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### STONEWALL'S FIRST COURT

The Occasion Enlivened by a Littl Fun in which an Attorney, a Dog and a Badger take a Prominent Part.

Trial of the District Attorney.

RAYNER, STONEWALL Co., TEX., June 6th, 1889 .- District Court convened Monday for the first time in Stonewall county, with Judge following attorneys were present: it is therefore ordered by this court Ed J. Hamner' of Haskell, C. D. Davis, C. P. Woodruff, and D. L. Flynt, of Anson, and J. W. Armstrong, of Hillsboro. Mr. Arm strong coming with the intention of locating with us.

of people; and to enliven the occa sion a badger fight was arranged. The report was speeduly circulated Judge District Court, Stonewall betting began at a lively rate, and county. a wrathy dispute arose as to who the dog. As Mr. Armstrong and pointed Ed J. Hamner to prosecute Bob should hold the dog, while both being from Izzard county Judge Woodruff coun'ed 1, 2, 3, 4, resented Mr. Cunningham. After ties interested, Mr. Armstrong were made for and against the acpulled the badger clear up to the cused, when the court charged the mark made for the occassion. The jury as follows: fight was declared a draw, and the STATE OF TEXAS) money was returned to its owners Next morning a knowledg of the proceedings havings came to the ears of the court, the following bill

of charges was preferred against Mr. Cunningham: STATE OF TEXAS, Be it re-County of Stonewall. | membered that on the 5th day of Jane A. D. 1889, it being brought to the k. o vi of conduct unbecoming in an officer bolding his high and honorarelying on said Cunnitgham as a brother in his own profession to see that he was properly introduc rude uncouth, evil and designing box, men, with whom said Cunningham

upon Armstrong, to his great cha

grin and humiliation, by pulling

feelings of said Armstrong in an P. Woodruff and Ed J. Hamner, as unfeeling degree of humiliation follow: that was intolerable on him and a disgrace to all of said conspirators; and especially to the said Cunningham, on account of the distinguished position he holds to the great budy of the good people of Stonewall cunty, as the head and representative of law and order in said county, and by reason of said conduct, the court holds that he should be required to answer before a Cockrell presiding and J. F. Can jury of his peers for conduct unningham District Attorney. The Decoming an officer of this court; that the Clerk of the District court the this bill of charges, and send a certified copy direct to the sheriff of this county, to serve said Cunningham with a true copy, and that this cause be entered on the M mday night, the town was full trial docket of this court for future

J. V. COCKRELL,

When Mr. Cunningham announc. should pull the badger and hold ed ready for trial, the court ap-Bob Johnson wore the only ones as the county attorney was disqualnot betting, it was agreed that ified, as he was related to defendant Mr. Armstrong pulled the badger. Arkansaw. C. P. Woodruff rep-5, and to the satisfaction of all par- nearing the evidence, anle speeches

J. F. Cunningham )

The jury will be governed by the following instruction in determining the guilt or inocence of the defendant:

The defendant is presumed to be innocent until his guilt is establish. ed beyond a reasonable doubt, and if you have a doubt as to his guilt. edg of the court that J. F. Cunning | you will acquit the defendant. The ing. Attracting to the court house ham, District Attorney for the 39.h jury are the exclusive judges of a large concourse of spectators. Judicial District, which includes the creditability of the witnesses, Stonewall county, has been guilty and the weight to be given to their the principal facts and circum

testimony. If the jury believes from the evible position in this, that the said dence beyond a reasonable doubt Cunningham conspired with other that J, F. Cunningham at any time evil. designing persons disiring to within three years prior to the inflict disgrace and shame upon a 5th day of June, A. D. 1889, in fellow attorney -a stranger in a Stonewall county, did by himself. strange land-confiding in and of by conspiring with other, did maliciously and wantonly induce J. W. Armstrong to do any act or acts that should be likely to create ed into the society of the profes. in his mind a degree of shame or sion and good citizens of said humiliation to his feelings, you county and while confiding and will find the defendant guilty of trusting in said Countogham, was conduct unbecoming in an attorney. wilfully, maliciously and pur. You will assess his fine ut any posely led into the company of number of cigars not to exceed one

Or should you believe from the did conspire with to mistreat, ill- evidence that J. F. Cunningham. use bumiliate in his feelings and to E1 J. Hamner and G. P. Woodraff bring shame and disgrice on said conspired together to indust J. W J. W. Armstrong, a stranger in a Armstrong a brother attorney to strange land as aforesaid, and said engage in any act or acts that agreement and conspiracies as would affect the mind of Mr. Arm. aforesaid to run Armstrong into a strong with humiliation and shame, crowd of co-conspirators, who un- you will had one or all of the deder the direction, advece and man fendants guilty and assess their agement of said Cunningham, bad fines jointly or seperately, as you laid plans, schemes and devices, of may find just and equitable. But which Armstrong was led to belive if you render a seperate vendict, personal attention to the comfort that they had a true badger confin. assess each one's fine separate. ed in a box, under cover and hid stating the amount of cigars, not to from view, with a rope attached to exceed one box. And in the matsaid badger, by which it could be ter of a conspiracy, the court inpulled out; and as a part of the structs, all parties who act together scheme to disgrace and humiliate in the commission of an offence, or said Armstrong, a dog was provid | who being present when an offence for the occasion; and and that said is committed, advises or agrees to conspirators were pretending to bet its commission, is as guilty as he on a proper fight between the said who actually commits the offence, dog and aforesaid badger; and by and is subject to the same punishfalse representations induced rule ment. J. V. COCKRELL,

Judge Presiding. The jury retired and rendered

what he supposed to be a true bad | the following verdict: We, the jury believe that the ger from under cover. When to his shame and consternation, and to badger that has afforded so much the great joy of said Cunningham, amusement to so many as the badholsterous laghfter, infliced ton the in case vs. J. F. Cunningham, C. Continued on second page

That they proceed at once to the place where the said badger was thrown on the prairie put a string through it, and that C. P. Woodruff and Et. J. Hamner act as pall bearers and that J. F. Cuningham follow behind as chief mourner. That the funeral cortege proceed around the clerk's office and back te Akin's store. But we leave it optionery with the defendants ei ther to pay the penalty, or set up two and one half boxes of cigars.

W. E. RAYNER, Foreman. W. L. S -in Auson Westera.

THE SHAMBERGER CASE.

A Jury Says He is Innocent of the Murder of a Young Girl.

SAD STORY OF A YOUNG WCM 13

Her Painetic Letter to Her Mether Father, Brother and Sisters-A Life Burned T. a Might Have Dispensed I lessings and Hapiness to Ail.

KAUFFMAN, Tex., June 15 -In he case of the state of Texas vs Henry Shamberger, witch be been on trial in the dis. ict cour here for four day, the jury this morning securned a verdict of not guilty. The defendant was charged with the murder of Anna Smith in Hunt county on the 21 of July, A. D., 1885. The cause was removed and has been twice tried. The first trial resulting in a conviction of murder in the second degree was reversed by the court of appeals.

The circumstances surrounding the case as developed on the trial were painfully interesting and thrill-The following is a brief synopsis of stances developed on the trial.

In the full of 1884 Anna Smith, a bright, attractive girl of 16 summers, came with ber father, Isaac Smith, and family from Fannin county and located in Hunt county near Payne's store. The defendant began to wait on Anna about Febuary, 1885. About the middle of Jane he took her to an examina tion. By accident they got lost and spent the night in a country school house, returning home the next day both parties being intoxicated, It was shown that shortly after this Anna and her father quarroled and had a difficulty, both being intoxi-

Monday night July 1, 1885 there was a party at Roberts', in Hand Smith's. Suchay before Anna lett home, spending the day and par

of the night alone in Cast o not tom. During the light all como M & William Stan berger's y

the night. Sue toru Mrs. Stamb i ger that she had been driven from home and that she never would return; that she was disgreed and did not want to live. Mrs. Shamberger

Monday morning Anna went to Mrs. Files Vansicle's, who agreed to let her remain until she could find a hom .. During the time she and Miss Lu Vansicle went together in a buggy to Greenville, where they met Mr. Mansel Mathews, who ar

greed to accompany them to the parity at Roberts that evening While they were talking the defend. ant, Henry Shamberger, came up. and it was agreed that he should go with Anna Smith and Mathewa should go with Miss Vansicle. The girls, returned to Mrs. Vansicle's, and his co-conspirators' who then ger in question , deserves decent in in due time Mathews and Shamwith unwonted, disgraceful and terment, and we assess the penalty berger called for them and took

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READ the description of Haskell county on fourth page.

HASKELL county is causing fathers and sons, mothers and daughters, brothers and sisters and life long friends to separate.

passed an order to have Mule creek bridged. Their beads are level, this is the right thing to do.

Ir you do not want to become dissatisfied in the country in which you now live and sel out at a sacritice, never come to Haskell county, for if you do you will never stay.

YE scribe has been enterview. to be the best county in the state. prosperous farmers that are suppos-This verdict has always been unan- ed to dot the western prairies and ever heard express themselves. and fine growing crops. Then if it is the general opinion, invest in real estate, for where thies of the people. such general confidence is placed, realized this, and Haskell county lands are in demand.

Commissioners' court met last Saturday to count the vote on the bridge question. Members present sciences that will let them render were Judge Cole, commissioner their lands for taxes at \$1,50 per Bennett of Griffin and commissioner acre and at the same time would Baker of Albany. The vote was not take \$2.00 per acre though they found to be as follows: Precinct could readily sell for that price. No. 1, was 128 for and 4 against, Although there is many thousprecinct No. 2 no returns, precinct No, 3, 29 against, precinct No. 4. no returns, presinct No. 5, 10 known of any of it being alienated against; leaving a majority of for the bridge.

The court passed an order that the members go to tha Clear Fork next uals that composed the company. Monday, or as soon there-aftera as possible and select a proper place for erecting the bridge. They are to be accompanied by the county surveyor and are not to charge the county for their time. At this session T. V. Baker was instructed to tear down and sell the fence sur. rounding the jail yard as the posts were rotting and the south line had blown over. The court decided that it was better for the county to tities. The mortgagees always resell the lumber than to expend fuse to release for any consideration some forty or fifty dollars in repairing the fence.

decided in a suit brought by At- that was to be avoided by the torney General Hogg against a spirit if not terms of the grant dorailroad company that the constitu- nating the lands to the companies. tion of 1876 set aside one half The state has always performed her of the public domain free public fund, and that the school funds law, while in turn these companies was entiled to one-haif of all land have never in any-respect complied located and patented since 1876.

The decision of Judge Key is a have begun to mould public opin. ion, which will be brought to bear upon the person of those who compose the supreme court of the state laden with all the products of the of the land.

They do not say that Judge Key is not supported in his decision by the law and consitution, but appeal to the sympathies of the public by making the broad unfounded assertion that nearly all these lands have gotten into the hands of innocent purchasers, who are actual the case, nearly all lands have since dence showed was Gov. Roberts. 1876 have been located in the west

whom they purchased. This would be ecquity administered as it is administered by the courts between individuals.

If Judge Key has administered the law let him be sustained, if not let him be reversed.

The partial administration of the law between the State and individuals is already responsible for untold losses of the state and people.

It is well established that the unauthorized acts of an agent beyond his prescribed authority, when his authority is limited as that of offi cers of the law is by the law limited, which is known by every one will not bind the state, otherwise the state would be at the mercy of un-THE county commissioners have scrupulous, ignorant or corrupt offi cers, and laws passed to prevent fraud would become a dead letter.

The papers referred to are preparing to agitate the subject of constitutional amendment to protect the innocent purchasers. This no doubt will be the last resort of the land grabber.

They wish the pappers in Texas to work their imagination up to ing the many prospectors that have where they can magnify the numvisited Haskell county for the past ber of a so-called innocent purfive years and they all say that it chaser from one land speculator in has a good name abroad and is said some eastern city, to thousands of imously agreed to by all we have plains, with nice painted cottages

All such penpictures would be Haskell county is the place to brought to bear upon the sympa-

The FRE PRESS would not oppose great returns can be realized from any measure granting the lands reinvestment. Many have already ferred to to those who were actually living on the land, but we would not be willing to cofirm the tiltle to these lands in the hands of heartless speculators, who have con-

> ands of acres of railroad land in this county, yet we have never 85 unless forced to de so by law, and then it was only a sale in form and for all purposes to the individ-

The News says the result of the opinion will raise the rate of interest and drive money from the state

and prevent loans on land, We do not see why this would effect any land, but land located since 1876 and in this case the railroad companies have already mortgaged to the utmost capacity, and is one rearon why the lands can not be sold except in great quana small body of land unless the whole debt is paid, thus putting these lands entirely out of the Junge KEY of Austin recently reach of the actual settlers a result to contract to these soulless corporaschool tions to the letter and spirit of the with their contract.

Had the great papers of the state hard lick to the land sharks, and always been as quick to chapion girl. he is now the subject of criticism the cause of the people at large as by them, and it does not stop here, they were that of corporations, but such papers as the Dallas News these western plains would to day be converted into an agricultural Eden dotted with thousands of happy homes surrounded by fields imperate zone.

### THE SHAMBERGER CASE.

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them to Roberts' party, where they remained until a late bour and started to return home. Among settlers. But fortunately this is not other persons at the party, the evi-

On the return trip the defendrnt and they have been held by the and Anna went shead Mathews and original patentees at so bigh tigures | Lu Vansicle following. When the that they have never found pur latter couple reached a point near Pryae's store they found Anna s't-Suppose some of the lands are in ting by the roadside alone. On iuthe hands of persons who were ig quiry she said she and Shamberger by making publication of this Clerk District court Haskell county

Then why not let them put in a not ride with him any further. jished in the county of Maskell, if claim for improvements, made in She likewise refused to ride with there be a newspaper published good faith, and rely upon their Mathews and his partner. Passing in said county, (but if not, then in waranty from the company from on about 100 yards, Mathews found the nearest county where a news-Shamberger stopted in the road, paper is published,) for four weeks Mathews held Shamberger's previous to the return day hereof, horses until he went back after you summon N. M. Southerland Anna. Presently Mathews heard and Richard Popland, whose resithem coming, and leaving Sham- dence is unknown, to be and appear berger team, drove on. And after before the District court, to be ews discovered Shamberger's team | Haskell, at the court house thereof, following him, the huggy being in Haskell, on the second Monday Hay. empty, whereupon he returned and when near the place where he had left Shamberger he met the latter. hand and was wounded in the Hoefler, and alleging in substance fleshy part of the arm. They then as follows, to wit: returned to where Mathews had first left Shamberger's buggy and there found Anna Smith lying on the ground dead with a gunshot wound near the left nipple, the ball In the District court of Haskell having passed strait through the county Texas, September term body. Shamberger threw hims of on 1898. the ground beside the dead body, caressing ft and manifesting great of said county: Benjamin Hughes,

grief and distress. Four shots were fired in close succession. A witness testified that he heard the shots and that

he heard a voice say: "Oh Henry, don't do that!"

The theory of the state was that the defendant first seduced the deceased, then outraged ber on fatal night and took her life. The defendant's theory was suicide. The verdict of an honest, impartial jury is that he is not guilty. The defendant stated that she snatched the pistol from him and kil'ed berself before he could pre. in Cochise county said Arrizona vent it.

The state's theory of the case necessarily admitted a wide range lawfully seized and possessed of of testimony bringing into review the tract of land herein after desalmost a story of the whole life of cribed, situate in the said county character for virtue, her deport. simple; that on the day and year ments and habits. Many of the last aforesaid defendants entered incidents detailed in the evidence upon said premises and ejected were bighly sensational and touch. plaintiffs therefrom, and unlawfully ing in their character. A fuller with-hold from plaintiff the possesreference to this is not deemed

full of sad and melancholy interest. It presents the picture of a once iff are bounded and described as bright, innocent promising young follows: Being survey No. 96 girl who might have under prop er influences grown into pure and lovely womanhood, ornament to her sex, dispensing blessings all about her, but who in an evil hour fell a victem to the malign influences that hovered around her young life.

The following pathetic letter was found on the flyleaf of a book mesquite brs. S. 34 E. 40; vrs., anafter Anva Smith left home. shows where she located the fountain and source of all her woes: Good-bye to the family. Forget but I will not ask you to forgive I have disgraced you, but I will never more impose mesalf upon you.

"Jim I am no one to give advice, but do as you are doing now and let no one have influence over ybu.

Belle do just the opposite of what your disgraceful sister has done and the world will honor

"Beulah, mind ma and be a good

"Ma, I am sorry it is so I have to leave you, but it is too late to repent now.

"Pa, never spoil another one of your children by giving them too much rope. For your soul's sake of a family who look to you for support, quit the damnable cup. It ass ruined you and me. And now forget that I ever existed.

"To those who once were friends of mine, ask them to think of me only when I was good.

"Now, farewell for time eternall

CITATION.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, In the District court, September term, A. D. 1889. To the sheriff or any consta-

ble of Haskell county greeting: You are hereby commanded, that

driveing two miles or more Math- holden in and for the county of in September, 1889. File number DRAPER & BALDWIN being 52, then and there to answer the petition of Benjamin Hughes, who said Anna Smith had killed filed in said court, on the 23rd day herself and that he (Shamberger) of November, A. D. 1888, against had tried to kill himself, but did the said A. C. Foster, Howard Finnot have the nerve to do it. Sham- 'ley, Walter L. Wilson, N. M. South. berger had a large pistol in his erland, Richard Popland and Jas.

Benjamin Hughes

A. C. Foster, et al.

To the Honorable District court

plaintiff, complaining of A. C. Foster, Howard Finley, Walter L. Wilson, N. M. Southerland, Richard Popland and Jas. Hoefler defendants, represents that the plaintiff resides in Dallas county, Texas, that A. C. Foster, defendant, is a resident of Haskell county, state of Texas and Howard Finley and Walter L. Wilson, defendants, reside in Galveston, said state of Texas and N. M. Southerland and Richard Poptand, defendant, reside in Pima county Arrizona territory and Jas. Hoefler, defendant, resideth territory; that on the let day of November A. D. 1888, plaintiff was deceased, particularly her of Haskell holding the same in fee

sion thereof to his damage one thousand dollars: that the premises The case, viewed as a whole is so entered upon and unlawfully withheld by defendants from plaintsituate in said Haskell county formerly Cook Land District on the waters of Paint creek, a tributary of the Clear Fork of the Brazos river about 50 miles N. 15 W. from Fort Belknap. Beginning at the S. E. cor. of sur. 95 for the S. W. vrs. to S. E. cor. from which a other brs. S. 46 E. 45 vrs., thence North 1585 vrs. to N. E. cor. from which a mesquite brs. S. 54 W. 11 vrs., another brs. N. 44 E. 161 vrs., thence west 11402 vrs. to N. W. cor. from which a mesquite brs. E. 7 vrs., another brs. N. 23 W. 5 vrs., thence South 1585 yrs. to begin ning. Bearings marked H. Wherefore plaintiff prays that defendants be cited to answer this petition and that plaintiff have judgment for the restitution of the above described premises, and for his damages and for costs of suit, and such other

> show himself entitled. Mitchell & Mitchell Oscar Martin, Atty. for Plaintiff.

Herein fail not, but have you then and there before said court this writ, with your return thereon. showing how you have executed the same.

Witness, C. D. Long, clerk of the District court of Haskell county, Given under my hand and seal of said court, in Haskell, this the 21st day of May, A. D. 1889.

C. D. Long, Clerk of the District court of Haskell county, Texas. By L. S. Long, deputy.

[ENDORSED ON BACK.] Benjamin Hughes

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-M. H. Gossett was in town this week.

-J. C. Bohanan was in town this through the city this week. week,

Tuesday. -- Miss Eya Coker went out home other dealer.

Sunday.

Monday. -Parson Dickey was in the city Mississippi. this week.

-Ilise Lomax was in the city Thursday.

beef market.

city this week. Miss Sallie Wray returned from ous farmers and wool growers. Rayner Sunday.

- Charley Brown was in the city this week.

range this week.

range Thursday. lene on business.

-J. T. Lemons on business this week.

was in town this week.

-Mrs. D. F Williamson and son are in town trading Tuesday. Walter Scott E q made a busi

ness trip to Abilene this week. -Mr. T. J. Hammons and fum-

fly bave returned from Burnett. -A. P. Hollow of Knox county

was in the city Tuesday trading. -Born te Mr. and Mrs. Price a bouncing boy and girl on the 23th inst.

-Mr. Clifton brother to Prof. Clifton paid his brother a visit this week.

-Nick Mathews has gone out to Mr. Lackey's to help run a

the city, visiting Miss Bulsh Dillahuntty: -W. R. Barrett has purchased a

stallion. -All persons indebted to R. A

Anderson, will please call and settle up. -Bruce Reeves and Geo. L. Po-

sey returned off the trail last Monday.

6-8-tf. l'ene, Texas. -Charley Higgans has returned from a pleasure trip to Dallas and

Fert Worth. -Call at Anderson's Drug Store for the California dog polson; and

Rough on Rate, -Jas, M. Dyer and John C. the cash. Dyer of Greenvill, were in the city

this week prospecting. -Capt. Possy brought in a load of fish the other day, and one of

them weighed 39 lbs. -Miss Jessie May Taylor bas returned to Haskell and will make

this her home in the future. -A. N. Seaton one of Haskell business. county's most prosperous wool growers was in town Tuesday.

-Prof. Brown returned from an extended trip through Stonewall, Fisher, Taylor and Jones counties.

MONEY TO LOAN. At the Haskell County Bank on

uniacumbered real estate. 6-15-tf -If you want to annoy an obnoxious neighbor get a jackass and stake him out close to his front door.

-Mrs. S. S. Commings has returned from an extended visit to Kauffman, accompanied by her brother Mr. Parrish.

-Mess Sam Anderson, Lou-Bullard and others of Ennis whose names we did not learn, passed

-D. R. Gass will sell you a good -W. L. Callens was it town Golden Eagle Cultivater as cheap as they can be obtained from any 4-20-tf.

-Haskell cant boast of any steam -S, S. Commings was in town whistle but she has a donkey that can down any steam boat on the

N. PORTER, Abilene, Tex.,--FOR-

CHEYENNE SADDLES, Prices -R. W, Barrett has bought the \$17 00, \$20.00, \$25.00 and \$30.00. -Mr. and Mrs. Kiester were in

Lee Smith of Rayner was in the the city Saturday. Mr. Keister is one of Haskell county's prosper--D. R. Gass is agent for the

McCormick Mowers, Harvesters and Binders, and all pieces for the -Dick Gorden was in from the repair of these machines. 4-20-uf. We had a social hep at the court

-I. L. Wade was in from the house Monday night which lasted until 10 o'clock when the appear -S. H. Johnson has gone to Ab- ance of a thunder storm got a move on-the crowd. to Abilene Mrs. M. H. Gosset is expec

her brothers, Mess Wade and Frank Driver of Knox county Champ House of Eanis who are now at the W cross ranch, to visit her on their return home.

cue on the fourth of July is Master Henry Alexander read sedoubt be a grand success.

-J. J. Giddings of Enris has been in this section for several the 21st. days delivering a herd of 4000 steers he had sold to the W cross ranch. Mr. Gidding is on of Ellis county's prominent cattle dealers.

-N.PORTER, Abilene, Tex.,-

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to punish the wicked somes times fine morgan and copper bottom he sends locusts some times frogs the Egyptians, but of late for schonomy he has a jack staked in the streets.

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#### NOTICE.

HASKELL, TEx., June 13 1889 .-The Commissioners Court of Haskel county will meet on the first Monday in July 1889, to hear the reason of all persons who desire to show cause why the valuation of property rendered by them for 6 spools cotton for taxation for the year 1889 should not be raised.

C. D. Long Co. Clerk H. Co. By L. S. Long Dept.

#### Reading Club.

A number of children met at the residence of Mrs, Hudson on last organizing a Juvenile Reading was appointed Sec., pro. tem. After taking a list of the names of those who wished to join the club; the following officers were elected to serve for three months. Miss Pearl Carter Pres., Maud Alexander V. Pres., Fannie Hudson Sec., Addie Massie Treas. It was moved and carried that Misses -The committee for the barba- Addie Massey, Eulah Hudson, composed of the best men in the lections at the next meeting. There county and the berbacue will no being no further business the club adjourned to meet at the residence of Mrs. Massey on Friday eve

Fannie Hudson Rec. Sec.

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#### HASKELL COUNTY.

#### Her Resources, Advantages, Proggress and Future Prospects.

HASKELL county is situated in the southern part of the panhandle on the line of the one-hundredth Meridian west from Greenwich. It is 1500 feet above the sea, and has mild winters and summers. It is 30 miles square and contains 576,-000 acres of land. It was created in 1858 from a part of Fannin and Milam counties, and named in honor of Charles Haskell, a young Tennesseean, who fell at the massacre at Goliad in 1836.

It remained unsettled until 1874 when there was one or two ranches established. Other ranchmen followed and in 1880 the county could boast of 15 or 20 inhabitants. There was no further development until early in 1884, which the town of Haskell was laid off and by donating lots a few settlers were induced to build residences, and in January 1885 the county organized with a polled vote of 57 electors.

Up to 1884 the soil had never been turned by a plow, and the people depended upon raising cattle, sheep and horses as the natural grasses furnished food both winter and summer for immense herds. The poorer people made money by gathering many thousand tons of Buffalo bones and shipping them east to be made into fertilizers for use in the old states.

Experiments were made in 1885 with garden products, corn, oats, wheat, rye, barley and cotton and the yield was bountiful. Many for their labor as those two years were exceedingly dry. Rain came in the fall of 1887 and farming begun in dead earnest, and the crop of 1888 far surpassed all anticipation, corn made 25 bushels per acre; oats made from 60 to 100, wheat from 15 to 25, rye 20, and cotton, one-third to one-half bale per acre, and sorghum, hay and millet was so bountiful it was hardly considered as a part of the general crop and there was no demand for it in the local market. The acreage in farms have been increased to at least 10,000 acres.

TOPOGRAPHY.

The county is an undulated plain with occasional creeks and branches. It is bounded on the north by that picturesque stream the Salt Fork of the Brazos, and on the west by Double-Mountain Fork.

There are a few washes and gulches along the creeks and rivers. but with river breaks, rocks and poor land combined, their area in Haskell county would not average over 10,000 acres that would not be a fine agricultural land.

It is traversed by numerous creeks and branches besides the rivers mentioned, some of which are fed by springs of purest water.

Besides the numerous branches that afford water for stock all the time, the south half of the county is traversed by Paint and California creeks with their numerous tributaries draining the south half of the county.

The north half is traversed from Suthwest to Northeast by Lake and Miller creeks whose tributa. ries furnish water and drainage for the same.

Besides the surface water there is an abundance to be obtained by digging from 15 to 40 feet, and all of a good quality, some of west. In addition to the amount received from the state, about \$5,50 temperature.

chocolate, and by reason of its gives us a fund amply sufficient to porosity and friable nature, when run the several schools of the counthoroughly plowed, readily drinks ty ten months in the year. This Trade Mark. MURRAY'S SPECIFIC. in the rainfall and in dry seasons fund can also be drawn upon to absorbs moisture from the atmost- build school houses in any organphere; and for the like reasons the ized school community of the soil readily drains itself of the sur- county. plus water, there'y preventing stagnation of the water and the baking of the soil, as well as the Haskell. It has a daily mail, over germination of miasma. Crops will the line from Abilene via Anson; survive three or four weeks with- which line also brings express ultimately lead to PREMATURE OLD AGE. out any serious injury.

Except mesquite grubs and to our people. stumps, which are easily extracted, there are no obstructions to plows, and cotton.

PRODUCTS.

castor beans, field peas, peanuts, well attended. pumpkins, and all the squash family, turnips and cotton are grown stock over winter.

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cents per dozen. SHIPPING POINT. wagon roads.

in a short time from Albany or for- better opportunities in other and feit its charter, and Haskell is on newer localities. the line as orignally surveyed.

tion of the state where they control vestment to choose from, with ness ever comes. We have a coun nearly all the land and one of the chances greatly in your favor. In sides he owns the large addition to indigenous to these "western

to extend their lines. PUBLIC SCHOOL,

Our school fund is perhaps the best of any county in the northsection in the state for purity and per capita, our commissioners court have wisely executed a lease for 10 years of our 4 leagues of school The soil is an alluvial loam of land, situated in the Panhandle, great depth and fertility, varying the revenue from which added to as good country. in color from a red to a dark the amount receied from the state

MAIL FACILITIES.

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RELIGIOUS ORGANZATIONS.

The religous and moral status of and the land being level or gener the people of Haskell county will ally rolling, and easily worked, the compare favorably with that of any use of labor saving implements at people. The Methodist, Baptist, \$5.00 order, we send six boxes, once becomes pleasant and profita- Christians Old School and Cumberble, One man with machinery and land Presbyterians each have a little hired help has been known organized churches in the town of to cultivate over 100 acres in grain Haskell, and have preaching on Sundays, also preaching at other points in the county. We have a Indian corn, wheat, eats. barley, good Union Sunday School, and rye, durah corn, millet, sorghum, weekly prayer meeting that are

The town of Haskell is the counsuccessfully and profitable. Also ty site of, and is situated one and sweet potatoes do well, and irish one-half mile south of the center potatoes as well as anywhere in the of Haskell county, on a beautiful \$17.50 to South: Garden vegetables grow table land, and is four years old to perfection, and melons luxuriste and has a population of 600 to 700. in Haskell county soil, growing to Has as good well water as can be ine size of superb quality. Besides found anywhere, which is secured the native grasses that grow on the at a depth of 18 to 22 feet. Also has prairies, sustaining large numbers two never failing springs of pure of cattle, horses and sheep through. water in the edge of town. Haskell Etc. out the year, Jhonson and Colora has four drygood and grocery, do grasses grow to great perfection stores sell their goods at prices as and the hay made from these low as can be had in railroad grasses form a valuable adjunct to towns, with 50 cents per hunthe winter pasture, in keeping dred pounds for freight added, and drygoods and groceries as cheap YIELD AND PRICES OF FARM PRODUCTS as can be bought any where. The average yield of Indian corn | Also has two drug stores one notion per acre is about 30 bushel and the one hotel and one restaurant, both price varies from 50c to 1,25 per first class; one blacksmith shop; bushel; the wheat yield for the two cabinet and wood shops; one year '88-a dry year-ranged from exchange bank, one barber shop; 18 to 30 bushels-averaging 25 one silver smith shop one saddlery bushels per acre, and sold in the shop, one boot and shoe shop; home market for 90 cents to \$1,00 one meat market; two livery per bushel; oats yield 60 to 100 stables; three doctors; 10 lawyers bushels per acre, and usually sell at and land agents; one first class 25 cents per bushel; cotton yields county newspaper and job office, and 1887 but got very poor return a helf to three quarters of a bale and only one saloon, all doing a per acre, but owing to the great very good business. The town of distance to market its cultivation Haskell with her natural advanis not engaged in to a great extent. tages, of location, clunate, good wa-Other crops make good yields and ter and fertility of soil is distined in command corresponding prices, the near further to be the queen Home made pork is usually worth city of Northwest Texas, and rail-6 to 8 cents per pound; fresh beef road connection for Haskell is all 4to 6 cents; home made butter, that is needed to accomplish these,

> ADVANTAGES AND RESOURCES. In almost every neighborhood settled portion of our own state there are many of its citizens who As yet Haskell has no railroad, are contemplating a removal or and our people do their principal change of residence for many reashipping to and from Abilene, a sons. Some to restore lost health, town 60 miles south, in Taylor some to make their beginning county, on the Texas and Pacific in the world, others to repair finan-Railroad. There is also some ship- | cial losses, others secking safe and ping done to Albany, a town 45 profitable investments of surplus miles southeast, on the Texas Cen- capital. There are many others tral Railroad, but not so much as who have comfortable homes and to Abilene, because of rougher are well contented, but who have

To such we would say you are The land men of Austin have just the the people we want. the town of Haskell on the south. | wilds," that we are loaded with Haskell is 60 miles north of the dynamite and shooting irons, that T. & P. R. and 90 miles sout our conversations are collections have had. Be enlightened by past experience. Fortunes have been made by the development of new countries, and fortunes are yet to friends. be made in our new and equally

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No. 1. 137 acres, about 10 miles northeast of town, mostly prairie, but some timber, dry, dark red loam, price \$1.50 cash, \$200 to cut, i cash, balance 1 and 2 years, 10 per cent interest.

No. 2. 640 acres 15 miles west of town, near Double Mountain Fork of the Brazos river, fine land, price \$2.50 per acre, } each, balance

No. 3. 800 acres 9 miles southwest of town, high open ridge land, rich, level and nice, some timber, no surface water but very productive black sandy land. \$2.50 cash, \$2.75 to cut and on partial

No. 4. 160 acres 5 miles north of town on Benjamin and Haskell road, close black land, level and rich, near Lake creek, some timber, good grass, price \$3.50 per acre.

No. 5. 213} acres 16 miles southwest of town, fine red loam, mesquite land, good grass and good land \$2.50 per acre cash.

No. 6. 304 scree of as fine land as in the county on Lake creek 17 north of town, good mesquite timber, price \$3.00, } cash,balance 1 year. No. 7. 1,000 acres 4 miles southeast of town, fine dark red loam, mes-

quite timber and good water, \$3.00 per acre. No. 8. 320 acres 12 miles southwest of town, on waters of Paint creek good land and good grass, \$1.50, } cash. (Vining.)

No. 9. 1280 acres 14 miles southwest of town on Paint creek, fine red loam, farming or pasture land, lays well, \$2.00 per acre, i cash balance 1 and 2 years. No. 10. 640 acres 7 miles northwest of town, as fine black land, with good

mesquite timber as in the county on head of Lake creek. \$3.00 per aure, terms easy. No. 11, 2763 acres 10 miles southwest of Haskell in 921 acre blocks.

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14. 545 acres on Miller creek, very fine level land, will make a splendid farm, \$2.50 per acre cash.

15. 320 acres on Paint creek 10 miles south of town, all good leve land with good mesquite timber, \$2 50, 1 cash. No. 16. 640 acres 12 miles east of town, Paint runs throught it, about

good iand, balance suitable for pasture, good timber and grass and protection for stock, a magnificent place for stock ranch. No. 17. 320 acres 10 miles north of town, very fine level land with good grass and timber, only \$3 00 per acre cash.

No. 18. 320 acres 7 miles southeast of town on Buffalo creek, plenty of stock water, grass, timber and splendid land all cambined, makes this one of the most desireable tracts in the county, only \$3.00 per acre, on easy terms.

No. 19. 640 acres 16 miles northeast of town, fine level prairie farming land, \$2.50 per acre, I cash, balance on easy terms. No. 20. 1476 acres 7 miles east of town on Red creek, about 1 good

farming land, balance good pasture, creek runs through survey, timber, water and grass combined, makes this suitable for a stock farm, price \$2.00 cash, \$2.25, 1 cash. No. 21, 320 acres on Brazos river 16 miles west of town, good land, price

\$3.00 per acre, } cash. No. 22, 388 scres about 9 miles cast of town on Red creek, splendid red

land, price \$1.50 cash. No. 23, 640 acres 14 miles west of town, fronting the Brazos river, good

farming and pasture land, \$2,50, } cash or \$2.25, } cash balance on easy terms. No. 24. 900 acres 12 miles north of town, good land, timber, water and grass, a splendid place for stock farm, \$2.50, } cash.

No. 25, 424 acres on Brazos river 18 miles northwest of town, as fine land as in the county, only \$3.00 per acre. No. 26, 960 acres 10 miles northeast of town, level, red loam land, some

timber but dry, only \$2.00 per acre, I cash. No. 27, 430 acres 10 miles north of town on Lake creek, no better land in the county, good grass and timber, \$3.00, } cash down,

No. 28. 640 acres on same survey as No.27, same quality of land, timber and grass. \$3.00 per acre, terms easy. 29. 320 acres 6 miles north of town on Benjamin road, fine level

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ty of the best lands in Northwest No. 31. 640 acres 11 miles northeast of town, very good red loam prairie land, only \$2.00 per acre cash or \$2.25, 1 cash. No. 32, 640 acres 8 miles east of town on Haskell and Throckmerton

road, splendid land at \$2.00 per acre, } cash. No. 33. 3400 acres 20 miles north of town in the edge of Knex county, on Brazos river, ne better land in the state, lays well, \$8.00 per

acre, will sell in a body or cut to suit the purchaser. No. 34. 300 acres 7 miles south of town on Mule creek, \$2.50 cash or

No. 35. 500 acres on Miller creek, all fenced with good house, two rooms. very fine land, grass, water and timber. Price and terms upon application.

No. 36, 320 acres 9 miles southeast of town, good land, water, grass with some mesquite timber, Horse creek passes through it, only \$2.25 per acre. A splendid ranch.

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