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A FRESH IMPETUS.

The Whole South Uneasy at the Out-
break of the Disease at Its Old
Stronghold, Jackson, Miss.

NASHVILLE, TENN., Sept. 31.—At
a late hour last night seventy refu-
gees who boarded the Louisville
and Nashville train two miles south
of Decatur, Ala., arrived in this
city. Officers met the train at
Mallory's station, sixteen miles out,
and informed the refugees that
they could not be permitted to stop
at Nashville. Twelve of the num-
ber had tickets for this city. These
who did not pass through Decatur
were allowed to leave the train up-
on its arrival here. The conduct-
or reported that several stopped at
towns along the road. It was learned
that great excitement prevailed
at Decatur, and that last night
many fled in all directions, going in
vehicles and on foot as the trains
are not permitted to stop in the
city. It is reported that 100 more
refugees from Decatur will arrive in
the city to-day. They will not,
however, be allowed to get off here.
Most of those who went through
are bound for points north of the
Ohio river.

SHOT-GUN QUARANTINE.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., Sept. 21.—
A Picayune special from Natchez,
Miss., dated yesterday, says the
city is in a fever of excitement to-
night at the yellow fever reports
from Jackson, and a shot-gun quar-
antine will be established at once.
A large excursion party from
Natchez, which visited Jackson, are
about out from their homes. All
trains on the Natchez, Jackson and
Columbus Road beyond Hamilton
have been stopped. A special train
was sent out at 11 o'clock to-night
to bring in Natchez people from
Cooper's Wells, Harrington and
other points along the road who
have not been to Jackson. By
shot-gun quarantine in 1878 yellow
fever was kept out of Natchez, and
it is believed it can be done again.

PROGRESS AT DECATUR.

MEMPHIS, TENN., Sept. 20.—At
noon to day rumors are in circula-
tion that ten new cases of yellow
fever had developed at Decatur,
Ala. Telegrams asking for confirma-
tion of the report, but no replies
were received until late this after-
noon, when Manager Sam Arm-
strong of the Western Union sent
the following:
"Doctors say every one is very
suspicious of the cases here. Doubt-
ed by a few. No one but me is left
in my office. The town is almost de-
populated."
Previous to the reception of the
above Superintendent G. W. Agee of
the Southern Express Company,
was in receipt of a telegram from
the agent of the company at Deca-
tur, which stated there had been
one or more deaths there, and that
great excitement prevailed. The
merchants were closing their stores
and numbers of inhabitants leaving
town. In further confirmation of
the report of the spreading of fever
at Decatur the following was receiv-
ed at noon:

NASHVILLE, TENN., Sept. 20.
Dr. G. S. Thornton, President of the
Memphis Board of Health:
Two of those at Decatur opposite
to Spencer are sick. One is dead.
[Signed] J. D. PLUNNETT,
President of the Tennessee State
Board of Health.
All these telegrams caused no
little excitement in Memphis, and
there is considerable uneasiness felt
here. Decatur is 180 miles East of
Memphis, on the Memphis and
Charleston Railroad. The city council
this afternoon adopted most
stringent quarantine regulations.
All trains from the East on all
roads will be stopped ten miles
out of the city and a thorough in-
spection will be made of passengers
and baggage. No doubtful persons
will be allowed to enter Memphis.
The same regulations will govern
steam-boats coming from either up
or down the river. The authorities
are fully alive to the situation, and
there will be no relaxation of their
vigilance. The telegraph office at
Decatur closed at 6 o'clock this
evening and nothing later can be
heard from there to-night.

Decision Aesent Jute Bagging.

Washington, Sept. 20. Secre-

ry Fairchild has informed the mer-
chants of Savannah, Ga., that in-
asmuch as ordinary jute bagging
manufactured in the country ex-
ported as a covering of cotton in
bales and returned as second
hand bagging would probably sell
when so returned to be in the same
or even substantially the same
condition as when exported such
bagging could not be exempt from
duty under the only provision in
free list applicable to articles of
growth, produce and manufacture
of the United States other than
oaks, barrels, carboys and vessels.
The Secretary adds, however, that
any waste bagging to be used to
make fit only to be converted into
paper and unfit for any other man-
ufacture is free under provision
714 for paper sacks. He also says
that bagging for cotton not com-
ing under any of the above cited
provision is subject to a duty of 14
cents per pound, if valued at 7
cents or less per square yard, and
to a duty of three cents per pound
if valued at over 7 cents per yard.

THE SUGAR SCHEDULE.

Washington, Sept. 20.—The tar-
iff sub-committee of the Senate
will to-morrow or next day begin
hearing on the sugar schedule, for
which purpose parties interest have
been supposed. The hearing will
be public.

BONHAM.

A Respectable Citizen Receives a
Note of Warning—Found
Dead in His Cell.

BONHAM, TEX., Sept. 20.—A
great deal of excitement has been
created in the country a few miles
South of this place by J. W. Lehr,
a respectable citizen of the neigh-
borhood, finding the following note
posted on his premises.
"John W. Lehr, you had better
leave this county before the 20th
of October, 1888, for your own good.
It will not be good for you to be
found here at that time."
Mr. Lehr is the second man that
has received this kind of a notice
within the past year in that section
which was for several years infested
by a gang of desperadoes, among
them the Dyer Bros., two of whom
were lynched a few years ago for
murder. It is supposed that some
of the same gang are instrumental
in the writing of these notes to
despicable citizens.

Yesterday Marshal Hamilton
arrested and placed in prison for
drunkenness a man named N. M.
Piner. Last night the prisoner called
for chloral, saying he was ad-
dicted to the use of the drug and if
he did not get it he would die. A
small quantity was given him when
he was left to himself. This morn-
ing on going to his cell the marshal
found Piner lying on his face dead.
It is thought his death was the re-
sult of excessive drinking, as the
chloral was not sufficient to kill
him.

BATTLE IN THE SOUTH SEAS.

Two Hundred French Marines and
Several Thousand Natives
Killed.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., Sept. 20.
—News received from the South
seas shows there was a savage fight-
ing on the Marquesa group before
the natives allowed the French to
hoist their flag and take possession
of the group. Two hundred French
marines and several thousand na-
tives were killed. The natives re-
treated into the mountains where
it was difficult to dislodge them.
Much indignation is expressed in
Tahiti over the seizure of the
Easter island famous for its grand
stone statues standing on huge
pedestals. The seizure was made
by Captain Torer of the Chilean
cruiser Angamos.

Nearly a Fatal Accident.

Mr. Tom Buchanan was arrested
on last Friday on a charge to the
effect that a beef killed and sold
by him in the market here a few
days before was not his own, but
was the property of Mr. F. M.
Thomas. He waived examination
and gave bond for his appearance.
The beef killed was an unbranded
calf about seven months old, and
we understand Tom says he has
witnessed to prove that it was run-
ning with one of his cows.—Throck-
morton Times.

OUR DISTRICT FAIR.

At Abilene, Oct. 3rd, 4th and 5th.

An Assured Success—We Will Have

Fine sheep,
Fine cattle,
Mack races,
Fine horses,
Good music,
Umbrages,
Burro races,
The Terribles,
Grand speaking,
Jumping matches,
Races every day,
Roping wild cattle,
Grand tournaments.

Wheelbarrow races,
A fine trade display,
Fat men's foot races,
A magnificent exhibit,
Reception committee,
A good time generally,
Climbing the greasy pole,
Fast and slow mule races,
No jockeying in the races,
Running and trotting races,
Public comfort headquarters,
Foot races for men and boys,
A splendid half mile race track,
No exorbitant charges at hotels,
Plenty to eat and plenty to drink,
A brass band in attendance all
the time,
The best exhibit of small grain in
Texas,
Ample accommodations for all
who come,
A glorious old fashioned fair and
exposition,
Military and fire companies in
parade,
Grand ball at Maitie opera
house, Friday night, Oct. 5.
A splendid collection of fruits,
The ugliest collection of men to
select our ugly men from,
Theatrical performances at the
opera house Thursday night,
Camping grounds and wood free
Water pure and in abundance,
The grandest exhibit of the pro-
ductions of the west ever collected
More people than ever assembled
at one time and at one place in
west Texas,
More handsome ladies than ever
seen together even in old "Kain-
tuck,"
One fare for the round trip from
all points, and over all lines of
railway in Texas,
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B. Wheeler, Hon. S. W. Lanham
T. J. Brown, Silas Hare, H. T.
Sims, and Dr. A. H. H. Tolar to ad-
dress the visitors.—Abilene Repor-
ter.

JUMPED FROM A TRAIN.

An Insane Man Jumps From a
Santa Fe Train and is Lost.

Last evening as the north bound
Santa Fe train was approaching
Fort Worth, and when about five
miles out from the city, an insane
man leaped from one of the coaches
to the ground while the train was
in full motion, and has not since
been heard from. His name was
Norton Moor, from Meridian. He
was being conveyed by a deputy
sheriff to the Terrell asylum. He
was not violent insane, but required
close guard to prevent doing him-
self or others injury. He watched
his opportunity, sitting in the car,
and when his attendant left him
for a moment to get a drink of
water, jumped through the car
window before he could be pre-
vented, and fell to the ground. The
bell cord was jerked at once and
the train backed up, but as the
night was dark and bush concealed
the side of the track, it was impos-
sible to find him. The train came
on to Fort Worth and a party re-
turned on a hand-car to search for
the unfortunate man.—[Gazette.

SAN ANGELO.

SAN ANGELO, TEX., Sept. 20.—A
steady rain has been falling here all
this after noon.

The business men here are pre-
paring to offer inducements to the
Texas and Pacific Railway to build
a tap from some point on that road
to San Angelo.

Most of the excursionists have
left, all of whom expressed them-
selves highly pleased and well re-
paid for their trip.

The contract for grading Oak
street has been let and work is
progressing rapidly. Sales in real
estate are lively.

Mr. M. F. Barber met with the
misfortune last Monday morning
of having his barn and its store of
winter feed, together with some
large stacks of sorghum, destroyed
by fire. The loss amounted to per-
haps \$400. The fire occurred early
in the morning to full view of the
town, and created considerable ex-
citement, many going over to render
what assistance they could, as it
was feared the fire might be com-
municated to his residence by the
wind, which was blowing nearly in
its direction. A stack of hay near
the house was set on fire by a burn-
ing shingle from the barn, and was
completely burned up but as the
wind carried the flames from this
directly away from the house it re-
mained unscathed, though many
willing hands stood ready to do bat-
tle against encroachments in that
direction. The fire was the result of
the "small boy" amusing himself
by popping parlor matches.

high weeds on the prairie. It was
witnessed by a widow, Mrs. Gray,
who was herself sick, but she fol-
lowed and found him and gave the
alarm. He was bruised badly about
the head, face, shoulders, hands
and arms. It was thought that he
had lost the sight of one eye, but
it is now believed he will retain the
sight of both. He was not removed
home from Mrs. Gray's till this
morning. The physician thinks he
will recover.

COTTON BAGGING.

A Superior Substitute Growing in
Western Texas by the 100,
and more.

DODDS, TEX., Sept. 13, 1888.—
I have read with interest the vari-
ous newspaper articles on the
bagging trust, and the various sub-
stitutes offered for jute. The one, I
think, that comes nearest the solu-
tion of this vexed question is con-
tained in a recent article from
Pittsburg, Tex., to the Dallas News
and signed by L. S. Flatan. This
gentleman suggests "bear grass,"
an indigenous growth in Eastern
Texas, and suggests that the loom
now being used in Fort Worth for
weaving bagging can be utilized for
weaving a superior article of bag-
ging and sacking. This growth is
common to every state in the south,
and is known to every old time
Tennessee and North Carolina farmer
as "bear grass," the "devil's shoe-
string," etc., and has been used
since the first settlement of this
country for "strings" with which to
hang bacon, bear meat, etc.
This peculiar growth has equally
as strong a fibre as hemp or flax, is
stronger than jute, can be closer
woven when prepared by the same
process, and will, we think, when
properly tested, prove far superior
to jute bagging. While East Texas
grows this plant in great profusion,
we suggest to Fort Worth capital-
ists that they have millions of tons
of this plant in easy reach, and
which can be procured almost at a
nominal expense over the Fort
Worth and Denver and probably the
Texas and Pacific Railroads. In
the counties of Hardeman,
Childress, Donley, Gray and
Wheeler, as well as the plains coun-
ties of West Texas and the Pan-
handle, this plant covers the entire
prairies, and particularly is it abun-
dant near Clarendon and the coun-
try adjacent. The Panhandle
plant, too, is four or five times as
large as I ever saw it grow in East
Texas or Tennessee, and if this
matter is acted on at once there is
a new enterprise, and "millions in
it," opened up for your plucky city.
W. T. Gass.

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For Judges Court of Appeals,
J. M. HURT,
S. A. WILSON,
J. P. WHITE.

The school building should be provided with good seats.

Our Haskell merchants are enjoying a fine trade this fall.

Yellow fever has reached Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana.

The local cattle trade is more active than it has been since the organization of the county.

The Fort Worth Western or the Texas Central will be throwing dirt toward Haskell in a few days, mark that.

There is another riot in progress from across the Rio Grande are participating.

Your prosperity depends upon the development of the country, and if you look to your own interest, you will assist in every public enterprise.

Kissing is somewhat like seven-up. If he begs, and she thinks she can make a point in the game, she will give him one.—Ex.

He generally gets three, and plays a "full hand"

The people of Haskell county frown down upon all violations of the law, and the promptness with which the grand juries have found indictments against offenders, has reduced crime to the minimum.

The cattlemen have found a market for their cattle, the sheepmen for their mutton and the fall crop of wool added to that will put our country in a fine condition financially.

In Haskell county the officers have promptly executed the laws. There were only two offenses committed since the spring term of District court that required the action of the grand jury.

The Republicans met in convention at Fort Worth the other day and had a stormy time before they got down to business. The chairman Braddy and DeGress came near having a fight.

NEWSPAPER reporters in the old states, in order to make their reports sensational when reporting the killing of a person, no matter under what circumstances committed, speak of it as "murder."

The Republicans of the Senate have presented a tariff bill which proposes a reduction of \$65,000,000 of which about half is on sugar. It is also proposed to repeal the entire tobacco tax and the tax on alcohol used in arts.

The Eiffel tower that is being constructed in France by the engineer from whom it takes its name, is to be built of iron and reach 1000 feet in height, being nearly twice as high as the Washington monument, which is the highest monument in the world.

The chairman of the immigration committee left the county some time since and no one has been appointed to take his place. The members of the committee ought to meet and elect some active person to fill the vacancy.

PETER B. CRANDALL, a life long friend to Conkling has turned Democrat and says no consistent friend of the eminent statesman should vote with the Republicans as long as they are led by so corrupt a man as Blaine.

A TRAIN was held up the other day near Howard by a band of robbers. A fight occurred between the guards and the robbers and resulted in three of the robbers being wounded and all of them put to flight. The engineer was wounded by his own party.

WE WILL SAY TO candidates who have not announced, that it will not cost any more to announce than it will to get their name on the ticket, and as we will print the ticket a few days before the election, they had better attend to this matter at once.

SEVERAL prosperous wool growers of Haskell county have concluded to take legal steps to eradicate the disease of scab in sheep, and we would suggest to those who have scabby flocks, that they will save cost and expense to themselves by dipping their sheep.

We have suggested the propriety of the immigration committee having copies of the FREE PRESS on hand for distribution at the Abilene fair, but no action so far has been taken. It does seem to us that those who have land to sell would take an interest in this matter.

—We take pleasure in announcing J. E. Wilfong as a candidate for the office of County Attorney of Haskell county. Mr. Wilfong is a brilliant young man who has educated himself unassisted. He is conscientious and fearless in the performance of what he deems to be his duty, and we commend him to the careful consideration of the voters of Haskell county and if he be elected, his supporters will never have cause to regret having given him their suffrage.

Santa Fe Surveyors at Work.

ABILENE, TEX., Sept. 20.—From a gentleman just from Runnels county we learn that the surveyors on the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe extension from Coleman are now at work on a survey made by Captain O'Neal some three years ago from Coleman via Pecan Springs to Colorado City. From Coleman to Pecan Springs no change is made in route, but from the Springs northward some little changes have been made as far as the line has been run, and from a point ten miles northwest of Pecan Springs several lines will be run; one to Sweetwater, another leaving Sweetwater four miles east, and a change in the survey up Oak creek will be made on the Colorado City survey. It is now understood that the old survey of Captain O'Neal will be adopted from Coleman to a point twelve miles northwest from Pecan Springs, but from that point west or northwest no one seems to have an idea not even the engineer. That that Santa Fe will push out her construction wing soon there seems to be no doubt in railroad circles.

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FOR SALE BY DRUGGISTS.

STANDS THE FIRE TEST AT NEW ORLEANS.

Another Point in Favor of the Lane Mills Bagging.

Since the advent of the new cotton bagging as a substitute for jute in baling cotton, the former has been subjected to tests of every conceivable kind to test its durability as a cotton bagging, but the other day the most trying ordeal of all, and one of the greatest importance, was made at the Commercial Cotton Press in the presence of a number of prominent gentlemen. The object of the experiment was to test the inflammable character of the bagging as compared with jute.

Three bales of cotton were covered with the new cloth and three with selected jute bagging. The bales were put out on the pickery and the jute in the jute bagging carefully patched. After being compressed, the cotton was rolled into the street, and a bale compressed in each bagging laid side by side, while an uncompressed bale in jute was placed upon the compressed bale in the new bagging, and an uncompressed bale in the latter material was piled upon the compressed bale in jute. This was done to equalize the conditions under which the test was made. A match was then applied to the Lane bagging, but it would not take fire beyond burning the end of a piece of twine, with which the bagging had been sewed. The match was then applied to the jute bagging and in a short while both bales in jute bagging were burning fiercely, while the Lane bagging that was in the midst of the fire remained uninjured, with the exception of a few places it was slightly scorched. In the meanwhile the fire was fast consuming the jute bagging and a hose was brought to play upon the bales to extinguish the blaze. After this a bucket full of cinders was dumped upon a bale compressed in the Lane bagging, which of course burned its way through, but when the cinders were brushed off, the fire died out.

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SCARING THE NEGRO.

Masked Men Fire Into the Houses of Negroes in Hunt County.
BLACK JACK, TEX., Sept. 22.—News reached here to-day that on last Tuesday night six well armed and masked men rode up to the house on Mr. B. F. Perkins' farm here, in which a negro family was living, and called for a negro man who was living on Mr. C. J. Harlow's farm, about a mile east of Mr. Perkins', and who was supposed to be at that place. The negro man residing at the house replied that the negro they wanted was not there. One of the mob replied that he would do and that he should come out. The negro locked the door when he saw that the men were all armed with guns. He opened the back door of house and went in double-quick time. After waiting a few minutes for the negro to come out, and hearing nothing of him, they shot in the house several times. One shot came very near striking the negro man's wife, who was in the bed near the door sick. After discharging their guns into his house they proceeded about 200 yards below to another house, not occupied by any person, and fired several shots into it. They then proceeded to Mr. Harlow's house and awoke him and family, and when Mr. Harlow started to the gate where the men were on their horses, one of the party leveled his gun at him and told him not to come any closer. After making inquiries about the whereabouts of the negro living at his place they road away. There is no clue as yet to the parties and what they intended doing, but it is supposed they wanted to rid the community of negroes, as it has often been heard said that no negro could live in that settlement.

A CANDIDATE FIRED AT.

DAINGERFIELD, TEX., Sept. 22.—Last night about 11 or 12 o'clock, some unknown persons went to the house of Peter Jackson, colored, and called him to the door and fired a charge of buckshot into his right arm inflicting serious, but not fatal wounds. There is no clue as yet as to who did the shooting. Jackson lives about eight miles from this place, and is a candidate for constable.

Take your wool to Abilene and attend the district fair and see what this section of the world can produce.

Transferred Locals.

Mens and Boys Hats at Gassess Tenants and Walkers Boots and Shoes at Gassess.

Go to Andersons for fresh drugs. He will treat you right.

—Prescriptions carefully filled day or night at Anderson's Drug Store.

—R. A. Anderson will practice medicine and furnish all Drugs necessary in his practice.

A full stock of bridles, spurs, girths, stirrups, bridle bits, whang leathers and wool socks just received at Johnson Bros.

—I will pay you the highest market price for your Cotton and Grain and sell you goods cheaper than any one in Abilene. Call and see me. GEO. CLAYTON.

—C. W. Baggett has opened up his boot and shoe shop in rear of D. R. Gass' mercantile building, and he is doing some fine work.

Orders are being sent in every day, and he is turning off work at a rapid rate. If you want a nice fitting pair of shoes or boots go and inspect some of his work.

Money Made is Money Saved.

We can save you money by coming to see us and getting our prices and looking at the quality of our goods before buying. Send us your repair work. North 2nd at Abilene Texas. ADAIR & CLARK.

3,000 acres of Land for sale on main Brazos, on line of Stonewall and Haskell counties, known as the Geo G. Alford. Surveys Nos 43 & 44. Price \$3.00 per acre, one half cash balance on as long time as desired at 10 per cent interest. Apply to G. F. Williams county surveyor Abilene Texas.

Adair & Clark, Jewelers, Abilene Texas. The largest stock of Diamond Watches, Clocks, Jewelry and silverware west of Fort Worth. We are the only house in Abilene who carry a full stock of everything in the Jewelry line. We will dis count prices of any house who is a legitimate dealer East or West North or South. We do any kind of repair work, and only ask you to give us a trial if your watch or clock is out of repair.

Notice.

Dr. Anderson has the best stock of drugs that has ever been brought to Haskell.

Notice.

—You will find all kinds of patent medicines at Anderson's Drug Store.

10 BEAUTIFUL STOPS.
Substitute for
THE FREE PRESS,
Only \$1.50 per Year
THE ALLEGER ORGAN.
A SINGS OF BEAUTIFUL MERRONS.
This beautiful \$275 ORGAN for \$90.00. The oldest organ manufacturer in Washington. The organ will be sent on 15 days free trial. 30 days of time given now in use. They are beautiful, they are great, they are lasting. Address: Alleger Organ Co., Washington, D. C.

HASKELL COUNTY.

Her Advantages, Resources and Future Prospects.

In almost every neighborhood of the older states and the thickly settled portions of our own state there are many of its citizens who are contemplating a removal or a change of residence for many reasons. Some to restore lost health, some to make their first beginning in the world, others to repair financial losses, others seeking safe and profitable investments of surplus capital. There are many others who have comfortable homes and are well contented, but who have children, whom they would like to provide with lands suitable for homes, and assist to commence business in life, but can not do so with their present surroundings, and must seek cheaper lands and better opportunities in other and newer localities.

To such we would say, you are just the people we want. Come and see us, and you will find a broad field of occupation and investment to choose from, with chances greatly in your favor. In coming to Haskell do not imagine we are a people wild and woolly and indigent, to these "western wilds," that we are loaded with dynamite and shooting irons, that our conversations are collections of cuss words and Mulhatten mixture, but rather that we are a people reared among the same surroundings, that we have received the benefit of the same advantages, that we have availed ourselves of the same educational privileges, that we have had the same christian instructions you yourselves have had. Be enlightened by past experience. Fortunes have been made by the development of new countries, and fortunes are yet to be made in our new and equally as good county.

We have a county endowed by nature with all the conditions of soil prairie and valley adapting it to the production of all the grains, grasses, fruits and vegetables of the temperate zone. We have a climate which is a happy medium between the extreme cold and extreme heat, a climate which will preserve the strong and robust and strengthen the sickly and weak. We have a county well adapted to stock raising of all kinds. We have a county where no malarial sickness ever comes. We have a county of the best lands in Northwest Texas. We have an abundance of mesquite, elm and hackberry timber for firewood and fencing. We have the most substantial inland business town in the northwest. We have the greatest abundance of the purest water. We have a class of citizens as honest and industrious, as hospitable and good natured, as law abiding, patriotic and religious as can be found anywhere in the United States. We have plenty of room, and invite you and all who contemplate a change, to come, all who want good and cheap lands. We have them, and want you for neighbors and friends.

This county is situated in the northwestern part of the state, and is about 1800 feet above the level of the sea; is in form of a square, embracing an area of 900 square miles, or 576,000 acres, of which 4-5 is arable or agricultural.

WATER.

The water supply comes from the Double Mountain Fork of the Brazos river, in the western portion of the county; California creek entering the county from the south, then running an easterly direction across the S. E. portion of the county; Paint creek heading near the west line of the county, and running east; Miller and Lake creeks heading near the center of the county, and running in a northeasterly course into Baylor county. The waters of these streams are pure and free from mineral or alkali.

Aside from the surface water furnished by these streams, we have the greatest abundance of the purest water all over our county, which can be obtained at a depth of from 15 to 40 feet. Free from mineral of any kind, it is nearly pure freestone water. Good lands and good water in abundance, form the basis and foundation for a prosperous farming country, second to none anywhere in the state.

SOIL.

The soil is an alluvial loam of great depth and fertility, varying in color from a red to a dark chocolate, and by reason of its porosity and friable nature, when thoroughly plowed, readily drinks in the rainfall, and in dry seasons absorbs moisture from the atmosphere; and for the like reasons the soil readily drains itself of the surplus water, thereby preventing stagnation of the water and the baking of the soil, as well as the germination of miasma. It is these peculiar qualities of the soil that enables vegetation to withstand much drouth and wait for the coming of the rain. Crops will survive three or four weeks drouth without very serious injury—it is a six or eight weeks drouth in mid summer that blasts and ruins crops. Except mesquite grubs and stumps, which are easily extracted, there are no obstructions to plows, and the land being level or generally rolling, and easily worked, the use of labor saving implements at once becomes pleasant and profitable.

PRODUCTS.

Indian corn, wheat, oats, barley, rye, durah corn, millet, sorghum, castor beans, field peas, peanuts, pumpkins, and all the squash family, turnips and cotton are grown successfully and profitably. Also sweet potatoes do well, and Irish potatoes as well as anywhere in the South. Garden vegetables grow to perfection, and melons luxuriate in Haskell county soil, growing to fine size of superb quality. Besides the native grasses that grow on the prairies, sustaining large numbers of cattle, horses and sheep throughout the year, Johnson and Colorado grasses grow to great perfection and the hay made from these grasses form a valuable adjunct to the winter pasture, in keeping stock over winter.

YIELD AND PRICES OF FARM PRODUCTS.

The average yield of Indian corn per acre is about 30 bushels, and the price varies from 50 cents to \$1.25 per bushel; the wheat yield for the year '87—a dry year—ranged from 3 to 30 bushels—averaging between 16 and 18 bushels per acre, and sold in the home market for 90 cents to \$1.00 per bushel; oats yield 50 to 75 bushels per acre, and usually sell at 35 to 75 cents per bushel; cotton yields a half to three quarters of a bale per acre, but owing to the great distance to market its cultivation is not engaged in to a great extent. Other crops make good yields and command corresponding prices. Home made pork is usually worth 6 to 8 cents per pound; fresh beef 4 to 6 cents; home made butter, sweet and delicious, usually sells at 25 cents per pound; chickens 15 to 25 cents each, and eggs 10 to 25 cents per dozen.

SHIPPING POINT.

As yet Haskell has no railroad, and our people do their principal shipping to and from Abilene, a town 60 miles south, in Taylor county, on the Texas and Pacific Railroad. There is also some shipping done to Albany, a town 45 miles southeast, on the Texas Central Railroad, but not so much as to Abilene, because of rougher wagon roads.

RAILROAD PROSPECTS.

At present there is no prospect of a railroad building into Haskell in the immediate future. We expect to get an extension of the Texas Central Railroad from Albany to Haskell, but that road is in the hands of the U. S. Court, and not likely to be extended until it is discharged from the control of said court. We also think that the Fort Worth Western Railroad will build from Fort Worth westward through Haskell, and it is believed that the St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad will build southward through the Panhandle and through Haskell, and it is possible that the Chicago and Rock Island Railroad may yet build through Haskell.

PRICE OF LANDS.

Rich river valley unimproved agricultural land more than 5 miles from town, sells at \$3 to \$4 per acre. Rich unimproved agricultural prairie uplands, more than 5 miles from town, sells at \$2 to \$3 per acre, and within 5 miles from town, \$3 to \$15 per acre. Pasture land unimproved sells at \$1 to \$2 per acre. The usual terms of sale is one-third cash, and the balance in equal payments in one and two years, with ten per cent interest.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Our school fund is perhaps the best of any county in the state. In addition to the amount

from the state, about \$5.50 per capita, our Commissioners Court have wisely executed a lease for 10 years of our 4 leagues of school land, situated in the Panhandle, the revenue from which added to the amount received from the state gives us a fund amply sufficient to run the several schools of the county ten months in the year. This fund can also be drawn upon to build school houses in any organized school community of the county. The fund of Haskell Co. is all sufficient to run the school without voting a special school tax provided by law, thus relieving our people of the additional tax, to maintain an efficient school system.

In Haskell there is a flourishing school with more than 100 scholars enrolled, besides several flourishing schools in different parts of the county. Our school fund is ample for all who may come. It is a source of pride to our citizens and an evidence to all of the enlightened views of our people and wise management of our county government.

MAIL FACILITIES.

There is only one post office in Haskell county, that at the town of Haskell. It has a daily mail, over the mail line from Abilene via Anson; which line also brings express freight, and proves very satisfactory to our people.

RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS.

The religious and moral status of the people of Haskell county will compare favorably with that of any people. The Methodist, Baptist, Christian, Old School and Cambridge Presbyterian churches have organized churches in the town of Haskell, and have preaching on three Sundays in each month; also preaching at other points in the county. We have a good Union Sunday School, and Band of Hope, and weekly prayer meetings.

HASKELL.

The town of Haskell is the county site of, and is situated one and one-half miles south of the center of Haskell county, on a beautiful table land, and is four years old and has a population of 600 to 700. Has a good well water as can be found anywhere, which is secured at a depth of 15 to 22 feet. Also has two never failing springs of pure water in the edge of town. Haskell has four drygoods and grocery stores, which carry full lines, and supply the people with groceries, at prices as low as can be had in railroad towns, with 50 cents per hundred pounds for freight added, and drygoods as cheap as anywhere. Also has two drug stores; one hardware store; one notion store; one hotel, and one restaurant, both first class; one blacksmith shop; one cabinet and wood shop; one exchange bank, one barber shop; two silver smith shops; one saddlery shop; one meat market; two livery stables; four doctors; eight lawyers; three land agents; one first class county newspaper and job office, and only one saloon; all doing a very good business. The town of Haskell with her natural advantages, of location, climate, good water and fertility of soil of the surrounding country, is destined in the near future to be the queen city of Northwest Texas, and railroad connection for Haskell is all that is needed to accomplish this. Reader, please hand this to your friend.

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Official Paper of Haskell County. Terms \$1.00 per annum, invariably cash in advance. Advertising rates made known on application. Our rates for announcing candidates are as follows: DISTRICT OFFICES, \$12.50 COUNTY OFFICES, \$7.50 PRECINCT OFFICES, \$5.00

For same on ticket same as above, if published do not announce. Saturday, September 29, 1888.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

F. CUNNINGHAM, of Jones county, authorizes us to announce him as a candidate for the office of District Attorney of the Judicial District, Election in Nov.

H. HOUSTON, of Seymour, authorizes us to announce him as a candidate for the office of District Attorney of the Judicial District, Election in Nov.

COUNTY JUDGE.

E. STANDEFER authorizes us to announce him as a candidate for Sheriff and Tax Collector of Haskell county, Election in Nov.

S. MARTIN authorizes us to announce him as a candidate for County Judge of Haskell county, Election in Nov.

SHERIFF & TAX COLLECTOR.

Y. HILBRETH authorizes us to announce him as a candidate for Sheriff and Tax Collector of Haskell county, Election in Nov.

B. ANTHONY authorizes us to announce him as a candidate for Sheriff and Tax Collector of Haskell county, Election in Nov.

COUNTY & DISTRICT CLERK.

D. LONG authorizes us to announce him as a candidate for the office of County and District Clerk of Haskell county, Election in November.

FOR COUNTY TREASURER.

P. PRESTON authorizes us to announce him as a candidate for Treasurer of the County of Haskell county, Election in Nov.

FOR COUNTY ATTORNEY.

H. JONES authorizes us to announce him as a candidate for County Attorney of Haskell county, Election in November.

J. WILFONG authorizes us to announce him as a candidate for the office of County Attorney of Haskell county, Election in Nov.

TAX ASSESSOR.

T. WILLIAMS authorizes us to announce him as a candidate for Tax Assessor of Haskell county, Election in November.

L. SMITH authorizes us to announce him as a candidate for Tax Assessor of Haskell county, Election in November.

R. ROBERTS authorizes us to announce him as a candidate for Tax Assessor of Haskell county, Election in November.

Having faithfully tried to discharge my official duties as Tax Assessor of Haskell county for the past two years and believing that I have filled the office to the satisfaction of Haskell county voters, I respectfully offer myself as a candidate for re-election at the November election. W. J. SOWELL.

A. ERWIN authorizes us to announce him as a candidate for Tax Assessor of Haskell county, Election in November.

S. BEVERLY authorizes us to announce him as a candidate for Tax Assessor of Haskell county, Election in Nov.

J. CARTER authorizes us to announce him as a candidate for Tax Assessor of Haskell county, Election in November.

Y. W. CHRISTOPHER authorizes us to announce him as a candidate for Tax Assessor of Haskell county, Election in Nov.

AND ANIMAL INSPECTOR.

H. BRIDGE authorizes us to announce him as a candidate for Hide and Animal Inspector of Haskell county, Election in November.

R. W. Barrett is having a residence erected in west Haskell.

Mr. Anderson has been quite sick for several days.

Mr. F. M. Morton was in town this week.

\$100,000 to loan at the Haskell County Bank.

Little Ed Standefler says that candidates carry augers with them.

Johnson Bros. are getting in their new goods.

Mr. Clark was in the city yesterday.

The city was crowded with spectators this week.

Property is looming up on all sides in all branches of trade.

Mr. Henry Post and two sisters are attending school here.

Capt. W. E. Rayner was in the city yesterday.

S. C. Hammons has returned home.

Jim Carrigan of Albany, was in the city yesterday.

The wool growers are beginning to clip their fall fleeces.

Mr. J. E. Wilfong was in the city this week.

Mr. D. F. Williamson was in the city Thursday.

Mr. M. H. Gossett has added two rooms to his residence.

Mr. M. H. Gossett was in the city this week.

Mr. Bogart was in the city Thursday.

Mrs. Norris and Mrs. C. D. Long dined with Mrs. N. M. Martin yesterday.

Mr. G. P. Widmer reports a load of 3,000 pounds of barbed wire to Dr. Gage.

Mr. Gage went out on Monday to

BASS BROTHERS,

Headquarters

For Drugs, Patent Medicines, Oils, Window Glass, Wall Paper, Stationery, School Books, and Druggist sundries, with a select line of HOLIDAY GOODS

LARGEST STOCK, Greatest Variety, Lowest Prices, SOLICIT THE TRADE OF ALL. West PINE STREET, ABILENE, TEXAS.

CLOTHING! CLOTHING!! CLOTHING!!!

Men's, Youths' and Boys' Suits!



Just in Receipt of my Fall and Winter STOCK!



Consisting of 100 Pairs First-Class California Pants, 50 first-class California Suits and 100 Boys and Youths Suits.



I trade at Dodson's! I do too! I don't! B. H. DODSON, - - Haskell, Texas.

Our young people enjoyed a social at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Preston last night.

Go and see the well selected stock of dry goods and clothing at Johnson Bros.

Our physicians seem to have mastered every case of fever this fall, as no cases have proved fatal.

Dr. R. Gage will have a car load of best quality of flour in stock in a few days.

The City Hotel is the only eating house in Haskell, and is first-class in every respect.

Sam W. Morrow of Anson, passed through town yesterday en route to Benjamin.

The enterprising Johnson Bros. are filling their house with a select stock of crisp new goods.

The columns of the FREE PRESS will show by the advertisements of Abilene merchants that that city is a live town.

Hickie & Hilger, Boot and shoe dealers, Abilene, have an advertisement in this issue.

School Books, and school supplies are sold at Bass Bros at Abilene Texa. Call on them.

Dr. F. N. Brown, Dentist Abilene, Texas, has a professional card in this issue.

Geo. Clayton of Abilene does some local advertising with us this week.

A. Boulte, watchmaker, Abilene, Texas, gives us a card in this issue.

W. A. Flint & Co., Abilene, do some local advertising with us this week.

We call your attention to the card of Charley & Jake's Barber Shop at Abilene, in this issue.

E. L. Rich, the Jeweler at Abilene, makes you a fair proposition this week in another column.

All persons who carry exhibits to the Abilene fair will get a free pass to same for themselves and family.

Mr. G. T. Haggitt has about one and a half acres of castor beans that are very fine. He will take a few samples to the Abilene Fair.

See W. A. Flint & Co., Abilene, for Furniture. They have the largest stock in Northwest Texas.

Mr. J. W. Agnew has severed his connection with the FREE PRESS. In him we lose a faithful type.

If you want bargains in Dry Goods and Groceries, go to Geo. Clayton's, on Chestnut Street, Abilene.

Capt. Cunningham has a large rick of sorghum, hay, and a crib of corn in his lot. This looks like living.

Geo. Clayton will sell you more Dry Goods and Groceries for the money than any merchant in Abilene.

Messrs Becknell and Waters have opened up a beef market, and will in future keep fresh and fat steak for the hungry.

You should do your trading with merchants who advertise, for if they think enough of your trade to solicit it through your county paper, they will treat you white.

An immense line of Gloves, Gents Underwear, Overshirts, Dress Shirts, Hats, Shoes and Clothing at Johnson Bros.

A. E. Steele, wholesale and retail dealer in chewing and smoking tobacco, cigars, etc., of Abilene gives us an advertisement in this issue.

Satins, Worsteds, Ginghams, Seersuckers, Twills, Novelty Cards, Linsey, Shambray, and numerous other dress goods just received at Johnson Bros.

P. C. Knapp, Furniture dealer of Abilene informs our people that he has a lot of beds to be sold at cost, by way of an "ad" in this week's paper.

Mr. R. E. Martin has returned from the L-work in Knox and Baylor counties. The general work on this range is suspended until the 5th of October.

The public school opened Monday with 68 attendants. The new building is conveniently arranged and the teachers are well pleased.

Messrs Tucker and Gage, this week bought 700 head of steer cattle of C. P. Killough, consideration, \$7000.00.

Dr. R. A. Anderson received more Fresh Drugs yesterday.

Mr. Dodson's little daughter, Nellie, has been quite sick with fever.

Don't forget that D. M. Winn, at the postoffice, has one of the best lots of Lemons in town.

Professor Clifton reports 75 attendants to the public school, and he says he is getting along satisfactorily.

D. M. Winn keeps the best old fashion Virginia Natural Leaf tobacco in town, when you want a good chew call round and try it.

Mr. J. W. Becknell has changed his business, and is now running the beef market.

Mr. John Gordon, we are glad to announce is on the road to recovery.

Mr. Jas. Dillahunty has returned from the Hash Knife work. The work on that range has suspended until Oct. 5th.

The respite of the voter is nearly ended in these "diggins." Nearly all the candidates will start their political machines next week. [N. B. Machine is an auger.]

Selicia all colors, velvet all colors, creton, cotton checks, cotton stripes, waterproof, red and white flannels, cotton flannels and a large variety of like goods at Johnson Bros.

We are informed by C. D. Long that any one who wishes to attend the Fair at Abilene may go the round trip on the back for half fare by paying in advance.

Don't forget when you visit Abilene that the Druggist Bass Bros carry a large stock of school books and school supplies, and sell low.

Ira W. Butler, family groceries, also tinware and variety goods. Chestnut St., Abilene, Tex., comes before our people this week with a big "ad."

We have just opened up a beef market at the old market stand and will keep fresh meats constantly on hand. Steak will be sold at 7 cents and Roast at 5 cents per pound. Respectfully, BECKNELL & WATERS.

Just Arrived The largest and best stock of Ready Made Clothing in town at the lowest figures. Call and see and price. No end to California pants, hats and boots of every description, can fit any one from 6 year old boy to the largest man in town. D. R. GAGE.

Mr. B. M. Kegans while horse hunting the other day saw eighteen rattlesnakes go into one hole. He got down off his horse and called his companions. They proceeded to roll gravel into the hole when the snakes began to come out. They continued this until twenty eight had come out and been killed. They saw three more that would not come out. Mr. Kegans said the party had killed twenty five the day before under similar circumstances.

Flint & Co., Abilene, want to exchange the best sewing machine in the world for cotton with which to make mattresses. They will allow you a good price for your cotton.

Jeff Isaacs was brought in from the range Wednesday evening quite sick with a fever, but under the skillful management of Dr. R. A. Anderson he is much improved.

Miller Bros, Pine St., Abilene, will take your Photograph day or night, rain or shine. These men are first-class workmen in every respect, and when you attend the Fair, give them a trial.

Mr. J. S. Post was in town this week with a friend and prospector in tow. You may look out for a land sale. Mr. Post handles dirt on paper as well as with the mould-board of a plow.

Don't forget when you go to the Fair at Abilene that E. L. Rich, the Jeweler, located next to the post-office, has the prettiest and newest line of Jewelry in the place, which he sells lower than any other house and besides, for every \$2.00 worth of Jewelry you buy or for Watch and Jewelry Repairing he gives you a chance at a gold watch worth \$150.00, either gents or ladies size. Call on him, we guarantee he will treat you right. 9-29-1m

Mr. D. M. Edge presented the FREE PRESS with two very fine watermelons to-day. Thanks Mr. Edge, call again.

Our young friends enjoyed a pleasant social at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Tandy this week.

We announce Mr. W. H. Ehridge as a candidate for the office of Hide and Animal Inspector. He is thoroughly familiar with the stock business in this county and if elected, will see that no cattle are driven from the range to market without first having been inspected.

Cheap Livery Stable.



Teams and Vehicles for Hire at Low Rates. We can Afford to Keep Teams Cheaper than any Body, as We Have A Farm in Connection With Stable, and Raise all Kinds of Grain and Hay.

Draper & Baldwin Haskell City Texas.

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THE FAIR !! THE FAIR!!!

Abilene Tex., Oct. 3, 4 and 5, WITH HEADQUARTERS AT Roberts & Mackechney's Grocers and Commission Merchants

THE FAIR we mean may not be altogether the FAIR you understand, but the fair quality, fair quantity and FAIR prices of our fair stock of GROCERIES

Cannot fail to make a fair impression on your fair minds when you visit us and the Fair in the fair city of Abilene next October. You will be here, of course. You should be, you must be. We offer four premiums. We would like you to get at least one of them. Read this: For the best article of wheat bread, we offer a premium of 100 pounds of Abilene Fancy Patent Flour. For choicest production of Irish potatoes, one Whitaker Star ham. Finest exhibit of milk, Kafir corn, Durro, corn, etc., five pounds good tea.

Most excellent article of sour pickles, a five-gallon keg of vinegar (Roberts & Mackechney's own make and GUARANTEED ABSOLUTELY PURE FRUIT VINEGAR). New isn't this fair? isn't it? Send us for pamphlets giving particular care of, and rules governing the fair and we will mail them to you free of charge. Our fair advice is come to the FAIR. Bring everything of a fair nature; it may command a fair premium. Everybody and every thing will be on a boom; even the railroad, except the fare, which will be reduced to half fare. You have no excuse—come. Bundle up the fair women, gather up the fair children, get your fair self in shape, and make a fair showing at

The Fair, Abilene, Texas, October, 3, 4 and 5, WITH HEADQUARTERS AT ROBERTS & MACKECHNEY'S Grocers & Commission Merchants Pine St.

THOS. GOGGAN & BRO., GALVESTON.

ESTABLISHED IN 1864 Largest PIANO House in Texas. STATE AGENTS FOR THE WEBER, EMERSON. And other STANDARD PIANOS best adapted to Texas Climate. 137 Catalogue of Make and Prices of Pianos and Organs Mailed Free. Branch Houses at Houston, San Antonio, Waco and Dallas.

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GRANBURY.

Surgians do a Clever Job—Case on Trial—Cotton Coming In.

GRANBURY, Tex., Sept. 20.—The case in the Texas saloon, owned by H. J. Kerr, was drilled into and opened last night. He loses \$125 cash. The drawer containing notes and valuable papers was found under the freight depot platform this morning.

It was a clever job and was the work of old hands. There is no slow.

The case of the State vs. J. H. Milliken was called this morning and will occupy the balance of the week. A great many witnesses are in attendance, and the case is one of great importance, this being the third trial in this county, the others being mistrials.

Cotton is coming in quite freely and bringing good prices. The season is about a month late, but the crop is very promising.

Two Immigrants While Intoxicated Fire Into a Crowd of Miners.

CHRYSTERS, W. T., Sept. 21.—Two men en route to Washington Territory, overland, stopped at Rock Springs, Sweetwater county, yesterday noon and purchased supplies. They became intoxicated and engaged in a saloon brawl with coal miners. One of the strangers drew a six shooter and emptied it into the crowd. Dick Davis was instantly killed, and Phil Shaffer and Dan Harris were wounded. All are miners. After the shooting the strangers jumped into their wagon and drove rapidly out of town. Two officers who followed on foot were fired upon by the immigrants. In the exchange of shots one stranger was wounded and both horses were killed. The men were arrested. The miners tried to take the prisoners from the officers when en route to the jail. There is every probability that the men will be lynched. Rock Springs was the scene of the Chrysters riot several years ago. The element which led to the slaughter of the Chinamen still predominates there.

A TEXAS STORY.

In the issue of the New York Ledger of September 15th is commenced a story entitled "Fought to the Death; or the Heroine of the Alamo." This is a Texas story and includes an account of the heroic exploits of Houston, Crockett, Travis and Bowie. Every Texan should read it. Buy it at the book stores or send subscription direct to the publishers, Robert Bonner's Sons, Corner Williams and Spruce Streets, New York. The subscription price is \$3.00 per year. Be sure to commence with number 35.

Worth Knowing.

Mr. W. H. Morgan, merchant Lake City, Fla., was taken with a severe cold, attended with a distressing cough and running into consumption in its first stages. He tried many so-called popular cough remedies and steadily grew worse. Was reduced in flesh, had difficulty in breathing and was unable to sleep. Finally tried Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption and found immediate relief, and after using about a half dozen bottles found himself well and has had no return of the disease. No other remedy can show so grand a record of cures, as Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption Guaranteed to do just what is claimed for it.—Trial bottle free at Druggists.

A reward of \$200.00 has been offered by the citizens of Columbus for the body, dead or alive, of Bill Wiley, who murdered depot agent Harris last Saturday night. His description is given as follows: about five feet eight inches high, weight about 145 pounds, about 25 years old, broad shoulders, slim built, dark hair and eyes, only a slight dark moustache, large mouth and a sinister expression on his face.

CAPITOL FURNISHING BOARD.

Plans for Beautifying the Grounds—A Large Park to be Laid Off.

AUSTIN, Tex., Sept. 20.—The capitol furnishing board are still in session. The plans for the interior of the new capitol are nearly all ready. As to the capitol grounds surveys have been made and a magnificent park is to be laid off. The general plan agreed upon contemplates the improvement of the square proper as the preliminary steps in the case after grading is contemplated and the bills removed. A magnificent sidewalk will be built from the head of the avenue to the main entrance of the building. A grand carriage roadway or drive will branch east and west of the front gateway of the grounds fronting opposite the south end of the capitol so that in entering the square you pass along the east drive, making a complete circuit of the park and coming out again on avenue by way of the west drive. A broad cement walk for pedestrians will be built around the entire structure, and the whole plan decided upon is at once artistic and appropriate. The visitor will be able to see the spacious park from end to end, and all the grounds that properly belong to the capitol will be fenced in from the line of the street in front of the Governor's mansion up to and including the General Land Office, the park will be by no means a small one. The change will do away with Colorado street and will necessitate the removal of the present street car tracks half a block west. When carried out the grounds will be symmetrical in all their proportions and in perfect harmony with the improving dimensions of the mammoth edifice.

THE BEAN CASE.

Yesterday Consumed in a Continuation of Howard's Testimony.

BONHAM, TEX., Sept. 20.—The third day of the Bean trial was resumed this morning with a continuation of Howard's testimony.

The first deposition introduced after squabbling over motions to rule out certain evidence in the case was that of John W. Boulware, secretary of the Masonic Lodge at Palmyra, Mo. He testified as to the lodge records, and gives a certified copy of Colmore Bean's application to unite with said lodge; also a copy of the minutes, showing he visited the lodge, and that he had formerly belonged to the Masonic Lodge at Heathville Va. A power of attorney executed by Colmore Bean to Thomas Howard was introduced and read. The defendant, H. P. Howard, then closed his evidence except in rebuttal.

Applicant W. W. Russell commenced his testimony by reading a part of the deposition of John Bee, who states that he knew the Beans and was a servant for Colmore Bean. He said he knew there never was but one Colmore Bean in the country. He had a wife and two boys John and Tom. Nelson Fritchard and John Walker, both of Northumberland county, Va., corroborated the deposition of Mrs. Lowe. H. P. Howard's attorneys, it is thought, will get through with their evidence some time to-morrow when J. W. Saunders' evidence will be heard.

Each day brings larger crowds to the courtroom, which is now at operahouse, having adjourned there to accommodate the county court, which is now in session. If Saunders' evidence occupies as much as H. P. Howard's no agreement will be made before Saturday, and the trial will probably continue till next week.

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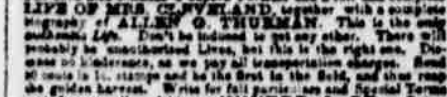
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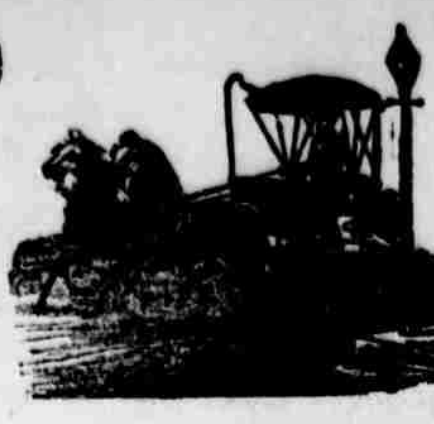
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