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**Haskell Co. Delinquent Tax List for 1887.**

Tax Sales of Real Estate on 3rd Day of April A. D. 1888  
 By virtue of the tax rolls of Haskell county, Texas, for the year 1887  
 and in accordance with the law, I will proceed to sell for cash at public  
 outcry to the highest bidder (the bidder who will pay the taxes and  
 penalties due and costs of sale for the least amount of the hereinafter  
 described real estate shall be deemed the highest bidder) at the Court  
 House door of said county between the legal hours of sale on the first  
 Tuesday in April next the same being the 3rd day of said month the  
 following described tracts of land situated in Haskell county, or as  
 much of each tract as will pay the taxes penalties and costs due  
 thereon, said sale to continue from day to day until the list is  
 completed:

**Unrendered Roll for 1887.**

Name of Owner.	Abst. No.	Cert. No.	Sur. No.	Grantee	No. A's	Total tax and cost \$
Unknown	16			B. J. Brown	984	24.93
"	69			B. B. B. & C. R. R.	640	21.25
"	75			B. B. B. & C. R. R.	640	21.25
"	95			J. M. Cass	966	24.57
"	108			Hrs R. S. Cummins	427 1-3	13.79
"	100			Coryelle S. L.	3553	85.07
"	119			T. H. K. Day	984	24.93
"	135			richd. Finch	160	9.23
"	149			Jessie Gibson	80	7.25
"	164			L. Howerton	120	7.65
"	171			H. & T. C. R. Ry	5	5.35
"	243			H. & T. C. R. Ry	640	17.65
"	295			Ind. R. Ry	640	17.65
"	290			Ind. R. Ry	640	17.65
"	299			Jon. Jameson	213 1-3	10.57
"	311			Jon. Laughlin	40	6.05
"	312			M. H. Landon	640	17.65
"	326			S. A. Mills	320	11.65
"	330			Samuel McFall	76	6.77
"	331			D. McFadden	640	17.65
"	334			B. F. Morgan	640	17.65
"	356			Jas. Ryan	368	12.61
"	361			J. P. Rozier	640	17.65
"	369			W. M. Stode	177	8.79
"	374			Jas. M. Sandford	55	6.35
"	393			Ed. W. Taylor	848 1-3	26.45
"	419			Wm. Wilkinson	512	15.49
"	425			W. A. O. Wodworth	320	11.65
"	428			Tos. Winfree	310	13.00
"	429			Edw. B. Wood	61 1-4	6.77
"	446			B. B. B. & C. R. Ry	640	17.65
"	447			" " " " " "	640	17.65
"	464			D. & W. R. Ry	640	17.65
"	465			" " " " " "	640	17.65
"	472			B. H. Jayne	380	12.85
"	514			J. W. Nabors	640	17.65
"	539			R. A. Booker	640	17.65
"	563			T. C. B. R. Co.	103 1-2	6.31
"	565			B. B. B. & C. R. Ry	231	9.87
"	567			" " " " " "	308	11.41
"	596			Geo. Curby	268 1-4	10.61
"	602			J. H. Rayman	640	17.65
"	608			R. R. Shepherd	640	17.65
"	621			S. L. Blakeley	640	17.65
"	623			D. W. Carrer	640	17.65
"	786	51		Elij Bowen	1240	42.45
"	35-75	52		Louis Jackson	875	27.12
"	1030	20		Naney Iden	265 1-3	10.55
"	2083			Rebecca E. Forrer	715	19.55
"	250	115		B. B. B. & C. R. R. Co.	345	14.12
"	28-1883	165		H. & T. C. R. R. Co.	410	15.50
"	1136	23		" " " " " "	165	12.74
"	1137	25		" " " " " "	640	17.65
"	1136	24		A. romberg	103	7.31
"	28-1940	246		A. C. Thompson	119	7.63

**TOWN LOTS.**

Name of Owner	Abst. No.	Original Grantee.	No. of Lot.	No. of Block.	Total Tax.
Unknown	2	Peter Allen	7	13	\$0.30
"	"	"	3	16	\$0.40
"	"	"	9	18	\$1.50
"	"	"	3, 4	20	\$0.60
"	"	"	5	22	\$0.40
"	"	"	1	26	\$0.40
"	"	"	9, 10	26	\$0.80
"	"	"	1, 2, 3	32	\$1.20
"	do	do	3	36	\$0.40
"	do	do	4	53	\$0.30
"	do	do	2	67	\$0.40

**NON-RESIDENT RENDERED ROLL OF 1887.**

Name of Owner.	No.	Cert. No.	Sur. No.	Grantee.	No. Acres Rendered.	Lot.	Block.	Total tax and costs	
J. W. Brown	378			John Smith	196			\$9.17	
M. Murphy	110			Ben F Clark	320			11.65	
Hrs. J. E Patton	306			G W Long	607			20.43	
Carson & Lewis	560	447		T. C. Snalum	160			9.25	
"	561	447		do do	160			8.45	
J. M. Callett	162			Andrew Hamil	160			9.25	
W. H. Cary	2			Peter Allen		3	70	8.25	
Thos. Buck	357			Ezra reed	500			11.50	
Foster & Labrie	410		122	D J Woodlief	2214			60.40	
Jerriemier Ward	398		66	Thos Toby	640			17.65	
do do	399		68	do do	640			17.65	
do do	417		23	John Wa'l.	640			17.65	
Foster & Hansford	160		161	Harmon Holt	246			10.17	
S. W. Wilkinson	418			Wm Wilkinson	160			7.65	
A. B. Caruthers	105		50	ruthy Campbell	1394			47.17	
M. O. Lynn	33		2	B B B r co.	640			21.25	
do do	73		4	do	640			21.25	
do do	559			Thos C Snalum	640			21.25	
J. A. Carrall	5		162	Calvin P. Abbott	640			21.25	
H. P. Robertson	4			John W. Allen	640			14.95	
do do	389			Wm Thornton	160			8.45	
do do	390			do do	320			11.65	
G. B. Freeman	103		158	Henry r. Craig	738			20.01	
Foster & Moore	420		85	Math. Willoughby	320			11.65	
Mary A Holmes Est.	89			Green B Cook	767 1/2			25.05	
Geo. B. Halstead	21		129	Geo W Brook	960			24.25	
T. B. Hill	331			Jas Merit	120			7.65	
W. C. Morgan	158			John Husband	597			17.25	
E. C. Warren	421			EB Wood	243			11.33	
N. L. McCanness	318			John B McCanness	588			18.01	
John B. McCanness	318			do do	218			9.61	
S. F. McCanness	318			do do	218			9.61	
Mrs D P McCanness	318			do do	256			10.37	
A. W. Townsend	305			Saml King	600			17.25	
J. C. S. Morrow	310			Naney Lee	640			18.05	
Hrs. Mary McFall	386		92	W B Travis	118			8.19	
J. C. Griffith	479			w williams	320			9.65	
W. B. Houston	374			J M Sanford	175			9.63	
D. H. Hawkins	313			Sarah McFerron	412 1/2			15.36	
H. B. Harty	305			Saml King	1067			26.59	
J. E. Norton	27			John Cornor	880			27.25	
Geo. Woben	120			M Dunn	1564			44.35	
W. J. Graham	8			G. G. Alford	320			14.85	
Hrs. Jos. Shepherd	367			Ger Shepherd	1776			34.77	
do Ezry reid	357		35	Ezra reed	656			18.37	
do R. D. Heak	141		49	Geo Francis	213 1/2			12.45	
A. C. Keau	133		159	Henry Fisher	1476			34.77	
Hrs J. M. Gainer	142		154	John M Gainer	1166			28.77	
do P. Thomas	410		122	D J woodlief	738			23.70	
W. C. King	135			richd. Finch	320			13.25	
Hrs Geo. B. Harris	138		97	Thos H Finney	320			13.25	
H. C. Ford	97			John Conner	438			16.19	
A. J. Hood	476		3	S F I W Co.	320			11.65	
F. P. Cabler	116		25	F. P. Cabler	640			17.05	
R. B. Ferrell	365		98	A J Smith	200			9.25	
W. S. Murphey	12		59	Moses Buttler	890 1/2			23.05	
A. St. C. Tennale	12		59	do do	592 1/2			16.05	
hrs. Geo. W. Brooks	20		20	Geo. W Brooks	640			18.05	
do C. P. Abbott	5		162	Calvin P. Abbott	640			18.05	
do Danel roach	360		164	Danl roach	320			11.65	
John M. Brown	18			John M brown	320			11.65	
Wm M Milby	456			J B Bradley	84			6.93	
J C Douglas	139			S P Ford	320			11.65	
Mrs M M Wilkinson	127			J E Ellis	400			13.25	
J W Wilkinson	127			J E Ellis	338			12.01	
Wm Von rosenberg	322		28	John P McClish	320			13.25	
A L romberg	633	28-2045	236	A F Jager	640			18.05	
do do	637	28-2071	238	Thos W McNair	640			18.05	
R. K. Stephens	355		40	E Robinett	148			7.95	
R. F. Wooley	89			G B Cook	4604			120.35	
J A Wilkerson	418			John B williams	320			11.65	
N Murray	168			B. Hoffman	320			13.25	
do do	318			wm Maxwell	320			11.65	
Saml Spear	2			Peter Allen		10	25	6.75	
J OS Morrow	310			Naney Lee	640			18.05	
R. A Harris	20			Geo w brooks	640			18.05	
John Shrum	2			Peter Allen		1, 2	17	6.25	
Florance & J Snell	364			A Landon	767 1/2			27.22	
hrs Amos Edwards	410		494	D J woodlief	758			23.59	
do J E Patton	324			wm G McDaniel	213			9.51	
Arledge & Johnson	2			Resident Roll for 1886.					
do do				Peter Allen			56	3.00	
				do do			12	17	5.00
W. B. Anthony	412			Resident Roll for 1887.					
J. L. Haskev	4			Wm. Walker	460			6.00	
D. n. Lvingood				W. Ahrenbeck & Bro	320			9.20	
F. M. Morton	604			Pre Empt	160			6.55	
do do	150			J. H. Raymond	640			9.80	
J. E. Morrison				Jas. Gray	320			6.40	
R. B. Pearse				Svy No 2 Waco Mfg	320			11.81	

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Boom the FREE PRESS, and in return, we will boom all that pertains to Haskell county.

Haskell county entertained the stock convention last week. Like everything else she usually undertakes, it was a grand success.

Every man in Haskell county should order several copies of the FREE PRESS for friends in the East. It will be bread cast upon the waters, to be gathered up many days hence.

The Throckmorton Times says:

"Hec. A. McEchin of the Anson Western has taken an interest in the Haskell City Free Press and proposes to help Martin to run it 'right'."

Yes, Bro. Poole, we are determined that the people of Haskell shall have a good paper and if they will do their part, we will do ours.

Each year every local paper gives from \$500 to \$5000 in free lines for the benefit of the community which it is located in, said Judge Davis not long before he died. No other agency can or will do this. The editor in proportion to his own means, does more for his own town than any other ten men and in all fairness man with an axe ought to be supported not because you may happen to like him or admire his writing, but because a local paper is the best investment a community can make.

The Fisher County Call says: From the last issue of the Haskell City Free Press, we observe that our friend, Hec. A. McEchin, of the Texas Western, is associated with Mr. Oscar Martin in the publication of that journal. Hec. is a good newspaper man, and his handiwork will soon be discernible upon the Free Press. The people of Haskell county should congratulate themselves upon securing the services of so efficient a newspaper man.

Many thanks for the complimentary Bro. Smith we appreciate it very much. But you should be careful and not over estimate our ability.

There is a spirit of vim about the city of Haskell which is destined at no distant day to make her great. Her business men are backed by ample capital and they are live and progressive. Anything that promises to redound to the good of the town and the advancement of its best interest receives careful consideration and prompt action. Haskell controls a large trade extending over a vast area of territory which is being constantly augmented. To the careful observer it is apparent that the development of both town and county will be rapid and there will be no halt until every resource of the county is thoroughly developed.

**Sudden Death.**

Intelligence reached this place Sunday, of the death of George Cook, of Haskell county, in Abilene, early Sunday morning. It appears that Mr. Cook, in company with several neighbors, went to Abilene on business last week, and started home early Sunday morning. After driving a short distance the deceased complained of being sick, and the entire party returned to the wagon yard, in a few minutes after their return, Mr. Cook was a corpse, and it is thought he died from heart disease. We learn that he leaves a wife and several children. The body passed through Anson Sunday evening. Anson Western.

The Free Press' politics is democracy straight and it will go for evil and corruption wherever located and irrespective of persons or things.

**Hand on the Cow.**

Wichita Fall, Tex., March 3.—The ground is covered with a coating of sleet and water which commenced falling last night. The cattlemen say it will cause many an old poor cow to turn her toes to the daisies. Considerable rain has fallen at intervals during the last two weeks.

**Arrested without Requisition.**

TEXARKANA, Ark. March 3.—Yesterday a colored man named Randall Henry was arrested on the Arkansas side of the city and was placed in jail to await the papers necessary to transfer him to the Texas side, where the officers were awaiting to arrest him on a charge of committing several crimes at Mount Pleasant, Tex. He sued out a writ of habeas corpus before Justice Flinn, and would no doubt have been discharged by Texarkana authorities, but on the way from the jail to the court-room the horses attached to the vehicle which was conveying him took fright and never pulled up till they had got on the Texas side, where the officers waiting took charge of Mr. Henry without waiting for the formality of a requisition.—Ft. Worth Gazette.

**BEASON BURIED.**

Yesterday morning at 10 o'clock a horse and two carriages left the undertaking establishment of George Cause and proceeded to the new cemetery. It was the funeral of W. L. Beason, who had such a tragic death and whose name for a week past has been in the mouths of people of several States. The loving faithful and devoted sister, and a few friends the lady had made followed the body. Deceased was laid to rest in the beautiful cemetery where all is peace. The noble devotion of Mrs. Lettetter to her brother has won the admiration of our people, and nothing but sympathy was expressed for her. No man ever had a sincerer heart to mourn for him than did Beason yesterday, when that sister stood by his open grave and mingled her tears with the clouds as they fell upon his coffin.—Ft. Worth Gazette.

**Letter Found in Beason's Possession After Arrest—Letter From His Wife.**

[Ft. Worth Gazette.] The body of Beason is still unburied. Yesterday Mrs. Lettetter turned the remains over to Undertaker Cause to await her instructions. Telegrams had been sent to relatives in Mississippi and last night when no one came and no answer was received another telegram was sent. If no answer comes the funeral will take place this morning. The following letter was found here yesterday:

Moscow Miss. Feb. 29 1888.

My Dear Husband,

With a sad, sad heart I write you a few lines. Darling boy I hardly know what to say first, as my heart is so full but there is one thing that gives me consolation. I know you are innocent, and I know you will come out all right. Put your trust in God, my darling, and just think what a friend I have in Jesus, and put your trust in him and I will pray for you and would that I were in your place. I do not believe you will be taken from me; God is too good. All send their love, and ma says tell you she knows you are innocent. Be of good cheer; it will be all right. I am so hurt that I don't know what to do, but I will have to bear it. \* \* \* \* \* Don't bother your self about money; for if it costs you \$10,000 I will gladly live on bread and water if you get out. \* \* \* I hope the one that did the fiendish deed will get his reward. I will send you clothes, but I believe you will come home in a few days. Look on the bright side my darling. Mr. heart is almost broken, but I believe you will come back soon. Good-bye darling. My eyes are blinded with tears so that I cannot write. I have not slept a wink this night, but have cried myself sick. Good-bye, darling. As ever your true and devoted wife.

GEORGIA BEASON  
 What is meant by the sentence about the fiendish deed? The undertaker?

**Colorado Notes.**

Colorado, Tex. March 3.—A cold northeast drizzle set in last night and continued all day. This morning it was cold enough to freeze the mist on the trees as it fell, but the weather has moderated towards night and the freeze is probably over. Stockmen were apprehensive this morning, but if it continues to moderate now little harm will be done.

Cattle shipping to the Territory will begin from this point on the 8th inst. Winfield Scott has placed orders for ninety cars, and C. W. Hudson, H. W. McKay and O. J. Wrene have ordered 330 cars. Other orders will follow soon.

The Panhandle Live Stock Association holds its annual meeting here Monday with considerable important business to transact.

**Western Cowmen Hopful.**

Dallas Tex. March 3.—H. M. Cullen of Colorado City is in Dallas. Mr. Cullen is one of the most intelligent and active young stockmen in West Texas. He says the stockmen of Tom Green are beginning to prepare for feeding cattle. It has been demonstrated that three or four tons of sorghum cane can be raised to the acre in the Concho country, rain or shine. Sorghum is the solution of the cattle raising problem in Texas. In regard to Tom Green county, he says that it is settling up very rapidly and the people are taking great interest in the immigration movement. Mr. Cullen owns several thousand acres of land at the head of the Concho, and he thinks in a few years it will be too valuable for grazing purposes. He will hold on to it as the land values of that country have an upward tendency.

Colonel H. W. McCoy of the cattle firm of Sawyer, Rumery & McCoy, ranching in Tom Green county, is in the city. He says that cattle losses in the Concho country have been very small this winter, and that hard times will soon be known no longer. The cowmen throughout the West are hopeful of the return of prosperity that settled west Texas in 1882. Mr. McCoy is manager of the Bar-S ranch. His associates are L. O. Rumery of Goshute and Hon. Philletus E. Sawyer, United States Senator from Wisconsin.

**Browning Declines.**

And if Joseph E. Cockrell will only consent to Run, He Will Be Our Next Representative.

Mr. Browning has written the following letter to a friend, in which he positively refuses to again be a candidate for the State Legislature. He says:

"Replying to that part of your letter which puts the direct question to me, will I consent to serve another term in the House of Representatives, I have to say: Some time ago I signified my intention of retiring from office and declared that I would not be a candidate at the next election. Since the announcement of that purpose I have received a number of letters, besides personal requests from friends, asking me to reconsider the matter and become a candidate for re-election. The press of the district, too, have been very generous and solicitous for me to offer again for the office. These evidences of confidence and esteem coming from friends in all parts of the district, I frankly admit have had their influence. This district is so large it cannot be canvassed without an enormous expense upon the candidate. Should I become a candidate the year the expense of the campaign would so cripple me financially that I would be forced to deny my family many of the necessary comforts of life. Having a large family depending upon me for a living and I being a poor man, makes the situation more embarrassing to me. I freely admit that it is the duty of a man to respond in every instance if possible, when his services are requested by his countrymen; but there is a higher and more imperative duty also enjoined upon one and that is the duty he owes to his family. If the performance of both these duties be demanded of him at the same time and he is so situated that he is able to perform but one of them, it will be admitted that the duty to his family must and ought to have precedence. I assure you that I know of nothing that would give me greater pleasure than to battle in my humble way for the rights and best interests of the people of my district, in whatever place or position they might put me. And were I financially able I would

not hesitate a moment in responding to the requests of my friends. It is proper to say in this connection that my present financial embarrassment comes from having to neglect my private business while attending to public duties. At the expiration of my present term of office I will have served as the Representative of this district, three consecutive terms—six years. It would be putting it mildly to say that the duties of the office during that time have been arduous. I have, as best I could, performed those duties cheerfully and faithfully and only regret I have been able to accomplish so little good. Out of the depths of my heart will ever spring gratitude to the people of this district for the generous consideration and honors which I have received at their hands. And I shall rejoice to see the time when sectional prejudices are laid aside, and wise laws enacted giving us the opportunity to develop every resource of the entire district. There is no lack of good material from which to choose a Representative, and I have no apprehension but that my successor will be equal to the emergency. In conclusion I regretfully say that I cannot consent to become a candidate for re-election."

**After Death.**

An old man is still living in one of our large cities who has spent half of his property in a costly monument which is to be placed over his grave when he is dead. He has given a vast amount of time to the preparation of the inscription to be graven on it.

Of himself there will be no mention, beyond his name and the date of his death. One side of the shaft contains a lesson in a system of phonetic spelling which he has discovered, and the other is devoted to a brief resume of the philosophy which his life has taught him.

The old man is regarded as insane, but the idea in itself is reasonable. For a man to place upon his tombstone the most helpful work which he has done, and the highest truth which he has learned in life, is surely a more fit and rational offering to mankind than the usual laudations of the forgotten dead.

A wealthy woman in a western city, spent a few years ago, an immense sum upon a vault and monument for the reception of her own body. She had also prepared a costly coffin, a shroud of satin and rare lace, and every detail of her last dress. She had written accurate directions as to her funeral, and the length of time which her body was to be kept before burial, and even made a list of the pall-bearers.

While making a short journey, she was killed in a railway collision and her body was burned to a charred mass. It was buried, with other indistinguishable human fragments, in a common grave, and rests unmarked. Yet here was not the weakness of a single person. "A man," says Fallon, "is not likely to make his body his chief thought for forty or seventy years, and then abandon it after death without a thought."

Men, since the beginning of the world, have devised plans to protect their bodies with reverent care after death. But of all the myriads of beloved and honored human remains that have been hidden in the earth since time began, there is not one that has escaped an ignominious ruin.

The Egyptians embalmed the remains of their dead with extraordinary care, placed the mummies in rocky tombs, and then hid the tombs. Thieves and curiosity-hunters have found and robbed the tombs, and put the bodies of the mightiest Egyptian kings on exhibition.

The Angel of Death seems almost to show a grim humor in mocking the vain efforts of men to save the body once so dear to them. "It is not the place or time of my death, but the manner of my life, that concerns me," said a holy man of the old times. "All places," said Shakespeare, "which the eye of God doth visit are to the wise man ports and happy havens"—*South's Companion*.

**Such a Charmer.**

Ella Wheeler Wilcox, says a friend, will sit down beside a railroad president—quite close to him, in fact—and chatter away at him for half an hour, at the end of which time he will fill out an annual pass in her name and present it to her. She charms every one (all men and nearly all women) who come in contact with her, and she has a special faculty for darning stockings. She has almond eyes, like the Cubans, brown and bright, and though she is thirty-eight years old and has been a wife for the past three years, she looks like a girl fresh from the village school-house. Love and happy may she live. —*Columbian (O.) Dispatch*.

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CONCERTS at which everyone in the audience is permitted to smoke if he wishes are going out of favor. Good artists will not appear at such concerts because the smoky atmosphere is injurious to their throats.

SENATOR STANFORD, of California, thinks that Senator Evans would make a good candidate for the presidency. "Evans sits by me in the senate," he says, "and we frequently talk together. He has grown upon me."

VICKEY GOINS, an "old-time" free woman of Privateer, S. C., recently died. She was quite aged, and was thought to be 96 years old. Her husband was the son of an Indian woman, who was a fortune teller. At one time she owned about 350 acres of land.

In a fight between two negro boys at Montgomery, Ala., one day recently, one of the combatants struck the other in the forehead with a heavy club, maiming it with such force that it required the full strength of a man to pull it out. The wounded boy will recover.

AN immense picture of the crucifixion was recently found painted in oil with a great deal of artistic skill on the wall of a cave on the island of Davan, in Campbellton harbor, Scotland. The discovery made a great sensation and a Mr. Archibald McKinnon acknowledged that it had been painted by him.

RAYONDIATRINARIVO, foreign minister of Madagascar and envoy extraordinary to Europe and America, has been disgraced, deprived of all his honors, reduced from the rank of field marshal to that of a corporal, and exiled for life. This is the fitting punishment for his attempt to betray his country to France.

The town of Franklyn in Tasmania, named after the famous navigator, who was once governor of the island, is now a deserted ruin. It was once the most thriving town of the settlement and a promising seaport, and was, besides one of the most beautifully situated towns in the Australasian world. The gold rush to Australia took its position away, and it has never recovered.

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Saturday Mar. 10, 1888.

**LOCAL DOTS.**

**Bonn-**To the wife of Wm. Edge a fine boy.

The grand ball given Miss Scott last evening was a grand affair.

Mr. Hammond and lady have returned from a trip to southern Texas.

The public square is in very bad condition and should be cleaned off.

Mr and Mrs Anthony gave the juveniles a pleasant evening yesterday at their residence.

Messrs Bompert and Evans of Anson have been surveying in this county several days.

Miss Lula Crews is steadily improving and it is expected she will soon be up again.

We are happy to announce that Master Claud Gass is rapidly regaining his health.

Mr. R A Mason of Fayette county brother of our citizen Geo. Mason will be here in a few days.

Go to Dodson's and get some of those old fashioned yam potatoes. They are nice and don't you forget it!

Much good is going to result from our local immigration society. Mr. Sanders the secretary is doing some good work.

Mess F. G. Alexander and S. H. Johnson went to Abilene this week to solicit aid in building a church at this place. We will publish their report next week.

We have employed Mr. W. F. Wright a first-class typo, formerly of the Jones County Voice, and his skill will, soon have a telling effect on the mechanical execution of the Free Press.

The accomplished Misses Preston and Wynne accompanied by Capt. Rayner went to Anson last Saturday to spend several days with friends in that city.

Misses Mattie Preston, Mary Q. Wynne and Capt W E Rayner, accompanied by Miss Scott a popular young lady of Anson and Messrs Chamberlain and Butler of that city returned home yesterday.

Let every man in Haskell county go to work as he should for the advancement of the interest of Haskell county and something will most assuredly pop.

Mr. H C Dillabunt has returned from a trip to Alabama where he had gone to sell a car load of saddle horses. We have been informed that he sold his horse at \$35 per head.

Haskell has the best subscription school in the west. The number of pupils in attendance, is but a just compliment to the Prof, and his accomplished and able assistant, Miss Eric Henry.

The musical at Mrs. T F Tucker's Friday night was well attended. Misses Henry Hunt Massey and Rogers rendered instrumental and vocal pieces that were very sweet and highly appreciated by the company.

Mr. Koontz notified the Sunday School last Sabbath that he was going to resign his position on the 18th inst, and they would have to elect some one else as superintendent. Mr Koontz has been ever faithful in the discharge of his duties, and by his resignation the school loses a faithful officer.

**Notice.**

I will take all kinds scrip in payment of accounts at 80 cents on the dollar besides I will trade goods for scrip from this date.

D. B. GASS.

Haskell county offers many inducements to the home seeker. If you are thinking of changing your location to a point where you can do better, come to Haskell county.

"A noble little city, is Haskell," remarked Mr. J. G. Lowdon of the Abilene National Bank, to the writer last Friday. And Mr. Lowdon who is usually correct in his judgement, struck the nail squarely on the head. A noble little city is Haskell, and she provokes the expression from all alike.

THE HASKELL FREE PRESS will hereafter be run and controlled by H. A. McEachin and Oscar Martin, the former owner. We are glad to note this fact and hope that with Mc's assistance the FREE PRESS will become a credit to the town and county as well as itself. For the past two years that paper has been hardly what you would call a paper owing to the fact that the people of Haskell did not give it a support to justify its giving them even the news of the day. Martin is a nice man and would have given them a good paper if they would have supported his paper. — Seymour Cresset.

We fully realize that the FREE PRESS has not been a credit to the town in the past; and we now propose with the hearty co-operation of the people of Haskell town and county to get out a weekly paper second to none in Northwest Texas. All we want is a fair show and you will see the FREE PRESS hump itself in the interest of both town and county.

**IMMIGRATION.**

Editor Free Press.

The executive committee of the Haskell county Immigration Association have as yet done but little in the way of advertising Haskell county, for want of money.

Some time ago the executive committee met and passed a resolution assessing each non-resident land owners one half cent an acre on all the land owned by them in Haskell county and instructed me to draw drafts on them for the amount, which I did through the Haskell County Bank.

The Bank informed me that some of said drafts had been honored, and that it has collected on them about \$25.00 to date and thinks we will get some more. But some of the drafts have not been honored for reason I suppose best known to the drawers. Besides what has been collected, on the drafts drawn by me, we have in sight \$55.00 to \$60.00, making the total collected from non-resident, at date \$80.00 to \$85.00.

When the association was organized the citizens of Haskell subscribed nearly or quite \$100, which if they will pay in now, would make a fund of about \$180, with which we could advertise Haskell county pretty extensively. I have heard that some of our citizens who subscribed when the association was organized, say now, that unless the non-resident land owners contribute liberally they won't pay their subscription. But in my judgment this is not the spirit that should pervade the hearts of our people.

We all came to this new sparsely settled country with the expectation, no doubt, of being benefited materially by its development, and it is not developed we will not realize our expectations. It will take immigration to develop Haskell county, and unless we do something to induce immigration to come here it will not be developed soon; because other counties in Texas are advertising extensively, and of course those counties will get the benefit of the immigration that comes to

Texas in the near future, unless Haskell county is advertised.

We have as fine, if not the finest county in Northwest Texas, and what is needed to induce people to come and invest their money here and settle among us, is to let them know what kind of a county Haskell is; and this immigration move is the thing to do it, and it will not do to let go by default.

So now fellow citizens, let us all put our shoulders to the wheel and do all we can to advertise the resources and advantages of Haskell county, while the immigration move is on. Strike while the iron is hot, and we will reap a rich harvest in the future; and in a few years we will have one of the wealthiest counties and best towns in West Texas.

Respectfully  
P. D. SANDERS.  
Sec. Haskell Co. Im. Ass.

**Stockmen's Convention.**

A called meeting of the stockmen of the Salt Fork and Double Mountain district met this the 1st day of March, A. D. 1888, in the town of Haskell, Haskell county, Texas. Capt. J. S. Williams was appointed temporary chairman, and Sam B. Irvine temporary secretary.

The meeting being called to order the following business was brought before the meeting:

It was decided that the secretary act as treasurer; and the roll for membership was opened, and the following members were enrolled: J S Williams, Haskell Tex; O J Baker, C B Scarborough, Anson Tex; W E Rayner, F G Alexander, Haskell Tex; J M Kuykendall, Taylor Tex; F P Shultz, Jayton Tex; Frank P Chamberlain, J D McLaughy, R J Roland, Anson Tex; C M Darling, Wm Ward J C McLaren, J T Bowman, A H Tardy, S W Scott, S Bevers S S Cummings J W Robinson A D Tucker Haskell Tex; W L McLaren T D Isbell W T Ward Benjamin Tex; Sam B Irvine Abilene Tex.

The following were nominated for permanent officers: C M Darling and J S Williams for president; O J Baker vice president; Sam B Irvine and Frank P Chamberlain secretary and treasurer. Ballot being made the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: C M Darling, President; O J Baker, Vice-President; Frank P Chamberlain, Secretary and Treasurer.

Signed J. S. WILLIAMS.  
SAM B. IRVINE.

President Darling took the chair; and on motion of Mr. Alexander the Association received the name of The Double Mountain and Brazos Stock Association. On motion of Capt. Rayner the Chair appointed the following committee to divide the district and arrange the work: F P Shultz Tom Lanier Ned Gardner O J Baker R Roland W E Rayner C B Scarborough F G Alexander Walter Scott Wm Ward W L McLaren Bud Arnett.

On motion of Mr. Alexander the committee were given until 9 A. M. next morning to prepare the report.

On motion of Capt. Rayner an assessment of \$1 was made on each member and was paid. The treasurer reported \$24 in the treasury.

Upon motion of Mr. Alexander the meeting adjourned.

March 2 1888 2 p. m.

The meeting being called the minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted, whereupon the committee named in the following report: We, your committee appointed to divide the country into districts and to arrange the work for this year in said districts have divided District No. 1 as follows: The east line of said district to commence at the south gate of the 8 pasture in King county, thence south to the

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head of Little Stinking creek, thence west to the pasture fence, including all the outside range.

District No. 2: The west line of said district shall be the east line of No. 1, including the following ranches: CALL bar, Horse shoe, T cross, T diamond LIL and Fluidy Mustard and on the east and South to the pasture fence including the old Mo out side range also to include Lake creek down to the 13 mile post on the Benjamin and Haskell road. The work in said district is set as follows: No 1 to begin work on Double Mountain at the east string of Warrens fence on the 1st day of May and work up the Double Mountain to the OS pasture, thence to Yarborough on Salt Fork thence down to the mouth of little Stinking creek. The T diamond wagon will work in district No. 1 and leave the mouth of little Stinking creek the 27th day of April.

District No 2: work to begin at the head of Little Stinking creek on the first day of May and work east all the range mentioned in said district and the following range wagons will work in district No. 2 CALL bar, horse shoe T cross, LIL, JJ and the fall work at each district begin on 1st day of September at same points named in Spring work, and the range boss of each range to control the round ups in his own range.

The following wagon from district No. 2 will meet at the old T diamond ranch two miles north of Anson on the night of April 19th for the purpose of working Clear Fork for northern cattle, T diamond and Fluidy Mustard wagons, and further we recommend the adoption by the Association of the following resolutions: we the cow men composing the Double mountain and Brazos Stock Ass. resolve; that we will not employ or permit to work with any of our wagons any one whom we believe to be guilty of burning branding or killing any cattle not his own.

After having the report of the committee read it was unanimously adopted. It was moved and carried that the proceedings of this meeting be published in the HASKELL FREE PRESS.

Mr. Scarborough moved that the meeting meet at Haskell Texas March 1st 1889 and in case of any business the president call a meeting.

Meeting then adjourned.  
C. M. DARLING Pres.  
FRANK P. CHAMBERLAIN Secty.

sebastian Muller is the name of a man who has just arrived at New Haven from his home in Switzerland. Muller is twenty-five years old, stands five feet eight inches in height and tips the beam at 198 1/2 pounds. He is well built, with large and massive shoulders and splendidly developed muscles on arms and chest. Taking a stone about six inches long and of cobble-stone shape he held it firmly with his left hand against an iron ball fastened to the top of a barrel. Then swinging his right arm around his head he brought the right hand down sideways with fearful force upon the stone about two inches from the end. With a crack the stone broke into several pieces, which flew off in different directions. The operation was exactly similar to that of a blacksmith wielding a sledge-hammer. The last stone broken was a nearly round, tough textured piece of white quartz, such as is found along country roads. This was also shivered into pieces. After the performance Muller's hand showed no sign of the fearful blows except a slight redness.—New Haven Register.

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ABILENE TEXAS. June 25

**Early Days in Dakota.**

**A Western Editor Who Lied Through His Paper Failed.**

In 1879 a young man named Lawler came out to the city of Roaring Spring (since extinct) and started the Roaring Spring Examiner. He followed the usual custom and boomed everything in sight, besides a good many invisible things, endangered his chances of salvation a dozen times in every issue by his disregard for the truth in referring to his fellow citizens, and made a paper generally which they ought to have appreciated, but didn't. He struggled for a year and decided to give it up, especially as a mortgage was being foreclosed on his type and presses as fast or a little faster than the law allowed. Below is an extract from his valedictory: he walking out of town the night before it appeared and leaving directions for the boy to put the paper in the postoffice the following morning.

"We have worked pretty hard to please the mossbacks and jay-hawkers living in Roaring Spring, but it seems they don't want to be pleased. We referred to the Western hotel as 'sumptuous and elegant in all its appointments' the same week we were carried out of its dining room insensible under the influence of its tenth rate and canned goods and poisonous coffee.

"We have spoken of old man Wilkins as our efficient and scholarly justice of the peace while at the very same time we were writing the words the old soaker was under our office drunk and banging his head up against the floor having crawled there under the impression that he was going to bed in a sleeping car moving 40 miles an hour.

"We have lied about the prospect of a rail road coming here when we knew there were more chances that Noah's ark would sail through town than that a train of cars would ever get in hearing distance.

"We have howled about the astonishing fertility of the soil near Roaring Spring in the same issue that we should have recorded the fact that the only man who ever took the Examiner and paid for it had just starved out trying to raise hen-grass.

"We wrote a glowing account of a visit to our well built and commodious courthouse when the truth is that a stray cow came out the front door of it and tried to look us over the fence when we first went up to it.

"We noted the cause for pardonable pride which we had in the fine condition of our streets the same day we had a good pair of boots pulled off by the mud while going to the post office.

"We grew really eloquent over the splendid opportunities that exist here for settlers when we knew that the only settler who arrived here this summer was promptly run into a saloon and cleaned out of his money in a poker game by Dan Kuhn town clerk and Bill Wooly county commissioner.

"We told of our sparkling drinking water cool and delicious to the taste when we knew there was so much alkali in it that in washing our type in it, it had actually eaten the tails off the very combs we punctuated the statement with.

"We spoke of our winter climate as being clear and dry rendering it quite impossible to feel the cold, when only a month before the doctor had amputated two of our toes, where we had inadvertently got our foot over a rat hole in the floor while eating our supper.

"We found time to write a lengthy article on our beautiful spring weather with just enough breeze to purify the air and make it healthful, even if we were kept pretty busy that week in sorting our type, which had been pried by the office being blown away and scattered over half the country.

The week we were sunstruck we wrote a poem on Beautiful Summer at Roaring Spring; when Judge of the Probate Dougherty had the jim jams and set the school house afire in the night we laid it to the diabolical work of some villainous tramps; when Nick Dagget and his wife tried to poison each other we shouted about the arsenic in the wall paper; the Paekard family froze to death in a blizzard, and we wept over the fact that consumption should thus enter a family without warning and sweep away a whole household; a cyclone killed six and we sobbed over that fell destroyer, epileptic fits, contracted in the army; drinking alkali water hurried half a dozen to an untimely grave, and in every case we bowed our head and through our sobs moaned out: Another good citizen killed in a runaway! That's the way we have been standing up for you, that is the way we've been lying for you, but we are going to stop. This is the last Examiner. If a few remaining dead beats in Roaring Spring will this evening cast their eyes through the gathering darkness they will see a tall, brawny young man formerly engaged in the newspaper business in their midst, pass out from among them through the gloaming on the trot. Good bye. It is our honest hope that we may not meet on a better shore, we couldn't meet on a worse one.

**Care and Wisdom in the Dairy.**

The secret of so much poor butter is poor cream. By poor cream we mean cream which is kept too long. This is the greatest mistake made by butter makers. Some of this cream begins to get rancid and these elements of putrefaction are not churned out, but on the contrary, are churned into the butter and go right on and increase and work all through the tub. If the butter is eaten right away or within a short time it will be good, as the particles affected with rancidity will be not noticed owing to the flavor of the remainder of the butter. The salting has the tendency to arrest the active working of rancidity for a short time, but after a little while, varying on account of the temperature and the exposure, it will become active and spread all through the mass. A cold temperature is the best to keep butter and if it could be kept just above freezing it would remain sweet a long time. A warm and moist cellar is a poor place to keep butter in, and so is one or any place, where vegetables or anything else is stored, which gives off any odor. Sweet butter is very sensitive to odors and will take odors until it becomes so rancid that it beats them all. It is better to make butter to sell, even though the price may not be as high as we would like. The loss in flavor will generally affect the quality so much that a price must be accepted less than the current rates for the tub, and thus the average is reduced below the price which might be realized if sold the year round as fast as made. This will always be the case unless the conditions for keeping butter are specially favorable. An important fact must not be forgotten; the butter supply does not depend on the summer-made, as winter dairying is becoming more common on farms, and in the great butter sections in the west and Northwest where butter is made all winter in the creameries. These farmers have cows coming in at all times of the year and their cows do not run dry four or five months, as is too common in the East. Two months is long enough for a cow to go dry as a rule, although there are cows which will not make butter when far advanced in calf. Such cows should be dried off sooner or sold out of a butter dairy. There should be a close observance of the peculiarities of cows with reference to the amount of butter they will make, and how long they can be milked at a profit. In almost every dairy there are poor cows which reduce the income of the dairy. Quite often there are cows which are worthless for butter making, but which would do very well where cheese is made or better yet perhaps where the milk is sold to people who do not expect any "scum" to arise and might be worried should any appear.

**Two Ways of Seeing Things.**

First Anarchist—Look at that rich man now; too lazy to drive his own horses.

Second Anarchist—Yes, has to have a private coachman to hold the reins while he lays back in the cushions.

**AT ANOTHER CORNER.**

First Business Man—I declare if there isn't old Scrogge doing his own driving.

Second Business Man—Yes, he's so infernally mean and stingy that he discharged his coachman, a poor man with a large family, because he thought him an unnecessary expense.—*Quaker World.*

**DOMESTIC HINTS.**

**FRUIT CAKE.**  
Eight cups of flour, six cups sugar, three cups butter, two cups milk (clabber preferred), twelve eggs, four tea spoonfuls cream of tartar, two teaspoonfuls soda, two pounds seeded raisins, two pounds of currants, half pound thinly sliced citron, flour the raisins to prevent them from settling. Flavor with cloves, allspice, cinnamon, ginger and mace to suit the taste; bake four hours. Mix sugar and butter and beat it to light cream, then add milk and yolks of eggs, then the spices and lastly the whites and fruits.

**BREAD ONIET.**  
One cup of sweet milk, one cup of fine bread crumbs without crust, a little salt and pepper, beat all together; add two well beaten eggs, put in a frying-pan a small lump of butter, let it melt and run all over the pan; now pour in the oniet, cook gently until it sets (about fifteen minutes), loosen the edges and fold one half over the other; now put on a hot plate to fit the pan, hold firmly and turn the pan over; it will come out nice and whole.

**SPONGE CAKE.**  
One pint sugar, one pint flour, one tablespoon vinegar, one tablespoon water, eight eggs, one teaspoon lemon or vanilla extract. Mix vinegar, water and sugar, add the yolks of the eggs and beat till light. Beat the whites separately and add. After these ingredients are thoroughly mixed, stir in the flour slowly, add one teaspoon vanilla or lemon, and bake in one large or two small tins. The oven should be moderately heated.

**TEA CAKE.**  
One cup of sugar, one tablespoonful of butter, three eggs; beat well together, then add a cup of sweet milk (you may use part water) and a quart of sifted flour, into which you have mixed a spoonful of cream of tartar and one-half a teaspoonful of soda; bake in a quick oven. It is improved by sprinkling sugar over the top (before baking). This will make two cakes, which are best when eaten warm.

**ROLLS.**  
One quart of flour, two ounces butter well rubbed together, one well beaten egg, a little salt, two teaspoonful baking powder well dissolved, and as much milk as required to make a stiff batter; beat it well, set to rise; when light, roll out thin, cut into gums, brush edges with melted butter, fold them over, place in pans separated a little, let them stand awhile to rise again, and bake.

**CORN BREAD.**  
Mix together thoroughly by putting through a sieve or other wise one pound of Indian meal and 1 1/2 pounds of wheat flour, two ounces of baking powder and a tablespoonful of salt; then beat together three ounces of sugar, three ounces of butter and four eggs; add this to flour and make a stiff batter, using warm milk in winter and cold in summer; bake in small tins.

**CREAM CAKE.**  
One cup white sugar, 1 1/2 cups flour, three eggs beaten separate and very light, two tablespoons water, one teaspoon baking powder. Bake in two cakes. Cream: One pint milk, one cup sugar, one-half cup butter, three eggs, two tablespoons flour, lemon extract. Cut each cake and fill with the cream.

**CORN STARCH.**  
One pint of milk, three whites of eggs, three tablespoonfuls of corn starch, three tablespoonfuls of sugar; boil the milk, add the other ingredients, and pour in mould. Make a custard of one pint of milk, three yolks of eggs and three tablespoonfuls of sugar; flavor. Add boiled milk, and when ready to serve, pour around the white part.

**CUP Pudding.**  
Break an egg in a coffee-cup and beat thoroughly, then add one tablespoonful of flour and a pinch of salt; pour on milk till the cup is nearly full, then beat again and place in oven and bake twenty minutes. Eat while it is hot, with a sauce made with the whites of eggs and sugar beaten together till stiff.

**LOBSTER SALAD.**  
One can of lobster, chopped fine, twelve hard-boiled eggs, chopped fine, one cup of vinegar, one tablespoonful of mustard, one-half teaspoonful of pepper, small piece of butter, one-half cup of cream. Two raw eggs, well beaten; heat until boiling; mix with lobster and eggs, and lay on lettuce leaves.

S. T. CROCKETT, a farmer near Wytheville, Va., recently went to town to take in the sights. Soon after his arrival there he was approached by a stranger who claimed to be a land speculator, named Scott, from Culpeper county, Virginia. Soon after another stranger approached, and Mr. Crockett was in the toils in an up-stairs room. It was the old card trick. Crockett was allowed to win several dollars in small sums, and then the sharpers proposed to play him for \$1,250. Flushed with victory, the old fellow went to his bank, and soon returned with the amount. He had no sooner entered the room than he was bound and gagged and the money taken away from him. Crockett has gone to Louisville, where he thinks his men wait.

**THE DARK-CLOSET METHOD.**

This is one popular method—popular in so far as it is common to all workmen—that weight and warmth are synonymous, and that bed-covering which lacks weight must necessarily lack comfort. The housekeeper as winter approaches turns over her stock of comfortables, which have either been in a dark closet all summer or, it may be, remained between two mattresses; either method insuring the mustiness that is the characteristic of most comfortables. The dark-closet method is distinctly preferable, if the comfortable has been thoroughly sunned before it was laid away and is thoroughly sunned again before its winter mission begins. But the whole question of winter bedding as it stands in the housekeeper's mind, requires reconstruction, beginning with the fallacy already mentioned, that weight means warmth.

A well-made comfortable, where the best quality of both cotton and covering have been used, has its rightful place in the household economy. Such a comfortable should be two yards and a quarter in length, or even two yards and a third, that a generous portion may be tucked in at the bottom, nor should it be less than two yards in width for the ordinary bed. Three pounds of the best cotton may fill it; five are often used, but three are ample, and this cotton, evenly and lightly laid on one surface of the covering, is caught in securely when the upper cover is laid on either by hand or by machine quilting, or by "tying" at fixed intervals with worsted or yarn of contrasting colors. Such a comfortable, for the ordinary double beds, requires thirteen and a half yards of common calico, or twelve and a half yard-wide material. Calico may be had for five cents a yard, and the best cotton at twenty cents a pound, the article, exclusive of labor, being thus worth \$1.40. Anything but the best cotton is filled with cotton-seed, and has thus necessarily, the strong smell of cotton-seed oil. Add this defect of natural constitution to the acquired unpleasantness of an unsired room, or long use, and it is small wonder that a sensitive nose suffers, and that housekeepers wonder why bedrooms seem so stuffy. The fact is that no civilized bedroom should contain an article of bedding which can not be washed or otherwise thoroughly cleansed, and herein lies the chief objection to either comfortable or quilt in which the cotton is firmly fastened down.

Cotton absorbs and holds the bodily exhalations, but, unhappily, when washed, loses its lightness and becomes a species of felt made of knots and strings. The economical housekeeper, therefore, uses benzine to remove any soil on that portion drawn about the neck, or, if matters are too serious for such method, recovers the whole, finding this preferable to cutting the numberless knots of a tied comfortable. The outside of the platter is fair to view, but what is there within? Concentrated uncleanness, imprisoned disease, portable malaria, warranted to add its quota to the contributions from sewer-pipes or imperfect drainage, and to insure necessity for a doctor's visit at least once during the season.—*Mrs. E. Hall, in Cincinnati Enquirer.*

**Diphtheria Cure.**

A correspondent of a Victoria (V. I.) paper writes: "Should you or any of your family be attacked with diphtheria do not be alarmed, as it is easily and speedily cured without a doctor. When it was in England a few years ago I accompanied Dr. Field on his rounds to witness so-called wonderful cures he performed while the patients of others were dying on all sides. The remedy, to be so rapid, must be simple. All he took with him was powder of sulphur and a quill, and with these he cured every patient without exception. He put a teaspoonful of flour of brimstone into a wineglassful of water and stirred it with his finger instead of a spoon, as the sulphur will not readily amalgamate with water. When the sulphur was well mixed he gave it as a gargle, and in ten minutes the patient was out of danger. Brimstone kills every species of fungus in man, beast and plants in a few minutes."

**Prize Rebuked.**

The latest baptismal incident is related by a dignified Judge of the Supreme Court of Minnesota. A colored Baptist congregation were out on the border of a conveniently located lake, attending the immersion of a harvest of young converts gathered in at a recent revival. Among the candidates for the rite was a strapping great man whose ample proportions were enhanced by a bustle, itself of no mean dimensions. When she went in to the water the minister found the bustle a stumbling block to his holy work. It acted as a buoy for the candidate, floating her up when the minister attempted to put her under the water. After he had experimented two or three times with the candidate, each time being defeated in his purpose by the bustle, one of the dusky brethren on the shore yelled out: "Crowd dat ar bustle under de water, parson; crowd it under; it's de wisest est thing you've got to deal wid."—*Post Register.*

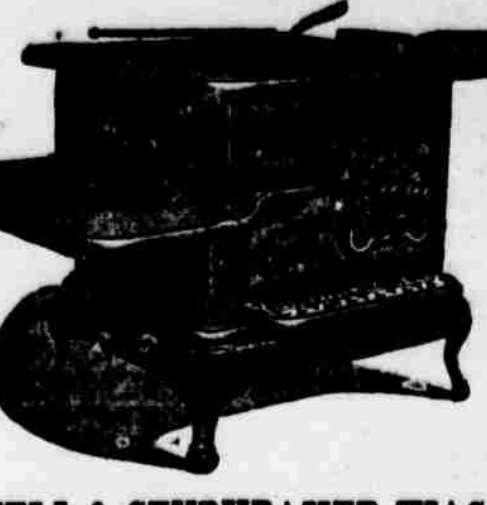
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**A Remarkable Statement.**

Gainsville, Tex., March 3.—The news of W. L. Beason's death was brought here by the Gazette of yesterday. There was more or less anxiety among Gainsville people from the time of his arrest to the death of the accused. Perhaps not one in a hundred of our people now believe that Beason was the author of the terrible tragedy of July 13 last, though the first dispatch caused perhaps a momentary doubt in some minds. The officers of this city who have been well informed of the peculiar mysteries of that horrible deed have never for a moment believed Beason the guilty man. They know more about that horror than officials living at a distance, and have never devoted any time looking after transient criminals in order to fix the guilt of the Gainsville tragedy upon any of them. They have become thoroughly satisfied that the evil-doer will never be found by foreign search if found at all. Both the city and county officers have received several letters from parties to different parts of the country acknowledging the crime, and Beason, it is said, is the sixth man who has been arrested and made a confession of the tragedy, claiming to be the perpetrator.

**The Safe Side.**

A darkey applied to the clerk this week for a license to marry. Mr. Red asked whether he would prefer a red seal or a golden seal on it, and explained to him that the golden seal bound them for all time while the red seal allowed a slight chance for divorce. Ham scratched his head and hesitated until he saw Mr. Red pick up a bronze seal, when he broke out with: "Say, Mister Red, I 'spects yer better put de red seal on; I dunno what moult turn up, and I'd ruther be on er safe side."—*Taylor Co. News.*

**Killed an Invader.**

Austin, Tex., March 3.—A dispatch to Governor Ross today from Eagle Pass says a couple of lieutenants and two soldiers of the Mexican Army came over this morning and attempted to kidnap a deserter. Sheriff Ooke demanded their surrender and they fired on him and his deputy. The latter returned the fire and killed one and wounded another. The remainder retreated back across the river. More trouble is expected.

**INTO THE VORTEX.**

Legal Proceedings Commenced to Compel the Wabash to Handle Freight Off the Burlington.

**THE LAW INVOKED.**

CHICAGO, ILL., March 8.—The Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad Company have petitioned Judge Gresham of the United States Circuit court, praying for an order requiring the receiver of the Wabash, St. Louis and Pacific Railway to perform its duties as a public carrier, as respects traffic with the petitioner; and also for an order restraining the association commonly called "The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers," and its officers and agents, and especially one P. M. Arthur, its chief executive officer, from in any way giving any orders to the engineers in the employ of the receiver, for them to refuse to haul loaded cars coming to or going from the railroad in charge of said receiver; and also praying for an order to punish said Arthur for contempt of court in unlawfully interfering with the administration of the property in custody of the court in this cause.

The hearing of the case was set for to-morrow afternoon.

General Manager Stone of the Burlington said to an Associated Press reporter that application had been made first against the Wabash because the evidence against that road was very conclusive, for not only had that company refused to handle Burlington freight here, but also at various junction points of the two roads. The application against the Wabash is not intended to be a test case, but similar motions will be made against all roads refusing to handle freight from the Burlington system.

There was considerable surprise among the strikers and their chiefs when the news of this latest move of the road was broken to them. Mr. Sargeant said an injunction, if it was granted, would have no effect on the strike so far as the engineers and firemen are concerned. Chief Arthur, he said, does not order strikes and does not order the men to quit work; therefore an injunction against him will cut no figure whatever.

Chief Arthur could not be seen, but the press committee authorized to speak for him said: "An injunction against Mr. Arthur would not be worth the paper it's printed on, simply because he does not order the men to quit work. An injunction against the Brotherhood is equally worthless because it is not an incorporated body. If the managers of the Wabash do not want to handle Burlington freight no court can make them do it."

The position the engineers as a body will take in any event, will be a very simple one. Whether they appear in court to-morrow by counsel has not yet been decided. As a matter of fact they appear to be quite indifferent as to whether the court will or will not issue the order prayed for. They are determined and so expressed themselves to-day in a score of instances, to refuse to handle a train on any road that aids the Burlington, and no law, they claim, can compel a man to work when he is not willing. On the other hand, the difficulties of the Wabash line are steadily on the increase. The Burlington seems to be determined to draw that road

along with itself, and is nearly sure to do so. If the court to-morrow grants an order requiring the Wabash to perform its duties as a public carrier as respects traffic with the Burlington, then the general tie up of the Wabash Road must follow. Engineers will of course refuse to handle Burlington cars, and if receiver McNulty wants to save himself from punishment for contempt of court and his road from heavy damages, he will be obliged to discharge his engineers and hire ones that will do the work. The moment the

first man is discharged a strike will follow. This is Chief Arthur's assurance to his men, positively made yesterday. Wirt Dexter, counsel for the Burlington road, claims to be perfectly well aware of the fact that the Brotherhood of Engineers is not an incorporated society, but, notwithstanding this fact, that legal light is confident of being able to

**TIE THEIR HANDS**

by a writ of injunction. There is not much doubt now that the Burlington Railway means fight, and its engineers can not be caught as a society. They may be reached under the conspiracy law. General Manager Stone said the Wabash was selected first to be punished, because it was in the control of the court. Evidence against the Wabash is very conclusive, for not only has that road refused to accept Burlington freight here but also at various junction points. The Burlington company has as yet taken no action in regard to other railways, which have refused to handle their freight, but Stone says if proceedings against the Wabash do not have the desired effect similar action will be brought to bear on them. The Lake Shore Railway has been receiving freight from off the Burlington to-day without protest from their engineers. The officials of that railway say they will continue to handle freight transferred to them. Most of the eastern railways have signified willingness to do the same, but with the exception of the Union Pacific all western roads remain firm in refusal to touch Burlington cars.

**THE TEXAS CALDRON.**

What the Papers are Saying of Men and Measures.

Marshall Herald: John Ireland will never represent Texas in the United States Senate. He does not weigh enough mentally. He has had his day.

Texarkana Times: The Dallas News has divorced itself from the Democratic party. This is too sad. The Texas Democracy will go to the "demnition how wows" in a hurry.

Farmersville Times: Mills' tariff speech to the manufacturers at Providence will not help him much in his aspirations for a seat in the United States Senate.

Jefferson Jimplecute: If anybody wants to scare the Democracy of Texas to death, just hoist Wash Jones' old coat on a high pole and say "scat."

Fairfield Recorder: The Galveston News thinks Governor Ross would make a good United States Senator, and quietly edges in a word in that direction ever now and then. The News owes Coke an old gudge, but is not going to come out and fight him as it once did.

Brenham Banner: Mr. Mills has created considerable dissatisfaction and disappointment among his friends by reason of his position on the wool tariff, but his triumphant reelection is a necessity in the interest of revenue reform, and is assured if his fool friends will but cease to insist that he is a candidate for the Senate against his will. Mr. Mill has not authorized them to speak for him and no doubt would be pleased if they would keep their mouths shut.

San Antonio Light: The Paris Daily News asks this fool question. "Why is it that the Waco Examiner and Fort Worth Gazette single out Colonel Mills for criticism on the tariff question? President Cleveland, Speaker Carlile, Breckenridge, and an overwhelming majority of the democracy, are in tune with him." The obvious answer is because Mills is from Texas and Texas does not want free wool upon the list, and Mills is amenable to Texas for his political acts, and Cleveland

and Carlile and Breckenridge are not, in the same sense that Mills is, because they do not represent a Texas constituency in Congress.

San Antonio Express: The "crust is breaking" over in Eastern Texas, too. Heretofore it has been considered rank treason for any man to offer himself as a candidate for Congress against the sitting member; but Captain T. T. Gammage announces his determination to measure swords with Hon. Howdy Martin. May the best man win. If that is treason make the most of it.

Marshall Herald: We will venture a prediction, which will very probably be verified, viz: Mills will not be a candidate for the senatorship the chances are evenly balanced but there will be no opposition candidate pitted against Coke and it is certain that Coke will be re-elected. If any man should appear in the lists that man will be either Terrell or Ireland. As for Mills his political future is assured. It is built upon an enduring foundation and he can generously afford to wait.

San Antonio Times: The Galveston-Dallas News finds it necessary to formulate its platform. Most Democratic journals do not

Brady Sentinel: Cranfill's effort to put out a straight prohibition ticket will not receive much favor from the press of Texas. The Sentinel favored prohibition, but when it was defeated it settled the question so far as the Sentinel is concerned. It is opposed to a prohibition ticket first, last and all the time.

Texarkana Times: Just as a forerunner the Times don't mind stating that Senator Gregg of Palestine will succeed Howdy Martin in the House of Congress. The handwringing is all ready on the wall in dim but legible letters. Senator Gregg is one of the best as well as the brainiest men in Texas and he will make a tip-top Congressman.

Brenham Banner: Hon. Roger Q. Mills is able to take care of himself and will be triumphantly re-elected to Congress.

**AUSTIN.**

Why More Requisitions are not Issued. Medical Society Meeting.

Austin, Tex., March 8.—Major Holmes, Governor Ross' private secretary, under direction of the Governor, has written a letter in reply to sheriff Sparks of Bell county asking why a requisition had not been issued in a certain case. Secretary Holmes says in the matter of requisitions the Governor is obliged in the interest of the state to decline in a great many cases, as the benefit to be obtained by the return and even conviction of the offender would not compensate for the expense which would be incurred. Under the old law of issuing requisitions the Governor could control the cost to be paid. Under the present law, even when the party is never tried the state has to pay a fixed amount, whether it costs that much or not to get the man. When the Governor came into office there had under the old system to be provided for a deficiency of \$274,000, due sheriffs and officers of courts in criminal cases. Under the new law, if he took off the brakes and issued a requisition in every case asked for, the deficiency would be over a million and doubtless chapter 148 of the acts of 1887 would either be repealed or so modified as not to be of the same benefit to sheriffs as it is now. The letter says, with all the Governors caution, he has up to-day issued 200 requisitions for criminals in other states.

The Austin District Medical Society met to-day.

**KEPT HER PROMISE.**

A Man and Woman Who Agreed to Leave the World at the Same Time.

Chicago, Ill., March 8.—A very sensational suicide was brought to light in Japanese building, 243 State street, this morning. About 6 o'clock the janitor noticed a light in the rooms occupied by the manicure establishment of Mrs. Cobb, and as this was an unusual circumstance at that hour he forced his way into the place and found the corpse of Miss Gracie McCullom, manager of the manicure rooms, seated in a chair. The developments at the inquest are of a most sensational character. Suicide was committed in pursuance with an agreement made with William Hartnett, the man who shot himself in the bath tub yesterday. Miss McCullom came here from Milwaukee six years ago, and entered Hartnett's house as a domestic. Hartnett and his wife did not get along well, and the young servant maid and her employer fell in love with each other. She left the house when this condition of things was developed, and entered the employ of Marshall, Field and Co. Last November Mrs. Cobb came on from New York and engaged Gracie as manager of her parlor. In the mean time Hartnett and she met, and night before last arranged to leave the world together. The suicides were to take place simultaneously at 6 o'clock last evening while Miss McCullom was engaged on a lady's hand. About that hour she received note from Hartnett, beginning, "My own, own darling one," and telling her of his suicide. She told a neighbor in the same business, Mrs. Ruppert, the whole situation, and was prevailed upon to promise that she would do nothing wrong and that she would be in that room in the morning. She was.

**NOT SO FLIPPANT.**

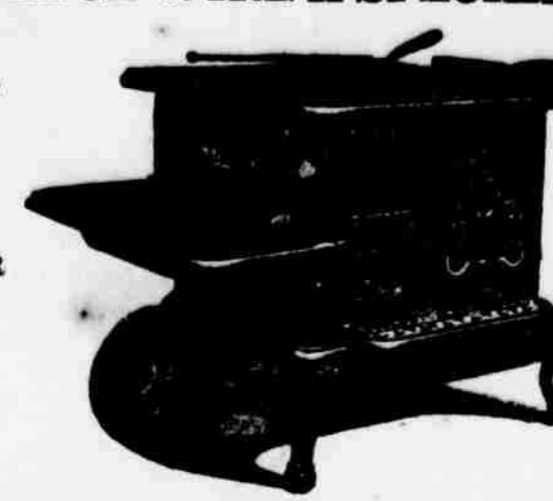
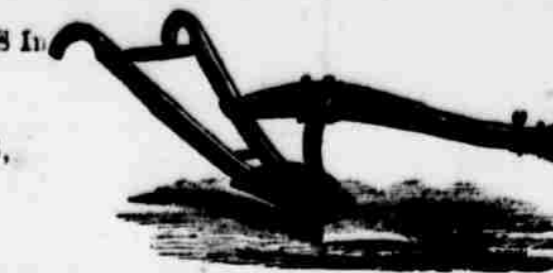
EASTLAND, Tex. March 9.—Last night just before dark Deputy Sheriff George Hill, from Rising Star, came to this place and brought with him old man Flippens and son, who were robbed in Brown county at their own house in broad open daylight just one day before the capture of Tom Price. This fact and the further fact that the old man and son described Price so well led Mr. Hill to believe that Price was the guilty party, and that it could be proved positively if the parties could see Price. Price has only been in jail ten days during which time he has been the merriest man in town—whoooping, singing, cursing, playing his harp, etc., and when parties from Cisco would view him from the standpoint of a bank robber, he would arise and come fourth from his cell and dance before them and show off to a very good advantage. But his "feathers fell" this morning when Jailer D. K. Scott entered the jail and told him that he had brought the old man up to see him. Flippens and son both recognized Price instantly as one of the men who relieved them of \$115 in gold, and besides beat and bushed the old man around with his six-shooter, an account of which appeared in the Gazette February 29. Price never denied the recognition, but on the contrary, it was a very difficult matter to get him to come from his cell. As soon as the parties left Price begged the jailer to move him out of the county, and says he had rather be sent to the penitentiary for fifty years than for the friends of Flippens to know where he is as he says they will be sure to take him from the jail and hang him. Our sheriff is satisfied that no such thing is on foot, and that Price is simply frightened at being caught up with in one more crime, and that to be added to the three cases of horse theft in Callahan county, two cases of the same nature in San Angelo, one in Eastland and one in Brown will give him ample time to "bleach up."

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**THE EXPLANATION.**

CHICAGO, ILL., March 8.—On the desk, within arm's length of where the McCullom girl's body found, were two letters sealed and addressed. One was addressed to Mrs. Mary E. Cobb, 68 West Twenty-third street, New York. The other bore the address of the suicide's sister. On a torn sheet of common note paper was written the following brief but expressive words:

I die true to the resolution I made to my best friend. I die with him.

J. McCULLUM.

Telegraph to Mrs. Cobb. This message was addressed to no one in particular, and from the scawly-looking character in black ink, must have been written after she had taken the poison. On the carpet near the center table, lay an open letter wrapped about the photograph of a man, hand some and wearing full beard. It was the picture of William S. Hartwell, ex-freight auditor of the Northwestern Railroad, who committed suicide yesterday by shooting himself. That told the story. It was not even necessary to read the letter, which was in Mr. Hartwell's own hand writing, and read as follows:

CHICAGO ILL. March 7, 1888.

Dear Josie: Perhaps when you receive this I will be gone. Be the brave, courageous, noble woman that you always have been, and remember our pledge. Yours affectionately, WILLIAM S. HARTWELL.

What there may be back of these few but suggestive facts is as easily imagined as written. The coroner's jury returned a verdict that Miss McCullom came to her death from a dose of poison, taken with suicidal intent.

An odd case under the copyright law is occupying the attention of the courts at Boston. Mr. Kennedy, of Brooklyn, owns the copyright of the well-known song, "Cradle's Embrace, Baby's Gonna, and the Automatic Music Company, of Boston, claim the exclusive right to sell the song in perforated sheets for the organette. The defendant claims that the perforated paper is not sheet music, but is merely a mechanical appliance which the copyright law does not cover. To be copyrighted, he argues, music must be written on printed or ordinary staff with clefs, sharps, flats, etc. It appeared in evidence that application for copyright on the perforated sheets of various songs had been refused at Washington, where it was held that the appliance came under the patent laws only, and that, as a matter of fact, it had been covered by two patents which have expired. If the court decides that the perforated sheets can be copyrighted, it will be equivalent to deciding that songs can be monopolized under the law. Judge Colt will think about the case before deciding it.

**CURRENT EVENTS.**

Nevada butter is much sought after by Cal. Mormons.  
There are about three thousand policemen in New York city.  
A German brewery is being established at Yokohama, Japan.  
Remains of an ancient wall have been discovered at Oxford.  
Stock farms are fast supplanting cattle ranches in the Lone Star state.  
Randolph and Clay counties, Alabama, are reported by deputies to be full of stills.  
The compulsory education law is being enforced in all the principal towns of Arizona.  
Bostonians are trying to make room for a season of German opera in that city this winter.  
Conrad Lunden Mayor, a prominent citizen of Donaldsonville, La., died Monday, aged 67 years.  
According to The Chambers' Journal there have been no new jokes made during the last few centuries.  
At a recent dog exposition in Orange county, New York, several pups were less collared eight inches deep.  
A Channing club composed of Unitarians only has been organized at Boston. It starts with ninety-three members.  
As a result of the yellow-fever scare Florida hotels will suffer considerably this winter from the scarcity of northern tourists.  
A large quantity of silverware recently stolen in Bridgeport, Conn., has been recovered in a New York pawn broker's shop.  
A shopper who wished to purchase goods of a new shade of brown asked the clerk for "something the color of clam fritters."  
Miss Lizzie Bell Sinclair, of Everettstown, Hunterdon county, N. J., completed on her twelfth birthday a bequest containing 11,310 pieces.  
The government of Yucatan has ordered town clocks from the United States for the towns of Ticul, Motul, Huncucma, and Acanceh.  
The horse plague that recently prevailed in Atlantic and Cape May counties, New Jersey, is estimated to have destroyed over \$25,000 worth of horses.  
A citizen of San Francisco has requested the Chinese government to supply him with thirty jinrikishas for the purpose of opening a business in jinrikishas in that city.  
There is in Paris a museum started in 1898 by Prof. Guillemin which contains everything used in educating the blind and specimens of the work produced by blind people.  
There are millions of ducks on the Chesapeake bay. The red-headed, black-headed, mallard, and long-tail are the most numerous, but there are thousands of other kinds.  
It is the remark of Mrs. Grundy, of The New York Mail and Express, "that some of the fashionable dentists have ascertained that they charged not wisely but too well."  
The Maine Pedagogical society meets in Augusta on Dec. 29-31. Among the speakers will be Senator Patterson, of New Hampshire, and Prof. Chapman, of Bowdoin college.  
A Hawkinsville, Ga., society item: "Rev. B. J. Cowles, of the Baptist church, will administer the ordinance of baptism to one of our popular belles on Wednesday night next."  
At Summerville, Ga., last Sunday, Rev. C. Tucker had the unusual experience of "preaching the funeral" of four sisters who had died within eighteen days of one another.  
Near Sag Harbor, N. Y., one day recently a woman was crossing a field and some cows were feeding there moved toward her and frightened her so much that she dropped down dead.  
The Boston citizens' committee have collected about \$8,000 toward the testimonial to Gen. Fiske and Designer Burgess, and the Eastern Yacht club expects to turn in \$5,000 more.  
A good many of the owners of oil wells in Ohio think that the Pennsylvania shut-down is due to the fact that crude oil can be purchased much cheaper by the refiners in the foreign field.

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If the citizens of Haskell, town and county, desire to see the paper still further improved, they should do all they can to support and encourage it.

If you will notice the delinquent tax list, which appears on our first page, you will discover that the resident portion thereof is very small, comparatively nothing. Does this not speak well for our county?

There is much food for thought, in the communication from Mr. Sanders, which appeared in our last issue, relative to immigration. He makes some points worthy of consideration by every one. Let us all go to work with vim and determination. Haskell is the best county in the west, and must lead.

Rev. W. S. James, a Cumberland Presbyterian revivalist of considerable note, is in the city conducting a revival. Mr. James is a pleasant gentleman, and is an earnest and heroic worker in the Master's cause. During a recent meeting at Anson, which he conducted, there were 78 conversions, and he has been very successful wherever he has gone. Mr. James is a fluent speaker, and has a splendid delivery. His method of getting squarely down to facts is both novel and expressive. We trust that his stay in Haskell may be productive of much good, and that all of our people may be greatly benefited.

**Come to Haskell County.**

People in the older states often feel prompted to make a change of residence. They are cramped in their present surroundings, and each successive year see the matter growing worse. Their homes are encumbered, and their crops are mortgaged before they are made. Their all is invested in what they have around them, and they see their investment constantly depreciating in value.

Some are so blind that they can not see whither they are drifting, until it is too late to remedy the evil. Others are foresighted enough to see they are drifting into ruin as fast as the fleeting years pass by. Then they determine to make a change, while they are yet able to do so. This is a sensible determination on their part, and we are always glad to welcome such men to our county. Here, they will receive kind attention from every one, and our people vie with one another in these acts of kindness.

Land is cheap and of the best quality. Everything that grows in Texas will grow here, and our rich fertile soil produces the most abundant crops Cotton, corn, oats, wheat, sorghum, millet, rye and everything else yields abundantly. Vegetables of all kinds do well, and two crops of potatoes can easily be made from the same soil.

Our county is rapidly recovering from the effects of the late drouth, and in a short time it will be a thing of the past. Every thing is looking up, and if you are contemplating making any investments in this county now is the time for you to do so. Investments made now will treble in value in two years time. Lands are continually enhancing in value, and now is a better time for investments than you will ever see again.

Texas is the grandest state in the Union, and Haskell is one of the grandest counties in Texas. We have a law-abiding people, who are moral and progressive. If you cast your lot among us, it could not fall in more pleasant places. Then do not hesitate, but steer your boat in the direction of Haskell county, Texas.

**IDELLA.**

**IDELLA, TEXAS,  
March 6, 1888.**

**Editor Free Press:**

It was our sad duty yesterday to attend the funeral of Mr. Geo. Cook who died at Abilene on last Saturday. He had gone there on business, and had bought perhaps what was necessary for his family's comfort at home, and started out but was taken with that incurable, that dread disease of the heart to which he was already a victim. He died very suddenly, he was not alone with strangers to die, but a few friends were there with willing hands to do all in their power, but could not stay the hand of the grim monster, death. It seems too hard for a loved husband and fond father and a useful neighbor to be taken away with out a moments warning, but 'tis God's will. He has seen fit to call him to his long home. His remains were carried home to his grief stricken family to remain but a few hours, then he was carried by neighbors and friends to his last resting place, only a short distance from his own premises. The funeral services were conducted by the brother of deceased. He asked the sister-in-law if he must say anything. She told him he could not make a talk, but I heard him say in kindly words, "I will try," then with tearful eyes and trembling voice he made some remarks that were brief but impressive, then all bowed in prayer, and he asked that the brother might have a home with God in everlasting glory. There are but few brothers who could perform such a sad duty.

Mr. Cook was not a member of any church, but had taken several degrees in Free Masonry and was of high standing in the lodge.

When opportunity offered for himself and family Mr. Cook would join in innocent amusement any where in the community and took an active part, but it seemed that his families pleasure was his greatest joy, if they could not go he stayed at home with them, only business and not pleasure that ever called him away from wife and children.

Many people have cause to praise his good acts whom he attended in sickness and disease, as to such he always lent a helping hand. Not long since he rendered great service to the writer while trying to lul the pain of a sick husband who had a severe throat disease, and as doctor's aid was almost impossible I was at a loss what to do, but Mr. Cook came and worked faithfully trying many treatments, and succeeded to a great extent. We soon learned to look for his coming as we would a skillful physician.

It seems that it is some comfort to the wife and children to have him buried so near home. Then when the flowers bloom

again, 'twill oft times be a pleasant task to strow fresh ones on his grave and plant ever greens around; it will always be a hallowed spot to them. Grieve no more Mrs. Cook, you have one consolation, there is a promise of peace and rest beyond the grave, for one so honest, so upright and so kind to all as was your husband. 'Tis hard I know, you are left with four little ones to fight life's battle alone, you are father and mother too now, how great the change but learn to look on the bright side of all things; choose God as your guide and director and Heaven as your aim and you need never fear, for he never forsakes those who trust in him. A friend, MOLLIE LACKEY.

**Cattlemen's Meeting.**

Haskell, Texas, March 2nd, 1888. EDITOR NEWS:—The cowmen of Haskell and surrounding counties met at the courthouse in Haskell on March 1st, and organized the "Brazos and Double Mountain Cattlemen's association." C. M. Darling of Stonewall county, president, Orin Baker, of king county, vice-president, and Frank Chamberlain, of Jones county, secretary. Committees were appointed to settle range boundaries, the time for the spring round-ups and other work of the association, to report on the 2nd. The association then adjourned until the 2nd.

On the night of the first was the time appointed for a grand ball in honor of the assembled cow barons. At an early hour the courthouse was brilliantly lighted, while the "beax and thibelles" thronged thither to trip the "light fantastic." They all had on clean clothes, but for a further description of the magnificent wardrobe to be seen, I respectfully refer you to the Dallas News, for I am confident they had on the same costumes or nearly the same, that were described by the Dallas News reporter some time since. The ball was a pleasant affair and all enjoyed themselves to the full.

The Cowmen's Association met on the 2nd according to the time specified and proceeded to rapidly dispense with the business as programmed by the committee. The time for spring work was set May 1st; round-ups to begin in districts No. 1 and 2 on the same day, work commencing on the headwaters of Little Stinking creek in district No. 1, and west of Warren's pasture in the circle bar range in district No. 2. A great many questions and points were discussed and decided, of interest only to the association.

The association passed a resolution that none of its members would allow any parties to work in their range or hire any one guilty of the practice of mavericking. If they would adhere to the resolution and take nothing themselves that had a doubtful ownership some good might result. But where the big cowman owns and controls a range 10 or 15 miles square and claims all mavericks in said range when the round-ups begin in the spring and have said mavericks branded in his brand when there are cowboys present who know that the yearlings or mavericks, or some of them at least, belong to nesters, or farmers, these same cowboys argue to themselves that they have as good a claim as any one to them, and they have. Let each calf, in the summer while work is in progress, be branded in the brand of its mother and thus obviate the necessity of any body branding mavericks in the spring. If the cowmen wish to have the practice totally discontinued let them, at the last work in the fall, brand all the unbranded calves in their range and thereby remove the cause for mavericking.

District court convenes here on the second Monday in March. Farmers have sown a large acreage in oats.

There will be some cotton planted in our county.—Haskell Dotter in Taylor County News.

The Haskell Dotter is evidently not very familiar with the minutes of the stock convention, or else he wishes to give the stock men an unwarranted stab when he says they passed the resolution in regard to mavericking. The resolution he attempts to refer to only affects those who are known to be engaged in illegal branding and "burning" cattle. We advise Mr. Dotter to be more careful of his veracity, or he will not be able to fling at the Dallas News reporter with effect.

**A Joke on California,**

El Paso Tribune. Dr. Ennis tells this: "When the first section of the big excursion train last week was chugging through Texas, during the blizzard, delayed by frozen water tanks and bursted pipes, it stopped out here in the sand hills in front of section house. The passengers made a break for something to eat and a motherly old lady fed about a hundred of them in her little dining room.

While the meal was in progress the doctor thought to be sociable, and asked the lady how she liked the country. "Very well," was the answer. I came here in very bad health and have recovered it fully, of course I am pleased." The next question "Where did you come from?" brought the response "From California." The answer raised a laugh from the big crowd of health seekers who were on their way to the coast to recuperate in the glorious California climate.

**HERE AND THERE.**

The city of Los Angeles, Cal., will expend \$1,000,000 next year for a system of sewerage. A case of leprosy, just arrived from Honolulu, has been discovered at Fort Townsend, Washington territory.

A college is being built at Los Angeles, Cal., which will be when completed the next largest female seminary in the state.

A bridge is to be built at once across the Columbia river from the Oregon side to Le Camas, Washington territory.

Not since the season of 1860 has whaling in the Arctic ocean been as profitable as it is this year. Whales are plentiful and easy to capture.

Buffalo Bill's wild west show in London will be succeeded by an Italian exhibition, the chief feature of which is an imitation of the great colosseum.

During the months of September and October 186 Chloemen, who had become wealthy in New York city, sailed from that port for their native land never to return.

The depredations of Indians near Holbrook, Arizona, have been so many that the settlers have resolved to commence a war of extermination if the redskins do not keep inside the reservation.

A blacksmith at Lewiston, Me., makes considerable pin money by manufacturing iron and steel rings and selling them as a sure cure for rheumatism. He warrants them to cure and gets 50 cents a piece.

The first crop of tobacco ever raised in England was harvested this season. The cultivator does not receive much encouragement, however, for the English government insists upon him paying duty, as if the tobacco were imported.

The new dancing slippers have "Louis XV." heels, with stitching round them. The handsomest ones are merely foxed with kid or leather, the rumps or quarters being of satin to match the dress. The bronze foxing is especially rich.

Recently a leather firm at Boston sold one thousand feet of grain leather at 10¢ cents per foot. Not long after the bill was returned to them, with a demand for 2 cents deduction for one-quarter foot short measure. They allowed it.

Contrary to the general supposition there are no areas of frozen swamps to be found in the country adjacent to Alaska. A surveying party employed by the government of Canada discovered a great deal of grassy country along the branches of the Yukon river.

After all, the Chinese are as honorable as any people on the globe. Recently the government of that backward empire returned to the United States a portion of the Rock Springs indemnity so miserly appropriated by congress, as it was found in the final distribution that some of the claims were duplicated.

George Goodwin, while riding along in the mountains near Wetmore, Col., herding stock and playing a French horn, saw coming toward him a coyote. He quickly dismounted, still playing the horn, and procured a club. The wolf seemed unconscious of the danger and allowed him to come so close that he killed it with the club.

In its efforts to find the true boundary line between itself and Massachusetts, New Hampshire sent to the record office in London and procured fac similis of the orders of the king in council and of the old maps and surveys. These latter were compared with the recent surveys of a United States engineer, and the two were found to be almost identical.

Two Korean envoys were sent with congratulations and presents to the emperor of China on the occasion of his recent birthday. Many of these presents were returned to them, the Chinese custom forbidding the acceptance of all the presents offered, and the envoys, when they went back, left these behind to be given over again the next time presents have to be made to the emperor.

Recently an order was received in the composing-room of a Boston publication that Christian names were to be invariably indicated by initials, the name in no instance to be printed in full. The next issue contained mention of G. Cleveland, G. Washington, and so on. It is said that the order was revoked when the editor found Don Quixote's squire securing on a proof-sheet as "B. Panla."

A Maine sailor played a mean trick on a shark one day not long ago. The tiger of the sea had been following the boat for several days and existing on the garbage thrown overboard, and the sailor decided to have some fun with him. He took a large piece of lime and threw it at the fish, which greedily gulped it down. The lime at once began to slake, and the shark after thrashing about in terrible agony for a few minutes, turned over and died.

Ex-Comptroller John J. Knox has received from a friend an interesting relic in the shape of a protested note of Robert Morris, the financial backer of the union in his war for independence. Pasted to the note of protest is the original note for \$5,000. The signature is in a bold hand. The date is 1795. It is well known that Mr. Morris, after raising \$1,600,000 on his credit for the Revolutionary army, and declining the treasury portfolio in favor of Alexander Hamilton, met with reverses and died a poor man.

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Saturday Mar. 17, 1888.

## LOCAL DOTS.

Mr. G. H. Brockett of Jones county is in the city this week.

There will be a church festival at the Delmonico Restaurant today.

Mr. N. A. Mathews is in the city. His many friends are very glad to see him again.

Mr. J. P. Berryhill and family and Mr. J. Berryhill have been in the city several days.

The morning meetings that are being conducted by Rev. Mr. James, are becoming very interesting.

Miss Edna Berryhill, of Stonewall county, is spending a few days with relatives in the city.

Messrs. M. O. Lyna and Bud Price, of Palo Pinto, have been in the city attending court, this week.

The past few days have been warm and the grass is beginning to robe the earth in a coat of green.

The jury in the case of J. P. Berryhill, charged with the theft of cattle, promptly acquitted Mr. Berryhill of the charge.

Hon. W. B. Houston was at his post of duty this week, and he has exhibited his usual talent and energy. Mr. Houston is one of the best district attorneys in the state.

L. W. Campbell Esq., of Albany, the gentleman who laid off our flourishing city, is attending District Court at this place. Mr. Campbell takes a great pride in the prosperity of Haskell and her citizens, and seems to realize that Haskell will be an honor to her founder's name.

The jury in the case of G. A. and W. F. Scarborough, charged with the murder of A. J. Williams, were not out over five minutes before they returned a verdict of not guilty. We have heard many express themselves that this was the most clear case of justifiable homicide they ever saw, and the defendants were properly acquitted.

In the case of the State of Texas vs J. L. Baldwin charged with the murder of Wm. Carter, the case was submitted without argument on the charge of the court. The jury retired long enough to write the verdict not guilty and returned into court. This like the Scarborough cases was a very clear case of justifiable homicide.

The Rev. Mr. James has begun a series of sermons at this place, and so far he has had a large audience to listen to him. He is thoroughly acquainted with life in the west, and knows how to address his hearers with effect. He exhibits a knowledge of real life seldom acquired by other members of his high calling, and with this knowledge of the vulnerable points in the walls that surround the terrestrial kingdom of Satan, he is sure to overthrow him in his strong hold, by desertion from his Satanic ranks to the cause of Christ.

### Notice.

I will take all kinds scrip in payment of accounts at 80 cents on the dollar besides I will trade goods for scrip from this date.

D. R. Cass.

We have just received by mail, of Thos. Goggan & Bro., wholesale and retail dealers in all kinds of musical instruments, Galveston, Texas, the beautiful "Texas State Capitol Waltzes," with a fine lithographic view of the capitol; price 60 cts. These pieces of music are highly appreciated by us, as they are very beautiful. Hon. J. V. Cockrell convened our District Court last Monday. He empanelled the Grand Jury, and proceeded to charge them concerning their duties. His charge was lengthy, and he was listened to throughout his entire charge with the greatest interest by the jury.

Messrs. F. G. Alexander and S. H. Johnson went to Abilene last week to solicit aid in building a church at this place and the following is a list of those contributing: Cameron & Phillips, Rollins & Young, Abilene National Bank, Geo. Walshe & Co., A. T. Hookrider, Geo. Clayton, Flournoy Bros., Geo. Harrison, Hughes, Red & Co., S. Lapowske & Bro., Bass Bros. & Co., A. M. Robertson, Roberts & McKechney, N. Porter, Curry & Smith, Ritche & Clark, Rollins & son, Reds Furniture Store, First National Bank, J. R. Jones & Co., Jones & Railroad.

We give the above list of names in order that the people may know who are our friends in the thriving city of Abilene.

### Hotel Arrivals.

AT THE CITY HOTEL: J. E. Cockrell, Abilene, Judge J. V. Cockrell, Anson; C. P. Woodruff, Anson; Dick Davis, Anson; Harry Butler, Anson; F. P. Chamberlain, Anson; George Williamson, Miller creek; J. W. Evans, Paint creek, J. Roberts Georgetown, John T. Oliver, Georgetown, W. G. McQuerry, Palo Pinto, J. A. White, Palo Pinto; J. C. Whiteside, Sherman; T. S. Walker, Sherman, J. J. Sears, Ft. Worth, Rev. W. L. James, Buffalo Gap, W. F. Scarborough, Anson, E. H. Pool, Anson, W. R. Houx, Anson, John R. Moor, Anson, Hon. Saunie Robertson, Dallas, J. E. Preston Navasota Tex. A. W. DeBerry Cisco Tex., L. M. Buffingham Ft. Worth, J. T. Harton Graham, L. W. Campbell Albany, W. Russell Young county C. N. Robertson Weatherford.

AT THE DELMONICO: Walter Penner Swensons ranch O, J. Baker, Stonewall county, G. A. Scarborough, Anson Texas, Eb Pool, Anson Texas, W. F. Scarborough, Anson Texas, Jim Owens, Anson Texas, C. B. Scarborough, Anson, R. H. Tucker Ft. Worth, I. H. Maddox, Ft. Worth, Sam McGaughey Stonewall county, Louis Casness, Miller creek.

The old man Hardy has lived in Montague county for 28 or 30 years. About 25 years ago he had a little son between 3 and 4 years old stolen while out at play, search was made for some days and no trace could be found of the little fellow. Recent developments have proven that our Bob Johnson was the little boy stolen. He recently visited a sister and brother in Wichita county when it was fully confirmed that he is the identical stolen child.

He was taken by an old uncle by the name of Johnson, who died when Bob was 7 or 8 years old, since that time Bob has rustled for himself. Bob is now on a visit to his parents, who are living at the same place on which they resided when the boy was stolen. This certainly is a remarkable incident, and reads like a romance of the purest water. A boy is stolen when quite young, given another name, and goes by that name until after he is married and has children of his own. Then, the true circumstances are brought to light, and he again assumes the name of his father.

We can not recall any evidence of having witnessed a similar occurrence. R. J. Johnson is no longer R. J. Johnson, but is now J. W. Hardy.—Anson Westerns.

### WARRIERS:

Mr. Amous Bean one of Haskell county's most popular wool growers was married Thursday, to Mrs. McFarland at her residence in this city. Rev. J. M. Wiseman officiated. The FREE PRESS was not forgotten but yesterday Miss Jessie May Taylor dropped into our sanctum, and presented us with a plate of the choicest cake, with the compliments of the bride. The FREE PRESS wishes the happy couple a long and happy life, and that their troubles may all be little ones.

### District Court.

The following criminal cases have been disposed of up to date: Two cases of the state vs Joe. Tucker and one state vs R. W. Barrett for failing to arrest an offender transferred to the county court. Judge Cockrell holding that these are not the class of official misdoers that the district court has jurisdiction to try. State vs A. J. Williams, attempt to bribe an officer, dismissed on the ground of the death of defendant. Walter Pinner, for theft of cattle, dismissed by District Atty. State vs J. P. Berryhill, theft of cattle, acquitted. State vs Geo. A. Scarborough, for murder acquitted. State vs W. F. Scarborough, for murder acquitted.

The following are the civil cases disposed of up to date: Mrs Sue Brooks vs N. C. Buchanan, State of Texas vs R. H. Hanna continued by operation of law, H. K. Plumm et al vs H. B. Harvey et al continued for service Ben F. Gonzales vs Annis Gonzales continued by operation of law, G. W. E. Carmichael et al vs W. C. Ballard and John Laberier continued on application of plaintiff, W. C. Ballard vs H. C. Ford et al, report of commission appointed to divide land according to judgment rendered at last term of court, approved and ordered to be recorded. J. S. Daus, party vs John Drust et al continue on application of plaintiff, H. D. Hensel et al vs J. W. Arledge et al dismissed by plaintiff T. A. Rumph vs S. M. Swenson, venue changed to Throckmorton by agreement.

### Rainfall Out West.

Dallas News. Abilene, Texas, Feb. 23.—I am very frequently asked about the rainfall in the Abilene country, and will feel grateful to you if you will permit me to answer through the columns of your paper the many questions asked me by the people of Eastern and Southern Texas.

1. The average rainfall of this section, a scope of country 100 miles north and south, by 60 miles east and the same distance to the west of Abilene, for the past fifteen years is 39.2 inches per annum. For the same number years we have the following average rainfall for each month in the year:

January 0.93 inches, February 1.12 inches, March 1.55 inches, April 2.10 inches, May 4.03 inches, June 2.70 inches, July 3.41 inches, August 3.41 inches, September 4.30 inches, October 2.78 inches, November 1.20 inches, December 1.24 inches.

2. During the year 1886 when this country suffered from the drouth, the rainfall was ten inches below the normal, the amount for that year being 19.14 inches. There was during that year a decrease of the rainfall all over the state of Texas, and over many portions of the United States. As for example, it was nine inches below the normal at Galveston, thirteen inches below the normal at Omaha, Nebraska and twelve inches below the normal at Leavenworth, Kansas.

1843 the annual rainfall was 15.5 inches. In 1848 the annual rainfall was 20.5 inches. In 1860 it was 19.5 inches per annum. In 1864 it was 15.5 inches per annum and now the average annual rainfall is 34.5 inches.

4. My observation is that the wind blows more than twice as much from the south and south-easterly directions than from all the other six points of the compass, and these are the directions of the winds from the gulf and equatorial regions where the rain clouds for this section are created.

5. The topography of this country is very favorable for the precipitation of moisture within the belt of country defined. The elevation of the Abilene country is about 1800 feet above sea level, but on the west the increase in elevation is very rapid, soon reaching nearly 4000 feet above sea level; the air striking this rapid elevation causes it to be thrown up into a cold stratum, reducing the temperature and thereby causing rain.

6. In my judgment the rainfall of this country will rapidly increase. The average is already equal to that of many of the best farming sections of the United States and well distributed for all kinds of crops.

7. The signal service reports show the occurrence at times of drouths in nearly every state in the Union. Such occurrences are not now so frequent, and there is no reason to believe that they will repeat themselves any oftener here than elsewhere.

### THE IMMIGRATION WAVE.

A Missouri correspondent of the Belton Journal writes as follows:

Just a few words about the grand immigration scheme. The tide is rising and long before the ides of November the floods will roll in upon you—from north, south, east and west, until you will begin to think the whole world is coming to Texas. The bleke regions of the north will send its thousands in quest of a more genial climate; to escape the scorching rays of the sun multitudes will come from the south; the east and the west will rush together and make themselves rich and happy in the sunny land of Texas. The aggregation of wealth will be astounding. Immense possibilities! Just on the eve of realization! The great area—sufficient to accommodate and support the population of the United States with diversity of climate and soil to suit any state. No trouble, let me tell you, in getting people to come to Texas. They are going, and in numbers which will astonish you. They will add to and develop your natural resources to a wonderful degree; but along with this will be a large percentage of the lawless elements, which will demand special attention. For the stability of the state government and the protection of her citizens, the strong arm of the law must be invoked. This great mass of humanity which will soon pour into your state must be protected and governed. Fortunately you have a man at the head of affairs whose head and heart are sound, and who has the moral bravery to do his duty.

We may conjecture now, and with a good deal of certainty, but in a very short time we can tell, in the light of history, the wonderful progress of Texas and the influence she will wield in the councils of the nation.

### NOTICE.

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CARRYING EXPRESS and making connection with the hack on the Abilene and Anson line.

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I mean what I say, Try me and see. Respectfully Oscar Cochran, Proprietor.

### A Big Snow Storm.

New York, March 12.—The hardest snow storm of the year by far is raging in New York City. It began early this morning and at 8 o'clock there was a foot or over on the ground.

New Haven, Conn., March 12.—The storm in this vicinity is very bad. No train has arrived from New York. The snow packs hard and is drifting badly.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., March 12.—At about 8 o'clock this morning during the blinding snow storm, the Atlantic express train, bound south on the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad, ran into another Atlantic express at Dobbs' Ferry, demolishing several cars. Four persons were badly injured and both tracts obstructed. All south bound trains are held at Tarrytown.

New York March 12.—Business is virtually at a standstill. Down town houses are almost deserted. Only two trains arrived with mails this morning, and work at the postoffice was partially suspended. Carriers made two trips but in many cases had to bring mail back owing to business offices being closed. Postmaster Pierson said he had not seen such a blockade for a number of years. All telegraph and telephone wires in the city are in bad working order. Hundreds of wires are down, having been broken by the weight of ice and ferry boats between New York and Brooklyn and New Jersey are running once an hour or less. The wind at 11 a. m. attained a velocity of sixty-three miles an hour. It was so fierce up town that people on elevated trains were fearful lest the train should be blown from the track.

The whole number of minors employed in mills at Fall River, Mass., who can not read and write is 1,535, of whom 1,403 are allowed to work under permit, and will attend evening schools.

An artist tells young girl pupils who are intending to marry to select water colors, because the palette is always ready, and can be left after a half-hour's use, and because the work is cleanly.

It was an old Scotch woman, according to Punch, who, when she saw her pastor coming along the road on a bicycle, said: "I dinna like to see the meenester gait' aboot the country on a cyclopedias."

The Chinatown recently destroyed by fire at Chico, Cal., is to be rebuilt. It is near the heart of the "City of Roses." There was some talk of purchasing the site for a public park, but no action was taken.

Considerable money and time are saved by The Salt Lake Tribune by abbreviating polygamy, a word which is frequently found in the columns of that paper, to poly. It sounds rather abrupt, but it means the same thing.

At Xenia, O., the other day, a young man deserted his bride an hour before his wedding and got as far as Cincinnati, when his heart failed him, and he turned back. The wedding was several hours late, but the bride was made happy.

Estella Webb is suing John Martin at Trimbleville, Pa., for \$20,000 for breach of promise. John and Estella have been lovers for the past twenty years, and the latter thinks she is worth \$1,000 to any man as a sweetheart.

It is stated that 100,000 photographs of Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland were disposed of by the vendors who followed them during the recent trip west and south. These dealers started out with medals also, but the supply was soon exhausted.

An Albany jeweler says morning is the best time to wind a watch. The spring is tightened and it is not so apt to suffer from changes of position. If wound at night the spring has been loosened and there is more liability to derangement.

### SALUTATION!

Having taken our annual inventory, we present ourselves before you and make our business bow. The result of our year's work has exceeded our expectations, and find that we have come out far ahead.

### Thanks!

To our customers for their liberal patronage, we hope to continue ahead, and shall endeavor to merit honest patronage by giving honest value in selling honest goods during 1888. Now, as we expect this to be a prosperous year with us, we propose to

### DIVIDE PROFITS!

It is a well known fact that when a Country begins to prosper, the merchants, generally, begin asking more profit on their goods, this we have determined not to do, and we enter into a covenant

### WITH YOU

Right now, to sell you goods as low as a living profit will warrant. Our increasing trade justifies this stand, and we are determined to keep it up. There is no question about every thing advancing, and we would advise you to come and see us while

### GROCERIES

Are low, and you should not delay your purchases longer than you can possibly help. Some months ago we stated that groceries would go higher, and you no doubt have seen our correctness.

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