

SILVER WEDDING CELEBRATED

On the evening of May the third the attractive home of Judge and Mrs. H. G. McConnell was opened to several hundred of their friends in celebration of their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary.

The reception hall and parlors were decorated in green and silver while beautiful roses and ferns filled bowls and vases. The colonade in the reception hall, artistically entwined with asparagus fern and white hyacinths, formed a frame work from which was suspended the massive wedding bell of white carnations. Promptly at eight o'clock the guests were ushered in by Messrs. Werther Long and Earl Odell. After which Mrs. Jno. B. Baker, in her sweet, mellow voice, accompanied by Mrs. Earl Cogdell, sang, "I Love You Truly," and as Mrs. H. R. Jones softly played Mendelssohn's Wedding March, the bridal party descended the stairs. Baby Leah McConnell with Master Henry Collier, the grandson, came first, bearing the white satin pillows, then followed the two young sons, Masters Munroe and Hal. Then came the two older daughters, Misses Lois and Beryl! Two life-long friends, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Long, who acted respectively as Best Man and Matron of Honor, preceded the bride and groom. When the pillows had been placed by the children under the wedding bell, Mr. and Mrs. McConnell knelt and received a blessing from their pastor, Rev. W. P. Garvin.

The moments following were given over to the drinking of toasts and when the bride so simply and unaffectedly proposed—"Here's to one, the only one in all this world for me—my husband." The eloquent response of Judge McConnell was beyond compare; paying three beautiful tributes to "My wife, our children and our friends." Closing his remarks he replaced the ring of twenty-five years ago with a far handsomer diamond, symbolic of the purity and the lastingness of their affection. In response to the toast—"Our friends," Mr. Bruce W. Bryant replied in an impressive and appropriate manner. After the many expressions of good wishes and congratulations the guests were invited into the dining room, a picture indeed in all its appointments. The table with its drawn-work cover had as its center piece a miniature rockery of silver quartz, over this trailed the graceful fern, softening but not concealing its jaggedness. Crystal vases holding beautiful clusters of white carnations completed the ensemble. A service of two courses, salad, brick-cream and cake, was enjoyed by all and daintily served by Misses Docia Winn, Julia Winn and Eunice McKelvain. The carnation again being used as souvenirs. Although the invitations read "No Presents" many beautiful gifts were received. The Haskell Bar Association and the Magazine Club remembered them handsomely. Among the most valued is an heirloom, a large silver berry spoon inlaid with gold, a gift made to the parents of Mrs. McConnell on their golden wedding anniversary nineteen years

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PROCEEDINGS OF CONVENTIONS

Democratic Convention.

On Tuesday May 7th, at 2 o'clock p. m. in the court house, the county Democratic convention met for the purpose of selecting a and instructing delegates to the State Convention that meets at Houston the later part of this month. Mr. John A. Couch, the county chairman, presided over the meeting and Scott W. Key was elected secretary. It appearing that there would be no contest over seating of delegates, Mr. W. H. Murchison moved that the delegates present their credentials to the secretary for tabulation and roll call. The tabulation disclosed that there were regular delegates from the four Haskell boxes, Weinert, Rule, Rochester, O'Brien, Sagerton, Jud, Brushy and Joe Bailey.

On motion of Judge Kinnard, the secretary was instructed to call the roll of boxes for an expression of will of the convention as to choice for President. This vote revealed that Wilson had 21½ votes, Harmon 8 and Clark 3½; the box voting for Clark then requested that their vote be changed to Wilson, making the final count Wilson 25 and Harmon 8. On motion of Mr. Murchison, the convention instructed that the delegates to be elected to the State Convention at Houston to be instructed to vote for Woodrow Wilson for President so long as his name remained before the State Convention, with Clark as the second choice.

The convention then selected the following delegates to represent Haskell county at the State Convention: A. J. Smith, Bruce Bryant, Sam Davis, A. B. Carothers, John Pinkerton and Cato Sells. Motion carried that these delegates be instructed to vote as a unit on all questions arising in the State Convention.

Republican Convention.

House called to order by County chairman R. H. Penick of Rule and the meeting went immediately into temporary organization by electing W. B. Parr of O'Brien as temporary chairman of the convention, and J. E. Lindsey of Rule as temporary secretary. A committee on delegates and permanent organization was appointed by the chair and when they had made their reports the temporary chairman and Secretary were made permanent chairman and secretary of the convention.

Delegates from Precinct's No's. 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 14 and 17 were seated and the convention went into regular order of business.

Jno. B. Baker was elected delegate to the Congressional and state conventions instructed to cast the vote of the county for the election of Col. Cecil A. Lyon for National committeeman and to vote for the delegates favoring the nomination of Col. Theodore Roosevelt, at the Chicago convention.

The Taft wing of the party held a mass convention and elected B. Cox as a delegate to the state and congressional convention with J. O. Stark as alternate. The mass convention endorsed Taft for President and H. F. McGregor for national committeeman.

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INTERESTING MEETING

On last Saturday afternoon at 1:30 p. m. in the district court room the farmers held an agricultural meeting under the auspices of the Farm Demonstration Work.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. R. E. Sherrill, who after a few appropriate remarks, introduced Prof. Wm. Ganzer, Special Agent of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, who spoke for an hour on the fundamental principles of good farming.

Mr. Ganzer opened his address by saying that the demonstration method of farming was not what we commonly called paper farming, but that it was a method of profitable farming, farming from a business standpoint. He said that there were now 111 counties in Texas organized in this great missionary work.

The lecturer was very strong on the importance of a good seed bed and proved very conclusively that without a good seed bed it was impossible to get the maximum yield.

The next subject he took up was the constituents of fertilizers, and he gave a very thorough analysis of the different elements in the average fertilizer, such as nitrogen, potash and phosphate.

One very important truth brought out was the importance of the cowpea. He advised the alternating of cowpeas with milo and kafir, row for row. This method, he said, had proven to be a paying one, in as much as the milo or other crop would yield as much as if planted every row, and there would be a gain of the cowpeas. The vines could be saved for hay, the peas saved for seed and sold, and the land would be greatly benefitted by the work of the bacteria on the roots of the pea.

Mr. J. T. Therwhanger of Weinert told of how the cowpea had proven for him a great soil builder in connection with a wheat crop following the legum. On land where the peas grew before he made 45 bushels per acre, and about 15 bushels where they did not grow.

Dr. Craddock made a short talk on the importance of the pea and native grasses.

Prof. Latham closed the meeting by making a short address on the importance of the work in this county, and lamented the fact that it was such a busy time that no more of the demonstrators were present. He said that in June another meeting would be held and it was hoped that every demonstrator in the county would attend.

The meeting was not largely attended, but every one present seemed to enter into it with a good spirit and to appreciate the practical lesson given them by the lecturer. One very pleasant feature of the meeting was the attendance of several young men, just ending their teens, boys who gave earnest attention to the message and will no doubt practice the principles taught during this and future years of farming.

Notice.

I will go out of the feed and fuel business for a short time. I thank my competitors for their liberal treatment while in the business. Also my patrons for their loyal support.

18-2t T. J. Sims.

DYNAMITE BRINGS RAIN

Last Saturday, by direction of Mr. Post, another effort was made to cause rain, and in this case every indication points to the success of the experiment.

In all, 3,000 pounds of dynamite 67 per cent strength, was fired at irregular intervals, beginning at 2:07 p. m. and ending at 5:48 p. m. There was very little humidity in the air when the experiment began and the wind was blowing strongly from the south or southwest according to observations. During the morning there were some clouds visible, but by noon these had dissipated and when the first shot was fired the sky was cloudless. The velocity of the wind seemed to increase after the firing began, but before the last shots were fired it was abating and clouds were gathering. These became heavier and about 7 o'clock p. m. a brisk shower fell, accompanied by hail. This continued probably half an hour when the clouds lifted and for an hour or more the weather was fair, but by 9:00 o'clock p. m. the sky was again overcast and in a short time another brisk rain fell. The total precipitation was not great, but the fact that rain followed immediately after the experiment when every condition was most unfavorable has convinced many people that Mr. Post has solved the problem that has always stood in the way of the development of West Texas.

Reports obtained from outside points indicate that little rain fell except in the territory adjacent to and within a reasonable distance of the spot where the dynamite was exploded. We have not consulted the engineers who were in charge of the work, but we are informed that the total cost for the territory over which rain fell will approximate only about \$3 or perhaps less per section, for dynamite, labor of firing, etc. This being the case, if it is decided fully that rain can be satisfactorily produced by artificial means, the business can be handled by taxation at a much less expense than the cheapest irrigation plants that are now in existence.—Post City Post.

Limestone Home Coming.

The 24th annual Re-union Joe Johnston Camp Confederate Veterans convenes at Jack's Creek, Limestone county, July 22nd. It has been suggested that that occasion will be an appropriate one for all former Limestone county citizens to have a great home coming. I therefore request all former citizens of that splendid county who are interested in the matter to write me making such suggestions as to them seem best with reference to the proposed meeting.

A. M. KENNEDY,
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We pride ourselves on the beauty of our new Ratine and Irish Crochet Hand Bags—we have them in both white and ecru.

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To our lace department we have added a new line of cluny edges and bands. Also good assortment of torchon laces and bands made of real linen—marked at special prices.

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Many times you have been disappointed when you bought your dress and then had to wait for a pattern to be ordered—We now have McCalls full line of patterns and can give you any pattern you want.

We have many more new things this week, but will not mention them, however you will not have to ask us to show them—It is a pleasure to us to show our goods. Give us a trial—We can please you.

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The Big Store

GOV. COLQUITT COMING HERE

A telegram was received this week in Haskell from R. M. Colquitt, senatorial campaign manager, of Gov. O. T. Colquitt, stating that the Governor would be in Haskell Friday, May 17th, to address the people of this section in the interest of his candidacy for re-election to the office of governor. The speaking will take place at the court house at 8:15 o'clock on the night of the above named date. Gov. Colquitt is an interesting speaker, is our governor and the Free Press hopes that he will be accorded a large audience. Our city and county will be honored by his visit, and he is not only entitled because of his distinctive position to a respectful hearing from our people, but he is an honored citizen of our state, seeking an honorable position, which entitles any citizen to a hearing from the fair-minded. We urge you to be present and gratify him with a representative assembly of Haskell county citizens.

Hon. C. B. Randall.

Hon. C. B. Randall was a passenger on the south bound train through here Tuesday, on his way to Abilene to make a speech. He was forced to cancel his date for this place on the 7th owing to the late change of the train service of the Wichita Valley railroad. A number of our citizens met him at the train. He says he will make an other appointment for this place in about six weeks and speak here in the interest of his candidacy for United States Senator to succeed Senator Bailey.

The Big Picnic.

Guss Grussendorf of the east side passed through here Wednesday on his way to Gainesville, and stated to us that the people of his neighborhood had decided to have a basket dinner at the picnic announced for May 28 at the Irby schoolhouse, and wanted everybody to bring a well filled basket. They will have music by the Sagerton band and the day will be devoted to the candidates as well as other diversions.

PEOPLE SHOULD GUARD AGAINST APPENDICITIS.

Haskell people who have stomach and bowel trouble should guard against appendicitis by taking simple buckthorn bark, aloecine, etc., as compounded in Adler's-ka, the German appendicitis remedy. A SINGLE DOSE relieves sour stomach, gas on the stomach and constipation INSTANTLY because this simple mixture antiseptically cleanses the digestive organs and sweeps off the impurities. The Corner Drug Store.

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HASKELL WILL ENTER CONTEST

Some weeks ago the Holland's Magazine inaugurated a contest among the Texas towns for the cleanest town in Texas, offering a reward of \$1,000, arranging the reward, in three classes. Mention was made in these columns about this contest at the time, and we are glad to note that the Haskell Civic Club has decided to enter the contest, and begs the co-operation of every citizen in Haskell. Haskell is one of the most beautiful towns on the Wichita Valley railroad, and could be made the most beautiful. Why not have it clean and attractive? It is our town and our home and while we are proud of it, we would have a greater pride in it if the streets, alleys and premises were cleaner and more attractive. Everybody should know the value of civic improvement, the true meaning of the term. An interest in community affairs and community organization promotes a growth of fellowship and general upbuilding of the life and conditions of the people and general surroundings.

The following are the requirements of the towns entering the contest:

Condition of streets, parks and alleys.

Water supply and drainage.

Collection and disposal of garbage.

General appearance of homes.

Condition of vacant lot.

Ventilation and care of public buildings.

Public conveniences, especially those for schools.

Presence of flies, mosquitoes, and other disease-carrying insects.

Handling and exposure of meat, fruit, pickles and other food products offered for sale.

Such conditions as may directly affect the health or cleanliness of a town.

Inspection of towns will begin August 15, 1912, and will be continued until all towns entering the contest have been inspected.

No information will be given as to the date on which any town will be visited by inspectors. All towns must be ready for inspection without warning on and after August 15th. So you see we have until August 15th to get our town clean and tidy. We earnestly urge the people of Haskell to give their hearty co-operation to the Civic Club in this work. The prize will be divided into three classes. The first, a prize of \$500, to be awarded to the cleanest town having a population of 4,000 and not more than 10,000; the second, a prize of \$300, to be awarded to the cleanest town having a population of 2,000 and less than 4,000; the third, a prize of \$200, to be awarded to the cleanest town having a population of 1,000 and less than 2,000. You will note that Haskell will come in the second class, and if successful will receive a reward of \$300, a prize worth striving for. And in case of failure to win, we will gain in a better sanitary condition, a more attractive city and a realization of a commendable civic pride, by reason of having cleaned up the streets and alleys, made home more beautiful and inviting and displaying in general a citizenship worthy of so enterprising a town and community as is Haskell.

Mrs. Wm. A. Allen, Chacon, New Mexico, had so severe a cough that it nearly choked her to death. Mr. Allen says: "We tried many things without helping her when by good luck I got a bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar Compound. It helped her at once and finally cured her. It is the best medicine we ever used." For sale by Robertson's Drug Store.

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HASKELL AND KNOX LEAD

A marked falling off in the cotton production of Wichita and most of the adjoining counties in 1911 is shown by government figures issued recently.

These figures show that Wichita county produced less than half as much cotton in the 1911 season as in 1910. In the 1910 season, the total was 8657 bales, for last season it was 4290.

Archer, Clay, Baylor, Childress, Hardeman and Wilbarger counties also show a considerable falling off. Taking the counties of Archer, Baylor, Childress, Clay, Foard, Hardeman, Haskell, Knox, Wichita and Wilbarger, the total for 1910 was 100,606 bales, as compared with 98,291 bales in 1911. The gain comes principally from Haskell and Knox counties.—Wichita Falls Times.

Prominent Preacher Dead.

The good people of Durant are grieved over the death of Rev. Thomas B. Norwood, who passed away at his home at 1123 West Elm street, this city, last afternoon at 3:05 o'clock after a brief illness of pneumonia.

Funeral services will be held at the First Methodist church Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock. The services will be conducted by pastor J. M. Cantrell and the former pastor, Rev. Geo. C. French. Interment will take place at the Highland cemetery.

Deceased was born in Burk county, North Carolina, Feb. 13, 1835, dying in his seventy-seventh year. He went to Texas at the age of eleven, and became a member of the M. E. church, South, about the time of his majority. A short time after this he became an active preacher of the gospel, affiliating himself with the North Texas Conference.

He had been in the ministry for nearly fifty-five years, and never severed his connection with the North Texas Conference, being a charter member of that organization at the time of his death.

He came to Durant with his family some fourteen years ago, and for two years presided over the Durant circuit. He has preached in nearly every community of the county. On account of his age he became a superannuate some 12 or 14 years ago, although he continued to do service for the cause of Christ.

His record as a citizen, minister, husband and father has been most exemplary. We do not think a better man ever lived. His good works will follow him.

Deceased, who was ill but four or five days leaves six children and two step-children. They are: A. L. Norwood, Chandler, Okla.; Mrs. W. C. Grounds, Roseburg, Texas; T. R. Norwood, Memphis, Texas; Mrs. O. F. Kolb, Haskell, Texas; Miss Nell Norwood, Denison, Texas, and Miss Bertha Norwood, Durant. His wife died on May 22, 1910.—Durant (Okla.) Democrat.

Leroy Thacker, Watertown, S. Dak., says: "I suffered with rheumatism for over 8 years, and it seemed at times that I would go crazy with pain. Three bottles of Foley's Kidney Pills cured my rheumatism and I gladly recommend them." Sold by Robertson's Drug Store.

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Hardy Grissom

Lessons From the Farm No 3.

(Autobiography of a grain of corn)

How I came here I can not tell, but the first I knew I found myself a tiny germ, surrounded by what seemed to be a great heap of starchy food, and bedded in a crevice of a long cob. I had a great many neighbors so close to me that their supplies of food pressed against mine on all sides.

I wondered very much what I was made for, but I could not ask only one except my nearest neighbors and they knew no more than I did, so I waited patiently.

After awhile I felt something very strong grasp our shuck and cob house and toss it around recklessly but finally we were plunged into a great heap of similar houses and inmates, and there left a long time. By and by I felt that we were jerked up and the shuck which had offered us a warm good shelter was pulled off, and were all rudely pushed out of our beds and into a very queer place. In a little while I felt that I was falling, and almost before I could think I was buried in the dark, damp ground. I lay still awhile but it was not long till I felt tired of my cramped position and began to stretch myself. The more I sought an easy position the bigger I seemed to grow, and I was so hungry I ate all the time.

Well, I continued to eat and push up for more room and air, until I was over-joyed to find that my head was out in the sunshine. I was so glad I had reached the light I thought I would rest a while, but I quickly discovered that my supply of provisions was exhausted, and I was hungrier than ever before.

You must know that I was peculiarly constructed, for while my head was above the ground, I must collect my food from beneath, and bring it up through the little cells in my body. I began gathering up every-

thing around me which tasted well, and as I kept eating I found that I was growing larger and stronger every day, and now I have grown to be a large plant and if I do say it myself I am beautiful.

Having traced my history so far I will not worry you any further, but I am vain enough to commend my course to you.

First—What you know is true and can not understand do not worry about. You do not know any more about that great something in you that you call Life, than I did about myself when I was a tiny germ. All I knew was that I was created for some purpose, and I determined to do my best wherever I might be. If you will do the same you will find yourself as happy as I am now.

My work is not done, for when I die I shall leave a hundred little germs well supplied with food just like I was, and they will do as I did, so although I will be forgotten my work will live until the end of time.

You can build for yourself a fine character, and scatter deeds of kindness and words of love that will grow, bloom and bear fruit many years from now.

I must leave you to think of the great things you can do, and go on with my own work, for I must toil incessantly while my short life lasts. Goodby.

A Cook County observer.

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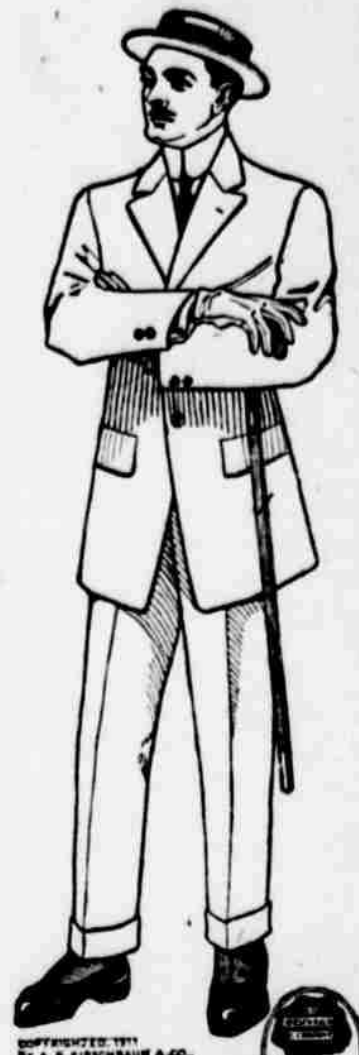
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Program For Mothers' Day.

Sunday May 12, at 3 p. m.

Chorus.

Scripture Reading.—Geo. H. Morrison.

Prayer.—W. P. Garvin.

Song.

The Import of this Occasion.

Address 15 minutes. Judge H. G. McConnell.

Recitation.—Mrs. E. L. Adams.

Chorus.

Address, 15 minutes. Subject

"The Domain of Motherhood"—

Prof. I. G. McGee.

Symposium—"Incident in

Mothers' Life." 5 minutes talk

by Jno. A. Couch, Prof. H. E. Bell,

N. McNeill, John B. Baker, G. J.

Graham.

Music.

Address, 15 minutes, "Our

Mothers Our Heroes."—W. H.

Murchison.

Address, "How to Honor Our

Mothers"—Judge A. J. Smith.

Song and Prayer.

Getting to Haskell.

D. J. Dunn informs us that he has purchased an interest in a drug business at Haskell and will leave soon for that place to become personally and actively identified with the business. Mr. Dunn is an experienced and expert registered pharmacist, knows how to make friends and hold them, knows how to get business and hold it and he has many friends here who regret to see him leave Spur. We recommend him to the people of Haskell as an honest, conscientious, capable man, and we wish him the success he deserves in his new home and place of business.—Texas Spur.

Mr. Dunn arrived in Haskell a few days ago and is now associated with the West Side Pharmacy. The Free Press extends to him a cordial welcome to our city.

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"	25.	"	"	" Axminister	"	27 x 54	"	"	2.50
"	35.	"	"	" Senator	"	36 x 72	"	"	3.50
"	50.	"	"	" Senator	"	36 x 72	"	"	5.00
"	60.	"	"	" Axminister	"	36 x 72	"	"	6.00

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HASKELL, TEXAS, May 11, 1912.

The fly must go if you want
 health to stay.

Rip Van Winkles can not be
 classed as town builders.

Desire without a backing-up
 by energy never amounts to
 much.

Cotton is the profitable crop
 when everything to be consumed
 on the farm you can raise, is
 raised.

Put your shoulders to the
 wheel and let's have a cleaner,
 prettier and happier Haskell. We
 have a splendid foundation to
 work upon in each of these
 classes and it will take only a
 little energy and expense to ac-
 complish what we wish.

The training of good citizens is
 largely the work of the mother in
 the home. Her influence is a po-
 sitive factor for patriotism, morality
 and Christianity. If the mother
 be intelligent, patriotic and effi-
 cient in home-making, her children
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 to perform their duties in society
 and to assist in maintaining the
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 our long-time townsman, W. E.
 Spencer of the firm of Spencey
 & Richardson, druggists. Lacher
 Spencey is a young man of ex-
 cellent talents, fine ability and an
 ambition and high ideals worthy
 of the noble character he is so
 happily endowed. This is his
 first venture into the newspaper
 work, but we know personally
 that he has long had a yearning
 for the work, not particularly
 because of the financial allure-
 ments, because in many cases
 the newspaper has been anything
 but lucrative, but because of the
 great opportunity and avenue of
 usefulness that a man with the
 right kind of motives and high
 ideals may find in journalism.
 And we have an abiding faith in
 his "making good" as an editor,
 the success of which in a town
 like Mart usually bringing the
 financial support. We wish for
 him all the financial success that
 he and the good paper we pre-
 dict that he will issue may be
 able to attain, as well as a full
 realization of his dreams of wield-
 ing an influence among his fel-
 lows that will reflect credit upon
 himself and effect good for them.

A little time can be no more
 profitably employed than in keep-
 ing farm accounts. A merchant
 who did not know what his stock
 cost nor how the cash received was
 spent would not continue in busi-
 ness long. Yet there are thousands
 of farmers whose investment in
 land, livestock and other equip-
 ment represents as much as that
 of the average merchant in a
 small town, and these farmers
 keep no records of their operations.
 Are these farmers qualified to say
 that farming doesn't pay?—Farm
 and Ranch.

We could never see the econ-
 omy of a farmer failing to raise
 his own meat, depending upon
 cotton to buy his meat with.
 There is hardly a farmer in Has-
 kell county but who could raise
 all the meat his family would
 need, with hardly any expense
 or trouble.

If every citizen of our town
 had as much energy as he has
 desire to see a clean and beautiful
 town Haskell would soon be the
 cleanest and prettiest town in
 West Texas, for we have the nat-
 ural making of an ideal resident
 town as well as a profitable com-
 mercial point.

If the law of reaping what you
 sow holds good, you cannot hope
 to raise smiles by sowing frowns.

Every Day's The Day.

Business men who first cut out
 their advertising in their desire to
 cut down expenses simply cut off
 the light that illuminates the way
 to their own doors, and they have
 no cause to quarrel when the
 trading public loses their trail.
 When a merchant "lays down" on
 his job and ceases to go after
 business, he helps to make "hard
 times" and dull business. When
 business lags is the time to push it
 vigorously; that truth has been
 demonstrated over and over again,
 and shrewd business men are
 learning that newspaper advertis-
 ing is their best investment.—
 Hamilton Rustler.

The good advertiser, like death,
 hath all seasons for his own. To
 stop advertising because business
 is dull is equivalent to cutting out
 the horse's feed because he is poor.
 If John Wanamaker, for example,
 had followed that policy probably
 he would now be running a little
 store on a side street in Philadel-
 phia and lamenting his inability to
 make headway against "capital-
 ism."—Dallas News.

Summer Class.
 Those wishing to study with
 Miss Day this summer please
 communicate with her at once at
 the Hunt House or phone 100.

Farm Loans.
 If you want a loan on your
 land it will be to your interest to
 see me, as I am prepared to han-
 dle all good business offered, and
 can give you prompt inspections
 and satisfactory service.
 Better get that loan matter
 adjusted while prospects are
 good. Remember last season?
 J. L. Robertson,
 In State Bank, Haskell, Texas.

Silver Wedding Celebrated.
 (Continued from page 1.)

ago by the Houston ladies of San
 Jacinto Chapter. Many invita-
 tions were sent to out-of-town
 friends and the presence of none
 was more heartily welcome than
 that of Mrs. McConnell's "old
 black mammy" who traveled
 many miles from Fayette coun-
 ty to be present at her "chiles"
 wedding for the second time.
 A hand painted guest book, the
 gift of Mrs. Bailey containing the
 names and sentiments of those
 present will long be cherished
 as a memento of this most enjoy-
 able occasion.

The following is only a partial
 list of the guests. Many of
 whom failed to register, and
 consequently we could not ob-
 tain a complete list:


Messrs and Mesdames C. D.
 Long, H. R. Jones, J. A. Bailey,
 A. W. McGregor, Jno. B. Baker,
 A. M. Getz, F. G. Alexander, W.
 P. Garvin, Bruce Bryant, Scott
 Key, R. E. Sherrill, Oscar Mar-
 tin, J. U. Fields, Hardy Grissom,
 Clyde F. Elkins, O. E. Patterson,
 Earl Cogdell, J. W. Meadors,
 Henry Alexander, T. C. Wil-
 liams, C. M. Hunt, J. F. Collier,
 J. L. Odell, Bert Brockman, H.
 S. Wilson, J. W. Collins, C. D.
 Grissom, T. A. Williams, R. C.
 Montgomery, Hollis Fields, J. F.
 Posey, D. W. Pitchford, Mat-
 thew Alexander and John Oates.
 Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Hills of Rule,
 Mesdames B. H. Getz (Ft Worth)
 O. M. Guest, W. W. Fields, D.
 M. Winn, W. P. Whitman, John

bench and bar.

His career as a lawyer has
 been one of continued success,
 and he has enjoyed the confi-
 dence of the business man as
 well as the poor. He has had
 the most extensive, successful
 and desirable practice of any
 lawyer in west Texas. He
 has enjoyed a prestige and ex-
 ercised an influence that aroused
 the envy of many rivals,
 but, be it said to his credit he
 always rose above jealousy, and
 used his influence to elevate
 the standard of the social and
 moral status of his com-
 munity, and in the practice of
 the law he was honorable and
 ethical, and never violated an
 agreement. He depended on a
 knowledge of the law of his case
 and the facts as they were, for
 success, and never resorted to
 trickery. He never boasted
 of his power to influence
 juries or suborned witnesses to
 commit perjury, by which to win.
 He prepared his cases for trial
 and did not depend on the false
 rulings of a friendly judge to
 save him from defeat. He pos-
 sessed a thorough knowledge
 of the rules of pleading and
 practice, and was quick to take
 advantage of the defects of an
 opponents method. To him the
 theory of a case, as shaped by
 the facts, the pleadings, the rul-
 ings of the court and the law
 were as clear as the noonday
 sun. We have often seen him
 out-wit both a shrewd lawyer
 and a hostile judge. Above all
 he has been a good citizen. His
 estimable wife has been his
 equal in the womanly sphere,
 and has helped to shape and
 guide the social and moral ideal
 of a new community. She pos-
 sesses an individuality, that dis-
 tinguishes her as self possessed
 and free from all questionable
 conventionalities, strong of char-
 acter, sure of her position, and
 has set young womanhood an ex-
 ample worthy of emulation.

On May third, A. D. 1912, this
 worthy couple celebrated their
 25th anniversary at their home
 in this city, surrounded by life
 long friends. The occasion was
 a happy one, long to be remem-
 bered by those who attended,
 who will bear in their memories
 the beautiful ideals typified in
 the lives of Judge and Mrs. Mc-
 Connell.

**NO SIR, I CAN'T
 GET APPENDICITIS**



WILL MARR
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Experience is the modern in-
 structor.
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 others.
 It may save your life.
 The experience of friends and
 neighbors.
 The testimony of Haskell peo-
 ple
 Will bring renewed encourage-
 ment.

Here is a case in point:
 J. W. Wiggins, Haskell Texas,
 says: "About two months ago
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 pains through my loins when I
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 and take no other.

She Didn't.
 "Don't you think," Mrs. Brown
 remarked one Sunday afternoon,
 that we should be considering
 Mary's future? It's time she was
 married; she's already 24 years
 old."
 "Oh, I shouldn't worry," replied
 old Brown languidly. "Let her
 wait until the right sort of a man
 comes along."
 "Why wait?" returned Mrs.
 Brown, "I didn't."

"Nails."
 "Nails are mighty good things
 —particularly finger nails—but I
 don't believe they were intended
 solely for scratching, though I used
 mine largely for that purpose
 for several years. I was sorely
 afflicted, and had it to do. One
 application of Hunt's Cure, how-
 ever, relieved my itch, and less
 than one box cured me entirely."
 J. M. WARD, Index, Texas.

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City Building Notes.
 By Commercial Secretaries.

Find the weak point in your
 city then apply a remedy.

When capital sees the smoke
 pouring forth from many high
 smokestacks he promptly pulls
 out his bank roll.

If you wait until you see what
 the other fellow is going to do,
 you won't get anywhere.

If you can't interest your
 home people in the city, don't
 expect outsiders to take notice.

Look after the little enterprise
 —the large ones usually look
 after themselves.

It isn't always the skyscraper
 that makes the city, a factory
 with a big pay roll will do twice
 as good.

Be on friendly terms with
 your competitor, even if you ex-
 pect him to steal a march on you
 the next day.

To abuse an investor is to lose
 him.

Be sure you have something
 to talk about when you boost
 your city.

Boosting and boasting are two
 different things, but both may
 be used to advantage in building
 a city.

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 surance Henry Johnson has the
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 Veasy Jones and Ella Day.
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 H. Bell.

In 1886 Judge H. G. McCon-
 nell of this city graduated in the
 law department of the State Uni-
 versity at Austin and moved to
 this city when he began the
 practice of law. On May 3rd,
 1887 he was married to Miss
 Nola Hill of Austin, and this
 couple have ever since made
 Haskell their home. At the
 time of their marriage, Judge
 McConnell was a fine specimen
 of manhood, morally, mentally
 and physically. Mrs. McCon-
 nell was beautiful and accom-
 plished and represented the
 highest type of young woman-
 hood. Time has only embellish-
 ed these splendid qualities.
 Judge McConnell soon won dis-
 tinction as a lawyer and rapid-
 ly gained recognition from the

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HASKELL, TEXAS, May 11, 1912.

W. B. Anthony, of Austin, arrived in the city Thursday. Mr. Anthony was once a resident of Haskell. He established a ranch on the Salt Fork of the Brazos river in the western part of the county in the winter of '84 and '85, and built the first house in the western part of the county. In hauling the lumber for the ranch house he made what was known as the "F2" road, which was the first road leading west out of Haskell. In 1890 he was elected sheriff of Haskell county and was instrumental in driving the out-laws from the county and sending them to the penitentiary. He has many old friends in Haskell county who are always glad to meet him and have him visit Haskell.

Lacy English Dead.

On last Monday, May, 6th, A. D. 1912, Lacy English passed away at the home of his brother, D. B. English of this city, after a short illness, and was buried in the Haskell cemetery on Tuesday following. The deceased was born May 11, 1870, and came to this county about two years ago. He died of the dreaded disease of meningitis. He has been engaged in buying and shipping cattle and horses with his brother the past two years. Besides his brother, D. B. English, he is survived by his brother Roy English, who is a prominent candidate for county clerk of this county. The deceased has made many friends since coming to Haskell, who will regret to learn of his untimely death. The Free Press extends sympathy and condolence to the bereaved relatives and friends of the deceased.

Old Fashioned Ice Cream Festival.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist church will give an old time ice cream social on the court-house lawn Thursday evening May 16th. The candidates are invited to be there and make their opening campaign speech. The lawn will be well lighted and seats provided—lets everybody go, buy a saucer of cream from the ladies and have a good time as of old.

The Missionary Society will have its regular Bible study next Monday May 13th, with Mrs. T. A. Williams as leader. The lesson is found in the last seven chapters of Leviticus.

Reporter.

An Old Citizen Sick

Mr. W. C. Jones of this place has been quite low for some time at the residence of his son-in-law, T. B. Russell. His sons J. L. Jones and J. F. Jones of Rule and Joe Jones of Somerville, Jud Jones and Ed Jones of Eldorado have been in attendance upon their sick father. The elder Mr. Jones is 85 years old and is not expected to live.

Notice.

Every body welcome to loaf with me—glad to have you.
Rube Brewer

"Are you waiting for me dear?" she said, coming down stairs at last, fixing her hat.
"Waiting?" exclaimed the impatient man. "No; not waiting—sojourning."

A Nice Birthday Occasion.

At her home 300 Crockett and Lamar Streets Monday afternoon Little May Belle Taylor celebrated her seventh birthday with a two hours entertainment for a few of her little friends. The parlor was tastefully decorated with roses and honeysuckle and there the little ones were entertained with amusing games by Mesdames Taylor and Richardson for one hour, Little Nelma Richardson being awarded the prize for the Donkey game. Then they were shown into the dining room where they partook of refreshments. At each place a little candle burned and around it was a wreath of roses and honeysuckles. The table was aglow with beautiful decorations of pink and white, which hung from the ceiling to each corner of the table. Little Thelma Chambers was successful in drawing the piece of cake which interpreted her fortune as to be the first bride of the party. After passing from the dining room they were taken out on the lawn where they indulged in fun and frolic until 6 o'clock. Then kodak pictures were made of the little party by Mrs. Marshall before departing. Many nice presents were presented to Miss May Belle among which was a beautiful hand painted fan by Jack Russell and a large sleeping doll by her mother. Those present were Arlene Hunt, Thelma, Vivian and Liska Chambers, Eva B., Lucile and Nelma Richardson, Virginia Gilbert, June Smith, maugareite McCollum, Anita Grissom, Lina Russell, Lewis Marshall, John L. McCollum and Jack Russell.

A Guest.

Notice to the Public

I have finished my work of assessing Haskell county. I have endeavored to see everybody, but if I have missed anyone, if they will come in within the next few days I will enter their property on the roll. Please do this immediately as I will have to make my reports up next week.

J. W. Tarbet,
Tax Assessor.

A lady came down from upstairs and asked the manager of the hotel if she could get a glass of water at once.

"Why, certainly, madam," said the manager, filling up a glass from the water cooler.

Two minutes later she was back in the office again.

"I don't like to trouble you," she said, "but could I get another glass of water right away?"

"No trouble at all, madam," said the manager handing her another glass.

Two minutes later she appeared again. This time she asked for two glasses.

"Certainly, madam," said the affable manager, "but could I inquire what you are doing with so much water?"

"Well," she said, "I don't want to frighten you, but my room is on fire and I'm trying to put it out."

A Preachers Wife Surprised

On last Saturday night while all alone at home, trying to look after and take care of the home, making it possible for my husband to go and tell the news of salvation to a lost world, there came to my house with Grandma Stogner, to introduce the surprise, a number of the South-side sisters, bringing with them many useful things for a preachers wife and children. Then following this a real heart-felt service, including talks and prayers by the sisters, which will be realized, yea, felt in my heart for days to come.

May God bless the noble sisters who knew so well how to cheer a lonely heart.

Mrs. Nellie Jones.

Heartfelt.

The Kid (after his first cigar)—
"Gee! I wish Wickersham had killed that terbacker trust!"
Puck.

My Lady of the North

THE LOVE STORY OF
A GRAY JACKET

By Randall Parrish
Author of
"When Wilderness Was King"

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CHAPTER XXVII.

An Embarrassing Situation.

It was well into the third day when we came down into the fertile valley of the Cowskin. It had proven an uneventful ride thus far, for we had met with no adventures and had observed little worthy of consideration from a military standpoint.

While constantly observant of those points regarding which I had been dispatched, my one overmastering thought during all those hours was the possibility of again meeting with Edith Brennan and proving of some assistance to her. Her greeting of me in the Federal hospital had been so sweetly gracious, so marked with tender sympathy, while the memory of her words, and even more of the look which accompanied them, had so remained with me in encouragement that I longed to encounter her again. God knows what I hoped for, for I knew well it must all inevitably end in despair, yet like the moth I must continue to singe my wings until the flame devoured me. Now, however, as we actually drew near to where I supposed she might be, I felt my earlier courage fast deserting me. Nor was I furnished with even the slightest excuse for pressing on; my orders did not positively compel me to proceed, and nothing appeared along the way to lead me to suppose that harm of any kind threatened that peaceful valley. Everything meeting my eyes evidenced that here, at least, was with its attendant horrors had not come. Totally without the beaten track of those great armies which had battled so fiercely for the Shenandoah, it had been traversed only by a few scouting and foraging parties, and so short had been their stay that even the rail fences remained undisturbed to guard the fields, and nowhere did I note outward signs of devastation. It was Virginia as I recalled it in those old days of peace and plenty, before civil strife had sown the land with dead.

What possible excuse, then, had I for going there? In my own heart I knew I had none, or one so poor and selfish I scarcely durst whisper it even to myself; yet I rode steadily on, impelled by my own weakness, or drawn irresistibly by fate—whichever the real cause I know not—I would at least look upon those walls that had once sheltered her, would learn if possible if she was yet there. Then—well, in the bondage of my passion I hoped for what might happen, as every lover does.

It must have been two o'clock; we had halted our horses, I remember, an hour previous; and the Sergeant had enjoyed his noonday siesta beneath the shade of a great bush bearing purple blossoms. The road we had been traveling since early morning wound in and out among great trees, and crossed and recrossed the little stream called the Cowskin until I almost thought we had lost our way. We met with no one in all the long day's riding, not even a stray negro, and indeed it was some hours since we had passed a house of any kind. I was riding beside me, pointed to the westward.

"Cap," he said, "that's the place."

The very sight of it was a thrill—a great thrill placed well back of my eyes, almost hidden from me by the large trees on either side of the narrow house. It was a small, one-story building, built after the colonial fashion, and surrounded upon three sides by a high wall to support the roof.

"Hain't no one here," I kin see of any trouble," he said.

Jed said slowly, his gray eyes roaming over the scene. "Somebody's been here, fer ther chimney is all soot."

Of course there, the only sensible thing to do would have been to go to the front door, and see all I desired. But what was I to do, who is continually in a state of weakness, ever does the thing I had certainly intended to do at the start, but now I was in a fix. She was the one I could not confess to, and to come to her in love, to look into those clear, honest eyes and lie.

"Sergeant!" I called.

"What's up, Captain?"

"I want to see the men down into that hollow, and remain there until I better post a sentry on the hill."

"Be done, Captain."

"I don't probably be absent an hour, so don't permit the sentry to stray."

"It, Captain. I will be mit over."

"Down alone into the thick woods at the foot of the hill, sat Edith, mending her horse to a sapling. Then on foot I struck across the fields, my intention being to come in by the way of the negro quarters at the rear, in hope of meeting some one from whom I might inquire relative to the great house and its inmates.

It was a slight upward trend of land I had to traverse, and although the house was a most slightly object and stood upon the very summit of the elevation, yet so surrounded was it with trees, both fruit and ornamental, I was enabled to make but little of its situation until I approached the out-buildings. I met with no one, nor could I perceive any negroes about the slave quarters. Yet the place did not bear the appearance of desertion. There were horses in the stable, a cat was curled up on one of the cabin door steps, and smoke continued to pour in a dull yellow cloud from the kitchen chimney. Altogether there was much in the situation to puzzle ever, and I no longer regretted that I had exercised some caution in my approach.

The orchard, with the remains of a garden, lay between the house and the stable, protected by a low fence of whitened pickets. So far as I could observe, it contained no occupant, and I pushed open the gate and started down a narrow cinder-path which led between two rows of low bushes. To right of me was an extensive grape-arbor, completely covered with vines, the fresh green leaves forming a delightful contrast to the deep blue sky beyond. As I came opposite an opening leading into this arbor I suddenly caught the flutter of drapery and stopped instantly, my heart throbbing like a frightened girl's. It was quite dark beneath the vine shadow, and I could make out no more than that a woman stood there, her back toward me, busied at some task. Possibly she felt my presence, for all at once she glanced around, and upon perceiving me gave vent to a quick exclamation of terror.

"Pardon me," I said hastily, and removing my hat, "but you have nothing to fear."

There was a moment's hesitancy on her part, and I knew I was being scrutinized by a pair of bright eyes.

"Surely," said a familiar voice, "I cannot be mistaken—you are Captain Wayne."

Before I could even answer she stepped forth from her partial concealment and advanced toward me with cordially extended hands. It was Cella Minor.

"Well, of all men!" she cried gaily, her dark eyes smiling a most kindly welcome. "And Edith and I were speaking about you only yesterday. That is, I was, for really I do not recall now that Edith made any remark apropos of the subject. You have no idea, Captain Wayne, what a hero I have made you out to be. It would make you positively vain if I should confess; why, Arthur has actually become so jealous that he has almost forbidden me even to mention your name in his presence. So when I want to talk about you I am compelled to go to Edith. She hasn't power to stop me, you know, but I'm sure I must bore her awfully. And then to think that when you stood there just now, and I saw your gray uniform, I actually thought the guerillas had come. My heart beats so now I can hardly talk. But how pale and hard you look—is it that wound which troubles you?"

"I have been discharged from hospital only a few days," I answered, as she looked at me with a smile.

"Indeed, this is a very good service for several months. I am feeling quite well now. Mrs. Brennan, then, is all right?"

"Oh, she has been here all winter. She has been so dull, for nothing has happened, and the place is so devoid of inhabitants that the negroes have gone hunting for game. Major Brennan and Arpan were here this afternoon, and I saw them together."

"I was as I was to meet Brennan, I do not desire that we should meet in the presence of his wife. Better, far better, would it be for me to leave at once and without even seeing her."

"You say you are about to depart?" I asked, determined to learn all possible regarding their plans. "Do you go North?"

"Yes, to Baltimore and Washington. The guerillas are becoming so desperate in this neighborhood that we are actually afraid to remain here longer. They attacked the Cuyler plantation, only ten miles from here, two weeks ago, killed old Mr. Cuyler, turned his wife out partially dressed in the middle of the night, looted the house of everything it contained of value, and then set it on fire. You see we have no men folks here, except two negroes, who have clung to us because they were so aged they were afraid to leave—just mamma, Edith, my old nurse, and myself. It seems so lonely, and Major Brennan and Arthur both insist it is no longer safe. So they are coming with a cavalry escort to take us all North. I am sure we shall have a splendid time."

"You have experienced no trouble, then, thus far?"

"Oh, none at all—we have not even been bothered by scouting parties. Oh, I do not mean you; you are no bother. But yesterday there was a horrible man here; he came to the kitchen door, and asked all sorts of impudent questions. Mrs. Bungay actually had to threaten him with a gun before he would leave."

"Is Maria Bungay here, then?"

"Why certainly; do you know her? Isn't she a delightful old dear—just as good as a man."

"Her husband is with my party."

"Jed—really? Why, do you know, Maria has got it into her head that he had run away from her. I should so love to witness their meeting; it would be most interesting. But you must come into the house. Captain Wayne; Edith will be overjoyed to see you again, although you know she is never demonstrative, as I am. It must be awfully nice to be always cool and calm, don't you think?"

Determined that I would not be tempted, I yet hesitated, and my vivacious companion too everything for granted at once.

"Oh, before we go in, won't you do me a favor?" she asked. "But of course you will. I was trying to tie this grapevine into place when you surprised me, but I could not hold on with one hand and tie with the other. See what I mean?" And placing one slender foot upon a slat of the trellis she lifted herself up until she could barely reach the refractory branch.

"Now," she said, smiling down upon me, "please just hold me here for a moment until I secure this end."

My hand was scarcely upon her in support when the slender slat snapped

beneath her weight. As she fell I caught her with both arms. For a moment she lay, panting and startled on my breast; then, as with a little laugh she disengaged herself from my embrace, we stood there hand in hand and face to face with Edith Brennan.

"Shall I ever forget the look within her eyes? How plainly I saw it, although she stood half hidden beneath the shadow of the vines. Amazement, incredulity, scorn were expressed there, yet even as I marked them all became merged into proud unconsciousness. She would have turned away without a word, but my companion stopped her.

"Edith," she cried eagerly, "do you not see? This is Captain Wayne."

She turned toward me and slightly inclined her head.

"I recognized Captain Wayne," was her calm answer, "and regret greatly having intruded upon him. It was entirely unintentional, and I have no desire to remain."

I could not have spoken at that moment to save my life. It fairly stunned me to realize the construction she so plainly placed upon the situation.

Her cheeks were flushed, although I had not seen her since the day she had been so suddenly free with you. Edith," she exclaimed sharply, as the latter turned her back upon us. "Perhaps it would be as well for you first to ascertain the truth."

"You wholly mistake," was the calm reply. "I have not presumed to criticize. Why should I? It is not a matter which interests me in the least. I presume you have no further objection to my returning to the house?"

She did not so much as deign to look again at either of us, but as she moved slowly out of sight Miss Minor turned and looked into my face with questioning eyes. What she may have read there I know not, but she sank back upon a bench and burst into a merry peal of laughter.

"Isn't it perfectly ridiculous!" she cried, as soon as she was able to speak. "Only I do hope she won't tell Arthur."

CHAPTER XXVIII.

We Capture a Courier.

The girl's light burst of laughter aroused me thoroughly to a sense of our situation.

"You seem to derive much amusement from a condition of affairs almost intolerable to me," I said bitterly. "I have always valued most highly the friendship of Mrs. Brennan, but this unfortunate occurrence will doubtless end it."

She glanced up at me, her long lashes wet, but her dark eyes sparkling with mischief.

"Oh, she won't care so far as you are concerned," she exclaimed indifferently. "But I suppose she will think I am perfectly horrid. Well, I don't care if she does; she might have waited and learned the truth first. Wasn't her face a study? And how shall I ever explain to Arthur so that he will understand? I'm sure I have got the worst of it. Oh, Captain Wayne, is my hair all ruffled up? I know I look like a fright. You must come in now, and we will explain to Mrs. Brennan the whole matter. She cannot help believing us both, while I know she would be so cold and proud to me alone."

I shook my head decisively. Perhaps it was better ended so; at least I possessed no courage just then to face her indignation. She might but deem we had concocted our explanation, and would very likely receive it

with all the scorn she felt it deserved. Besides, it was clear there was nothing I could do to aid them. I should be now merely an unwelcome intruder. An escort was to be there shortly to convey them northward, and for me to be found in their company by Brennan would only inflame him and add greatly to the embarrassment of his wife's position. Much as I might long for immediate vindication in her sight, the plain duty of true love was to depart at once, and permit time to straighten out the tangle.

"You must pardon me," I hastened to say, standing hat in hand before her, "but it would not be best for me to intrude upon Mrs. Brennan after her late reception. I merely halted here in order to assure myself of your presence and safety. My men are even now waiting for me a few hundred yards away."

"But I wish you to meet Arthur."

"Oh, I think not, Miss Minor. I feel warm friendship for Lieutenant Caton, but we wear different uniforms, serve under different flags, and a meeting here, both with armed forces behind us, would naturally have to be a hostile one. However the Lieutenant and I might consent to a temporary truce, his superior officer, Major Brennan, would not likely prove of the same mind."

"Then you really must go?"

"Unless you specially desire to witness a cavalry skirmish in your front dooryard, I certainly consider it best," and I held out my hand. "Surely we part as friends, and I may hope that you will intercede in my behalf with Mrs. Brennan?"

She rose up impulsively.

"How ridiculous; how supremely ridiculous! Why, of course I will, though I don't suppose Edith really cares very much, but she believed it would be highly proper to be shocked. I don't think she likes you so very well anyway, Captain Wayne, for she never will talk about you."

With these cheering words ringing in my ears, and feeling thoroughly defeated in every cherished hope, I strode savagely down the long hill and mounted my horse. How roughly fortune had suffeted me, to be sure, and how extremely small the inspiration left. Well, perhaps I deserved it for ever permitting myself to love one whom I knew to be the wife of another. Doubtless she had seized upon this slight pretext to be rid of me, and was already rejoicing over its easy accomplishment.

In my agitation I forgot entirely the presence of Maria Bungay at the house, and ordering my men into saddle prepared for departure without giving a thought to the little fellow and his domestic troubles. I chose the road leading toward the northwest, for although I had not asked the question I conceived it highly probable that Brennan and his party would ride from the Federal cavalry quarters at Colter's Church, and I had no desire to meet them. They were upon an errand of mercy of far greater importance than my revenge.

As we swung along through the heavily timbered land fringing our road, Bungay pressed his mule into a gallop, and succeeded in ranging ahead of us. I was in my disturbed state of mind amused at his conduct, although I had not seen him since the day he had been so suddenly free with you.

"I am sure you will be all right," I said to myself, as I saw the little fellow's mule start to back. "He will be all right, but I am sure you will be all right."

"Why?" I stared at him, now thoroughly aroused to the thought that he had important news to communicate.

"Wal," he explained slowly, "whin ye wint off, I sorter tuk a notion ter look 'bout a bit. Used ter be an ol' stompin' ground o' mine. So Dutchy an' me clumb that big hill back o' whar we halted, and by gum, down thar in ther gully on t' other side thar's a durned big camp o' fellers."

I reined up short, and with uplifted hand signalled the men behind to halt.

"Why didn't you tell me this before?" I questioned sternly. "How many were there? and what did they look like?"

He scratched the back of his head thoughtfully, and answered with careful deliberation. "Durn it, I didn't jine ye till after y'd started, an' I reckon as how it took me all o' tew mite ter git this yere blame mual up ter whar I cud talk. Thar's quite a smart bunch, but they had some pickets out, an' I cudn't git close 'nough ter tell sakin'. Dutchy thought thar was nigh onto two hundred o' 'em, but I jist don't know. They wasn't dressed like sojers o' either army, an' I reckon they're out o' ther hills."

I glanced at my little handful of men, scarcely knowing what decision it might be wise to make. Undoubtedly they would fight if occasion arose, but the odds were terribly heavy; besides, if Brennan came, and his party got away that same evening, as was planned for them to do, then it might not be necessary for us to strike a blow. I was certainly in no mood to expose my small command merely to save the empty house from destruction.

(To be Continued.)

"Mrs. Mulligan," said Mrs. Ginty, "is it well yer faling today?"

"Yis, very well."

"And strong?"

"Yis, quite strong."

"Thin, p'rhaps, it's able ye'd be to bring back that washtub yer borried last Monday."

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LOCAL NOTES

O. P. Thomas of Abilene was in the city Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Odell are visiting at Winters, Texas.

Mrs. Mable Burke left Tuesday for Fortales, N. M.

Miss Hallmark visited friends at McConnell Sunday.

Judge A. C. Foster of Rule was in Haskell Monday.

Bring your eggs and poultry to Co-operative Store.

I. P. Carr made a business trip to Fort Worth this week.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Pitchford visited Seymour Tuesday.

Ther. Bowman made a business trip to Stamford Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Collins were visiting at Weinert Sunday.

New line of screen doors at the Haskell Lumber Co's. Yards.

G. E. Courtney made a business trip to Wichita Falls Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Pierson of Rule were in the city Monday.

Scott Key made a business trip to Stamford Wednesday night.

Wanted—\$3,000 worth of Haskell Co. scrip. J. H. Meadors.

We are looking for poultry in exchange for Haskell county land. J. G. Williams.

In last week's issue we stated that J. C. Pence had gone to a barber when it should have been M. Pence.

Chas. McGregor was in from his ranch Wednesday, and reported a good rain at his farm this week.

W. J. Brewer, of Rising Star, special deputy of the Texas Odd Fellows visited the lodge here this week.

J. A. Stephens of the Benjamin Bar, passed through Haskell Wednesday on his way to Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Couch of Munday visited their sons, Messrs. G. R. and J. A. Couch Jr. of this city this week.

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Rev. W. P. Garvin, pastor of the Methodist church, announced last Sunday that a revival meeting would be held at that church beginning Sunday, May 19th.

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H. L. Sherrill of Temple was in Haskell this week. Mr. Sherrill owns a large farm between Haskell and Rule in this county.

I have some small farms in Comanche county to trade for Haskell county land. See me at once. J. D. Kinnison.

Miss Grace Barlow left Tuesday for her home at Tompson in south Texas. Miss Grace has been visiting her sister, Mrs. John Thomas of this city.

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Mr. Reichle of the south side took the train here Wednesday for Wichita Falls.

Miss Flora Tandy of Oklahoma is visiting her sister, Mrs. S. W. Scott of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Kinney of Spur were visiting the family of Mr. Richie this week.

Mrs. Coslett has gone to Jayton where she has accepted a position as a nurse in that city.

Mrs. A. C. Sherick and brother left Tuesday for the home of Mr. Grogan at Byers, Texas.

Cecil Koonce and son, Master Wayne spent several days in Wichita Falls this week.

C. C. Archer left Tuesday for Fort Smith, Ark., where he contemplates moving his family.

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B. C. Duke left Monday for Calvert City, Ky. He will return later in the summer to Haskell.

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Misses Blanch and Edith Baldwin of Windom are visiting their cousin, Mrs. J. U. Fields of this city.

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Miss Beryl McConnell, who came home from school to attend the celebration of the 25th anniversary of the wedding of her parents has returned to her school at Dallas.

Dr. A. G. Neathery has returned from Austin where his family has been for some time and his son Hale has been taking a preparatory course to enter the State University.

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Guy Street has a letter from his father stating that the Mills county court house burned Sunday night, and lost most of the records because the officers had not closed the vaults.

The Ladies of the Woodmen Circle will unveil the monument of Mary Alice McCullough the 2nd Sunday in May at 3 o'clock at Roberts School House. Everybody invited to attend.

Mr. J. R. Walton of the West Side Pharmacy was operated upon for appendicitis at Abilene last week, and the operation was entirely successful. He returned to his family Thursday.

As we go to press we are unable to give a report of the splendid entertainments given by Miss Day's class in expression the latter part of the week. We will endeavor to give a good report next week.

Next Sunday will be set apart as Mothers' Day, and will be appropriately observed in a union service at the Methodist church next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. In another column we publish a program of this service.

Payments, hereafter, for lights will be required to be made at light plant office or by check not later than the tenth of each month and if not paid by this time service will be discontinued. It is too expensive to keep a collector. Haskell Power Co.

H. G. Ashley, who lives near Pinkerton, was in the city Monday and called to see us to renew his subscription. Mr. Ashley says they are needing some rain in his section, but the prospects are still bright for a good crop.

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Dr. E. E. Gilbert has been appointed local deputy of this county by The Modern Order of Praetorians, a fraternal insurance order. He has some safe and good insurance policies he can sell at a low premium.

Mr. Norman Hancock arrived here Thursday via Stamford, where he was met Wednesday by his brother, Mr. Marvin Hancock. He stayed over one day with his parents and left for the "road" again Thursday.

The public schools closed last week. The Free Press would have liked to give a good report of the school work for the past year in this issue, but we could not obtain the data. We hope to be able to do so next week.

Mrs. P. F. Yoe has returned from a visit to relatives at Seymour. While in that city she attended the commencement exercises of the high school, and had the pleasure of seeing her grand daughter, Miss Nellie Yoe, graduate.

Mrs. O. F. Kolb received a telegram last Friday announcing that her father, Rev. Norwood, was critically ill at his home in Durant, Okla. Mrs. Kolb left Saturday morning to attend his bedside, but Mr. Kolb received another telegram Saturday stating that Mr. Norwood died Friday. Notice of his death as clipped from the Durant paper appears in another part of this paper. The Free Press deeply sympathizes with Mrs. Kolb in her bereavement, which is all the more grievous because it has only been about a year since death claimed her mother.

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that if said note should be placed in the hands of an attorney for collection, or if collected by legal proceedings, to pay 10 per cent additional on the principal and interest due as collection fees; said note being payable to the order of the said defendant, Mrs. Laura Bryant, at Haskell, Texas.

Whereby the said defendants became liable and bound and promised to pay said note according to its legal and tenor and effect.

That said note was executed as part of the purchase price of certain real estate, situated in Haskell County, Texas, which was on said 10th day of May, 1909, conveyed to the said C. M. Hunt and J. J. Stein by the said Mrs. Laura Bryant, and which said real estate is described in said deed as follows, to-wit: Being out of the James M. Cass Survey, No. 57 in said county and described by metes and bounds as follows: Beginning at the S. W. Corner of said Cass Survey for the S. W. Corner of the land hereby conveyed; Thence N. following the W. line of said Cass Survey, 1072 1/2 vrs. for corner Thence E 562.4 vrs. Thence S 1072 1-2 vrs. to a stake in the South line of said Cass Survey for the S. E. Corner of that tract hereby conveyed; Thence W. along said South line 562.4 vrs. to the place of beginning, containing 100 acres of land, in which said deed and in said note the vendor's lien was expressly retained to secure the payment of said note.

That plaintiff in due course of trade and for a valuable consideration acquired said note and a written transfer of the said vendor's lien from the defendant, Mrs. Laura Bryant.

That after the said acquisition of said land by the defendants, C. M. Hunt and J. J. Stein, as set out in paragraph III, hereof said defendants, C. M. Hunt and J. J. Stein by their deed of writing conveyed said land to the defendant L. W. Williams, the said defendant Williams assuming therein, as a part of the purchase price for said land, the note herein sued on.

That the said above mentioned deeds from the defendant, Mrs. Laura Bryant to the defendants, C. M. Hunt and J. J. Stein and from said defendants, C. M. Hunt and J. J. Stein to the defendant L. W. Williams are alleged to be in the possession of the defendants, and they are each and all hereby notified to produce same on the trial of this cause, to be used as evidence therein in behalf of plaintiff, otherwise secondary evidence will be used to prove their contents.

That said note is past due and wholly unpaid, except that the interest has been paid on same up to November 1st, 1911, and the defendants though they have each and all been requested to pay same, wholly refuse, and plaintiff, the legal and equitable owner and holder of said note and of said lien, after the maturity of said note placed same in the hands of Gordon B. McGuire, an attorney at law, for collection under contract to pay him the said 10 per cent collection fees which is alleged to be reasonable for his said services.

Plaintiff prays for judgment on note and for foreclosure.

Herein fail not, and have you before said Court, on the said first day of the next term thereof, this Writ, with your endorsement thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Haskell, Texas, this 17th day of April A. D. 1912.

[SEAL] Guy O. Street,
 Clerk District Court Haskell County, Texas.

An old negro was brought to trial in a Southern town for stealing a chicken. "Rastus," said the judge before sentencing him. "I am about to give you two months. Have you anything to say for yourself?"

"Good Gawd, boss! Two months! For stealing one hen! All I got to say is, boss," declared the negro, "tain' no use to sen' me to no jail for two months for stealin' one chicken, 'cause ef I spent two months in jail for ev'ry chicken I done stole, I mought as well done been bawn in jail."—Home and Farm, London.

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Citation by Publication

The State of Texas; To the Sheriff or any constable of Haskell County Greeting:

You are hereby commanded, that you summon, by making publication of this citation in some newspaper published in the county of Haskell for eight weeks previous to the return day hereof, the heirs of S. F. McCannless, deceased, whose names and places of residence are unknown, to be and appear before the Hon. District Court, at the next regular term thereof to be holden in the County of Haskell, at the courthouse thereof in Haskell, Texas, on the 27th day of May A. D. 1912, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 9th day of March A. D. 1912, in a suit numbered on the docket of said court No. 1365, wherein J. E. Davis is plaintiff and The Unknown Heirs of S. F. McCannless, deceased are defendants.

The nature of the plaintiff's demand being copied from plaintiff's original petition is as follows:—

1. That heretofore, to-wit: On the 1st day of October A. D. 1911, the plaintiff was lawfully seized and possessed of a certain tract or parcel of land situated in Haskell County, Texas, hereinafter more fully described, holding the same in fee simple; that on the day and year last aforesaid the defendants, the heirs of S. F. McCannless, deceased, wrongfully and unlawfully and forcibly entered into possession thereof and ejected plaintiff therefrom and now wrongfully withhold from the plaintiff the possession thereof to his damage \$500.00

That the premises so wrongfully entered upon by the defendants and withheld by them from the plaintiff are bounded and described as follows:

Share No. 1—According to decree of Partition made and entered in the District Court, and the minutes thereof, of Haskell county, Texas, at the March term of said court, 1889, described by metes and bounds as follows: Beginning at a stone mound from which a dead mesquite bears S. 61 W. 23 1/2 varas, and was made for S. W. corner of J. B. McCannless survey, 1900 varas North of S. E. corner of L. Howerton survey which is identified as the original corner; thence North at 540 varas a branch, 1522 varas, a pile of stone with mesquite sticks laid on same for corner; thence East 659 1/4 varas, stone mound for N. E. corner; thence South crossing branch 1522 varas to a pile of stone, on south side of small branch for S. E. corner; thence West following S. B. line of original grant 659 1/4 varas to the place of beginning, containing 178 acres of land, same being part of J. B. McCannless survey of 1280 acres situated in Haskell County, Texas, Abstract No. 318, certificate No. 53, survey No. 47, patented to the heirs of Jno. B. McCannless on Feb. 8, 1858 by patent No. 1057, Vol. 3. That the annual rent of said premises is of the value of \$500.00.

2. Plaintiff's claim and title to the land here sued for is set out as follows: (a) Patent from the State of Texas to the heirs of J. B. McCannless conveying 1280 acres of land, fully described in patent No. 1057, Vol. 3, dated Feb. 8th, 1858, (b) A Decree of partition between the heirs of J. B. McCannless, deceased, made and entered by the District Court of Haskell county, Texas at the March term 1889, together with all proceedings in connection therewith, in cause No. 42, styled N. L. McCannless et al vs. J. A. McCannless et al then pending in said court, under which the 178 acres here sued for was decreed to and vested in S. F. McCannless, (c) Deed from the heirs of S. F. McCannless, deceased, to W. B. Anthony, conveying said 178 acres; dated Feb. 13th, 1897, recorded in Vol. 18 page 291 of the deed records of Haskell County, Texas, (d) Deed from W. B. Anthony to B. H. Dodson conveying said 178 acres, dated March 23rd, 1897, recorded in Vol. 18 page 427 of the deed records of Haskell County, Texas, (e) Deed of Trust from B. H. Dodson to W. B. Anthony, Trustee for the Haskell National Bank, conveying in trust the 178 acres here sued for dated June 26, 1899 and recorded at page 67 of Vol. No. 8 of the deed of trust records of Haskell County, Texas, (f) Trustee's deed from J. W. Collins, substitute Trustee for the Haskell National Bank under the foregoing deed of trust to J. A. Price; conveying the 178 acres of land here sued for dated August 7th, 1900 and

recorded at page 391 of Vol. 21 of the deed records of Haskell county, Texas, (g) Deed from J. A. Price to plaintiff, J. E. Davis, conveying the 178 acres here sued for, dated March 2nd, 1901 and recorded at page 429 of Vol. 16 of the Deed records of Haskell County, Texas.

3. That all the deeds, transfers, and other documents mentioned and referred to in 2nd subdivision of this petition are in the possession of the defendants and they are each hereby notified to produce same upon the trial of this cause to be used as evidence or else that secondary evidence of their contents will be introduced.

4. Plaintiff further claims title and ownership of the 178 acres of land here sued for under and by virtue of the Texas Statutes of limitations of three, five and ten years which he pleads as follows: (a) Plaintiff says that defendants should not have, hold or recover any of said 178 acres from him because he has had and held peaceable, continuous and adverse possession under title and color of title from and under the State of Texas of the lands and tenements described in 1st subdivision of this petition for more than three years before the commencement of this suit and after any cause of action in behalf of any of the defendants for the recovery thereof accrued, (b) Plaintiff says that defendants should not have, hold or recover any of said 178 acres of land from him because he and those whose estate he was claiming the same under a deed and deeds duly registered, has had peaceable, continuous and adverse possession of the lands and tenements described in 1st subdivision of this petition, cultivating, using and enjoying the same and paying all taxes due thereon for a period of more than five years before the commencement of this suit and after any cause of action in behalf of any of the defendants for the recovery thereof accrued, (c) Plaintiff says that defendants ought not to have, hold or recover any of said 178 acres of land against him because he claiming to have good and perfect right and title to the land and premises described in 1st subdivision of this petition has had and held peaceably the land claimed and adverse possession of the same, cultivating, using and enjoying the same, for a period of more than ten years before the commencement of this suit and after any cause of action in behalf of any of the defendants accrued.

5. Plaintiff says that the nature of the claim or title held or asserted by defendants or either of them to said land or any part thereof is unknown to him, and therefore he does not set out such claim or title in this petition.

6. Wherefore plaintiff prays for issuance of citation and the service thereof by publication as the law directs in this character of case, requiring defendants and each of them to appear at the next term of this court and answer this petition and that upon final hearing the plaintiff have judgement against all defendants for the title to and possession of the land and premises here sued for as well as his writ of possession, execution and cost of suit.

Herein fail not, and have you before said court, on the said first day of the term thereof, this writ, with your endorsement thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and seal of office, at Haskell, Texas, this 20th day of March, A. D. 1912.

Guy O. Street,
 Clerk District Court, Haskell County, Texas.

Issued this the 20th day of March A. D. 1912.

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 Clerk District Court, Haskell County, Texas.

Jas. C. Dahlmann, serving his third term as mayor, Omaha, Nebr., again was successful in receiving the overwhelming support of the voters in the primary election. He also successfully rid himself of a bad case of kidney trouble by the aid of Foley Kidney Pills, and writes: "I have taken Foley Kidney Pills and they have given me a great deal of relief, so I cheerfully recommend them." What Foley Kidney Pills have done for Mayor Dahlmann they will do for any other person bothered with backache, rheumatism, or any other form of kidney or bladder trouble. Just try them for quick and permanent results. For sale by Robertson's Drug Store.

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Mrs. Norris Makes Statement Regarding Husband.

Mrs. Norris makes the following statement: My husband bought a bottle of Hunt's Lightning Oil for Rheumatism. He has been bothered for over two years. It has done him a great deal of good and he thinks it will cure him. Mrs. Mollie Norris, Colbert, Okla. There is nothing better for Rheumatism, Neuralgia, and the like.

Heartfelt.

The Kid (after his first cigar)—"Gee! I wish Wickersham had killed that terbacker trust!"—Puck.

Flagged Train With Shirt.

Tearing his shirt from his back an Ohio man flagged a train and saved it from a wreck, but H. T. Alston, Raleigh, N. C., once prevented a wreck with Electric Bitters. "I was in a terrible plight when I began to use them," he writes, "my stomach, head, back and kidneys were all badly affected and my liver was in bad condition, but four bottles of Electric Bitters made me feel like a new man." A trial will convince you of their matchless merit for any stomach, liver or kidney trouble. Price 50 cents at Jas. R. Walton's.

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Citation by Publication.

The State of Texas. To the Sheriff or any Constable of Haskell County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded, that you summon, by making publication of this Citation in some newspaper published in the County of Haskell, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 39th judicial district; but if there be no newspaper published in said judicial district, then in a newspaper published in the nearest district to said 39th judicial district, for four weeks previous to the return day hereof. L. W. Williams, whose residence is unknown, to be and appear before the Honorable District Court, at the next regular term thereof, to be holden in the County of Haskell at the Court House thereof, in Haskell on the 27th day of May A. D. 1912 then and there to answer a Petition filed in said Court, on the 14th day of March A. D. 1912, in a suit numbered on the docket of said Court No. 1358, wherein H. C. Scott is plaintiff and C. M. Hunt, J. J. Stein, L. W. Williams and Mrs. Laura Bryant are defendants. The nature of the plaintiffs demand being as follows:

That heretofore, to-wit, about the 10th day of May, 1909, the defendants, C. M. Hunt and J. J. Stein made, executed, and delivered to the defendant, Mrs. Laura Bryant, their certain promissory note for (\$200.00), Two Hundred Dollars, dated May 10th, 1909, due January 1st, 1911 providing for interest at the rate of 8 per cent per annum from date, and further providing that the makers agreed

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Reply To I. N. Alvis in Haskell
Free Press, April 27, 1912.
By Fred C. Meadeck.

"A man must either be an anvil or a hammer." Certain it is that all are not anvils. Some are anvils and some are hammers, and our present school law seems to be going through a severe test.

In the first place, I have not heard any one who is truly in sympathy with education and the progress of learning utter a word against our present law. I have talked with many who at first opposed it, but when I made it clear to them they yielded their sympathy to it, and believed in its success.

Mr. Alvis declares the law unconstitutional, but does not cite us to the unconstitution that we may read and investigate. As touching school legislation, it is necessary only to read Sec. I, Art. VII of our Constitution of Texas, as follows:

"A general diffusion of knowledge being essential to the preservation of the liberties and rights of the people, it shall be the duty of the Legislature of the State to establish and make more suitable provisions for the support and maintenance of an efficient system of public free schools."

Analyze this provision in whatever way you desire, the result is the same—namely, the Legislature has a constitutional right to exact any laws it deems necessary when it tends to better the condition of our common schools. When Mr. Alvis denies the right of the present law to exist he denies the authority of the Constitution.

Another objection he raises that the country is too thinly populated. Here the law ought not to stand in the way; for in a thinly populated community the teacher would not be hampered by an over-crowded school, and the county board of trustees, of which Mr. Alvis is a member, will always permit the teaching of as many grades as is necessary.

In his third objection, however, is revealed the true spirit of his heart. In this he appeals to the people by magnifying the burden of taxes. It is this that has ignited flames of a bitter antagonism to the law. "New school houses would be required, and this must come from the school fund, then the school term is ruined by being cut too short." Later he complains that owing to the children having to stay at home and work till Dec. 15th to February 15th the school term is forced to be cut too short to admit of high school work.

If Mr. Alvis has the school inter-

ests of Texas at heart he would not lift his voice against new school houses. I know some farmers barns are more comfortable than some of our school houses, and Mr. Alvis knows this is true. The teacher and the pupils have a right to be given a comfortable school house. If good work is to be done in the school house, the house must be constructed to fulfill all requirements of comfort and sanitation. This requires taxes and it does not matter what the school law may be. Mr. Alvis and his co-workers would probably object to higher taxes even if the present laws were repealed. Retrospection takes place in any community or country when its citizens think more of money than of morals and education. We can not remain in the ruts where we have been. We must rise to the higher plains of progressiveness; we must lend our force to the advancement in learning.

Another weak point in Mr. Alvis' article is the assertion that prior to this law the children could "teach the point of a first grade certificate within the prescribed free school limit." He is mistaken. He knows that under previous laws at least seventy-five per cent of rural teachers held second grade certificates and a large part were county certificates; some even held third grade certificates. How, under heaven, could such a teacher develop a pupil for first grade work? Under the present law no one can teach above the seventh grade with a second grade certificate, and this a very sensible feature of the law. If Mr. Alvis is right in thinking that scanning papers and gliding through grades is all there is to an education, and that thoroughness is not to be considered, our strenuous efforts for higher education is a mere farce. But he is wrong, since all our best and highest educators, as well as the educated masses, are heartily in sympathy with the law.

But in considering the efficiency of school work, let us go a little further. Suppose school opens at 8:30 a. m. and closes at 4 o'clock p. m. This is giving 30 minutes more than the law requires. Taking out one hour for noon and 40 minutes for two recesses, we have three hundred and fifty minutes left for a day's work. For seven grades, according to our course of study as outlined by Mr. Brally, we would have not less than forty-one class recitations, or less than nine minutes to each recitation. Any one knows that very little, if anything, can be accomplished, or thoroughly developed, in so short a time. How could one teacher

do advanced work under such condition? The law does not intend to take a child out of school, or curtail the education of anyone; but it does intend to give the child more thorough training, a better school, and a better teacher. In other words the law aims to put the high school in the country where the child lives, and where he can get what Texas has provided for him.

Let us now go a step further and go to the bottom of school affairs, and get an intelligent idea of the work done in the common school districts as compared with the work done in the independent districts.

The value of school property of independent districts in Texas is \$16,602,342, while that of the common school districts is only \$6,644,998.

There are 633,016 scholastics in the common school districts and only 358,393 scholastics in the independent districts.

The independent districts have invested nearly ten million dollars more than the common school districts, and they have only a fraction more than half as many scholastics.

There are 565 independent districts in Texas, of which 527 levy a special maintenance tax, and 429 levy both bond and maintenance tax. But reports indicate that only about one half of the common school districts levy a local tax for school purposes. No wonder progressive farmers want to take their children to independent districts! But we also find that the number of days per term for the present year is 160 or 8 months in the independent school districts; in the common school districts the average length of term is 116½ days or less than six months.

The independent districts pay male teachers an average of \$96.75 per month and female teachers \$62.18 per month, while the common school districts pay male teachers an average of \$66.56 per month and female teachers an average of \$50.02. With such a splendid difference in salary, with so much more comfort in buildings, and with so much greater co-operation between teachers, trustee and patrons in the independent schools, we can readily see the reason why so many teachers leave the rural field and seek employment in the independent schools.

The daily cost per capita for maintenance is:

In Independent Dist. . . . 133-10c
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This last item shows that the maintenance in the independent schools is less than one cent per capita more than in the common schools. When we inquire into the cause of this great difference, we find it due to the fact that the average number of pupils per teacher in the independent schools is 34, while the average number of pupils per teacher in the common schools is only 23. These figures are based on the actual daily attendance. This is an item strongly in favor of consolidation.

Now let us investigate the advantages of consolidation. Suppose that district A has 60 scholastics and district B has 90. The State County apportionment this year is \$6.80, but something must be allowed for expenses. We have a net apportionment in Haskell county of about \$6.50 per capita. We may now arrange a statement as follows:

	State & county	Local tax
Dis A	3.90	1.25
Dis B	5.85	2.25
total	9.75	3.50

"A" would employ a teacher at \$75 per month in order to get one with experience. "B" would employ two—a principal at \$75 per month and an assistant at \$50.

This gives "A" a six months term with \$65 remaining for incidentals, and "B" a six months term with \$60 remaining for incidentals. Suppose now that "A" and "B" were consolidated with the same number of pupils. The net apportionment would be the same,

Senator Coke, Jr.



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and the number of teachers would be the same, but the result would be as follows:

State & Co. app'rtm't.	\$9.75
Local tax	\$3.50
Total	\$13.25

They employ a principal at \$80 per month, an intermediate teacher at \$55, and a primary teacher at \$50, or a total salary of \$185 per month.

This would give them a seven months school with \$30 remaining toward incidentals, and the expenses of this school would not be any greater than the expenses of district "B" above. No additional taxes have been raised for maintenance, everything else remains the same as before consolidation, except the cost of a new commodious house. We nearly re-adjust the pupils so as to give each teacher the general average as in the independent schools.

These statements are not theoretical. They are living truths. They are being carried into practice in Texas and they prove a success.

I hope that the trustees and patrons of the rural schools will earnestly and thoughtfully consider the facts that I have enumerated. The present law seeks to give to every child the full benefits of high school education. They have never had this advantage before, and under the present law, if the parents are in earnest about their children's welfare, a high school education lies at their own door. When we deal with school matters we must lay aside all selfishness and consider the common interests, remembering that each school is not an individual and private institution, but only one branch of a great system that involves the whole State of Texas.

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J. E. McKeen, 1301 Cleveland St., Wichita, Kansas, reports: "I suffered from kidney trouble, had severe pains across my back, and was all played out. I began taking Foley Kidney Pills and there was a decided improvement. Finally the pain left entirely and I am fully cured of all my kidney trouble." Sold by Robertson's Drug Store.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Subject to the action of the Democratic primary in July, 1912.

For Representative of the 102nd Legislative District:
R. B. HUMPHREYS, (Re-election)

For District Attorney:
JAS. P. STINSON (Re-election)

For County Superintendent:
T. C. WILLIAMS, (Re-Election).
D. F. BELLENGER.

For County Judge:
A. J. SMITH, (Re-election).
H. R. JONES.

For County Attorney:
GAYLORD KLINE,
F. L. DAUGHERTY,
OSCAR MARTIN,
C. B. (Buford) LONG.

For Sheriff:
W. D. Falkner, Re-Election.

For District Clerk:
L. C. ELLIS,
GUY O. STREET, (Re-Election).
E. W. LOE.

For County Clerk:
JOHN L. ROBERTSON,
JESSE D. HALL,
ROY ENGLISH.

For Tax Assessor:
R. H. SPROWLS,
J. W. TARBET, [Re-Election].
OTIS B. SMITHEE.

For Tax Collector:
J. E. WALLING, [Re-Election].

For County Treasurer:
EMORY MENIFEE [Re-Election].

For Public Weigher, Precinct No. 1:
A. T. CREWS,
C. H. RUSSELL, (Re-Election).
E. L. NORTHCUTT.

For Public Weigher, Precinct No. 2:
WILL MABRY.

For Commissioner Precinct No. 1:
R. C. WHITMIRE, [Re-Election].
T. A. WILLIAMS,
J. S. MENEFFEE,
J. A. PARISH.

For Commissioner Precinct No. 2:
B. H. OWSLEY,
W. J. FAIRIS—Re-Election.
J. T. THERWHANGER,
E. L. RIDLING,
W. R. HUNT.

For Commissioner Precinct No. 3:
J. B. DAVIS—Re-Election.
S. R. RIKE

For Commissioner Prec. No. 4:
G. W. SOLLOCK, [Re-Election]
R. D. C. STEPHENS,
D. M. GUINN.

For Justice of the Peace of Prec. No. 1:
J. S. POST, [Re-Election].

For Constable Precinct No. 1:
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County News Items

Interesting Facts Gathered During the Week by Our Regular Correspondents.

Post.

Dear Editor and Chats:

How are you all enjoying this fine weather.

Health is good, presently.

John Davis and family of Haskell spent Friday with Dave Livingood and wife.

Grandpa and Grandma Adams spent Sunday with their son, Clayton Adams.

D. R. Livingood and wife made a trip to Stamford Monday.

Rev. Flenniken filled his regular appoint here Sunday.

Eli Breeden of Vernon was in our community Saturday and Sunday.

Harrison Adams and wife spent Sunday with Dave Livingood and wife.

Miss Lizzie Davis visited Miss Myrtle Keahey.

Miss Alice Livir good spent Wednesday eve with Miss Johnnie Kerton.

Bob Malone and wife spent Friday night with Frank Elmore and wife.

The farmers are busy planting this week.

Mrs. Will Curd of Stamford is visiting her father and mother this week.

Blue Eyes.

Henry Ferris, Hadar, Nebr., is the father of ten children and for the past 20 years has used Foley's Honey and Tar Compound with the best of results. He tells us: "I think Foley's Honey and Tar Compound is the best cough medicine in the world for I have used it for the past 20 years and can recommend it to anyone needing a cough medicine." Sold by Robertson's Drug Store.

Rose Items.

Dear Editor and Chats.

Health in our community isn't very good at this writing.

Mrs. S. W. Henshaw is ill and will leave soon for Temple, Texas, for an operation.

Mrs. Earnest Stein has been very sick for the past few days.

The little daughter of Mr. Bland has been real sick.

Rev. George Piland filled his regular appointment at Rose Sunday morning and delivered a fine sermon.

There was a large crowd attended singing Sunday evening. Let each and every one come

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every Sunday eve, and take a part in our singing.

A large crowd attended singing at Jim Rose Sunday night. Susie and Alice Bishop visited Nancy Piland Sunday eve.

J. C. Bland and family; R. E. Barton and family and Mr. Bland and wife of Sayles community spent Sunday with D. J. Barton and family.

Ella Arthur spent Saturday with Mrs. Harve Rainwater.

Mr. Burson and wife of the Roberts community spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. Hayes and wife.

Mrs. D. J. Barton spent Saturday and Sunday of last week in town with her son, D. C. Barton and family.

Mr. Bland and wife of Sayles visited their son, J. C. Bland and family Saturday and Sunday.

Maud Arthur is visiting her cousin, Mrs. Rainwater.

The daughter of Mr. Z. T. Rose and wife are visiting them this week from Bell county.

Susie Bishop spent one night last week with Mrs. Cora Hayes.

J. S. Keister and wife were in our community a short while Sunday evening.

Clarence and Milton Bland Spent Friday night with Edgar Barton.

Mrs. Vinson spent one day with Mrs. D. J. Barton last week.

Clyde Gordon, Bud Smith, Earl and Arthur Barton and Minnie Barton attended the party at Mrs. Powell's Saturday night and all reported a fine time.

Iola Hollis spent Saturday night with Irene Gordon.

There was a large crowd attended the party at J. C. Bland's Wednesday night. All reported a fine jolly time.

Minnie Barton spent a few days with Mrs. D. J. Barton of town last week.

Claude, Charlie and Elishe Thomas of Ballew attended the party Wednesday night.

Earl Barton of town spent from Saturday until Monday with Arthur Barton.

Mr. Hayes and wife of Whitman are visiting Mose Hayes and wife.

Mesdames D. J. and R. E. Barton visited Mrs. Henshaw Monday eve.

J. C. Bland made a business trip to Seymour Wednesday.

All right, Red Wing, come on again.

Best wishes to one and all.

Mocking Bird.

Mrs. M. Bishop, Columbus, Kansas, suffered from a weak back a good many years, as a result of kidney trouble. "I began taking Foley Kidney Pills and soon after the pain left my back and today I am fully cured." For sale by Robertson's Drug Store.

Sayles.

Good morning to all you chatters and readers, I am glad to be with you all after a two weeks absence.

I would have been with you sooner but have been as busy as a "cranberry merchant" during Christmas times. Does that give you an adequate idea?

My! but didn't that junior Editor and wife have an enviable vacation? I thought it was grand as described by him. I imagine it is so nice, any way, to visit our wife's kinfolks, never experienced such, but am sure it would be a great delight.

There was a good crowd at singing here Sunday afternoon. A number of communities were represented. Prof. Mansfield and Mr. "Barney" (Oldfield) Kinnison of Haskell were here to enjoy the excellent singing.

Miss Dotson who has been teaching in the Haskell public

school, visited her brother of this community Saturday and Sunday. W. S. Fouts and G. O. Hardeman made a business trip to Haskell Saturday.

M. H. Guinn and family visited in Haskell Saturday.

Mrs. J. L. Bledsoe visited her sister, Mrs. G. O. Hardeman, Sunday.

Miss Vella Fouts who is teaching at Vernon, visited relatives here Saturday and Sunday.

South Haskell singing convention is to meet at Joe Bailey Sunday.

Mrs. A. D. Wilson of Center Point community entertained the young folks Friday night with an apron party and several other games. Prizes were awarded for the best hemmed apron. Miss Fouts and Mr. Neil were the winners. Miss Mayes and Mr. Hardeman were the winners of the booby prize which was a big red stick of candy.

"Snookums" hurry, do not make it so long between your letters; for they are enjoyed by many. Luck to all,

Judge.

It would surprise you to know of the great good that is being done by Chamberlain's Tablets. Darius Downey, of Newberg Junction, N. B., writes, "My wife has been using Chamberlain's Tablets and finds them very effectual and doing her lots of good." If you have any trouble with your stomach or bowels give them a trial. For sale by all dealers.

Whitman.

Good morning Mr. Editor and Chats, how are you enjoying this fine sunny weather.

Health in our community is good at this writing.

Several of the farmers have maize and cotton up that is looking fine.

Mr. Clarence Massie visited home folks at Powell Saturday night and Sunday.

Sam Cearley and Robert Hayes took supper with Charley Bledsoe Sunday night.

A large crowd attended the singing at G. L. Hayse Sunday night of last week, all reported good singing.

Miss Beulah Hayse spent last week with her brother, Mose Hayes of Rose Chapel.

Hilery Stone of Haskell attended Sunday school at Whitman Sunday eve.

Mr. John Lamkin of Haskell made our Sunday school a present of twelve new song books for which we thank Mr. Lamkins very much.

There was a musical entertainment at Miss Nellie Couch's Wednesday night, all reported a nice time.

Messrs. Cearley and Stanley spent Sunday with Steve Leflar and family.

Miss Thelma Bledsoe spent Saturday night with the Hayes girls.

Miss Freddie Lancaster is visiting her cousin, Maggie Decker this week.

Alice Adams visited Lome Bledsoe Sunday evening.

G. L. Hayes and family visited their son, Mose Hayes, of Rose Monday and Tuesday.

Virgil Bailey visited Charlie Quattlebaum Sunday.

Fred and Willie Smith visited relatives of this place Sunday.

Tom McNeely spent Sunday with his father of this place.

Paul Frierson and family visited A. A. Frierson Sunday afternoon. Misses Thelma Bledsoe and Effie Hayes spent Thursday with Minnie McNeely.

Mrs. Mosier of Rule is visiting her daughter Mrs. Jim Ferrell this week.

I will ring off and leave room for better writers, best wishes to the Free Press.

Rosebud.

Tomlinson's Letter.

Simmons' Liver Purifier is the most valuable remedy I ever tried for constipation and disordered liver. It does its work thoroughly, but does not gripe like most remedies of its character. I certainly recommend it whenever the opportunity occurs.

M. M. TOMLINSON, Oswego Kansas. Price 25c.

Northeast Haskell.

Health in our community is good at present.

Mrs. Smithee of Memphis is visiting her son, G. Smithee, of this place.

Haley Patton and daughter, Miss Myrtle were shopping in Haskell Tuesday.

Misses Lena Whatley and Callie Webb and Harve Smithee visited Misses Bulah and Hettie Tredwell and brother, Phillip, Sunday evening.

Mrs. W. T. Boatwright visited Mrs. K. D. Webb Tuesday.

Haley Patton and family spent a few days with Mr. Whitaker and family Sunday night and enjoyed ice cream.

Mrs. Gus Myers and daughters, Misses Lena and Lizzie, visited Mrs. W. T. Boatwright Sunday.

Otis Smithee and sisters visited Phillip Tredwell and sisters Sunday evening.

Mrs. C. Sears and children visited Mrs. N. A. Grisso Sunday evening.

Lindon Webb, Ollie and Earl Sears visited Earl Smithee Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Lakey and little daughter of the Sayles community visited his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Grisso Saturday night and Sunday.

Miss Myrtle Patton and Luther Horn visited in the city Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. K. D. Webb and children returned Saturday from a visit to their daughters, Mesdames Tankersley and Jackson, of near Albany. They were accompanied home by their little son, Lindon, who has spent the last few months with his sister, Mrs. Jackson, and attended school.

Misses Vera Sears, Sallie and Maggie Tredwell visited Miss Kate Smithee Sunday evening.

Wiley Whatley, C. D. and Hugh Webb visited Phillip Tredwell.

Kellie Sears visited Willie Myers Sunday.

The singing at Mr. Smithee's Sunday night was enjoyed by all who attended.

I'll be going, with best wishes.

Blue Bells.

Letter From Mrs. Goforth.

Mrs. Z. E. Goforth, 2119 Holly street, Kansas City, writes: "After using a sample bottle and two 25-cent bottles of Hunt's Lightning Oil, I am almost well of Catarrh. It stops my headaches. It is the best medicine I ever saw, and I can't just keep house without it." She is right.

Vontress.

Greetings to the editor and scribes and the Free Press' many readers.

We are behind the times as the good old Free Press doesn't often come our way.

Health is very good in our little berg at present.

Cotton planting is the order of the day. The hail of Friday night did considerable damage to some crops. Those that had cotton up will have to plant over.

A. Mayfield and daughter, little Gladys were in Weinert Saturday.

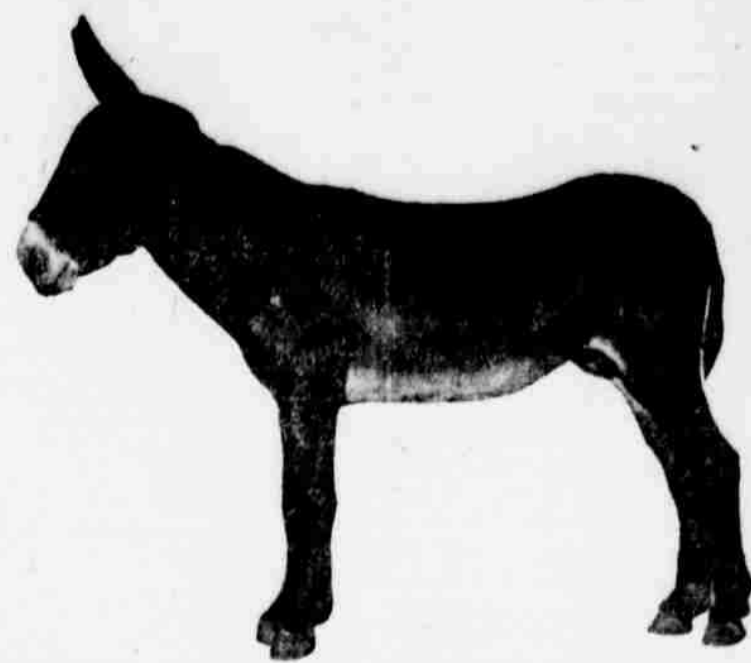
There was singing at Mr. Gilbreath's Sunday eve.

Death claimed its victim and A. J. Via, kindly called Grandpa Via, passed from this world to the promised land on the evening of April 25th, 1912.

Grandpa was taken ill Monday and lived until Thursday. The Lord blessed him in not leaving him to suffer long. Grandpa had never had much sickness in his life. If he had lived he would have been seventy-two the first day of June. He is gone, no not gone, but just away. We can go to him, which is much consolation if he cannot come to us. His wife had been dead twenty-eight years, the 10th of April.

Think what a reunion that must have been. He leaves five children to mourn his death. A. J. Via of Sherman; W. J. Via of Vontress; Walter Via of Bartlett; Mrs. Ostela Smith of Cass Co., and Mrs. Berter Glaze of Gatesville. Besides many grand chil-

"BLACK PAT"



Black Pat is 2½ years old, 15 hands high, black Mammoth with white paunch. He will make the season at my place near the Haskell cemetery. Terms 10.00 to insure foal

I WILL also have the J. L. Linville horse, which I will make the season at my place, at \$10.00 to insure foal.

W. A. NEAL

Passed it Off Nicely.

Little Johnnie had gone to dine with the neighbors. His anxious mother very carefully cautioned him about his manners.

"Should you have any sort of accident, either say nothing about it or pass it off pleasantly and politely," she said.

Dinner was duly announced, and before he was through with the second course Johnnie found himself with his plate in his lap and his meat on the floor. Upon arriving home he was questioned by his mother, and to her related the story of his misfortune.

"And what did you say, Johnnie?" said she.

"Oh, mamma, I passed the matter off in the nicest kind of way. I looked at Mr. Jones and said, 'That is always the way with tough meat.'"

NO. 7825.

Report of the Condition of THE FARMERS NATIONAL BANK at Haskell, in the state of Texas, at the close of business April 18th, 1912.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and Discounts.....	\$ 56,772.25
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured.....	7.52
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation.....	25,000.00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds.....	249.00
Bonds, Securities, etc.....	1,078.60
Banking house, Furniture and Fixtures.....	10,550.00
Other Real Estate owned.....	1,000.00
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents).....	2,687.80
Due from State and Private Banks and Bankers, Trust Companies, and Savings Banks.....	470.25
Due from approved Reserve Agents.....	7,967.13
Notes of other National Banks.....	1,900.00
Fractional Paper Currency, Nickels and Cents.....	83.10
Specie.....	5,307.90
Legal-tender notes.....	300.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation).....	1,250.00
Total.....	\$114,713.55
LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in.....	31,000.00
Surplus fund.....	6,200.00
Undivided Profits, less Expenses and Taxes paid.....	827.91
National Bank Notes outstanding.....	25,000.00
Individual deposits subject to check.....	35,330.00
Time certificates of deposit.....	10,941.91
Cashier's checks outstanding.....	413.73
Bills payable, including certificates of deposit for money borrowed.....	5,080.00
Total.....	114,713.55
State of Texas, County of Haskell, ss: I, O. E. Patterson, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.	
O. E. Patterson, Cashier.	
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of May, 1912.	
H. M. Riko, Notary Public.	
Correct-Attest:	
R. C. Montgomery,	} Directors.
J. F. Pinkerton,	
T. L. Montgomery,	

Citation By Publication.

The State of Texas.
To the Sheriff or any Constable of Haskell County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded, that you summon, by making publication of this citation in some newspaper published in the county of Haskell for eight weeks previous to the return day hereof, the heirs of Starling McGraw, deceased, the heirs of John Draddy, deceased, the heirs of Samuel H. Smith, deceased, the heirs of Dewit C. Smith, deceased, the heirs of Wm. Smith, deceased, and the heirs of S. H. Martin, deceased, whose names and places of residence are unknown and also S. H. Martin and James P. Armstrong, whose places of residence are unknown, to be and appear before the Hon. District Court, at the next regular term thereof to be holden in the County of Haskell, at the Court House thereof, in Haskell, Texas, on the 27th day of May A. D. 1912, then and there to answer a Petition filed in said Court, on the 19th day of March A. D. 1912, in a suit numbered on the docket of said court, No. 1364, wherein W. C. Allen is plaintiff and the heirs of Starling McGraw, deceased, the heirs of John Draddy, deceased, the heirs of Samuel H. Smith, deceased, the heirs of Dewit C. Smith, deceased, the heirs of Wm. Smith, deceased, the heirs of S. H. Martin, deceased, the heirs of Wm. Smith, deceased, S. H. Martin and Jas. P. Armstrong are defendants.

The nature of the plaintiff's demand being copied from plaintiff's Original Petition is as follows:

1. That Plaintiff resides in the County of Haskell, State of Texas, that the names and places of residence of the defendants, the heirs of Starling McGraw, deceased, and of the defendants, the heirs of John Draddy, deceased, and of the defendants, the heirs of Samuel H. Smith, deceased, and of the defendants, the heirs of Dewit C. Smith, deceased, and of the defendants, the heirs of Wm. Smith, deceased, and of the defendants, the heirs of S. H. Martin, deceased, are unknown to the plaintiff, and that the places of residence of the defendants, S. H. Martin and Jas. P. Armstrong are unknown to the plaintiff.

2. That heretofore, to-wit:—On the first day of January, A. D. 1912, the plaintiff was lawfully seized and possessed of a certain tract or parcel of land hereinafter described, holding the same in fee simple, that on the day and year last aforesaid the defendants, each and all of them, unlawfully and wrongfully entered into possession thereof and unlawfully and forcibly ejected plaintiff therefrom and the said defendants now unlawfully and wrongfully withhold from the plaintiff the possession thereof to his damage, \$12,500.00.

That the premises so wrongfully entered upon by said defendants and wrongfully withheld by them from the plaintiff are bounded and described as follows:—314 acres of land in Haskell County, Texas, being a part of a survey No. 59, patented by the State of Texas to Starling McGraw on the 8th day of June 1877 by patent No. 609, Vol. 18, said 314 acres being described by metes and bounds as follows:—

Beginning at a stake, the S. W. Corner of survey No. 43 in name of G. G. Aiford, same being N. W. corner of this survey on bank of Brazos River from which a mesquite bears E. 125 varas, a bunch of cedar bears N. 66 deg. E. 6 varas; thence E. with S. line of No. 43, 2,700 varas to N. E. corner of this survey; thence S. pass N. W. corner of survey No. 58 in name of Arthur Slayden at 205 varas, at 656 1/2 varas, the S. E. corner of this 314 acres, a stake in E. B. line of Starling McGraw survey; thence W. 2,700 varas to a stake in W. B. line of Starling McGraw survey for S. W. corner of this 314 acre tract; thence N. down the river 656 1/2 varas to the place of beginning, and that the annual rent of said premises is of the value of \$1,000.00.

3. That the plaintiff's claim and title to said land is as follows: (a) First-class Headright Certificate No. 224, issued by the Board of Land Commissioners of Jasper County, Texas, for 1-3 league of land to Starling McGraw, (b) Patent issued upon said certificate, and its location, by the State of Texas to Starling McGraw on June 8th, 1877, being patent No. 609, Vol. 18, (c) Transfer of said certificate by Starling McGraw to Joseph Thomas, dated June 9th, 1838, and acknowledged by said McGraw before John Bevil, Chief Justice and ex-officio Notary Public of Jasper County, Texas, on the 5th day of March, 1839, (d) Transfer of said certificate by Joseph Thomas to W. G. Henderson, dated March 12th, 1870, and acknowledged by said Thomas before Israel Folsom, Notary Public

of Grimes County, Texas, on April 10th, 1870, (e) Deed from W. G. Henderson to Nat B. Davidson conveying the land as described in said patent, dated December 1st, 1876 and acknowledged by said Henderson before Bob F. Homan, Clerk of the District Court of Milam County, Texas, on December 4th, 1876, (f) Deed from Nat B. Davidson to C. E. Odem, conveying said land dated July 19th, 1882 and acknowledged by said Davidson before J. M. Hammond, County Clerk of Clay County, Texas, on July 19th, 1882, (g) Deed from C. E. Odem to M. O. Lynn, conveying said land, dated January 4th, 1886 and acknowledged by said Odem before T. J. Powell, Notary Public of Tarrant County, Texas, on January 11th, 1886, (h) Sheriff's deed (together with judgment and order of sale and return authorizing said deed in the case of Marx vs Odem in the District Court of Tarrant County, Texas) by A. D. Tucker, sheriff of Haskell County, Texas, to M. Marx, conveying all the interest of C. E. Odem and M. O. Lynn in all that portion of said survey lying in Haskell County, Texas, dated May 6th, 1890 and acknowledged by said sheriff before Oscar Martin, Notary Public of Haskell County, Texas, on May 6th, 1890, (i) Sheriff's Deed (together with judgment, with order of sale and return authorizing said deed in the case of Marx vs Odem in the District Court of Tarrant County, Texas) by J. C. McLaren, Sheriff of Stonewall County, Texas, to M. Marx conveying all the interest of C. E. Odem and M. O. Lynn in that portion of said land situated in Stonewall County, Texas, dated May 6th, 1890 and acknowledged by said sheriff before Herbert L. Posey, County Clerk of Stonewall County, Texas, on May 6th, 1890, (j) Deed from M. Marx to M. M. Caussey, conveying with other lands, the 314 acres described in 2nd subdivision of this petition, dated February 28th, 1902 and acknowledged by said Marx on same day before, B. I. Wilcox, Notary Public, Galveston County, Texas, (k) Deed from M. M. Caussey and wife to the plaintiff, W. C. Allen, conveying the 314 acres of land described in 2nd subdivision of this petition, dated March 24th, 1902 and acknowledged same day by said Caussey and wife before A. C. Foster, Notary Public of Haskell County, Texas.

4. That all the transfers, deeds and other documents referred to and described under subdivision of this petition are in the possession of the defendants and they are each hereby notified to produce the same upon the trial of this cause to be used as evidence or else the plaintiff will introduce secondary evidence of their contents.

5. That plaintiff further claims title to the 314 acres of land first herein described under the Texas Statutes of three, five and ten years limitations which he pleads as follows: (a) The plaintiff says that the defendants ought not to have, hold or recover the 314 acres of land sued for in this case because that claiming to be the true and lawful owner of same by the metes and bounds describing the same in 2nd subdivision of this Answer he has had and held under title and color of title from and under the State of Texas, peaceable, continuous and adverse possession of the lands and tenements so described for a period of more than 3 years before the commencement of this suit and after any cause of action in behalf of any of the defendants for the recovery thereof accrued, (b) The Plaintiff says that the defendants ought not to have, hold or recover said 314 acres of land from him because claiming the same under a deed and deeds duly registered, he and those whose estate he has, have had peaceable, continuous and adverse possession of same, cultivating, using and enjoying the same, and paying all taxes thereon for a period of more than five years before the commencement of this suit and after any cause of action in behalf of any of the defendants for the recovery thereof accrued, (c) Plaintiff says that defendants ought not to have, hold or recover any of said 314 acres of land from him, because he claiming to have good and perfect title to same as described in 2nd subdivision of this petition has had and held peaceably the land claimed, and adverse possession of same, cultivating, using and enjoying the same for a period of more than ten years before the commencement of this suit and after any cause of action in behalf of any of the defendants for the recovery thereof accrued.

6. Plaintiff says that the nature of the claim and of the title, or either, of any of the defendants of in or to the land herein sued for or any part thereof is unknown to him and he therefore does not set out the nature of such claim or

title.

7. Wherefore, plaintiff prays that citation in terms of the law be issued and served by publication as the law directs in this character of case requiring defendants and each of them to appear at the next term of this court and answer this petition and that upon final hearing plaintiff have judgment for the title to and possession of the land and premises herein sued for, as well as for his damages and rents above alleged and cost of suit, against all defendants and also for his writ of possession and execution.

Herein fail not, and have you before said court, on the said first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your endorsement thereon, showing how you executed the same.

Given under my hand and seal of said court, at office in Haskell, Texas, this the 20th day of March A. D. 1912.

Guy O. Street,
Clerk Dist. Court, Haskell County, Texas.

Issued this, the 20th, day of March A. D. 1912.

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Only A Fire Hero

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ejected plaintiff therefrom and the said defendants now unlawfully and wrongfully withhold from the plaintiff the possession thereof to his damage \$25,000.00.

That the premises so wrongfully entered upon by said defendants and wrongfully withheld from the plaintiff are bounded and described as follows: Situated in Haskell and partly in Stonewall Counties in Texas and being 640 6-10 acres of land off the south end of a survey patented by the State of Texas to Starling McGraw by patent No. 609, Vol. 18, dated June 8th, 1871, Abstract No. 705, Certificate No. 224, survey No. 59, beginning at the N. W. corner of survey No. 57 in the name of Arthur Slayden for S. W. Corner of this tract, from which a cottonwood bears N. 1 deg. E. 360 yrs. another bears N. 1 deg. W. 320 yrs; thence down the Brazos River with its meanders N. 1343 1-2 varas to a stake on the bank of said river; thence E. 2625 varas; thence S. 150 varas; thence E. 75 varas to a stake in the E. line of said Starling McGraw survey thence S. 1193 1-2 varas to a stake for the N. E. Corner of said survey No. 57 in the name of Arthur Slayden and the S. E. Corner of this survey; thence W. at 1825 varas, the valley of river, in all 2,700 varas to the place of beginning, containing 640 6-10 acres of land, and that the annual rent of said premises is of the value of \$2,000.00.

3. That the plaintiff claim and title to said land is as follows: (a) First-class Headright Certificate No. 224, issued by the Board of Land Commissioners of Jasper County, Texas for 1-3 league of land to Starling McGraw, (b) Patent issued upon said certificate and its location, by the State of Texas to Starling McGraw on June 8th, 1877, being patent No. 609, Vol. 18, (c) Transfer of said certificate by Starling McGraw to Joseph Thomas, dated June 8th, 1838 and acknowledged by said McGraw before John Bevil, Chief Justice and Ex-officio Notary Public of Jasper County, Texas, on the 5th day of March 1839, (d) Transfer of said certificate by Joseph Thomas to W. G. Henderson, dated March 12th, 1870, and acknowledged by said Thomas before Israel Folsom, Notary Public of Grimes County, Texas, on April 10th, 1870, (e) Deed from W. G. Henderson to Nat B. Davidson, conveying the land as described in said patent, dated December 1st, 1876 and acknowledged by said Henderson before Bob F. Homan, Clerk of the District Court of Milam County, Texas, on December 4th, 1876, (f) Deed from Nat B. Davidson, to C. E. Odem conveying said land dated July 19th, 1882 and acknowledged by said Davidson before J. M. Hammond, County, clerk of Clay County, Texas, on July 19th, 1882, (g) Deed from C. E. Odem to M. O. Lynn, conveying said land dated January 4th, 1886 and acknowledged by said Odem before T. J. Powell, Notary Public of Tarrant County, Texas, on January 11th, 1886, (h) Sheriff's deed (together with judgment and order of sale and return authorizing said deed in the case of Marx vs Odem, in the District Court of Tarrant County, Texas,) by A. D. Tucker, sheriff of Haskell County, Texas, to M. Marx, conveying all the interest of C. E. Odem and M. O. Lynn in all that portion of said survey, lying in Haskell County, Texas, dated May 6th, 1890 and acknowledged by said sheriff before Oscar Martin, Notary Public of Haskell County, Texas, on May 6th, 1890, (i) Sheriff's deed (together with judgment, with order of sale and return authorizing said deed in the case of Marx vs Odem in the District Court of Tarrant County, Texas,) by J. C. McLaren, sheriff of Stonewall County, Texas, to M. Marx, conveying all the interest of C. E. Odem and M. O. Lynn in that portion of said land, situated in Stonewall County, Texas, dated May 6th, 1890 and acknowledged by said sheriff before Herbert Posey, County Clerk of Stonewall County, Texas, on May 6th, 1890, (j) Deed from M. Marx to M. M. Caussey, conveying 336 6-10 acres of the land and premises described in 2nd subdivision of this petition, dated February 28th, 1902 and acknowledged by M. Marx before B. I. Wilcox, Notary Public of Galveston County, Texas, on February 28th, 1902, (k) Deed from M. Marx to W. C. Allen, conveying 314 acres of the land and premises described in 2nd subdivision of this petition, dated Feb. 28th, 1902 and acknowledged by said Marx same day before B. I. Wilcox, Notary Public of Galveston County, Texas, (l) Deed from W. C. Allen and wife, M. E. Allen to M. M. Caussey, conveying 314 acres of the land and premises described in 2nd subdivision of this petition, dated March 24th, 1902 and acknowledged by W. C.

Allen and wife before A. C. Foster, Notary Public of Haskell County, Texas, on March, 24th, 1902, (m) Deed from M. M. Caussey and wife, M. F. Caussey to the plaintiff, J. A. Flournoy, conveying all the land described in 2nd subdivision of this petition, dated July 1st, 1905 and acknowledged by said M. M. Caussey and wife before D. W. Fields, Notary Public of Haskell County, Texas, on July 1st, 1905.

4. That all the transfers, deeds and other documents referred to and described under 3rd subdivision of this petition are in the possession of the defendants and they are each hereby notified to produce the same upon the trial of this cause to be used as evidence or else plaintiff will introduce secondary of their contents.

5. That plaintiff further claims title to the 640 6-10 acres of land first, herein described under the Texas Statutes of three, five and ten years limitations, which he pleads as follows, (a) The plaintiff says that the defendants ought not to have, hold or recover the 640 6-10 acres of land sued for in this case because that claiming to be the true and lawful owner of same by the metes and bounds describing the same in 2nd subdivision of this answer he has had and held under title and color of title from and under the State of Texas peaceable, continuous and adverse possession of the lands and tenements so described for a period of more than 3 years before the commencement of this suit and after any cause of action in behalf of any of the defendants for the recovery thereof accrued, (b) The plaintiff says that the defendants ought not to have, hold or recover said 640 6-10 acres of land from him, because claiming the same under a deed and deeds duly registered, he and those whose estate he has, have had peaceable, continuous and adverse possession of same, cultivating, using and enjoying the same, and paying all taxes thereon for a period of more than five years before the commencement of this suit and after any cause of action in behalf of any of the defendants for the recovery thereof accrued, (c) Plaintiff says that defendants ought not to have, hold or recover any of said 640 6-10 acres of land from him because he claiming to have good and perfect title to same as described in 2nd subdivision of this petition has had and held peaceably the land claimed, and adverse possession of same, cultivating, using and enjoying the same for a period of more than ten years before the commencement of this suit and after any cause of action in behalf of any of the defendants for the recovery thereof accrued.

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