious and live advertising campaign are at all overdrawn. A very gratifying feature of this proposition is that it can be done conscientiously, for while we are working for the interest of the town and county we know that we will also benefit those we induce to come and live in them.

THE sworn statement of the Haskell National Bank published in this issue of the FREE PRESS in response to the call of the comptroller of the currency, shows a very healthy condition of the bank and that this country, under the regulations adopted during the panic, has varied but little from its normal financial status. Its individual deposits subject to check as shown in its Aug. statement were \$108,822.51, in this statement \$159,604.15, being only \$9,218.36 less than in August and only \$20 less than the deposits shown in its May statement. Its present statement shows a reduction in its loans of \$36,363.48, which is a healthy fact for the country because it shows that much less indebtedness of the people to the bank. Taken as a whole it shows the bank in as safe, solvent and sound condition as it ever was.

Iron Roofing.

We have just received a carload of corrugated iron roofing, both galvanized and painted, CASON COX & CO.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. King of the east side were in doing some shopping Thursday.

NEW LUMBER YARD

We are a new firm in Haskell, where we must put in a stock of lumber and in addition to that have bought the stock and yard of the Citizens Lumber Co. and we will continue our business at their location, north of the Wright Hotel, where you will find us with a complete line of

Lumber, Shingles, Doors, Sash, Mouldings, Posts and Brick

We will sell at competitive prices and if you want anything in our line we can interest you and make it to your interest to see us before you buy.

GUEST & ABBOTT HASKELL, . . . TEXAS.

TO THE PUBLIC:

Having purchased the Implement business of Messrs. Bell & Helm, I will continue the business at the old stand and it is my purpose to greatly enlarge the stock at an early date and carry a complete line of Farm Implements, Buggies and Wagons. A little later on I will put in some other line of goods. At present my stock consists of a line of well known and justly popular

ROCK ISLAND IMPLEMENT CO'S. BUGGIES AND SURRIES AND STOUGHTON WAGONS

Have Just Added
A LINE OF SHELF HARDWARE.

I will sell on the usual terms and will also take in exchange horses, mules, cattle or any kind of property that I can handle

SHOP WORK

I have employed a competent mechanic and will do all kinds of repair and shop work in connection with my business.

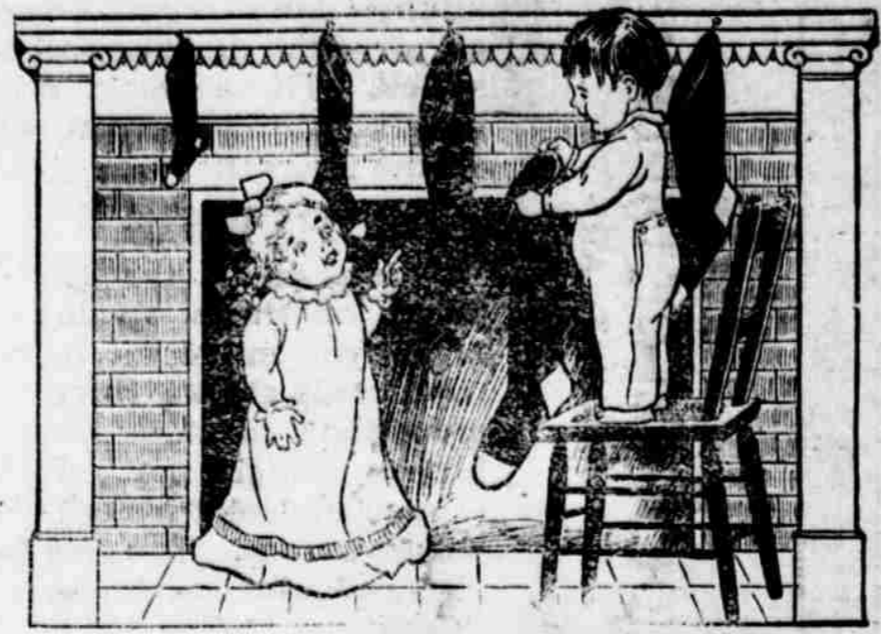
INVITATION

I cordially invite the public, and especially the farmers and others interested in my line of business to call and look through my stock, assuring you that my prices will be right and that we will trade if there is anything you want.

SOLOMON IMPLEMENT CO HASKELL, TEXAS

WE HAVE A LOT OF NEW

RACKET STORE



RACKET STORE

CHRISTMAS

Will soon be here when all the old folks will want to make the young folks happy and each lad and lass will be looking for something nice for "him" or "her."

Anticipating this interesting condition in to which our friends are soon to be plunged, we have prepared to help them out of it by providing something to please the taste and gratify the fancy of all. It would require much more space than we have to name all the pretty and useful things we have suitable for Christmas presents, so we will just mention a few and invite you to come and see them all. There are

TOYS of ALL SORTS and DOLLS LITTLE and BIG
for all the children, and Express Wagons for the boys.



Among the things we may mention as suitable for the older people are
Comb, Brush and Mirror sets,
Manicure sets,
Cuff and Collar boxes,
Glove and Necktie boxes,
Jewell cases,
Photo Albums,
Autograph Albums,
Scrap Books.



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THE RACKET STORE
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Local and Personal

Mr. Will Brooks of Rule was in our city Monday.

Evers at Haskell has home made knee pads for cotton pickers.

New line of ladies belt buckles at Racket Store.

Mr. J. J. Stein has purchased Mr. G. B. Hooper's place south-east of town.

Big bargains in wall paper, for a few days at McNeill & Smith Hardware Co.

Take DeWitt's Kidney and Bladder Pills: they are for weak back, inflammation of the bladder, backache and weak kidneys. Sold by French Bros.

Mr. Lewis Fields is visiting his brother in New Mexico.

Evers the Haskell saddler wants all your trade in saddles, harness and cowboy boots.

Get your cotton pickers' knee pads of Evers, the saddler, Haskell.

Mr. E. L. Parish is spending a few days with his family in Haskell.

Baggage transferred to all parts of the city, ring No. 114 for Rupe & Pearsey.

DeWitt's Kidney and Bladder Pills afford quick relief for all forms of kidney and bladder trouble. A week's treatment 25c. Sold by French Bros.

200 bolts of wall paper, two or three bolts of a kind, at 5c per bolt, at McNeill & Smith Hardware Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Guss Grussendorf of the east side were in the city trading Wednesday.

When you buy coal at L. P. Davidson Grain & Coal Co. they make you a present of a nice fire poker.

The finest line of cut glass ever in the city is to be seen at Collier-Andruss Co.

Mr. S. Baggett of Temple has moved to the farm purchased by him on Wild Horse prairie.

Messrs. Busby and Dobbins, young men of Stamford, were visitors in Haskell last Sunday.

Best remedy for mothers to use is Kennedy's Laxative Cough Syrup. It tastes nearly as good as maple sugar and it contains no opiates. Sold by French Bros.

Get some of that \$1.25 paint before it's all gone. McNeill & Smith Hardware Co.

Mr. R. A. Ellis and Alvy Roberts of Merkel are spending a few days in Haskell.

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

Good paint at \$1.25 per gallon while it lasts, at McNeill & Smith Hardware Co.

Mr. J. D. Curd of Dallas arrived in Haskell some days ago and we are informed probably will locate with us permanently.

Insure your stock against death from any cause I write it. J. E. McPHERSON.

Closing out our 1907 stock of wall paper. Get busy if you want some wall paper at bargain prices. McNeill & Smith Hardware Co.

Mr. J. S. Menefee of the Rochester community was in the city Wednesday.

30c wall paper at 15c until our 1907 stock is closed out, at McNeill & Smith Hardware Co.

Nicest assortment of ladies' side and back combs and baretts in town, at Racket Store.

Acetylene Gas Light—I am the agent for the Pilot Force Feed Acetylene Gas generator. Makes best safest and cheapest light known. No house too small to use it. As practical for country homes as for town use. Call and let me show you about price, etc. Inquire for me at Cason, Cox & Co. W. H. McFarland.

WANTED by young lady: Position as bookkeeper or assistant. No experience. Will work at a moderate salary. Address A. Allard, care Draughons Business College, Dallas, Texas.

For wedding presents cut glass is the most appropriate. Collier-Andruss Co. have just received a handsome line of these goods.

FOR SALE—At a bargain, two good residence lots, well located, close in. Phone No. 109. 49-3t

I have 300 different styles of rings to select from. R. M. Craig, the jeweler.

Get an electric smoothing iron and a meat broiler at the Haskell Light plant, attach them to your light wire and give them a trial. If you don't want them after trying them, return them and there will be no charge.

Kennedy's Laxative Cough Syrup causes a free yet gentle action of the bowels through which the cold is forced out of the system. Children like it. Contains no opiates nor narcotics. Sold by French Bros.

Mr. T. C. Cahill of the Haskell Real Estate Co. says the land business is looking up again and the indications are that the panic is a thing of the past.

FOR SALE—45 town lots in cottage Lawn Addition. If taken together will make purchaser a close bargain. Apply to Mineral Wells-Rock Island Development Co. 46tf.

We have a new line of boys' school shoes which we think are the best ever put on this market. Outer soles, inner soles, upper and finish are of the best grade. Call and let us show them to you. Keister & Griffin.

Mr. Hugh Rogers was up from Fort Worth this week visiting his mother, Mrs. W. F. Rupe and his sister, Mrs. W. L. Whitman.

Everybody loves our baby, rosy sweet and warm With kissy places on her neck and dimples on her arms. Once she was so thin and cross, used to cry with pain—Mother gave her Cascasweet, now she's well again. Sold by French Bros.

Mr. W. D. Koonce requests the neighbor who borrowed his grubbing hoe during his absence to return it. We suppose Mr. K. is afraid that the fellow may overwork himself if he keeps it much longer.

How Diptheria is Contracted.

One often hears the expression, "My child caught a severe cold which developed into diptheria," when the truth was that the cold had simply left the little one particularly susceptible to the wandering diptheria germ. When Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is given it quickly cures the cold and lessens the danger of diptheria or any other germ disease being contracted. For sale by Terrell's Drug Store.

Mr. Will Weaver, who some time since purchased 735 acres near Weinert through the Haskell Real Estate Co., has moved to his place and will open up a first-class farm.

LOST—I lost a shot-gun leather scabbard last week near Paint Creek in the Henshaw neighborhood. Finder return to me and get suitable reward. T. B. Whiteker, Haskell.

A Home Made Happy by Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

About two months ago our baby girl had measles which settled on her lungs and at last resulted in a severe attack of bronchitis. We had two doctors but no relief was obtained. Everybody thought she would die. I went to eight different stores to find a certain remedy which had been recommended to me and failed to get it, when one of the storekeepers insisted that I try Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. I did so and our baby is alive and well to-day.—Geo. W. SPENCER, Holly Springs, N. C. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy always cures and is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by Terrell's Drug Store.

When to go Home.

From the Bluffton, Ind., Banner: "When tired out go home. When you want consolation, go home. When you want fun, go home. When you want to show others that you have reformed, go home and let your family get acquainted with the fact. When you want to show yourself at your best go home and do the act there. When you feel like being extra liberal go home and practice on your wife and children first. When you want to shine with extra brilliancy go home and light up the whole household." To which we would add, when you have a bad cold go home and take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and a quick cure is certain. For sale by Terrell's Drug Store.

Messrs. Clarence Knight and Stanley Switzer, who were for some time on the Herald force at this place, have gone to Hawley to establish a newspaper. They are bright, enterprising young men and we predict that they will get up a good local paper.

S. G. Dean, manager of the Progressive Lumber Co. west of Haskell National Bank, will trade lumber for cotton, or advance lumber on cotton warehouse receipts. 47tf

Mr. J. M. Gaines of Texarkana, who was here some weeks ago, has returned to Haskell to locate permanently. We understand that he contemplates establishing a mercantile business here.

Agreeably Surprised.

Many sufferers from rheumatism have been agreeably surprised at the prompt relief afforded by applying Chamberlain's Pain Balm. It makes sleep and rest possible. For sale by Terrell's Drug Store.

Walter Zerwer, the catch-'em-quick stenographer, is back at work making hieroglyphics for J. J. Stein, the sell-'em-quick land man.

Cash for Cotton Seed.

We will pay cash (currency) for cotton seed delivered at our Mill either by wagon or cars. Stamford Oil Mill Company. 47-4t Stamford, Texas.

Mr. J. F. Simpson met the reporter on the street the other day and cashed up for the FREE PRESS. Mr. Simpson is a young single man (take notice young ladies) who came to our county last March, which was late for beginning farming operations, especially on raw land, but he got down to business and prepared and planted 25 acres of sod land on which he has made five bales of cotton and plenty of feed stuff.

Don't be Hopeless

About yourself when you're crippled with rheumatism or stiff joints—of course you've tried lots of things and they failed. Try Ballard's Snow Liniment—it will drive away all aches, pains and stiffness and leave you as well as you ever were.

A portion of the south side school building is completed and the departments of the public school which have been conducted in the old court house will be moved to the new building Monday.

FOR EXCHANGE.

A \$7,000.00 stock of clean dry goods in a good West Texas land 166 acres and 93 acres of fine black land, improved, in Ellis county, to trade for Haskell county land. J. E. McPHERSON.

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If you want to sell your land quick list it with J. J. Stein, the hustler.

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We are now opened up and ready for business in our new building near the Postoffice with a stock of

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It is our purpose to keep on hand at all times a full stock of the above of the best grades to be obtained, and to make the closest possible prices. On this proposition we solicit a share of your business.

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We now have Mr. B. Stuart, the old original Haskell blacksmith, with us and are better prepared to do first class blacksmithing and repair work of all kinds. :

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To neglect your health. The worst neglect that you can be guilty of is to allow constipation, biliousness or any liver or bowel trouble to continue. It is poisoning your entire system and may lead to a serious chronic disease. Take Ballard's Herbine and get absolutely well. The sure cure for any and all troubles of the stomach, liver and bowels. Sold by Terrell's Drug Store.

Harts' Honey and Horehound is nature's own remedy, gives immediate relief and cures Cough, Cold and all Throat and Lung trouble by removing the cause. 25c, 50c and \$1.00 bottles sold by Terrell's Drug Store.

Get a 1908 Calendar.

Call at our store and register for one of our beautiful 1908 calendars, which will be ready for distribution about Jan. 1. Cason, Cox & Co.

**NIGHT SWEATS,
NO APPETITE,
USED PE-RU-NA.**



MRS. LIZZIE LOHR, 1155 W. 13th St., Chicago, Ill., writes:
"I take pleasure in writing you these few lines, thinking there may be other women suffering the same as I did. I had my complaints for over a year: night sweats all winter and no appetite. I was run-down so far that I had to sit down to do my cooking, I was so weak."
"I tried many different medicines and doctors also. Nothing seemed to do me any good. The doctors wanted to operate on me."
"At last I wrote to Dr. Hartman. I told him just exactly how I was, and he told me what I should do and how I should take Peruna."
"I did as he told me for four months, and now I am all cured."
"No one can tell how thankful I am to him, as I had given up all hopes of ever getting well again."
"I am a widow and the mother of six small children who depend on my support. I work all day and seldom get tired."
"I took five bottles of Peruna in all. Any woman wishing to know more about my case may write to me and I will gladly tell all about it."
"I thank Dr. Hartman for what he has done for me."

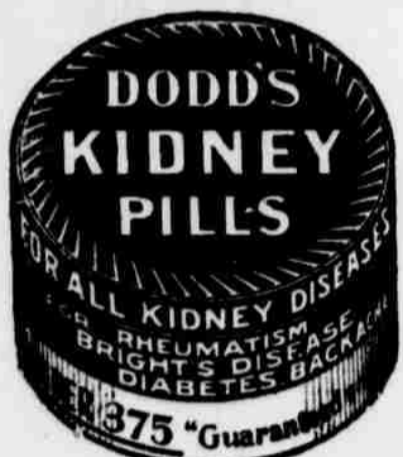
EQUAL TO THE OCCASION.

This Servant Girl Was Evidently a Person of Resource.

As a source of humor the Irish servant girl has long since fallen from her high estate, a result probably due to the better class of young women from the Emerald Isle who come here annually to help confuse the eternal "servant girl question." But now and again one of the old, naively ignorant sort turns up in a New York household, as was demonstrated the other day to a caller at a house on the West Side.

The girl who responded to the bell was asked if her mistress was at home. To this inquiry she surprised the caller by putting her arms behind her back and replying in a rich brogue, as she thrust her face toward the caller: "Put th' tickets in me mouth, ma'am, an' I'll go an' see. Me hands is w'et."—N. Y. Press.

World's Gold Production.
Africa leads in the matter of gold production and the United States is second.



**FARMERS' EDUCATIONAL
AND
CO-OPERATIVE UNION
OF AMERICA**

It was Josh Billings who said: "It duzent pay tew own anything yew cant pay for."

Leave off running the government occasionally to take time to run the place around home.

On most of the well-regulated Union farms are a lot of large frying-sized chickens about now. Have you a well-regulated place?

Locality has much to do with the success of any crop, but common sense methods has much more to do with it, hence EDUCATE as to methods.

Don't neglect an opportunity to plant a tree. The day is almost here when trees will be of more value than the land on which they grow.

Get together and talk over the neighborhood crops for the coming year and try to have some sort of co-operation in buying seed, raising, harvesting and marketing your crops. That is what the Union stands for.

The thing to do about your school is to consolidate it with a bunch of others, and get a better school, better teachers and a higher school course. You owe this much to your boys and girls.

A piece of land bought for sale and not for use is as much a speculation as the buying of cotton futures. It is the hope of getting something for nothing out of somebody's needs that prompts the purchase.

For the encouragement of the faithful, it is not inappropriate to state that there are dead oodles of cotton in the warehouses waiting patiently for 15 cents, and the time is not far away when it will get that 15.

Have you fixed up the kitchen and all its belongings so that the partner of your life is as well fixed for comfort as you can make her? If not, you have a reformation coming before you are even a tolerably good Union man.

The very fact that the farmer is dependent upon fewer people for his comfortable living is the proof that he is the most independent man on earth. This independence is bartered away when a mortgage or consuming debts are made.

sleeve for the coming year that will make the Union meetings more interesting? Mighty good time to get busy and "think up" something to start the year off right. How would a big open meeting do, with a fine entertainment by your boys and girls?

All Union men know that it is essential to keep stock of all sorts well than it is to get them well after they have been sick; also it is easier to keep them in good order than it is to get them in shape after they have been run down by starvation and cold.

The trolley line, the telephone and the rural delivery of mail leaves only one thing due the farmer that he can't get by himself, and that is good roads. He can make himself a good split log drag, and can set an example that will soon give him this last great blessing.

This is another fine week for fighting the implement trust by putting away all your tools and implements in a dry place and greasing them up so that they won't rust, and so that they will be ready in your own shed next spring instead of in the dealer's warehouse.

The Union to do the work for which it was created must stick close to the lines upon which it was originally organized and not go off after any silly theories that attempt to run the whole gamut of commerce and manufactures. Let farmers farm; let merchants make the ways of commerce their road, and let the manufacturers stick to their lines of trade, and let the Unions keep their eyes peeled and get a square deal from all of them.

The successful farmer of today keeps his books and can tell in a minute where he stands in a financial way. He has just as much need of it as the business man. In fact, the only kind of farming that pays is the kind that is run strictly on business principles. If the results of recent years in the farming world have demonstrated anything, it is the fact that farming is a science and an exact one at that.—Terrell Transcript.

The first duty of the Union is to devise some way to take the 80,000 women out of the cotton fields of the South and to establish good schools for the children.

There never was a time when the pig and poultry crop was too large.

Don't have little enough sense to jump on a freighted horse with a whip thinking that you will make him forget his fright; you will give him two scares instead of one by such folly.

It is true enough to be accepted as an axiom, that so long as you are under the control of your creditors, just so long is the market for your products under the control of the ring.

THE SYSTEM IS WHOLLY WRONG.

What mean the vacant lots in the midst of towns and cities? Why skip them and build beyond? Land speculation is the answer. The owners do not wish to build, neither will they sell, as they expect prices to go higher. Hence the builders, the really useful people, must settle farther out from the center, and the city spreads over an unnecessarily large area, increasing the cost of streets, water mains, phone and light service, etc. The same applies to the farming districts as well. Why is speculative land-holding tolerated at all in civilized communities?

The man without land and without money to buy land has no legal right to live on the earth except as those who hold the land convey him that right. And they generally see to it that he pays in hard labor the market price before they grant him the right. That's why they acquire and hold more land than they can use. It gives them the power to sell to their fellow beings the right to exist. The law allows it, but is it right? Will men always consent to pay a price in sweat and toil for earth room which is theirs by right of birth?—Farmers Journal.

All over the country there are being held meetings of all sorts of commercial bodies and nobodies to arrange to present to Congress a petition against the parcels post system, which it is proposed to introduce in a modified form in this country. There is too much excitement about this matter. The truth to tell is that it would not make much difference on the whole country to pass or not to pass the bill. As it is proposed now, the bill would not be much more than a mere excuse for a parcels post, and it may be that this proposition is only to mollify and befuddle the public with a botch to prevent the real growth of the parcels post idea in this country. At present the idea is to make it operative only on rural routes and for the patrons of outgoing routes only. In this way, it is argued, the rural route patrons can have small packages brought to them from the towns where the routes originate at a small cost, say five cents for the first pound, and one cent a pound for larger parcels. How this would unfavorably affect the local merchants interested is hard to figure out, but it is this botch parcels post system that is raising all the sand among the different retail organizations.

During the present financial flurry the people have blamed the banks and the banks have blamed the people, but after all the blame rests on all the people about the same. A lack of confidence in the security of things was at the bottom of all the trouble. The foundation of the matter lay in the fact that there was considerable loose speculation, but this was taken advantage of by the politicians to use it as a mountain on which to mount to office, and by the sensational newspaper writer who wanted something new enough to sell for a good price. All the time there was more money in the United States than ever before in the country's history.

There are two things necessary to get a stated price for an article you have for sale. One of them is to ask the price and take nothing less, and the other is to find the buyer at the price you ask. In the matter of cotton selling, there is no trouble if the brethren will only hold out to the original proposition of 15 cents. The crop is short this year; you hold at the price, and your buyers will have to come across after he gets rid of the opinion that you will take less.

Don't think that the Union will relieve you of all the work and the worry of this life, for that will never come. It is the business of the Union to help you get the full results of your labor, but it is not tackling the acts of providence. Not yet.

Keep it in mind that the county mass meetings are to take place on December 14th, and that the National meeting will take place on January 7th. Go to both meetings if you can, but at any rate be present at your county meeting. You may not be needed, but if you are it is a mighty good plan to be in a handy place as soon as you are wanted always.

Have you any new things up your

What this age needs more than anything else is the impressive preaching of the gospel of content. Not that sort of content that comes from an idleness, but the godly content that comes from the heart of the man who has made reasonable endeavor to help himself and those whom he may be able to help, and who has no desire to own the "whole shootin' match."

Whatever you do this coming year, do not confine yourself to one crop. It takes more thought and more care to be a successful diversificationist than it takes to be a one-cropper, but if you are able to partially succeed at one crop, you are dead sure on a diversification.

Texas has been struck amidsthips with a peanut boom. Thousands of acres are to be planted this spring if reports of the daily press are to be believed. Plant all of 'em you want to, if you plant plenty of pigs and poultry to consume 'em if the price happens to take a tumble.

Have those who are expecting to plant cotton next spring paid any attention to saving the very best seed they can get for the planting? If not, it is likely that they have already lost maybe 25 per cent of next year's crop.

MEAN FLINGS AT EDITORS.

Tributes by Lafcadio Hearn to Class of Workers He Disliked.

"Lafcadio Hearn, that wonderful writer, worked on newspapers in his youth," said a publisher, "and the ruthless way his studies were changed, cut and butchered was a great woe to his heart."

"In after years Hearn took a malicious joy in collecting stories about editors—editors and their superior and omniscient way with manuscript. "One of his stories was of an editor to whom a subscriber said:

"I enjoyed that poem on the three ages of man in to-day's paper, Mr. Sheers; I enjoyed it immensely. Do you know, though, I thought it was originally written the seven ages of man?"

"So it was, sir; so it was," said Editor Sheers, pompously. "Yes, the extract was originally written the seven ages of man, but I had to cut it down for the lack of space."

"Another story concerned a weather report. A reporter, discussing the weather, wrote that winter still lingered in the lap of spring."

"The editor, as he read over the article, called the reporter to his desk and told him that he would cut out that sentence about winter lingering in spring's lap. He said the idea was good enough, and all that sort of thing, but it would not do to publish because the high moral tone of the paper had to be maintained in a town full of school girls."

SORES AS BIG AS PENNIES.

Whole Head and Neck Covered—Hair All Came Out—Cured in Three Weeks by Cuticura.

"After having the measles my whole head and neck were covered with scaly sores about as large as a penny. They were just as thick as they could be. My hair all came out. I let the trouble run along, taking the doctor's blood remedies and rubbing on salve, but it did not seem to get any better. It stayed that way for about six months; then I got a set of the Cuticura Remedies, and in about a week I noticed a big difference, and in three weeks it was well entirely and I have not had the trouble any more, and as this was seven years ago, I consider myself cured. Mrs. Henry Porter, Albion, Neb., Aug. 25, 1906."

A Sensitive Soul.

Owen Mudge was a very sensitive man. More than once at a harsh word he had forsaken profitable work and gone home for sympathy to his wife. One morning Owen started out to help Glenn Butler, who had bought a new stump-pulling machine and was preparing to clear a field.

Toward noon Owen came back. Mrs. Mudge sighed and waited sympathetically for the explanation. "I just couldn't stand it," said Owen, rubbing his jaw. "When I see that stump-puller twist them roots out, it reminded me so of the times I went to the dentist to get back teeth extracted. The first thing I knew I was limp as a rag, and I just ached all over and had to quit."—Youth's Companion.

Certainly Fair.

Of all troubles humanity is subject to none perhaps causes more acute distress and more frantic efforts for relief than many forms of itching skin troubles. We will tell you a remedy that rarely ever fails—Hunt's Cure. One box is absolutely guaranteed to cure any one case of itching trouble—no matter what the name. If it fails, your money is cheerfully refunded.

Strange Disease.

Two middle-aged women on a car were discussing the sickness of two children of one of them. "And what does the doctor say ails them?" asked one. "The little child has some sort of a fever," was the answer, "and he said that the disease of the other was epidemic." "It's a sickness I never heard of," responded mother number one.

Tobacco Thrown Away.

It is estimated by the head of one of the large tobacco establishments of New York that at least \$5,000 worth of tobacco is daily thrown away in the city in unconsumed cigars and cigarettes.

Why She Went Home to Mother. Mrs. Newwed—Isn't the bread line in a great city pathetic? Newwed—Very. I suppose it is the only way the poor fellows can get any fit to eat.—N. Y. Sun.

ONLY ONE "BROMO QUININE" That is LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE. Look for the signature of E. W. GROVE. Used the World over to Cure a Cold in One Day. 5c.

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Gives instant relief.
Remove the twinges.
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FROM ALL OVER TEXAS

It is said that Grayson County prohibitionists are urging forward a general State election, encouraged by Alabama and other States.

The Greenville banks have not limited payment of checks during the flurry and Thursday cashed all the pay checks of the railroad men.

The steamship Korea, which arrived from the Orient in Honolulu Friday night, has \$750,000 in Japanese gold for San Francisco.

The Wichita Falls and Northwestern Railway System is now open for freight and passenger business between Wichita Falls and Frederick, Ok.

Mrs. W. P. Hendrick, the wife of a well-to-do farmer, living one mile east of Rogers, drank carbolic acid Tuesday morning about 3 o'clock, living only a short time.

The National banks of New York City, it is now understood, have arranged to subscribe for about \$20,000,000 of the new three per cent Government certificates.

The issue of \$15,000 worth of school bonds for the purpose of building a schoolhouse at Teague has been approved and registered, and the same are now ready for sale.

The first act of the Oklahoma Corporation Commission was to notify the Fort Smith and Western Railroad to comply with the two-cent fare provision of the Constitution.

About 400 men employed in the shops of the New York Central and Hudson River Railway at West Albany have been laid off. This is about a fourth of the entire force.

At a recent meeting of the Texas Association of Ice Cream Makers it was resolved to ask for a standard formula that would in every way conform with the pure food laws.

Wednesday afternoon at the Long Bell tram, Shreveport, Scott Meade, master mechanic for the Long Bell Company, met with an accident which caused his death in a few hours.

The Teddy Bear Maker's Union, New York, the latest labor organization, has decided to make a demand for the closed shop in the Teddy Bear industry, now that Christmas is coming.

Chester Beatty, the 25-year-old son of S. R. Beatty, near Granger, while out hunting last Thursday was accidentally shot by a companion and died in a few hours from the injuries.

The Farmers' Union Warehouse Company of Boyd has been chartered, with a capital stock of \$2000. Incorporators, D. Thompson, R. L. McClain, T. W. Smith and others.

The Senate committee investigating charges of frauds in the sale of Kickapo Indian lands completed the examination of witnesses at Shawnee and many frauds have been unearthed.

Game Warden Habermacher has, on a ruling from the Attorney General, sworn out a warrant against Otto Sens, proprietor of the Tremont Hotel, Galveston, for serving wild ducks, killed by himself, on his hotel table.

Congressman S. B. Cooper of Beaumont has appointed as his private secretary Robert A. John Jr. State Senator A. B. Mayfield of Meridian, Bosque County, will be a contestant against Jack Beall in the fifth district.

Will Smith, a Waco man with a family, was shot and mortally wounded Friday by Jim Smith, a young man. A shotgun was used. The trouble originated over the ownership of a building.

A total of forty-nine life insurance companies have qualified to do business in this State during 1907, but twenty-one of that number withdrew because of the Robertson law, leaving twenty-eight now engaged in soliciting insurance in Texas.

Owing to the excessive rains of Saturday and Saturday night, the dam of the immense reservoir just completed by Karnes Brothers & Bennet at Teague was partially washed away Sunday.

Wills Point closed a very successful show last Friday. In an early morning wreck on the Texas and Pacific Railway near Strawn Friday morning several passengers were injured, but none seriously.

The Oak Cliff Paper Mill Company has let the contract for the erection of a new building, ordered new machinery of the latest make, and will replace the old mill with an up-to-date factory of much greater capacity.

Charles E. George, a young man, was struck by a Fort Worth street car Thursday night and died Friday from the injuries received.

The graduating class of Dallas high school for 1908 consists of twenty-four boys and forty-seven girls.

WAS WILLING TO FORGET.

Young Man Bore No Grudge Against Proposed Father-in-Law.

That the young fellow had grit was evident from the fact that his business, from nothing, had in a few years begun to bring in a fairish income. He made up his mind to get married. The girl—although the daughter of a pompous country resident—agreed with him; but the father did not see things in the same light.

"What! You?" he yelled, angrily. "You want to marry my daughter! Why, it is only a few years since you were caddyfing for me."

"That's true!" interrupted the young man, "but I don't intend to let that stand in the way. The language you then used was certainly a trifle—say blue-tinted; but then you were under the influence of disappointment. After all, you know, a very bad golfer may make a very good father-in-law. Anyhow, I'm going to give you a chance."

BABY ITCHED TERRIBLY.

Face and Neck Covered with Inflamed Skin—Doctors No Avail—Cured by Cuticura Remedies.

"My baby's face and neck were covered with itching skin similar to eczema, and she suffered terribly for over a year. I took her to a number of doctors, and also to different colleges, to no avail. Then Cuticura Remedies were recommended to me by Miss G—. I did not use it at first, as I had tried so many other remedies without any favorable results. At last I tried Cuticura Soap, Cuticura Ointment and Cuticura Resolvent Pills, and to my surprise noticed an improvement. After using three boxes of the Cuticura Ointment, together with the Soap and Pills, I am pleased to say she is altogether a different child and the picture of health. Mrs. A. C. Brestlin, 171 N. Lincoln St., Chicago, Ill., Oct. 20 and 30, 1906."

Ingenious, But Unavailing.

Wilton, the five-year-old son of Lackaye, the actor, has inherited the brilliant mind for which his father is distinguished.

Not long ago Mr. and Mrs. Lackaye, who spent the summer at Shelter Island Heights, were invited to attend a card party and the young son was anxious to accompany them.

His mother insisted that he should remain at home with Mary, his governess, but Wilton persisted and as a final argument he said: "Mamma, I think Mary is a Christian Scientist, and I might be taken sick in the night."

The Final Shower.

"And you say when the heiress became the wife of the foreign nobleman it was a shower wedding?"

"I should say so. The bride wore a shower bouquet."

"Yes."

"And then there was a shower of rice."

"My! Followed by a shower of congratulations and old shoes."

"Well! Well! And how did it end up?"

"Very embarrassing all around. The nobleman's creditors came around and presented a shower of bills."

Reliably Informed.

"It must be lovely to be a successful playwright," she said, looking admiringly at him, "isn't it?"

"It is," said he, trying not to seem proud.

"I understand," she went on softly, "that you had a play last winter that ran for one consecutive night. Was that true?"

"Yes," said he, frowning slightly.

"And I have been told," she continued, "that seven of your plays will be produced this winter."

"Who told you that?" he asked, his face all smiles again.

"You did," she said.

Tennis and Temperament.

In a tennis tournament (more truthfully than in a confessional) are revealed the good and bad qualities of human nature. The man who loses gracefully, plays with a bad partner without afterwards alluding to his deficiencies, and honestly admires an opponent's skill, may be trusted not to fall in any other trial of life.—London Black and White.

WHAT WAS IT

The Woman Feared?

What a comfort to find it is not "the awful thing" feared, but only chronic indigestion, which proper food can relieve.

A woman in Ohio says: "I was troubled for years with indigestion and chronic constipation. At times I would have such a gnawing in my stomach that I actually feared I had a—I dislike to write or even think of what I feared."

"Seeing an account of Grape-Nuts I decided to try it. After a short time I was satisfied the trouble was not the awful thing I feared but was still bad enough. However, I was relieved of a bad case of dyspepsia by changing from improper food to Grape-Nuts."

"Since that time my bowels have been as regular as a clock. I had also noticed before I began to eat Grape-Nuts that I was becoming forgetful of where I put little things about the house, which was very annoying."

"But since the digestive organs have become strong from eating Grape-Nuts, my memory is good and my mind as clear as when I was young, and I am thankful." Name given by Fosterum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Read the little booklet, "The Road to Wellville," in packages. "There's a reason."

He Was Grateful.

David, a boy of four, was being taught to express thanks when the occasion demanded. When he neglected to do so the other members of the family would ask: "What do you say, David?" which would always bring forth the desired results. One evening recently David and the young man who is to marry his sister were sitting on the front porch.

"Well, David," said the young man, "I guess I'll marry Sue and take her away. What do you say?"

"Thank you," returned the boy politely.

A Relief.

Smith started up into a sitting posture. "Who are you?" he cried. The masked figure with the dark lantern and sawed-off shotgun turned, nonplused for the moment, from the bureau, and said, confusedly: "Why, I am a—er—burglar."

Smith settled back upon the pillow, drawing the warm coverlets about his shoulders.

"Thank goodness," he murmured, sleepily; "I thought you were a plumber."

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STILL AHEAD OF AUDIENCE.

Comedian Made Humor of What Was Approaching Tragedy.

"Willie" Collier, the comedian, was an irrepressible member of a barnstorming combination which, some ten years ago, did the "tank" towns of the middle west.

The company had been doing a poor business for several weeks when a certain town in Illinois was reached. Just before the curtain went up that night, Collier was standing at the curtain "peep-hole," sizing up the audience.

"How's the house, Willie?" asked another player.

"Well," answered Collier, "there are some out there. But," he added, impressively, "we're still in the majority, old boy, still in the majority!" —Harper's Weekly.

Why Streets Are Straight.

"There is no mystery about the streets of New York," complained the aesthetic stranger. "It is all straight up and down. North, south, east, west; all straight paths. No crosscuts and alleys, no zigzag turns and twists and cowpaths, as in London and Paris. Just long, straight, uninterrupted roads."

"Bull that way purposely," a native explained. "When the average New Yorker has to go home, he needs a straight road."

Where Others Failed.

"Each spring for five or six years I broke out with a kind of Eczema which nothing seemed to relieve permanently. Finally I tried a box of Hunt's Cure, which promptly cured me. Two years have passed by, but the trouble has not returned."

Mrs. Kate Howard.

Little Rock, Ark.

Electric Motor Scarf Pin.

The smallest motor is that made by a German mechanic. It is worked by a battery deposited in his coat pocket, and he uses the motor as a scarf pin. It is working all the time, simply to show that it is an actual working motor. It is curious to see the little wheels revolving as the machine rests on the scarf.

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For Weak Back

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Very Much Alike.

"See here Pat," said his employer, "didn't you tell me that when you was out west the Indians scalped you? and now you have your hat off I see you have an extraordinary quantity of hair! You certainly told me so, didn't you, Pat?"

"O' did so," answered Pat, "but O' bear in mind now that it was me brother, Molke. It's that much we be alouder, that O' think O' me Molke an' Molke be me."

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For Your Pains

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French Police a Surprise.

"Well, how did you enjoy yourself in Paris?" they asked of Mrs. Maloney when she got home.

"Very well," she replied. "Very well, indeed; but there was one thing that surprised me more than anything else."

"And what was that?" they queried.

"There were a lot of policemen there and all as thin as French."

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Numbers—Miss Graham.
Reading—Miss Goodlett.
Importance of primary work—Miss Capt.
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Some mistakes in recitation—Miss Haswell, Miss Wells.
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LIBRARY.
How to secure it—J. F. Oder, Miss Allen. Teacher for Dist. No. 2.
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Why necessary—Lynn Guthrie, Miss Pearl Mayes.
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Can the Country schools be graded—W. T. Starling, Miss Black.
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How to keep primary pupils busy—Miss Herren.
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Elementary terms—Miss Hines
Requirements of pupils in written work—Miss Williamson, F. L. Busey.
GEOGRAPHY.
Class work—recitation—Miss Sallie Hughes.
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Map and outline work—W. A. Lewis.
Points of interest—Miss Yeager.
ARITHMETIC.
Aims in teaching Arithmetic—Miss Payne, Teacher for Dist. No. 9.
Things to emphasize—W. J. Watson.
FRIDAY
OPENING EXERCISE.
Rev. Cunningham.
Management and Methods—J. S. Rives, Chaps. 24-28.
ARITHMETIC.
Should mental and written Arithmetic be taught together or separate—W. A. Lewis, Miss Bishoffhausen.
Mental problems to be solved by teachers. Led by W. J. Watson.
Some instructions concerning reports—T. C. Williams.
HIGH SCHOOL WORK.
The importance of systematic promotion and reports—J. S. Rives.
Course of study for teachers. Committee—(J. F. Oder, Miss

Isbell, L. C. Guthrie, W. J. Watson, Miss Farr.)
Teachers Library. Committee. (J. S. Rives, Lou Morgan, Miss Hattie Smith, Miss Payne, Miss Cecil Hughes.)
GENERAL WORK.
All teachers who expect to teach in Haskell county the present year “shall attend the institute.” Teachers are expected to secure a copy of Sanders Management and methods.
On Wednesday night of 18th. there will be an educational rally. We earnestly request of all who are interested in the cause of education to be present.
Will Have Splendid School Fund
The founders of Texas set aside to each county in the state four leagues or 17,712 acres of land for their individual use in the maintenance of public schools. This being in addition to all other sources of revenue for that purpose. Perhaps nine-tenths of the counties have sold their school land, their eagerness to use the money causing many of them to sell when prices were low and they could get but two or three dollars per acre. Haskell county pursued a wiser course refusing to sell at such a price and, in 1894, during Judge Sanders' incumbency as county judge, leased her land to a ranchman for a term of fifteen years at \$400 per year, which sum has annually gone to the support of the county schools. This land lies in Haskell county, one of the central plaincounties, and we are informed from various sources that land throughout the plains country is selling at from \$10 to \$20 per acre. Some five years ago, while Judge H. R. Jones was county judge, he and County commissioner J. A. Carter went as a special committee appointed by the commissioners' court, and

made a personal examination of the land and their report to the court show that it is as fine a body of land as any on the plains, having very little waste or inferior land in the entire tract.
This being true, there is but little doubt that by the time the lease on it expires, two years hence, the county will be able to sell the land at a price that will give it a permanent fund which, invested in safe securities, will yield an annual interest of several thousand dollars for the support of its schools.
Assuming that the 17,712 acres can be sold to settlers in small tracts at \$15 on long time, say 20 to 40 years, at the low rate of 5 per cent annual interest on deferred payments, it would give a permanent fund of \$190,680.00 which at 5 per cent, would yield an annual available fund of \$9,534.00, which is from two to eight times as much as many counties are realizing from their land sold when prices were low, and will go a long way towards the maintenance of good schools throughout our county.
Information for Homeseekers.
For the purpose of furnishing reliable information in regard to the productions, resources, school and church facilities, social conditions, etc., of this portion of the state and also to give any desired information to persons seeking locations for any industrial or manufacturing enterprise, the towns throughout a group of counties—in which Haskell county is included—have organized the Central West Texas Association of Commercial Clubs with officers and agents whose business it is to gather and furnish such authentic information.
A letter of inquiry addressed to the secretary or any of the officers, or a member of the executive committee will receive

prompt attention.
Their names and addresses follow:
Officers:
Pres. T. E. Powell, Baird, Tex.
Vice-Pres. Jas. Stinson, Anson, Texas.
Treas. R. B. Wofford, Hamlin, Texas.
Sec. O. P. Thomas, Abilene, Texas.
Executive Committee:
A. H. Johnson, Cisco; E. A. Kelley, Midland; Geo. S. Berry, Merkel; W. G. Sherrod, Munday; F. G. Alexander, Haskell. tf
Cash for Cotton Seed.
We will pay cash (currency) for cotton seed delivered at our Mill either by wagon or cars.
Stamford Oil Mill Company.
47-4t
Stamford, Texas.
Pounded.
On Monday night the M. E. church gave their new pastor, Rev. Meador a liberal “pounding,” the missiles consisting of packages of groceries and such articles as might be found useful in sustaining the physical man. It has become a custom in this country to have these poundings upon the arrival of a new pastor and his family and must go a long way in smoothing some of the rough places in the road of the country preacher. Bro. Meador preached a good sermon Sunday and we predict that his work here will be a success and the town bettered by his coming.
Among those who remembered their subscription account this week were Messrs T. J. Head and W. M. Lunday.
Quite a number of our subscribers are settling their subscription accounts. If such conduct continues the FREE PRESS is going to get over its panic.

Get a 1908 Calendar.

Call at our store and register for one of our beautiful 1908 calendars, which will be ready for distribution about Jan. 1.

Cason, Cox & Co.

DeWitt's Kidney and Bladder Pills afford quick relief for all forms of kidney and bladder trouble.

200 bolts of wall paper, two or three bolts of a kind, at 5cts per bolt, at McNeill & Smith Hardware Co.

When you buy coal at L. P. Davidson Grain & Coal Co. they make you a present of a nice fire poker.

The finest line of cut glass ever in the city is to be seen at Collier & Russ Co's.

Widely's Laxative Cough Syrup speaks nearly as good as maple and it contains no opiates.

Some of that \$1.25 paint is it's all gone.

The Secret of Success in Business is to have up-to-date. Get your abstracts from Sanders & Wilson.

FOR EXCHANGE.

A \$7,000.00 stock of clean dry goods in a good West Texas land 166 acres and 93 acres of fine black land, improved, in Ellis county, to trade for Haskell county land.

J. E. McPHERSON.

WITH SANDERS AND WILSON, Haskell, Texas.

Agreeably Surprised.

Many sufferers from rheumatism have been agreeably surprised at the prompt relief afforded by applying Chamberlain's Pain Balm.

Cash for Cotton Seed.

We will pay cash (currency) for cotton seed delivered at our Mill either by wagon or cars.

Don't be Hopeless

About yourself when you're crippled with rheumatism or stiff joints—of course you've tried lots of things and they failed.

Everybody loves our baby, rosy sweet and warm.

With kissy places on her neck and dimples on her arms.

Once she was so thin and cross, used to cry with pain.

Mother gave her Cascasweet, now she's well again. Sold by French Bros.

Harts' Honey and Horehound is nature's own remedy, gives immediate relief and cures Cough, Cold and all Throat and Lung trouble.

How Diphtheria is Contracted.

One often hears the expression, "My child caught a severe cold which developed into diphtheria."

A Home Made Happy by Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

About two months ago our baby girl had measles which settled on her lungs and at last resulted in a severe attack of bronchitis.

PRESIDENT IS POSITIVE

Yielding to pressure brought to bear upon him by the friends of prospective candidates for the presidency and having in mind the resolution introduced in congress a few days ago in regard to the third term question, President Roosevelt on Wednesday followed his letter of two days before with the following positive statement given out from the White House:

"On the night after the last election I made the following announcement:

"I am deeply sensible of the honor done me by the American people in thus expressing their confidence in what I have done and have tried to do. I appreciate to the full the solemn responsibility this confidence imposes on me, and I shall do all that is in my power not to forfeit it.

"I have not changed and shall not change the decision thus announced."

The Abbott pasture eight miles north of Haskell is on the market to actual settlers, in tracts from 80 acres to whatever may be desired.

With a small cash payment, all the time desired will be given to purchasers, and any one actually making his home on the land will not be closed out as long as interest is kept paid.

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LAND FOR SALE.

We have for sale in 160 acre tracts, 4,200 acres of the very best farming land, 12 miles north of Haskell and 4 miles east of Rochester, on Orient R'y. and 4 miles west of Weinert on Wichita Valley R'y.

SANDERS & WILSON, Haskell, Texas.

City Meat Market...

maintains its reputation for furnishing the tenderest and juiciest Roast & Barbecued meats.

The bees we slaughter are selected with a view to getting the fattest and tenderest.

We solicit your patronage, Joiner & Whitacre

Joiner & Whitacre

Big line of silverware at R. M. Craig's.

Husband and Wife Disagree.

Husband and wife often disagree about some matter that concerns each other, and frequently the husband finds that his wife's judgement is the better.

DeWitt's Little Early Rise Pills are sold by French Bros.

LOANS ON COTTON.

On shipments of cotton to Liverpool, Bremen or have the Farmers Union Cotton Co. will advance \$30 per bale at 6 per cent interest and pay the freight.

PAUL WIPPRECHT, Houston, Texas.

Representing Farmers' Union Cotton Co.

For further particulars call on Mr. Crews at the Union Warehouse, Haskell.

When to go Home.

From the Bluffton, Ind., Banner: "When tired out, go home. When you want consolation, go home. When you want fun, go home. When you want to show others that you have reformed, go home and let your family get acquainted with the fact.

Take DeWitt's Kidney and Bladder Pills: they are for weak back, inflammation of the bladder, backache and weak kidneys.

It's a Crime

To neglect your health. The worst neglect that you can be guilty of is to allow constipation, biliousness or any liver or bowel trouble to continue.

Insure your property in the best companies.

Sanders & Wilson.



DR. W. W. SANDS The Painless Dentist Teeth filled and Extracted Without Pain.

Family Groceries

We offer to the public a choice stock of fresh, pure groceries. Your patronage is solicited.

Irby & Stephens

Business Assignment.

On last Saturday the retail grocery firm of Foster and Neal filed in the County Clerk's office a general deed of assignment to R. E. McDonald, of Jones county, as trustee, for the benefit of the creditors of the firm.

The schedule of assets shows an aggregate of \$3,910.00, and the list of liabilities totals \$3,326. The gentlemen composing this firm are of good standing in our community and so far as we can ascertain no blame attaches to them and their misfortune is generally regretted.

This is the first business failure of any consequence that has occurred in Haskell in a number of years.

Messrs. Carl Goller, Frank Goller and Julius Kiemstedt of Williamson county, were in Haskell Thursday in company with Mr. T. E. Scharff of the south side. One of the Messrs Goller has purchased a farm in the southwest part of the county near Segerton.

PROFESSIONAL.

P. H. CHILTON Physician & Surgeon SHERRILL BUILDING Office Phone No. 231 Residence No. 237

A. G. GEBHARD, M. D. Physician & Surgeon SHERRILL BUILDING Phone: Office 231—Res. 15 Office in Sherrill Building Microscopical Diagnosis A SPECIALTY

D. L. CUMMINS, M. D. Practitioner of Medicine and Surgery. Res Phone No. 74—Office No. 189 Office at French Bros. HASKELL, TEXAS.

DR. W. A. KIMBROUGH Physician and Surgeon OFFICE TERRELLS DRUG STORE HASKELL, TEXAS. Residence Phone No. 134.

DR. W. WILLIAMSON, RESIDENCE PHONE 113 OFFICE OVER Collier-Andrus Drug Store.

DR. A. G. NEATHERY. Physician and Surgeon. Office Northeast Corner Square. Office phone No. 50. Dr. Neathery's Res. No. 23.

DR. J. D. SMITH. Resident Dentist. Office—Sherrill Building. Phone Office No. 12 Residence No. 111

FOSTER & JONES. Law, Land and Live Stock. A. C. FOSTER, Atty at Law J. L. JONES, Notary Public. Haskell, Texas.

H. McCONNELL. Attorney at Law. OFFICE IN McConnell Building N W Cor Square

A. W. McGREGOR. Attorney-at-Law OFFICE—Corner rooms over FARMERS NATIONAL BANK Will practice in all the Courts.

W. C. JACKSON Attorney-at-Law Haskell, - - - Texas.

Gordon B. McGuire, Attorney-at-Law Office in Sherrill Building.

Pete Helton W. H. Murchison Helton & Murchison LAWYERS HASKELL, - - - TEXAS.

W. N. MEREDITH Architect and Superintendent. Estimates and Sketches FREE OF CHARGE. OFFICE—over Collier's Drug Store. Phone No. 72. Haskell, - Texas.

J. W. DENNINGTON, ARCHITECT, CONTRACTOR AND BUILDER Estimates and Sketches without charge. Office opposite postoffice. Phone No. 232 Residence phone 141.

J. E. McPherson Wants to list your property. Wants to write your insurance. Old hand in new place. See his list before buying. Office with Sanders & Wilson. Haskell, Texas.

THE CRESCENT CAFE Give us your orders for fruit cakes. Supply always on hand. We have in stock LOWNEY'S FAMOUS CHOCOLATES also candy in bulk. All fresh stock ordered especially for Xmas. All kinds of fruits. Get oranges and apples by the box. Our prices will open your eyes. Get oysters and fish on short order or take them home. You will find us on West Side Square. REYNOLDS & GREEN

CENTRAL MEAT MARKET All kinds of fresh BEEF, PORK, SAUSAGE AND LARD We pay the highest prices for FAT CATTLE AND HOGS J. S. BOONE & SON

NEW FEED AND FUEL STORE We are now opened up and ready for business in our new building near the Postoffice with a stock of GRAIN, HAY, BRAN, CHOPS, WOOD AND COAL WEIGHING We have put in a reliable 5 ton scale and will do weighing for the public. GIVE US A CALL. It is our purpose to keep on hand at all times a full stock of the above of the best grades to be obtained, and to make the closest possible prices. On this proposition we solicit a share of your business. ...MARSH & ENGLISH...

BLACKSMITHING We now have Mr. B. Stuart, the old original Haskell blacksmith, with us and are better prepared to do first class blacksmithing and repair work of all kinds. Plow Points, Land Sides and Moul Board Bring them in and give us a trial Tudor, Williams & Co.

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. Being an Exclusive Grocery Store we buy in large quantities and are in position to make you the best prices. W. W. FIELDS & BR THE FREE PRESS

CASH CLEARING SALE

Beginning Monday, December 16th, we will put on a regular

"GENUINE ALEXANDER REDUCTION SALE"

All of our customers know what we mean when we say we will sell goods at a Reduction

This reduction sale will be from our regular stock and not on a special lot of goods bought for the purpose. Positively no goods will be sold at a reduction before Monday. Then you can buy from our entire stock at greatly reduced prices. We are not selling out, neither are we going to quit business, but our store is filled with goods that we must sell in order to get money. Don't miss this sale. It's money to you.

Entire Stock Calicoes During This Sale 4³/₄c

This does not mean old stock or remnants, but our regular stock of American Prints, Simpson's and all high grade Brands. More than this: We have a large quantity on hand.

Women's, Misses and Children's Underwear
Including Two Piece and Union Suits, will be sold at prices much lower than regular. Ask to see our Special Jersey Ribbed Vests at **25c**

Ladies' and Childrens Cloaks and Wraps
No such stock to be found in Haskell as ours. Our many pleased customers will tell you this. See our line before buying elsewhere.

Ladies' and Misses' Skirts
We have always been the leaders in these lines and you are missing a rare bargain if you fail to secure one of these skirts at the unusual discount of 25 per cent.

Entire stock to be sold at **33 1-3 PER CENT DISCOUNT**
This stock is still quite complete and includes the season's latest styles and novelties.

25% Reduction on Ladies' Petticoats

Including our elegant selection of "Serosis" and the well known "Money Bak" Petticoats

33¹/₃ Per cent off on all Clothing and Overcoats

25 Per Cent Reduction on all Hats. Except our Special \$3.00 Values, which will be sold at \$2.50.

ONE FOURTH OFF OUR ENTIRE STOCK OF SHOES

No stock reserved. The well known Hamilton Brown shoes will be included at the same reduction.

Our entire stock will share in these record breaking prices. We cannot mention the prices on all our goods, but have given the prices on some of the best known goods, that you may have an idea of prices we are making. Don't fail to visit

OUR GROCERY DEPARTMENT

You will be surprised at some of the prices there. XXXX coffee going at 8 pounds the dollar. No other coffee like it at the price.

This will be the Biggest Sale ever seen in Haskell and will last until December 25. Come and bring your family and friends.

POSITIVELY No goods will be charged at these prices. All goods will be sold **STRICTLY FOR CASH.**

The Big Store

ALEXANDER MERCANTILE CO.

The Big Store

TON'S
DIO
TEXAS
square
PLEASE
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Local and Personal

Dallas in Sabina have a house to rent or Foster, Jones & Hughes. The "beheart" at Irby & Steph- 46tf.

Miss Cathlene Wilfong visited relatives at Munday Snnday.

Largest stock of watches in town, R. M. Craig.

Mr. Chas Irby visited in Munday the first of the week.

If you have land or houses to trade see Foster, Jones & Hughes.

Watches, clocks and jewelry at R. M. Craig's.

Second hand stoves wanted. Phone No. 135.

New line of ladies belt buckles ter was beyond h

William speaking, in the in et, and in his own ca

The Secretary Sub-Chief as chief

300 different stytes of select from. R. M. the jeweler.

Alvin Me your saddles, harness his shoes repaired at Evers' shop, south side of square.

Mr. and Mrs. Hart of Dallas are visiting with the family of Mr. Jno. B. Baker.

We have over 200 Haskell lots for sale—close in and far out. Foster, Jones & Hughes.

FOR SALE—At a bargain, two good residence lots, well located, close in. Phone No. 109. 49-3t

Mr. J. A. Scoggins of Runnels county was here prospecting this week.

If you want to sell your land quick list it with J. J. Stein, the hustler.

Mr. Hugh Metcalf of the Aspermont bar attended our district court this week.

Big bargains in wall paper, for a few days at McNeill & Smith Hardware Co.

There is a tide in the affairs of men, &c, that always drifts them right when they deal with Foster, Jones & Hughes.

Capt. W. M. Wood of Weinert community was in the city Thursday.

For wedding presents cut glass is the most appropriate. Collier-Andruss Co. have just received a handsome line of these goods.

Mr. J. F. Collier left Wednesday for Oklahoma City in answer to a telegram informing him of the death of his son-in-law, Mr. C. W. Wheeler.

Special attention paid to rendering and paying taxes for non-residents and to rentals. J. J. Stein, Real Estate Agent, Haskell, Texas.

If you owe me I hope you do not think it will be all right to let it run and continue to make the account larger. Pay me and don't wait to be called on for it. S. L. Robertson.

The new organization of the Fraternal Bankers meets every Wednesday night in McConnell Hall. This organization seems to have struck a popular chord and is growing rapidly.

Get an electric smoothing iron and a meat broiler at the Haskell Light plant, attach them to your light wire and give them a trial. If you don't want them after trying them, return them and there will be no charge.

Acetylene Gas Light—I am the agent for the Pilot Force Feed Acetylene Gas generator. Makes best safest and cheapest light kown. No house too small to use it. As practical for country homes as for town use. Call and let me show you about price, etc.

Inquire for me at Cason, Cox & Co. 47tf

W. H. McFarland.

For land in large or small tracts see Foster, Jones & Hughes. The city authorities are having some drainage culverts put in that will be appreciated when the next big rain comes.

We have a new line of boys' school shoes which we think are the best ever put on this market. Outer soles, inner soles, upper and finish are of the best grade. Call and let us show them to you. Keister & Griffin.

Evers at Haskell has home made knee pads for cotton pickers.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Baker arrived in Haskell this week from Temple. Mr. Baker has accepted a position with Alexander Mercantile co.

Ten head of good, gentle work horses for sale. Good terms given if properly secured. 50-2t A. D. English.

Mr. Jno. W. Wood of Rotan was in Haskell Thursday on a business trip. He is a brother of Mrs. N. I. McCollum.

Nicest assortment of ladies' side and back combs and baretts in town, at Racket Store.

Mr. E. O. West of Millport, Ala. will be in Mr. R. M. Craig's watch repairing department during the holidays.

30c wall paper at 15c until our 1907 stock is closed out, at McNeill & Smith Hardware Co.

Mr. C. H. Merchant of the northeast side was in town Wednesday and said that the cotton had been about all picked in his neighborhood.

Evers the Haskell saddler wants all your trade in saddles, harness and cowboy boots.

Broad concrete sidewalks are being laid along the west and north front of the Stein-McCulloh and Killingsworth building.

Get your cotton pickers' knee pads of Evers, the saddler, Haskell.

Misses Clara Willis, Lizzie Dee Gresham and Minnie Elliott, of the Stamford Collegiate Institute visited Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Bell Sunday and Monday.

Closing out our 1907 stock of wall paper. Get busy if you want some wall paper at bargain prices. McNeill & Smith Hardware Co.

Insure your stock against death from any cause I. write it. J. E. McPHERSON.

Baggage transferred to all parts of the city, ring No. 114 for Rupe & Pearsey.

The grand jury adjourned finally last Saturday after returning into court eight indictments for felonies and twenty-six for misdemeanors. Seventeen of the latter were for violations of the local option law.

S. G. Dean, manager of the Progerssive Lumber Co. west of Haskell National Bank, will trade lumber for cotton, or advance lumber on cotton warehouse receipts. 47tf

Mr. W. T. Newsom and sons have purchased lots in the northeast part of town and are building a neat residence and, we understand, it is their intention to put in a gin plant for next season's business.

Good paint at \$1.25 per gallon while it lasts, at McNeill & Smith Hardware Co.

Miss Elsie Bennett, a teacher in the Stamford Collegiate Institute, and Misses Lizzie D. Gresham, Minnie Elliott and Clara Willis, students in the same institution, visited the Misses Hughes at this place Sunday and Monday.

\$10.00 Reward.

For information leading to recovery of a black horse mule, 11 years old, about 15% hands, weight about 1000 pounds, unbranded. Collar marked and sheared. 50-2t M. J. PARK.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Bryant of the northwest part of the county were visiting and shopping in the capital city Monday.

\$6000 Worth of Clothing. S. L. Robertson offers his entire stock of Men's and Boys' clothing at cost. This is one of the most complete stocks of clothing ever offered in Haskell at wholesale at such a sacrifice.

The McNeill & Smith Hardware Co. moved this week into the Stein-McCulloh-Killingsworth building on the northeast corner of the square, where they have more room for the display of their goods and are much more conveniently situated with reference to their warehouse.

Stockholders Meeting. Notice is hereby given that the regular annual meeting of stockholders of the Farmers National Bank at Haskell, Texas, will be held in the office of said bank on Tuesday, Jan. 7th 1908, for the purpose of electing a board of directors for said bank and for the transaction of any other business that may properly come before such meeting.

R. C. MONTGOMERY, Cashier.

Mr. J. B. Shelburne, and brother-in-law of our townsman Mr. J. J. Stein, arrived in Haskell from Belton Monday with two carloads of household goods and live stock. Mr. Shelburne owns a fine tract of land southwest of town, which he purchased some time since, out of the old Post ranch.

Stockholders Meeting. Notice is hereby given that a regular meeting of the stockholders of the Haskell National Bank at Haskell, Texas, will be held in the office of said bank on Tuesday, January 7, 1907, at 2 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of electing a board of directors for said bank, and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before such meeting.

49 G. E. LANFGORD, Cashier.

Iron Roofing. We have just received a carload of corrugated iron roofing, both galvanized and painted. CASON COX & Co.

Land for Sale or Trade. I have 1100 acres land, part raw and part improved, which I will sell or cut in tracts from 75 acres up. Price reasonable, small cash payment and balance in 10 yearly payments.

Also some lots and acre property in Haskell for sale at moderate prices, on easy terms. Will take some good work horses or mules in part payment on land or lots. See or write, P. D. Solomon, Haskell Texas.

THE CORRECT TIME To stop a cough or cold is just as soon as it starts—then there will be no danger of pneumonia or consumption. Just a few doses of Ballard's Horehound Syrup taken at the start will stop the cough. It has been running on for sometime the treatment will be longer, but the cure is sure. Sold by Terrell's Drug Store.

CHOKED TO DEATH Is commonly said of babies who have died of the croup. How unnecessary this is. No child ever had the croup without having a cold or cough at the start. If you will stop the first symptom of the cough with Ballard's Horehound Syrup there is no danger whatever of croup. Sold by Terrell's Drug Store.

Iron Roofing. We have just received a carload of corrugated iron roofing, both galvanized and painted. Cason, Cox & Co.

Keister & Griffin have just received another car of Light Crust flour. It's the best flour on the market and is sold exclusively by Keister & Griffin. Phone No. 69 for a fresh sack of it.

TO THE PUBLIC: Having purchased the Implement business of Messrs. Bell & Helm, I will continue the business at the old stand and it is my purpose to greatly enlarge the stock at an early date and carry a complete line of Farm Implements, Buggies and Wagons. A little later on I will put in some other line of goods. At present my stock consists of a line of well known and justly popular ROCK ISLAND IMPLEMENT CO'S. BUGGIES AND SURRIES AND STOUGHTON WAGONS. Have Just Added A LINE OF SHELF HARDWARE. I will sell on the usual terms and will also take in exchange horses, mules, cattle or any kind of property that I can handle SHOP WORK I have employed a competent mechanic and will do all kinds of repair and shop work in connection with my business. INVITATION I cordially invite the public, and especially the farmers and others interested in my line of business to call and look through my stock, assuring you that my prices will be right and that we will trade if there is anything you want. SOLOMON IMPLEMENT CO HASKELL, TEXAS

NEW LUMBER YARD We are a new firm in Haskell, where we hust put in a stock of lumber and in addition to that have bought the stock and yard of the Citizens Lumber Co. and we will continue our business at their location, north of the Wright Hotel, where you will find us with a complete line of Lumber, Shingles, Doors, Sash, Mouldings, Posts and Brick We will sell at competitive prices and if you want anything in our line we can interest you and make it to your interest to see us before you buy. GUEST & ABBOTT HASKELL, TEXAS.