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Haskell Oil Mill Ships 100,000 Gallons Cotton Seed Oil

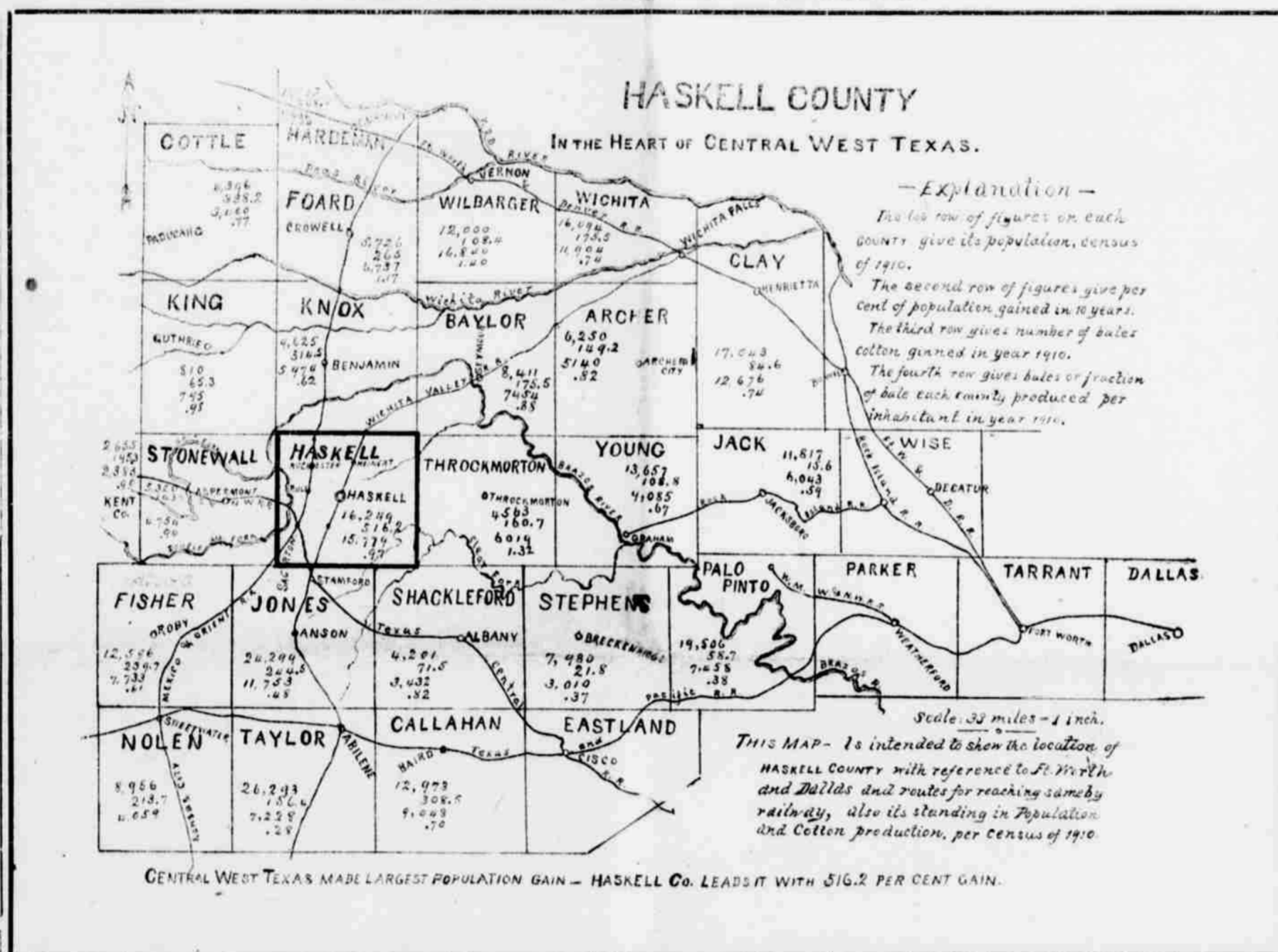
The Largest Shipment of Cotton Seed Oil Ever Made From West Texas---A Train of Ten Cars Valued at \$42,500.00---History of the Cotton Industry in Haskell County.

Last Monday Mr. Earl Cogdell, manager and owner of the Haskell Oil Mill, made one of the heaviest shipments of cotton seed oil ever made from West Texas. He shipped a train of ten cars that he sold to N. K. Fairbanks & Co., the Cottolene people. The shipment was about 100,000 gallons in round numbers, and sold for about \$42,500.00. The shipment goes to Chicago, Cincinnati, New York and New Orleans, to supply the Cottolene plants of those cities.

In the Spring of 1889, Mr. J. L. Jones, now of Rule, was induced to put up a gin at Haskell, and the few farmers in Haskell County agreed to plant some cotton. When cotton opened, the gin was in operation and the first bale ever raised in this county was gined at this gin located on the back end of the lot now owned and occupied as a livery stable by Jack Simmons. Every body in town and probably a majority of the farmers in the country were present and saw the bale of cotton as it rolled out of the press. The writer was present and was deeply impressed with the event that proved Haskell to be a cotton producing region. We were publishing the Free Press and turning to the old files we reproduce the following article published in the issue of October 19th., 1889:

"Mess. Jones and Smith have their gin in running order, and the first bale ginned was for J. O. Marey."

It was left however for Mr. Earl Cogdell who came here from Hood county, three years ago and who took charge of the Haskell Oil Mill and proved Haskell to be the champion oil producing section of all West Texas. Mr. Cogdell is a young man, and under his management the business has been made to flourish, and the fame and name of Haskell has been spread abroad among the cities, by the products of his plant, not withstanding



THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HASKELL.

Brief Description of the Location, Nature of The Soil, Products, Etc.

THE CITY OF HASKELL.
Haskell is located in the midst of the most beautiful and extensive stretch of level, smooth agricultural land in West Texas--east of the plains--a country whose productiveness has furnished it a profitable trade and made it one of the most progressive and well developed towns of its size in the state. Its population is 2,439.

Some of its enterprises and utilities: City water and sewer system; one large 3-story and two 2-story brick school buildings; Electric light and power plant; A 40-ton cotton oil mill; Grain elevator; Broom factory, 1,000 daily; Ice factory, 20 tons daily; Steam Laundry; Creamery; three cotton ginning plants; Bottling works; Ice cream factory; Three banks; Two newspapers; Opera house; Grist mill; Telephone system, \$100,000 paid capital, operating 1,000 miles and 16 exchanges; Street railway, 2 miles; Five churches; Elks, I. O. O. F., Praetorian, W. O. W., M. W. A., Masonic and K. T. Com. lodges. The Masons and Odd Fellows own good buildings.

The faith and confidence of Haskell people in their town and country is strongly evidenced in the fact that they supplied ninety per cent of the capital for the above enterprises. There are other opportunities awaiting the investors.

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the trying conditions prevailing for three years in this section. The writer came to Haskell in 1884, before the hand of man had ever tickled the virgin soil, and had any one predicted that we would be producing and shipping a train load of cotton oil in 1911, we could not have conceived of such a possibility. If we can make the progress and build the beautiful homes and build cities of concrete, brick and native stone and make such wonderful strides in manufacturing in the short space of a quarter of a century, what are the possibilities of the next few decades, with the influx of capital, and the

efforts that have made Haskell? This county, 30 miles square, 90 per cent level, deep rich soil with 16,000 population last year, organized in 1885 with a polled vote of .7 votes. Last year we produced one bale of cotton for every inhabitant. In Jan. 1885 when the county was organized, there was not a farmer in the county, wild mustangs, antelope semi wild cattle, and wolves in packs, roamed the prairie, and wild turkeys flocked by the hundreds on the creeks and streams.

There were no roads, and the prairie fires kept down the mesquite timber to mere switches.

Man came and battled with nature, and began to build homes and lay the foundation of civilized society. The struggle with the lawless element that sought the frontiers, by the sturdy christians home makers was long and trying.

For years only the poorer class of energetic sterling men and women came. They laid the basis of their hard earned fortunes. In 1890 when the railroad built to Seymour, we had a big influx of immigration and had a struggle over the county offices like we had last year, with the new comers arrayed against the old settler, but in the course of a year or two every body got located and become old settlers like we are now, and every body began in earnest to build a greater Haskell. In 1907, in the month of August the Wichita Valley R. R. reached Haskell. It found us building a substantial city. The panic of 1907 came and hit us hard but nothing could head off Haskell. The finest stores the finest residences in Haskell were built by the money made on the spot. Very few men of capital, have come to Haskell. Haskell has produced her professional men who would shine any where, she has produced financiers and business men, who have won success and the confidence of the business men of the commercial centers. There has never been a serious business failure in Haskell. Nothing can set her back. The broom factory will ship more brooms, the ice plant more ice, the creamery more ice cream and butter, the oil mill more oil, cake,

meal and hulls, and the city, from its abundant supply of crystal cool water, will continue as in the past to ship water to her neighbors.

With a fair crop this year Haskell will surpass all Texas in "health, wealth, and social distinction."



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Our Goods

Your Money

Let's Swap

F. G. Alexander & Sons

The Big Store

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OSCAR MARTIN, Ed. & Pub.
Office Phone No. 70

Entered at the Postoffice at Dallas, Texas, as Second Class Mail Matter.

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EAST BOUND
Due at 7:50 a. m.
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Due at 6:50 p. m.
Due at 5:17 a. m.

OLLETTE ENTERS PRESIDENTIAL RACE.

As Candidate of Progressive Wing of Republicans will Oppose Taft.

Senator La Follette will make his campaign as a Republican and protectionist, but as a foe of trust domination in the land in the country, and advocate of the elimination of the "snakes," "jokers," excessive protection that the existing tariff exacts on so many Republicans to Democrats. He will be the uncompromising foe, demanding their removal or destruction if it is humanly possible, will insist that the good country requires further of the powers of the Commerce Commission on the railroads. He will the widest extension and control over party through the platform and for greater legislation through the initiative. In a word, he will show the entire list of reforms to which the progressive Republicans of the Northwest are committed by this means he and others hope he will be able to put up at next year's Republican convention with so replete a quota of delegates that some of the program will be forced platform that will be based on which the man the nomination will make his contest before the Presidency the nominee of the Democrats' Political Game.

This "progressive" platformator La Follette hopes to be some of the prestige of the Republican progressivism lost since the beginning of this session of Congress. The criticism of the program set in when they began to play politics with reciprocity, as they are attempting to play it with the free list and wool tariff bill. It was apparent and it was admitted on the floor of some of the progressive Republicans, that they opposed Canadian reciprocity agreement because the credit that it brings to President Taft and to keep him in office for four years, if any, and that they were not blind that when the reciprocity agreement was made President Taft received a flood of spontaneous congratulations by mail and the people that

has come to him since he has been President. This attitude of the Republican progressives was generally interpreted as insincerity in the matter of tariff, as favoring protection in their own States, but favoring a low tariff in their section.

Contestants' Map.

Dallas, Texas, June 23. The Texas Industrial Congress has issued a Contestants' map, showing by counties the number of men, women, boys and girls in each, who are raising corn and cotton by intensive methods of cultivation with a view to securing better yields and conserving the fertility of the soil. 1,746 contestants are competing for the \$10,000 in cash prizes offered for the best yields, and are in effect conducting that many experimental farms in 160 counties, thus practically demonstrating in almost every section of the state the efforts of the Congress to educate the people in the use of better cultural methods. The map, which is the first one published for general distribution that shows the new counties created at the last session of the Legislature, may be obtained upon application to the Congress at Dallas.

MORGAN-BLEDSE.

Last Sunday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hardeman of the Sayles community, Prof. L. I. Morgan and Miss Lola Bledsoe were married, the ceremony being performed by J. W. Watson in the presence of a number of friends.

SUGGESTION TO GOVERNOR.

Winfield Writer Advises Him to Ask Legislature to Repeal All Laws Not Enforced.

The News has received the following:

Dear Governor: I see from the press of the state that you intend to call an extra session of the Legislature in August for the purpose of re-legislation of the State and making an appropriation bill. Now, Governor, as the Legislature can only legislate on such subjects as you submit to them, I wish to make a suggestion to you. I suggest that you call attention to the fact that the laws against murder, theft, arson, forgery, burglary, rape and, in fact, all the criminal laws we have on our statute books, are violated and that you recommend that all these laws, and others, be repealed. You and others say you oppose State-wide prohibition because the law will be violated. If that is any reason why we should not have a law prohibiting the sale of whiskey, which is admitted by every intelligent man to be a crime against humanity, is it not a good reason for not having other laws punishing wrong? You can not escape the logic of this proposition. Now, Governor, will you take our suggestion and be consistent? Turn Texas loose."

J. E. SHOOK.

Winfield, Tex.

T. J. Sims.

I have opened up again at the old stand. Full stock of assorted feed. Baled wheat and oats, two grades of chops, one of hand me down and one extra good chops. Can make any kind of mixture you want. White home ground meal, fresh. Will handle nigger head Colorado Coal. Phone, No. 170. T. J. Sims.

An Even Break.

Madge—But, Billy, the idea of three coaches to each man to put him in condition for the big game! Why, it's absurd!
Billy—Not any more so than three dressmakers, two maids, a hair dresser, and half a hundred female relatives putting you in shape for commencement.—Puck.

CLAIMS JUSTIFICATION.

Friends Make Bond For Dr. Alexander After Hearing.

Special to The News.

Abilene, Tex., June 20.—Dr. J. M. Alexander, one of the most prominent and highly respected citizens of this city, shot to death R. L. O'Neil at Stamford early this morning. The tragedy occurred at the Stamford Inn.

Dr. Alexander immediately turned his revolver over to the hotel clerk, remarked that he was justified in the deed and immediately surrendered to the Sheriff of Jones County.

Upon learning of the tragedy friends of Dr. Alexander hastened to Anson, county site of Jones County where they met him and the officials. Examining trial was entered into and bail granted in the sum of \$10,000, which was readily given. Numerous friends of Dr. Alexander, not only from Abilene, but from almost every town in this section, telephoned and telegraphed regrets and expressed their desire to sign his bond. Dr. Alexander is one of the most prominent physicians and surgeons in this part of Texas, and has hundreds of friends among all classes in Central West Texas.—Dallas News.

HICKEY CASE.

Wichita Falls, June 21.—

Five times tried on a charge of murder, four times convicted, once sentenced to prison for life, Walter Hickey, broken in health but cheerful in spirit hobbled from the Wichita county court-house a free man this afternoon after one of the hardest fights for freedom known in the court history in Texas. Hickey has been in jail the greater part of eight years while his case has dragged from one trial and court to another.

When he entered prison, he had health and vigor from life on the ranch. Today he is a helpless paralytic barely able to walk with the aid of crutches. When he entered jail he was a fairly well to do ranchman, today he is without a penny, his fortune having been exhausted in his defense. Hickey was charged with the murder of Tom Dixon near Haskell in 1903. His first trial in Haskell county resulted in a conviction and a sentence to life imprisonment. A new trial was granted, the venue changed to Jones county where two trials resulted in failures to agree. Subsequent trials were then had in Throckmorton and Wichita counties, the last resulting in a conviction and a sentence of twenty years. Last week this verdict was reserved and the case remanded for trial.

When the case was called from the docket in Wichita county district court this afternoon, District Attorney Foster, seconded by Prosecuting Attorney McConnell of Haskell county, moved that the case be dismissed and his motion was granted.

Hickey, overcome with emotion, could scarcely speak and after mumbling a few words of thanks, dropped back into his seat.

Rubber in Texas.

Texas has entered the list of rubber producing countries. Marathon, in Brewster county, Texas, has the distinction of being the town where the first plant for the extraction of rubber from the wild guayule shrub has been established. The enterprise has been a success from the beginning; so much so that preparations have been made to establish additional factories.

The shrub grows on what was, until now, practically worthless land in West Texas. The yield runs from one-half to a full ton of shrub per acre and at present is sold at \$100 per ton.

The crude product is shipped

GREAT PROHIBITION RALLY

There Will be a Great

District Prohibition Rally

At Stamford

Saturday, June 24th.

Commencing at 10 a. m.

AN ALL DAY MEETING

Prominent Speakers of State Reputation. Among others will be:

Hon. Thos. H. Ball of Houston. Will speak at 3 o'clock p. m.

Hon. Cone Johnson of Tyler.

Hon. C. H. Steele of Anson.

Rev. W. P. Meroney of Hamlin.

Judge W. T. Andrews of Stamford.

Hon. Thos. L. Blanton of Abilene.

Let all Prohibitionists attend

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to New York, where it is refined and then used in the manufacture of automobile tires and electrical appliances.

This new industry bids fair to open up between six and seven million acres of Texas land and the establishing of a large manufacturing industry.

The Chamber of Commerce of Houston should be called upon to show cause why a rubber manufacturing plant cannot be established in Houston.

That Famous Unknown.

L. E. Ralston lost a valuable umbrella on a St. Clair street car the other day. In his advertisement in the Leader asking for the return of the umbrella, Mr. Ralston said: "Will the man for whom Diogenes made his famous search kindly bring back my umbrella and receive his reward."—Cleveland Leader.

Making Conversation. He (after embarrassing silence)—Don't you think the floor is unusually flat to-night?—Williams Purple Cow.

Subscribe for the Free Press.

That San Antonio Blue Book.

To the disgrace of San Antonio and the moral character of its citizen ship the low crowd down that way have gotten out what they call "The Blue Book," the purpose of which is to advertise the bawdy houses, the low dives and the places of assignation. These places are all listed more than one hundred by their names, streets and numbers, and it is to be a guide to "strangers and visitors" to the city. It is a violation of the United States Postal Laws and therefore it is marked. "Not to be sent by mail." But it is kept in the saloons for distribution. The prohibitionists managed to get hold of several copies of this infamous publication, and those who are circulating it found this out and there is consternation in the camp.

Now, while Jacob Wolters and Governor Colquitt were at Fort Worth warbling their peace songs, the San Antonio gang

were distributing this vile publication to "visitors and strangers" in that city. They go hand in hand with the saloon, and the saloon best thrives bawdy house, assignation houses, gambling hells and joints exist. In San Antonio these institutions flourish in all their glory, right under the nose of "regulation," and the saloons are their special beneficiaries. No wonder that the good people in San Antonio are disgusted and overwhelmed with shame at such a disclosure! piece of work. But then the saloons are capable of doing anything. The "book" was generously circulated among the soldiers as well as "visitors and strangers," and Uncle Sam's fighters were put next to San Antonio's darker life current. Yet there are men who say that the saloon must not be voted out of Texas, that it is essential to the welfare of the State! who rheumatism. will Jacob Wolters, the sweet free applicator of peace in Texas, have to say to this business? On with the battle!—Home and State.

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Notice.

At a directors meeting of the Haskell County Home Circle of Haskell county, held at its office in the city of Haskell on the 21st. day of June, 1911, it was unanimously agreed:
 1st.—That after July 1st., 1911 no person or persons be admitted membership except those in the best of health and between the ages of 18 and 50 years.
 2nd.—It was agreed that after July 1st., no person or persons be eligible to re-instatement who is above the age of 50 years and who is not in the best of health at the time of such re-instatement.
 3rd.—It was agreed that any person or persons, making or having made in the past any mis-representation what so ever in the application for membership be "upon satisfactory proof of any such mis-representation" subject to the forfeiture of membership and upon a unanimous vote of the directors might be suspended and his or her cer-

tificate of membership cancelled. Remember that the above proceedings were made a part of the by-laws and go into effect July 1st., 1911.
 25-2t Ira N. Ellis, Sec.
 Haskell County Home Circle.

Card Of Thanks.

We wish to express our thanks to our many friends both of Roberts and Haskell for their kindness during the illness and death of our precious darling. May God's richest blessings rest on them is our prayer.
 I. G. McDonnald and wife.

Rule Locals.

From the Review, June 16. Mrs. R. L. Jones was a Haskell visitor Monday, returning the same day.
 R. M. Smith and T. J. Cole were Haskell visitors Tuesday.
 Judge Foster made a business trip to San Angelo Wednesday.
 Judge Irby, formerly county judge of Haskell county came

over from Haskell Wednesday with his family and took the Orient for their future home at Van Horn in Culberson county, where he was recently elected to serve as county judge.

Misses Loudell Flowers and Mamie Loe were Haskell visitors Wednesday.

Marshal Pierson was over Tuesday from Haskell having plans drawn for the making of shelving to be placed in the May brick just completed. Mr. Pierson says that he expects to carry one of the nicest stocks of hardware in this section. He will move his family here about July 1st. The Review extends a hearty welcome to this excellent family and wish them success in their new home.

Rule is to have a real old-fashioned Fourth of July celebration this year, and great preparations are already being made for the event. Wild Horse Camp W. O. W. has the courage and patriotic spirit necessary to carry the celebration to a successful conclusion, and through committees

and individual effort the work is going on that will make this coming Fourth a glorious one indeed to those who attend the celebration. The beautiful park in Burl Cox's pasture one and one-half miles north of Rule has been selected as the place for the celebration. It is convenient to town. Besides the usual ceremonies attending a celebration of this character, there will be a game of base ball between two crack clubs, sack race, a greasy pig contest, old fiddlers' contest, etc. There is plenty of fine water and cool shade in the park, and no more pleasant place can be found to spend the day. All the good things in the way of food will be furnished and admission to the grounds will be free.

Program.

Opening address at 10 a. m. by Rev. R. E. Smith.
 Response by Rev. J. F. Curry.
 Perfected Woodcraft, Hon. J. B. Layne.
 Woodmen Sanitarium, J. R. Capt.
 All speakers are invited to speak on the topics of the day.
 We anticipate Murchison and Kinnard of Haskell to speak on Woodcraft.
 12:00 m. Basket Dinner.
 2:00 p. m. Old Fiddlers' Contest. Three prizes.
 4:00 p. m. Baseball game.

Sagerton Locals.

From the Sun, June 16. J. E. Robinson was a business visitor to Haskell Monday.

Mrs. Pearl Davis was in town Monday shopping.

Dan Taylor attended the ball game at Brandenburg Saturday.

W. P. Cattle was a Haskell visitor Monday.

Mrs. Mealia Davis and Miss Bertie Smith saw the ball game at Brandenburg Saturday.

Prof. S. L. Skiles and Edgar Littlefield were business visitors to Stamford Tuesday afternoon. Dan Taylor is carpentering in Pastura this week.

Homer and Elmore Dobbins came in Saturday from Spur on a visit to home folks.

Mr. Switzer, representing the King Candy Co. was in the city Tuesday on business.

Miss Myrtle Panches of Lueders visited Mr. and Mrs. John Martin Sunday.

Prof. R. L. Skiles returned Friday morning from a several weeks visit to friends in Abilene.

M. B. Moore and wife returned Sunday from a several weeks visit at Sherwood.

W. T. McCord returned Monday morning from Little Rock, Ark. where he had been in a sanitarium for some time.

Pat Paterson of Spur passed through the city Sunday on his way to Waco.

Geo. W. Smith, of Crosbyton, was in our city Sunday.

Miss Stella Reddell, of Rule, visited friends in the city Monday and Tuesday.

D. T. Ballinger, editor and publisher of the Rochester Record spent a few hours in our city Saturday with Prof. R. L. Skiles.

Uncle Tid Clark and wife returned Saturday morning from Little Rock, Ark. where they attended the old soldiers reunion and visited relation.

Weinert Locals.

From Enterprise, June 16. W. C. Pratt is visiting his wife at Carlton this week.

Mrs. M. E. Park was in town shopping last Wednesday.

Mrs. G. R. Couch of Haskell is visiting her son here today.

Dud Boone left Thursday for Alpine where he is to buy another heard of cattle.

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Mrs. W. A. Bergfeld's grand father and brother of Seguin are visiting her this week.

J. D. Reddell and son, L. A. of near Munday were very pleasant callers Thursday, and moved up their subscription figures.

Most of the farmers are about up with the work, "and as soon as all catch up we will pull the string and let more rain come."

W. C. McLean, C. C. Webb, R. L. Kane, G. W. Newsom, A. Howard and Henry Monk were among those courting at Haskell this week.

W. W. Young was a caller Monday and reports that the sub. to W. J. Young of Temple was his son and not a brother to I. T. as reported in last issue.

Mrs. W. A. Bergfeld delightfully entertained the Thursday Club on the 7th inst. Needlework music and conversation were the features of the evening after which a delicious ice cream course was served. The Club will meet with Mrs. Fred Boden on the 15th.

Following are a few of those attending the all day singing at Pleasant Valley Sunday: Prof. Anderson and Miss Rada Hart H. Weinert and family, J. W. Collins and family, J. E. Robertson and family, Dr. Cockerell and wife, A. R. Couch and wife D. J. Jones and Tom Robbins.

A Terrible Blunder

to neglect liver trouble. Never do it. Take Dr. King's New Life Pills on the first sign of constipation, biliousness or inactive bowels and prevent virulent indigestion, jaundice or gall stones. They regulate liver, stomach and bowels and build up your health. Only 25c at Corner Drug Store.

This mail order business is a many-sided proposition: The business men of every town justly except their local newspapers to take a stand against the business and the newspaper fraternity is a unit against the mail order business. There is not a country newspaper of any consequence in the country that has not had tempting advertising offers from these houses, yet in most cases the offers were refused. But while this is true there is hardly any line of business that suffers more from the mail order business than the newspapers themselves. In nearly every town more or less printing goes to the big concerns who contribute nothing to the support of local enterprises. The struggling little newspapers of our small towns have to compete with one of the greatest concerns in the word—the U. S. Government itself. Talk about special privileges and unjust discrimination but what do you think of that? What other line of business has such a powerful competitor. The Government will sell envelopes stamped and printed at a price that no local printed can meet.

Very often the home printer is given the choice of taking work at a lower figure than the big houses make or not get the work at all. Has not the farmer the same right to carry his Shears &

Sawbuck catalogue along when he goes to the local dealer and compel them to meet the prices herein contained? Is not the same principle involved when the farmer buys his supplies from the mail order house and the business man gets his stationary from the Government or the big concerns? Is it any worse to patronize Roars & Seabuck than Clark & Courts, or Maverick-Clarke? If one is saucer for the mercantile goose is not the other saucer for the newspaper gander?—Monday Times.

Saved His Wife's Life.

"My wife would have been in her grave to-day," writes O. H. Brown, of Muscadine, Ala., "if it had not been for Dr. King's New Discovery. She was down in her bed, not able to get up without help. She had a severe bronchial trouble and a dreadful cough. I got her a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery and she soon began to mend, and and was well in a short time." Infallible for coughs and colds, its most reliable remedy on earth for desperate lung trouble, hemorrhages, grippe, asthma, hay fever, cramp and whooping cough. 50c, \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by, Corner Drug Store.

Childhood Souvenirs.

A good idea for mothers who like to have souvenirs of their little one's childhood is to paste in a book samples from every new dress or suit, with a picture of the pattern if possible. Not only is this interesting for both mother and children in time to come, but it forms a valuable history of costume for the period, and is of practical service as well by insuring variety in dress from year to year.

Money to Loan.

We can get you a quick loan to build a business house or residence in the town of Haskell on seven years time, easy payment. Call on C. D. Long for details.

Haskell Lumber Co.

Olive Oil for Leather.

Leather furniture, especially when placed near the register, is liable to dry and crack. An excellent method of keeping it from looking old and showing cracks is to go over the leather with a soft rag dipped in olive oil and then going over the whole surface again with a dry rag. It is not necessary to go over the leather more than once in three or four months, just enough to keep it soft.

MONEY.

I desire to lend some money on good farms and will purchase or extend vendors lien notes.
 M. Pierson. 16th

The Dallas News of the 20th instant, contains a crop report that shows the cotton average to be 108.8 per cent as compared with last year and the condition is 103.7 per cent as compared with last year. It also shows that cultural methods have been greatly improved and that the farmers, are becoming more scientific.

THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HASKELL.
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The drought year 1910 demonstrated for all time the inexhaustible character of Haskell's water supply, when it supplied the W. V. Railroad, the ice factory, the laundry, the tanneries,

here. **HASKELL COUNTY**
This county lies about 80 miles south of the southeast corner of the Panhandle and comprises the largest body of level, smooth, fertile land in Central West Texas, 90 per cent of its area being first-class tillable land. About

county employing 102 teachers. All communities have churches, or use their school houses for religious services. The people are prosperous, law-abiding and hospitable. Good water is obtained in wells at 25 to 75 feet in nearly all parts of the county. The rainfall varies from year to year,

for a few children and one adult! Perhaps the teacher never was timid. Those that are not timid are most likely to have courage to become Sunday school teachers! Most teachers need to exert special effort really to put themselves in the place of the timid scholar.

Timidity is a form of fear, and, like fear, is one of the most terrible of human experiences. It takes hold of the entire being. It paralyzes the brain so that the mind cannot think. The tongue refuses to move, or it merely stammers. The eyes are blurred, the hearing is faulty. The whole body is unnerved, knees shaking, hands trembling. The heart nearly ceases to act, and then it beats wildly, pushing the blood into the head and the face. It is an awful experience; for the time the scholar is a complete wreck. The timid pupil is surely to be pitied.

Therefore the last thing in the world to do is to bully a timid scholar, threaten her, harshly commanded her to "speak out!" Do not tell her how foolish she is, or indulge in the little sarcasms that come so readily, still less ridicule her before the class. Indeed, to persist in questioning her, as some teachers do, is the most refined torture.

If ever a child is to be treated delicately, it is the timid scholar. As soon as you discover timidity, or even suspect it, just leave the scholar alone for the rest of the day. Then take a first opportunity to speak to her in private. Say that you notice that she is timid; that you want her to understand that timidity is no sin; that it is a misfortune, and you will help her conquer it. But you will not persecute her by forcing her forward, say that she need have no fear in your class, but that she will be allowed to take her own time for reciting when she becomes well used to the other scholars and to the surroundings.

Then set yourself to breaking up her timidity without her knowing it. First, you will seek to do this by acquaintance. Whisper to some nice girl that the new scholar is timid and bashful and needs a friend to put her through the awkward first days in the class. Do all you can to cultivate friendships between the timid scholar and the other girls. As she gets to be at home with the rest of the class she will fear less to speak before them.

For the same reason you also must get well acquainted with her. Have her take tea with you sometime, and spend the evening in quiet amusements. Improve every opportunity to talk with her. For that purpose once in a while get her to take a little walk with you. Occasionally have her come to your

much to be avoided as those questions usually are. Sometimes you may ask, "You think so too, Nelly? Yes?" and then hurry on without waiting for a reply.

Engage her in writing exercises from the first, and praise her work all you can. Have her draw maps, and fashion illustrative objects. Perhaps she will write a little essay for you to

quickly if she begins to show confusion or distress. If she has shown special interest in any topic, that is what you will question her upon in the review. Possibly it will be a good next step if she is asked to read some short poem to the class, remaining seated; or write another short essay, and this time read it herself to the class.

Some such course as this, pa-



Two of Haskell's Beautiful Residences

people, and sprinkled the streets every day, without apparent diminution.

Should Become Health Resort.

Within half a mile of the court house there are two excellent mineral wells whose efficacy in curing a number of serious ailments, as rheumatism, kidney and bowel trouble, etc., has been proven. With an altitude of 1,635 feet and a naturally healthful atmosphere and climate this should become a great health resort. A sanitarium and hotel should be a good investment

one-third is under cultivation; the remainder awaits the homeseeker.

This section of the state made the largest population gain in the last census, and Haskell County made nearly double the gain of any other county in this section, going from 2,637 in 1900 to 16,246 in 1910, a gain of 516.1 per cent. Unquestionably this fact proves the attractiveness of the country in the eyes of the homeseeker.

There is a public school in every neighborhood, 61 in the

general average being 25.5 inches. As the farmers are learning the methods of preparing the land and tilling the crop to suit the local conditions they are getting better results.

There is a diversity of soil in the county—sandy, sandy loam, black and chocolate loams, all of easy culture, fertile and productive. This variety of soils makes the country susceptible of a wide range of diversification of crops. Aside from an occasional drouth—our worst was in 1910—this county produces profitable crops of cotton, wheat, oats, maize, Kaffir corn, broom corn, sorghum, millet, peanuts, melons, potatoes, sometimes good corn, the leading vegetables, peaches, plums, grapes, etc.

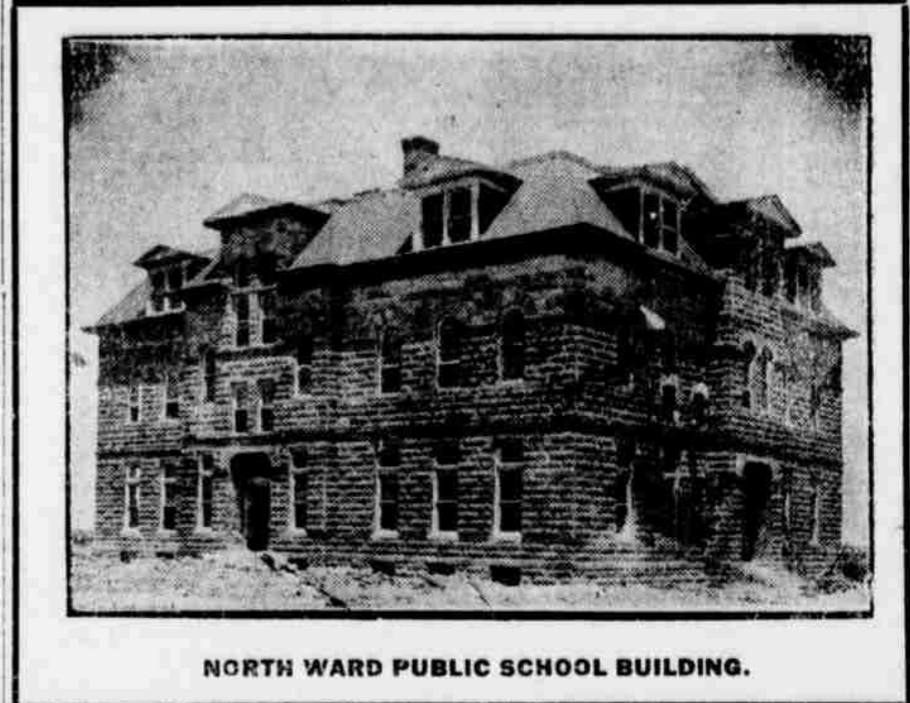
This is a remarkably healthful country for all kinds of livestock and poultry as well as for the human family, in fact no country is more inviting to the farmer in search of a home.

Scholars That Test The Teacher.

BY AMOS R. WELLS.

The timid scholar is easily confused with the stupid scholar. Outwardly they are likely to be much the same, both very silent, stammering when questioned, sometimes tearful. The timid scholar may appear densely ignorant. And yet the timid scholar does not always seem timid; she may appear proud and reserved. All of these possibilities must be borne in mind by the teacher.

It is hard for the teacher to realize the anguish of the timid scholar. It is so long since the teacher was timid—at least be-



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read to the class. Show her fellow-pupils that she is not at all stupid. This will all aid her toward confidence.

Get her to do many things before the class that do not require speech, such as distributing pencils and paper and books, and holding up pictures and maps for the class to see. Every such action will help her out of her timidity.

Taking part in concert exer-

tient, loving, and long, will bring the timid scholar out of her timidity, at least so far as your class is concerned, and perhaps finally in all things.

I hope that none of my readers will think that I am over-refining this subject. Timidity is a real disease. Diseases are not to be dispelled with a word in these non-miraculous days. Be willing to work hard in this good cause. Remember what a



Several Loads of Baled Cotton on the West Side of the Square in 1906.

cises is a fine advance step for the timid scholar. Urge her never to neglect this, and on your part introduce these concert exercises frequently, such as having the class to answer certain questions, perhaps all the review questions, in concert. These concert exercises do much to give a swing to a recitation, and are valuable for a number of other reasons besides the help they give to the timid and back-

handicap timidity is in all the affairs of life. If you can help the timid scholar out of her timidity, you may be developing a Christian heroine who will do valiant service in the army of the Lord.

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HASKELL COUNTY'S FINE COURT HOUSE.



A Cotton Picking Scene North of Haskell.

house to study the next lesson with you. It is your fault if she long has to fear you.

Then begin cautiously to question her in the class. At first give her leading questions, questions that are to be answered only by "Yes" or "No,"

ward pupils.

After all this, you may address questions to her, taking pains to give her questions that call for only short answers, and to give her only questions whose answers you are sure she knows. Even then you will pass along

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