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Directory.

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Dist. Attorney, J. F. Cunningham.

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Methodist, (M. E. Church S.) Every 4th Sunday and Saturday before, Rev. C. V. Bally Pastor.
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ANOTHER TRAGEDY.

A Quarrel and Shooting Growing Out of a Divorce Suit.

Ft. Worth Gazette.
MARSHALL, Tex., Dec. 6.—Some twelve or eighteen months ago ex-County Judge W. T. S. Keller, entered suit for divorce against his wife E. S. Keller. Judge Hazlewood, who was district Judge at the time, entered a decree, giving two of the children to each of the litigants.
On the 29th of November, application was made by the wife to Hon. J. S. Blanton special judge in the case, for an order to restore the wife the youngest daughter. The order was granted, and an officer was sent to San Angelo, the present residence of Judge Keller, for the child, which was brought back with it.

CAME THE FATHER.

It appears that Judge Blanton was ignorant of the order of Judge Hazlewood. Judge Blanton came down yesterday evening and commenced to investigate the matter. The court opened at 10 a. m. M. R. Geer and T. P. Young representing Judge Keller and W. H. Pope, Alex Pope and James Turner the wife.

Mr. Geer addressed the court at length in behalf of his client. When he concluded W. H. Pope arose and made some remarks at which Judge Keller

TOOK OFFENSE

and replied to Mr. Pope in equally offensive language that so offended Pope that he grabbed a gold headed cane that was laying on the desk in front of him and buried it at Keller, who instantly drew his pistol and

COMMENCED FIRING.

About this time C. R. Weathersby, a relative and warm friend of Keller, appeared on the scene and with his pistol in hand opened fire on Pope. The excitement at this time can better be imagined than described.
Maj. James Turner fell early in the action, but on examination his wound proved to be only a flesh wound of the abdomen.

W. H. Pope received a ball in the left shoulder and one through the fleshy part of the lower right arm. Three other bullets passed through his clothes. His wounds, though painful are not considered fatal.

ALEX POPE

was shot through the bowels. His life is despaired of. Everything possible is being done for him.

Keller and Weathersby were promptly arrested and placed in jail.

Your correspondent was occupying a seat in the gallery of the court house whilst this bloody tragedy was being enacted. Many ladies were among the audience. The bar was full of lawyers and friend of the contending parties. Men took shelter behind desks and under benches while others fled. The women, fled shrieking with holy terror at the terrible sight.
A cloud of gloom and sorrow fills the homes of the people.

Hon. W. H. Pope was, as you are aware, our state senator, while his brother, Alex represented our county in the lower house.
Maj. Turner is one of our oldest and most prominent lawyers.

TELEGRAM FROM JUDGE KELLER.

SAN ANGELO, Tex. Dec. 6.—Judge W. T. S. Keller, a practicing attorney and the present editor of the San Angelo Enterprise, sent the following telegram from Marshall to day:
"Difficulty in the court house. Several shots fired. Maj. Turner and Bill and Alex Pope wounded. We fought in self defense."

The judge's many friends here very much regret his trouble, and hope nothing further will arise from it.

ALEX POPE DEAD.

Special.
MARSHALL, TEX. Dec. 6.—Alex Pope died to-night at 9 o'clock.

MR. JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The Confederate Chieftain Joins His Paladins.

In the Silent Bivouac of the Dead—The Idol of the Chivalrous South Is No More, and a Nation that Was in Tears Above His Bier.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 5.—EX-President Jefferson Davis died at his home, Beauvoir, at 12:05 to-night.

Sketch of an Eventful Life.

Jefferson Davis was born June 3, 1808, in that part of Christian county, Ky., which now forms Todd county. Soon after his birth his father moved to Mississippi and settled near Woodville, Wilkinson county. Jefferson Davis received an academic education and was sent to Transylvania college, Kentucky, which he left in 1824, having been appointed by President Monroe a cadet in the military academy at West Point, where he graduated in 1828. He remained in the army seven years, and served as an infantry and staff officer on the northwestern frontier in the Black Hawk war of 1831-2, and in March, 1833, was made first lieutenant of dragoons, in which capacity he was employed in 1834 in various expeditions against the Comanches, Pawnees and other hostile Indian tribes. He regained his commission June 30, 1835, and having married the daughter of Zachary Taylor afterwards president of the United States, but at that time a colonel in the army, he returned to Mississippi and became a cotton planter. For several years he lived in retirement, occupied chiefly with study. In 1843 he began to take an active part in politics on the democrat side, and in 1844 was one of the presidential electors of Mississippi to vote for Polk and Dallas. In 1845 he was elected representative in congress and took his seat in December of that year. He bore a conspicuous part in the discussion of the session, on the tariff, on the Oregon question, on military affairs, and particularly on the preparation for war against Mexico, and on the organization of volunteer militia when called into the service of the United States. In his speech on the Oregon question, Feb. 6 1846, he said: "From sire to son descended the love of union in our hearts, as in our history are mingled the names of Concord and Chandler, of Yorktown and Saratoga, of Mautrie and Plattsburg, of Chipewa and Erie, of Bowyer and Guilford, of New Orleans and Bunker Hill. Grouped together they form a monument to the common glory of our common country, and where is the southern man who would wish that that monument were less by one of the northern names that constitute the mass?"
While he was in congress in July, 1846, the first regiment of Mississippi volunteers, then enroll for service in Mexico, elected him their colonel. Overtaking the regiment at New Orleans, on its way to the seat of war, he led it to reinforce the army of Gen. Taylor, on the Rio Grande. He was actively engaged in the storming of Monterey in September, 1846; was one of the commissioners for arranging the terms of capitulation of the city, and distinguished himself in the battle of Buena Vista, Feb. 23 1847

where his regiment, attacked by an immensely superior force, maintained their ground for a long time unsupported, while the colonel, though severely wounded, remained in the saddle until the close of the action. At the expiration of its term of enlistment in July, 1847, the Mississippi regiment was ordered home; and while on its return he received at New Orleans a commission from President Polk as brigadier general of volunteers, which he declined on the ground that the constitution reserves to the states respectively the appointment of the officers of the militia, and that consequently their appointment by the federal executive is a violation of the rights of the states.

In August, 1847, he was appointed by the governor of Mississippi United States senator to fill a vacancy, and at the ensuing session of the legislature, Jan. 11, 1848, was unanimously elected to the same office for the residue of the term, which expired March 4, 1851. In 1852 he was re-elected for the ensuing full term. In the senate he was chosen chairman of the committee on military affairs and took a prominent part in the debate on the slavery question, in defense of the institutions and policy of the slave states, and was a zealous advocate of the doctrine of state rights. In September, 1851, he was nominated for governor of Mississippi by the democratic party in opposition to Henry S. Foote, the candidate of the union party. He resigned his seat in the senate on accepting the nomination, and was beaten by a majority of 999 votes, a marked indication of his personal popularity in his state for at the "convention election" two months before the union party had a majority of 7500. After his defeat he remained in retirement until the presidential contest of 1852, when he delivered speeches in behalf of Gen. Pierce in Mississippi, Tennessee and Louisiana.

In 1853 he was appointed by President Pierce secretary of war, which post he held until the inauguration of President Buchanan in 1857. His administration of the war department was marked by ability and energy. He proposed or carried into effect, among other measures the revision of the army regulations, the introduction of camels into America, the introduction of light infantry or rifle system of tactics, the manufacture of rifled muskets and pistols and the use of the minie ball, the addition of four regiments to the army, the augmentation of the season and frontier defenses, and the system of explorations in the western part of the continent for geographical purposes, and for determining the best route for a railroad to the Pacific ocean.

On his retirement from the war department he re-entered the senate for the term ending March 4, 1863. In the thirty-fifth congress he was conspicuous in the discussion on the French spoliation bill, which he opposed, and on the Pacific railroad, for the southern route, of which he was a zealous advocate. He was also prominent in the contest growing out of the Leocompton constitution for Kansas, in which he opposed Stephen A. Douglas, and in the settlement of which by the Kansas conference bill he took a chief part, declaring in a letter to the people of its state that the passage of the bill was "the triumph of all for which we contended." In the thirty-sixth congress which met in December, 1859, he was the recognized leader of the democrats in the senate. His name for years had been frequently mentioned as a candidate of the democratic party for presidency.

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The 22nd of February is harbor day. Let everybody set out a tree.

The reputation of Haskell county abroad is greater than any of her sister counties.

The land market is very active indeed. Purchases are made every day, and new comers are constantly arriving.

The deadly six shooter got in its work in the temple of justice at Marshall the other day, and Hon. Alex Pope was the victim.

The Hero of the lost cause is at rest. The censure of the northern press can not harm him now. Pres. Davis' only sin was the service of his country in its greatest distress.

We have just received a copy of N. W. Ayer & Son's Newspaper Annual for 1899. It contains a full list of the newspapers published in the United States with a description of the cities and counties of the states.

The people of the south were bent on secession and had Mr. Davis refused to serve his country to the bloody end thousands of other brave men would have performed that duty. The southern people who shed their blood and passed through the scourge of war exonerate Mr. Davis. But the northern press who never saw service and suffering still heap calumny on the old man's memory.

The Texas Cattle Trail railway company was chartered on the 6th inst, capital \$500,000. The line is proposed from Vernon through the counties of Knox, Baylor, Haskell, Throckmorton, Shackelford, Jones, Taylor, Callahan, Runnels and Coleman to Brady, in McCulloch county. Incorporators: Jas. R. Talbert and B. M. Logan of Vernon; W. D. Reynolds, G. T. Reynolds and George Wolf Holstein of Albany; Wm. A. Parvin L. M. Jones of Baird; B. B. Paddock of Fort Worth; J. E. McCord, J. B. Colman, J. P. Sheridan and John R. McGee of Brady.

That the climate of this country is changing there can be no doubt. Seven years ago the stiff breeze continually blowing kept one constantly pulling his hat down to keep it from blowing away. These breezes have become less until they are hardly noticeable. A change has also been taking place with regard to dews and frosts that is very noticeable. For the last two years dews and frosts have been plentiful, showing more humidity of the air than in former years.

Our climate is changing, and changing for the better.—Abilene Reporter.

SEVERAL Northern papers say that Mr. Davis has been for twenty-five years a living monument to American generosity.

We will just remind the press that the generosity of the nation was wrung from Grant at Appomattox by the noble Lee and was enforced by a threat from the soldier and statesman Gen. Grant. Had Grant have not promised the personal security of Davis, Lee and his brave followers would have shed their last drop of blood. It was the noble blood of the south that made his amnesty possible as well as the magnanimous Grant. The northern press can claim no honor for the magnanimity of the nation in the Davis matter. These honors belong to those northern patriots who had fought in many a blood field with Davis, when the union was an unit.

We miscredited an article to the Baird Star some time since, and though a mistake the Star never corrected us until we referred to it for the purpose of comparing it to other inconsistent articles on the same subject for the purpose of criticising the Star. The Star came back at us in the following paragraphs:

Editors who edit their papers with a pair of scissors and a paste pot do not write contradictory articles, but they frequently get things badly mixed. Something like the FREE PRESS for instance, when it credited that article asking Hogg to father a land suit in Callahan county to the Star and afterwards criticised the Star for inconsistency.

The HASKELL FREE PRESS says Texas journalists do not exercise enough care in preparing their editorials. They write too much to fill up space, says the FREE PRESS. An editor who has the brains and get-up enough to write his own articles, as a rule, does not write to fill up space, but his object is to make his articles short and crisp. It is the fellows who use the scissors most who write (?) to fill up space.—Baird Star.

The issue of the Star in which the foregoing paragraphs appeared contained a whole page of paragraphical clippings which shows a more liberal use of the scissors than we were ever guilty of. The Star should practice what she preaches.

Dom Pedro's Entourage.

Lisbon, Dec. 9.—Prince Augusto, grandson of Dom Pedro and son of Prince Augusto of Saxe-Coburg who suffered greatly from chills and fever during the voyage from Rio Janeiro to Lisbon, is again ill and suffering from fever. The imperial family have not decided upon a special policy but are watching developments. They have not yet fixed upon the place where they will sojourn in Europe. Their entourage favor the abdication of the throne of Brazil by both Dom Pedro and his daughter, Countess D'Eu, in favor of Prince Pedro, eldest son of Count and Countess D'Eu, who is now 14 years old, with a regency under Prince Pedro Augusto, the eldest son of Prince Augusto of Saxe-Coburg. The other son-in-law of Dom Pedro, Prince Pedro Augusto, is about 24 years old.

Advices received by the steamer Atrato, which arrived at Lisbon yesterday from Rio Janeiro, state that adherence to the republic by persons of high position who were supposed to be reliable monarchists astonishes and discourages the supporters of the imperial government and increases their fears that the republic is founded on a permanent basis.

A Sound Legal Opinion.

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—Cotton continues to come in.
 —Lamps, 25c to \$10. at Carter's Palace Drug Store Abilene.
 —M. H. Lackey was in the city Wednesday.

—Travelling Cases of all kinds at Carter's Palace Drug Store Abilene.

—Nice line of Plush Goods at Gass & Anderson.

—Miss Lizzie Killough has returned from Brenham.

—B. H. Dodson has the best line of Boots and Shoes ever brought to Haskell.

—Writing Desks, \$2.50 to \$15, at Carter's Palace Drug Store Abilene.

—Mrs. Frank McGrigor was in the city Wednesday.

—We have a full line of Buffalo brand select can goods. Try them. B. H. Dodson.

—Vases of all kinds, from 25c to \$5, at Carter's Palace Drug Store Abilene.

—Prof. Clifton has moved to the north part of the county.

—Try our Chocolate Balls and 5 o'clock Tea. They are immense. B. H. Dodson.

—MONEY TO LOAN—At the HASKELL COUNTY BANK on unincumbered real estate.

—Messrs E. and Geo. Roberts was in the city Monday.

—The weather for the past few weeks has been like spring.

—Odor Cases and Baskets, at all prices, at Carter's Palace Drug Store Abilene.

—Several large loads of corn was sold on the streets Thursday.

—Teachers' Bibles, \$1.40 to \$9.00, at Carter's Palace Drug Store Abilene.

—We will be in front with a full line of Christmas goods. B. H. Dodson.

—We shall have a Christmas tree, as heretofore at the Methodist church.

—The best line of Fine Extracts and Toilet Soaps in Abilene, at Carter's Palace Drug Store Abilene.

—W. J. Sowell's house is in course of construction as, well as that of Mr. Paris.

—All who want holiday goods would do well to call on Bass Bros. of Abilene.

—Load after load of lumber and building material is coming into the city daily.

—Wagons, Velocipedes Doll Carriages and Hobby Horses at Carter's Palace Drug Store Abilene.

—Mrs. McConnell and Miss Connie Killough, report \$30, subscribed to the bell fund.

—Hair brushes—the finest stock in Abilene. All prices, 25 cents to \$5, each. Carter's Palace Drug Store.

—Dr. Nethery reports the arrival of a fine girl at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Carter's the 11th Dec.

—Ladies and Misses Gossomers, Ladies and Misses Arotic and Rubber shoes at Dodson's.

—The largest bargain ever offered in Haskell can now be had at Johnson Bros. till the 1st January.

—PARENTS—Christmas comes but once a year—make your children happy; buy from Carter's Palace Drug Store Abilene.

—Just received at B. H. Dodson's Cranberries, mince meat, Jelly, Preserves, Dried Grapes, California Prunes &c.

—Books—all kinds, 5 cents to \$12.50 each—Carter's Palace Drug Store Abilene. Will order any book not in stock at publisher's prices.

—If you want Christmas Goods to make you happy buy of us for we don't propose to let any one un-sell us.

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—Don't forget that the actual cost will save you about 50 per cent at Johnson Bros.

—Dr. Ezell will attend patients in the city and country. He will always be found at his office at F. E. Turner's Drug Store.

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—TAKE NOTICE—I have a few Notes I propose to sell to the highest bidder. Parties owing me will please be at the auction. I owe money! D. E. Gass.

—Capt. J. C. English and family of Austin has moved to Haskell to live. The Captain and family are a good addition to our citizenship.

—Carter's Palace Drug Store has the Largest, Newest, Best and Cheapest stock of Christmas Goods ever brought to Abilene. Only the Best Goods, No shoddy goods and no old and refused stock.

—Dr. Ezell, reports the arrival of a 10 pound boy at the residence of Mr. J. M. Sherman on the morning of Dec 1st 1889. They named the new comer Newt H. in honor of Mr. Newt H. Eades, Haskell's most accomplished druggist.

—G. T. Bagget will buy furs pelts and hides and pay the largest market price for same. North side public square Haskell Tex.

—Messrs Geo. Posey and Dick Pogue went hunting the other day and killed a deer and an antelope. Mr. Posey presented us with a ham of the venison, that we found to be tooth-some indeed. We hope they will go again soon and that we will all have similar good luck.

—The Druggists Bass Bros. of Abilene have the most beautiful assortment of plush goods, such as dressing cases, whisk-broom holders, manicure sets, work-boxes, cuff and collar boxes, with a select line of glassware, dolls, toys etc. all of which they are selling at very reasonable prices, and it will pay to call and see them.

—We have a gold filed watch worth \$25, that we are going to give away to some of our customers, in THIS WAY for every Five dollars worth of Goods sold for CASH or \$5, paid on account we will give one ticket. The one that holds the number corresponding with the sealed No. gets the watch. We propose to sell as cheap as any one and give you or some one a watch beside.

—ANTHONY & Co.
 —In justice court this week T. F. Tucker and J. W. Armstrong Eq. was convicted of an affray. Mr. Armstrong took an appeal to the county court.

—N. PORTER, Abilene, Tex.—
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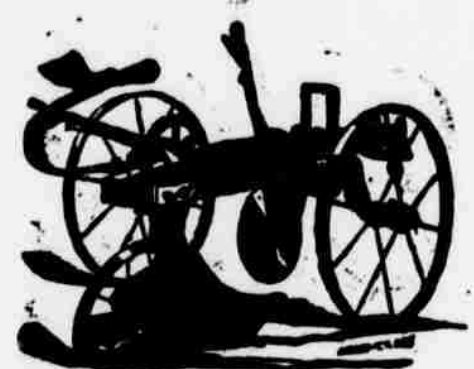
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—Messrs Jones & Smith have already gined 100 bales of cotton this season.

—I have a good improved farm of 120 acres for sale. Respectfully OSCAR MARTIN.

—W. F. Cummins and N. F. Taft passed through Haskell Wednesday, they were running preliminary lines from Albany to the north west to ascertain the geological structure of the country. They find our altitude to be 1440 feet above the sea and only 50 feet higher than Albany. Prof. Cummins says: The country South of California creek belongs to the carboniferous period and that he thinks the center and northern part of Haskell county is trismic with a light deposit of alluvium. He found the lime stone on the Clear Fork to dip 50 feet per mile.

Matrimonial.

Mr. T. E. Ballard and Miss Emma Post was married last Thursday at the residence of the bride's father. Judge P. D. Sanders officiated. Mr. Ballard is one of Haskell's sober industrious and steady young men and the bride is one of our fairest maidens. The wedding was a quiet affair no one being present except relatives and a few friend of the contracting parties. The FINE PRIZES tenders its congratulation to the young couple and wish them many years of happiness.

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All of which will be sold as low as you can buy from anybody. CALL EXAMINE and PRICE. We shall be pleased to show you our goods whether you buy or not. Come at once and make your selections while you can have choice of everything in the stock. We have also just received the FINEST LINE OF TOILET SOAPS, FINE EXTRACTS, FINE HAIR BRUSHES and TOOTH BRUSHES best ever brought to Abilene. The Ladies are specially invited to call and see them. NO TROUBLE TO SHOW GOODS. CALL AND SEE US.

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Mr. JEFFERSON DAVIS.

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At the convention of 1860 he received many votes, although his friends announced that he did not desire the nomination. On the assembling of congress in December of that party he was appointed one of the committee in the senate to consider and report on the agitated distracted condition of the country and the grievances between the states, but on his request he was excused.

Mississippi seceded Jan. 9, 1861. On the 24th, Mr. Davis being officially informed thereof, returned to his home. Before his arrival he had been appointed by the convention commander-in-chief of the army of Mississippi, with the rank of major general. On Feb. 4, 1861 the confederate congress met at Montgomery, Ala. organized a provisional government for the seceded states, and on the 9th, by a unanimous vote, elected Jefferson Davis president. He arrived on the 16th and was inaugurated on the 18th, Alexander H. Stephens of Georgia having been inaugurated as vice president about a week earlier. On May 29 the confederate government was transferred from Montgomery to Richmond, and a few days after Mr. Davis followed it. He remained in that city, with the exception of a few visits to the army until the fall of the confederate capitol, when he started southward. On the 10th of May 1865, Mr. Davis and party were captured near Irwinville, Ga., and conveyed to Fortress Monroe, where he was confined for two years. In May, 1867, he was brought before the United States circuit court at Richmond on a charge of treason and was admitted to bail, the charge of complicity in the assassination of Lincoln being dropped, as there was no evidence to substantiate it. At the term of the court

held in Richmond in December, 1868, a nolle prosequi was entered in the case and he was accordingly discharged. He was included in the general amnesty of December 25, 1868.

After his discharge he lived in Memphis, Tenn., for a number of years, where he was president of an insurance company. Several years since a Mrs. Dorsey of Mississippi, who owned a place on the sound called Beauvoir, died, and in her will bequeathed the place to him. He has since resided there in retirement, and was moved to New Orleans on the occasion of his last illness, a short time since.

Who Was Swindled

A Bunco Steerer's Farmer Game That Didn't Work.

Exchange.

Out in the country on the left hand side of a little village as you face the horizon lives a little red headed man who amuses himself with agricultural pursuits about one hour per day, pleasurable pursuits about ten hours and four he devotes to literature and the agricultural papers—the remainder of the twenty-four hours he devotes to snoring the roof off the house and growing healthy, wealthy, and wise. Every body knows him and he knows everything. This friend of ours proved to be a regular "sassage" for some "bunco" men one day last week when the thermometer touched 100 degrees in the shade. He was digging bait along side the woodshed when a man came riding up and remarked:

"That's a fine horse of yours over there in the pasture."

"You kin jist betcher life she is," replied the farmer; "that air ucare kin go a mile in three minutes to 'er spring waggin and keep it up all day."

Then they wandered over to the pasture and our farmer whistled up the mare.

"What'll you take for her?" inquired the stranger after a careful examination of all the mare's good points.

"Two hundred and a half'll take her," replied the farmer.

"Well, I'll take her," said the stranger, "I'll pay you \$25 down and come and get her to-morrow."

"All hunky," replied the farmer, putting \$25 in his trousers pocket and the trade was made. The farmer went fishing, and the stranger



went off jubilant. That evening as the farmer was slopping a big string of fish around in the pump trough, another stranger rode up and accosted him:

"That your mare there in the pasture?"

"Wall \$225 worth of her is mine yet," was the reply. "A fellow bought her this morning and paid \$25 down on the bargain."

"Say, mister, I won't that mare the most kind, and I'll give you \$350 for her."

"Gee wollopp!" exclaimed the farmer but she's sold."

"Maybe you can buy the other fellow off," said the stranger.

"Wall I'll try. Come around to-morrow afternoon," and the farmer winked to himself. The next morning bright and early the man who bought the horse climbed over the fence and said he was ready to take the animal.

"Ther she is. What's your \$225?" said the granger.

"Er-er what?"

"Ther's \$225 due," said the farmer.

"Why-er certainly—certainly," said the stranger going down in his pocket with a woe begone expression.

"Nother fellow offered me \$350 for her yesterday evening, so you've got a bargain."

"Well, well; you can break my contract for \$50, and that'll leave you \$85 clear gain," gasped the stranger.

"Oh, the darn mare ain't worth over \$250," grinned the farmer, "so pony up yer \$225 and take her, an' the next time you fellows try to beat a poor ole hayseed on that kind o' bunco game y'd better

But the stranger was over the fence and legging it through the wood pasture.

"Wall," murmured the farmer, "if they beat me at that game I don't see where I got this \$25," and he fondly patted his inside pocket and gave the mare an extra quart of oats spot down.

pick out somebody than don't read the papers an'—whar ye going?"

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