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### Directory

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## THE GREAT CONSPIRACY.

### How Lower California Was to Be Made a New Republic.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., May 22.—[Special] Additional information concerning the alleged attempt to be made to seize Lower California and establish a new republic is as follows: On the evening of Saturday, April 5, it is said, a meeting of a few of those interested in the movement was held in a private room, at which were present Col. Edward Hill, Walter G. Smith, B. A. Stephens and Aug. Merrill. On that occasion Col. Hill is reported to have said that the English company had for some time entertained a proposition to organize the Americans of the peninsula into military companies, giving prizes to the best drilled company, so as to have two or three hundred men thoroughly equipped, armed and drilled at the time when the first blow was to be struck. Walter G. Smith stated that a long letter had been written to Sir Edward Jenkinson in reference to \$100,000 and a reply was daily expected.

At a meeting of the conspirators on April 23 a draft of the constitution of the new republic was read, it is said, by B. A. Stephens. This provides for the government of the new republic of lower California to be established on or about Aug. 1, 1890, and of which Ensenada was to be the capital. Supreme authority was to be vested in a council of fifteen. For the council the following officers were agreed upon: Governor general, Walter G. Smith; war general, Augustus Merrill, secretary general, B. A. Stephens; treasurer general, Sanford Worthing; attorney general, Fred Hall; postmaster general, L. W. Alim; industrial general, E. B. Higgins, naval general, Col. Edward Hill; superior general, C. A. Harris.

In addition there was to be created the office of educational general, and one or two positions were to be given to Mexicans who joined the movement. An extensive code of laws had been provided, as well as rules and regulations for the guidance of the council of fifteen and its officers. Their flag was to consist of a red field and the jack. At this meeting the design of a flag agreed upon was to be a small white field, in the center of which was to be a single blue star. Lengthwise of the flag, across the red field, was to be an orange stripe.

Among other things August Merrill reported at this meeting that there was an officer of the United States army at the hotel Del Coronado on furlong who had furnished estimates as to arms, ammunition and provisions that would be necessary to equip and support a body of men sufficient to capture and hold the peninsula. This estimate embraced six napoleon field pieces several gatling guns, 1000 Winchester rifles, etc.

The conspirators having learned that their plans have been revealed the scheme has been dropped temporarily. Col. Hill who is in New York, has been telegraphed not to look up the purchasing of guns until he has received further orders from San Diego. The changes are that the Mexican authorities at Ensenada, as soon as they here of the conspiracy will promptly arrest every officer and employe of the Mexican land colonization company at Ensenada. So far as the United States government is concerned it is not believed any arrests will be made.

## The Railroad Commission Amendment.

Houston Post.

The withdrawal of Mr. McDonald from the candidacy for governor leaves three candidates in the field—Attorney-General Hogg, Land Commissioner Hall and Lieutenant-Governor Wheeler. Of all the candidates who have been or are still in the field only one of them, Mr. McDonald, has opposed the constitutional amendment. The others are all avowedly in favor of its adoption, and it may be regarded as a certainty that there will now be no candidate for governor who is opposed to it. No man can hope for the nomination who assumes such a position. This unanimity of sentiment with respect to the amendment does not, however, indicate unanimity with respect to the scope and power of a railroad commission, to be organized after the amendment is adopted. On the contrary, while there are some extremists who have favored and will continue to favor a commission, invested with all power—legislative, executive and judicial—the vast majority of the people of Texas are opposed to giving such authority to any man or set of men. Both Mr. Wheeler and Mr. Hall have declared themselves opposed to a commission with plenary and despotic power over the vast railway interests of the state, and Mr. Hogg, as was understood at the last session of the legislature, was opposed to the Brown commission bill because of its extreme character, and those who are nearest to him now declare that he would under all circumstances oppose such a measure. It is understood that at several places where Mr. Hogg has addressed the people recently he has been interrogated as to his precise position on the subject, and has not hesitated to say that he has been misrepresented as an extremist; that he would favor the election of railroad commissioners by the people under a law giving them authority to hear complaints, prevent discriminations and enforce fair dealing between railroads and the people, but not to make rate of fare and exercise despotic power over the interests concerned. So that, if the views of all the candidates for governor are correctly stated above, then it would seem that capital invested in railroads—however timid it may be—has nothing to fear from the adoption of the railroad commission amendment to the constitution.

## A RACE FOR LIFE.

A Mad Mare's Chase After a Passenger Train, Snapping as She Flew.

LEWISTOWN, Ill., May 24.—John Ryno was riding along the country on a buckboard drawn by one horse yesterday, when within a few miles of Breeds, Ryno heard the clattering of hoofs from behind and looking over his shoulder saw that a large white mare was after him. The brute was mad and green saliva was flying from her jaws. Her eyes were widely distended and she gave vent to piercing neighs as she flew along. Ryno whipping his horse into a dead run and a race for life began. The mare gained upon him and was soon snapping and biting at the buckboard and at Ryno and his horse. The greatly frightened man lashed the maddened brute with his whip but to no purpose. Just then a passenger train on the Toledo, Peoria and Western appeared in sight, attracted the mare's attention. She stopped, stood and watched it approach until it had come up almost opposite her. Then she jumped, dashed across the field and pursued the train, keeping as close to the

coaches as possible, and snapping at them as she ran. The engineer threw the throttle wide open and the train and mare fairly flew. Passengers watched the race from the open windows.

## FROM POVERTY TO WEALTH.

A Woman in a Destitute Condition at Ledville Learns of a Fortune Awaiting Her at Mansfield, Ohio.

LEADVILLE, Col., May 22.—Winnie Burton, a woman of the lower classes, left this city this morning for Mansfield, Ohio, where a fortune of \$150,000 awaits her. She came here some months ago a physical wreck, dying with slow consumption and with very little money, and rented a house in an undesirable portion of the city for a small sum. The people living around her learned of her circumstances and took food to her so she managed to exist. When seen on the streets many have supposed her drunk, while the truth was she was too weak to walk. She was known here as a "lille." Last week word came here that Mr. Burton, a wealthy merchant of Mansfield, died, leaving his fortune to his daughter if found within twelve months. The lawyers in charge at Mansfield communicated with Mr. J. D. Cummings of Denver, and Mr. Cummings immediately commenced the search. He learned that the woman had been at Guray, and he went there to learn that she had gone to Leadville. Here she was found and informed of the change awaiting her. From the woman herself it was learned that while living happily at home she fell in love with a young man. Her father opposed the match, whereupon she left home and married her lover. He soon deserted her and since then she has drifted. She was too weak to walk to the depot this morning, but had to be taken there in a carriage.

## Nipped in the Bud.

JOLET, Ill., May 24.—The reason why Convict Meyers gave away the scheme by which money letters and supplies were smuggled into the penitentiary to the Cronin prisoners has come to light. It appears that Meyers and Cavanaugh had made an arrangement with the guard in the northeast tower by which he was to go to sleep and allow them to work their plans more easily. This hinted that the arrangement went so far as to have his drowsiness give the Cronin prisoner a chance to climb the wall and escape. The day before Meyers confessed, the assistant deputy warden discovered the guard and reported the fact to the deputy warden, who made a round of the walls and came upon the drowsy guard while he was or pretended to be asleep. The guard was discharged. Meyers, who worked in that corner of the yard, saw Capt. Merrill go to the tower, and this was an unusual thing for him to do, concluded that the entire plot was discovered and so confessed to save himself. It is said on good authority that the prison officials have discovered additional sums of money smuggled to the Cronin prisoners and are on the track of \$1000 which had been concealed for the purpose of corrupting the guards. It is generally believed that Meyers' confession nipped in the bud a well calculated plan to permit the Cronin prisoners to escape.

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**Announcement Column.**

We are authorized to announce the following gentlemen as candidates for the several offices mentioned below.

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J. F. CUNNINGHAM, FOR DIST. ATTY. 39th JUDICIAL DIST. J. N. CAMPBELL.  
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FOR COUNTY JUDGE. H. G. MCCONNELL.  
FOR COUNTY AND DISTRICT CLERK. J. L. JONES.  
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A. D. TUCKER.  
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UNIMPROVED land is selling at \$3 to \$5 per acre in the country. Land within a radius of five miles of the town of Haskell is selling at \$5 to \$100 per acre. Town lots bring \$100 to \$1000.

Realty has made an advance of at least 100 percent in value on figures of Jan., 1899. A great deal has gone many times over and all realty has advanced 100 percent.

Land agents have sold all land they had from first hands, and the demand is growing daily. 250,000 acres of land in this county has changed hands in the last year. This is equal to nearly half the land in the county. The demand for land is growing and recent investors will be able to put their lands on the market this summer at handsome profits.

WHEN your friend writes for a description of Haskell county, buy a FREE PRESS and mail to him. It will tell him more than you could tell in a week on paper.

See 4th page for description of Haskell County.

SEYMOUR has three good newspapers.

FLOYD county was organized on the 28th inst.

COME to Haskell and buy land before it takes a rise.

HASKELL is booming, about \$5000 worth of property changed hands last week.

HASKELL is being heard of in the east, and the time is near at hand when she will be thickly settled.

LAND will continue to increase in value, since the late rains insure a good crop of every kind.

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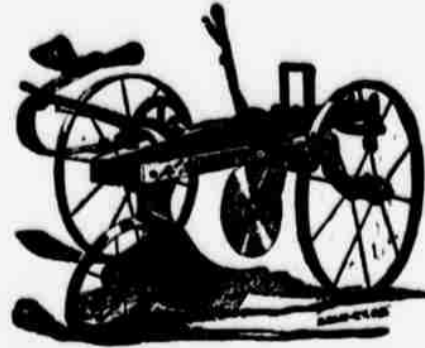
"ROME was not built in a day," neither was Haskell, but Haskell has been gradually going up, until it has almost doubled itself in the last year.

THE charter of the Texas dressed beef and packing company of Galveston was filed May 26. The

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The new bank just organized, and which will begin business about June 15, will be of great benefit to the town and county and we speak for it a liberal support on the part of our people. It is encouraging to note that capital continues to come into this county seeking investments and it is a story evidently of a solid and substantial development without the rush and excitement of a boom.

TRAINS have begun running from Wichita Falls to Dundee on the Wichita Valley road a distance of twenty-seven miles and 141 miles from Fort Worth. An excursion train was run on the 27th inst for those who desired to attend the sale of lots. This road is being pushed on to Seymour and will have trains running to Seymour by July 1st. Haskell should work for and must have this road when it leaves Seymour which will not be very long for there is too much good country ahead of it.

HON. J. F. CUNNINGHAM of Jones county, present District Attorney announces in this issue for Judge of the 39th Judicial District. Mr. Cunningham is a young man of both fine natural and legal ability. He has made an excellent District Attorney and is well and favorably known throughout the district. He is just in the prime of life and has had nine years in the active practice of the law. Having already filled several positions of public trust with honor to himself and credit to his constituents, no one will doubt his ability to fill successfully the position to which he aspires. Mr. Cunningham's home county has ever stood by him with a flattering majority, which speaks well for him, and proves that he kept the interest of his people at heart.

**Trinity Navigation.**

DALLAS, Tex., May 25.—I have read with much interest what has been published of late in your columns relative to the navigation of the Trinity river, and especially the report of Saturday's meeting in the morning's paper. Having steambotted a long time on Red river and on the lakes between Jefferson and Shreveport, I have a practical knowledge of the business, particular low water navigation.

I am not very familiar with the Trinity river, but from the little knowledge I have of the stream I think with judicious expenditure of money, say \$1,000,000, it can be made navigable between Galveston and Dallas perhaps all the year around, certainly eight or nine months in the year. I say \$250,000, but it is a near estimate made at offhand without any data as to obstacles to overcome. I know the overhanging timber along the banks will have to be cut off, the rafts of driftwood removed and a lock and dam put in at the falls which are some distance below this city. This will be all the work necessary to be done and I opine \$250,000 will do it.

If this is done steamboats of 150 burden, that is 500 bales of cotton capacity, can be run. I take it the year round, certainly eight or nine months in the year, boats of twice that tonnage can be run.

Mr. A. J. Adams in the meeting Saturday: "Build a \$500 barge and send her for a load of wood." It would be a very slim barge \$500 would build. That amount of money won't build a first class flat boat. The same gentleman also says: "Build a boat to draw six feet of water." A steamboat drawing six feet of water would make about two trips a year to Dallas. There has never been a steamboat in the Shreveport or Jefferson trade of six feet draught.

You can build a boat to carry 500 bales of cotton on a draught of fourteen inches which would require a depth of eighteen or twenty inches in the channel for the boat to run smoothly without "wallowing" and to be handled readily. You can build such a steamboat as this (of course it will not be for passengers) at Marietta, O., or at Jeffersonville, Ind., for some \$8000 to \$10,000, I presume. I cannot pretend to give accurate figures at this time, for the cost of steamboat building has very materially decreased in the last fifteen years, but judging from what the cost of such a steamboat would have been, I estimate it now at \$8,000 to \$10,000.

Cannot eighteen inches or two feet of water be obtained in the Trinity river at least eight or nine months in the year? If so, won't it pay to build at least three such steamboats as I have described to ply between Dallas and Galveston? If it will pay, either directly or indirectly, why not do it?

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—Vandyke point lace at Johnson Bros.  
—Go to McLemore's for your Drugs.  
—M. H. Lackey was in the city Saturday.  
—A. N. Seaton was in the city Wednesday.  
—Get your Hardware of Gass & Collins.  
—F. E. Turner's is the place to buy your Drugs.  
—Go to McLemore's to get your Dog Poison.  
—F. G. Alexander was in from the range this week.  
—Just received at Johnson Bros. Vandyke point lace.  
—Lamps and Lanterns are cheap at Bass Bros. Abilene Texas.  
—J. J. Lomax went to Weatherford this week.  
—Go to McLemore's for all kinds of Dog Poison.  
—M. H. Gossett of the H 4 Ranch, was in town this week.  
—F. E. Turner's is the place to buy your Drugs.  
—Born: To Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Jones a fine boy on the 24 inst.  
—New line of Dress Goods just received at Johnson Bros.  
—When in Haskell go to F. E. Turner's to buy your Drugs.  
—Dr. B. A. Anderson of Asperment was in the city this week.  
—Gass & Collins' is Headquarters for Dry Goods and Groceries.  
—F. E. Turner returned from the spring palace Monday.  
—McLemore's is the place to get your Dog Poison.  
—W. E. Johnson has returned from the spring palace.  
—F. E. Turner's is the place to buy your Drugs.  
—All work left in my shop over one month will be sold for charges.  
J. E. Glover.  
—J. A. Ragland of Benjamin was in the city this week.  
—For Drugs or anything in that line go to F. E. Turner's.  
—We had an other good rain last Friday and Saturday.  
—Eugene Bumpass of Anson was in the city this week.  
—The largest stock of Wall Paper in the west at Bass Bros. Abilene Texas. Try them.  
—Sam McGabe of Rayner was in town Wednesday.  
—McLemore has a large stock of California Dog Poison.  
—The D I T wagon was in town Thursday after supplies.  
—McLemore's is the place to get anything you want in the Drug line.  
—Miss Mollie Dewbery closed her school last Wednesday at this place.  
—The ladies of Haskell are invited to examine the Vandyke laces at Johnson Bros.  
—Miss Lula Wade is in Haskell visited Mrs. M. H. Gossett this week.  
—C. O. Riddell has opened up a saddle shop on the north side of the square and is ready to do all kinds of repairing.  
—J. T. House of the W cross ranch was in town this week looking after his "interest."  
—F. E. Turner is receiving new and fresh Drugs etc., every day which he will sell cheap.

# Groceries! Groceries!

## ARE YOU DEAF? WAKE UP!

And Join the Procession that is going to J. M. RADFORD'S to buy Groceries. We Sold more Goods in April than any month since we have been in Business—What did It?

## LOW PRICES.

We Want to make May the Business month, and will Continue on "CUT PRICES," and if you need any Groceries come and see us. PRICES WILL TELL.

# J. M. RADFORD.

LEADER IN LOW PRICES,  
LOW PRICES!

ABILENE TEXAS.  
LOW PRICES!

—Quite a crowd went out on Paint creek yesterday to have a fish-fry. We hope they had a good time.  
—H. R. Jones has gone to Seymour, come back Jones, we don't want any boom.  
—Mr. R. A. Mason and family left Thursday for a visit to their old home in Kentucky.  
—Quite a crowd went out from town Tuesday to the round up 6 miles east of town.  
—Mr. Henry Post who has been going to school at Waco, has returned to Haskell.  
—Sheep men would do well to call on Bass Bros. at Abilene Tex. they have a car load of sulphur and will sell at low price.  
—All parties indebted to Haskell Stable will please call on H. G. McConnell and settle their accounts.

R. A. Mason.

—J. G. Simmons of Star City Ark., and his son-in-law W. H. Pearcey were in Haskell last week and invested \$11,000 in Haskell town and county property.

Kill your Prairie Dogs, they destroy more grass than the cattle—you will find what you need to do the work at reasonable prices at Bass Bros. Abilene.

—There are two business houses going up on the square. The one of Johnson Bros. and one of Mr. Stroop.

—Frank M. Smith of Anson Milling Co. was in the city this week and contracted to furnish our merchants with a large amount of flour.

—W. R. Parmlee of Kauffman was here this week. He went out hunting while here and shot at a chaparral bird and thinking he had broke its wing gave it a warm chase, but didn't catch it.

—W. D. Fisher Esq. of Benjamin, editor of the Sentinel, was in the city this week and reports Benjamin and the Sentinel to be in a flourishing condition.

—Parties contemplating Buying Harvesters and Binders and want a good and reliable machine will do well to put in their orders at once for "McCOMMIOK," which leads the world, before the supply is cut short by the Demand.  
Yours Truly,  
D. R. Gass & Co.

—D. Jamison of New Castle, Pa. and W. W. Whipple of Kansas City Mo. was here this week. Mr. Jamison speaks very enthusiastically of

the rapid development of this country and is confident that Haskell will have two railroads in the near future.

—The First National Bank of Haskell completed its organization on Saturday last, with present capital of \$50,000. The directors elected by the stock-holders are J. R. Hoxie, W. H. Parvin, Howell E. Smith, A. H. Tandy, H. R. Jones, B. H. Donson, R. E. Sherrill and R. C. Lomax. The directors elected the following officers to serve the ensuing year W. H. Parvin Pres.; Howell E. Smith, Cashier; A. H. Tandy, V. P. and R. C. Lomax, 2d V. P. Business will begin on June 15th. So soon as brick can be burned the bank will erect a two story building for their business. The fine fire and burglar proof safe and vault doors are at Abilene now.

—In another column will be seen the announcement of H. S. Post for tax assessor of Haskell county. Mr. Post is a worthy young man who has just returned from Hill's Business College at Waco, Texas. He has been a citizen of this county since 1885, and his interest is well identified with this county and its people. He has none but warm friends among his many acquaintances. He is well qualified and if elected will make this county a faithful and efficient officer. We will ask for him a careful consideration in the coming election.

### NOTICE.

Parties wishing Fruit Trees and Shrubbery of all kind will save 50 to 100 per cent by ordering their Trees through me from the McKinney Nursery. All Trees guaranteed.

D. R. Gass.

### FOUND! \$1000!

If Haskell county people will price goods at Dodson's and let him know that they want a big bill, he will come so near R. R. prices that nobody will take a trip to Abilene or Albany. Give me a trial and save \$1000 to the county between now and fall. Granulated Sugar 10 lbs. for \$1.00.

### Lost! Lost!

On Paint creek 10 miles S. E., of Haskell city, one bright bay horse 15 hands high branded with small A P on left shoulder was dragging 18 ft. of rope when he left, gentle to work and paces. I will pay liberal reward for his delivery or information leading to his recovery

to Morgan & Scott at Haskell Texas or any information leading to his recovery to those or myself, Thomas Buck, Abilene, Tex.

### Silver Spoons at a Bargain.

—We have a lot of genuine Wm. Rogers silverware offered for 10 days at reasonable low prices.  
Tipped Tea spoons Extra A A plate \$1.25  
" " " 12 oz plate 1.75  
Newport " " 12 oz " 1.75  
Tipped Table " extra A A " 2.40  
Newport " " " " " 2.50  
Knives and Forks No. 12 3.50  
Buy now for you will never get them as cheap again.  
Sherrill Bros. & Co.

### Bridge Notice.

By order of the commissioners court of Haskell county. I will until June 9th 1890, receive bids for the contract to construct a bridge over Paint creek on the Albany road in accordance with plans and specifications on file in my office, at which time said court will open the bids for the purpose of awarding the contract to the lowest responsible bidder. The person getting the contract will be required to give bond in double the amount of his bid, with good security warranting the bridge to stand five years.

The Court reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

P. D. Sanders.

5-24 St Co., Judge Haskell Co.

### NOTICE!

WICHITA FALLS TEX. April 23, 1890.  
Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Stockholders of the WICHITA VALLEY RAILWAY COMPANY will be held on the 2nd day of July, A. D. 1890, at the office of said company in the city of Wichita Falls, Texas, for the purpose of considering the passage of a resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds by said company, to be secured by a first mortgage on its Railroad, road-bed, property, franchise, etc., for some amount not to exceed Twenty Thousand Dollars per mile for each mile of said company's road, for the purpose of raising money for constructing, completing, and improving its Railway; and for the transaction of any other business that may come before said meeting.  
J. G. Jones,  
Sec'y of said Company.

### A Sad Affair.

On last Tuesday morning, W. L. Marshall and George Mason had a difficulty and passed some hot words about a pony Marshall had won on a horse race last Saturday. After the quarrel Marshall went to his camp and returned shortly with Tom Grammar, who had been associated with Marshall in the races recently run here, armed with a shotgun and Winchester rifle making threats against Mason unless apologies were made etc. They were stopped by T. F. Tucker who persuaded them to abandon their intention for the present. Finally Grammar said he would go to the saloon and get a drink. Marshall, Tucker and others tried to persuade him from going, but he was already drinking, and laid off his Winchester and cartridge belt and went to the saloon. There he met E. W. Carter, B. A. Mason (Geo. Mason's brother) and others. For a time everything was apparently peaceable, everybody drinking, laughing and talking friendly. Carter remarked that something must have been wrong or George Mason would never have gotten mad, that he had known Geo. Mason a long time and that he was a quiet, steady and peaceable man. Grammar, replied asking him what he had to do with it and stating that he had known Marshall a long time and that he was a quiet, steady and peaceable man. Carter said he had nothing to do with it and that he did not doubt that Marshall was a quiet, steady and peaceable man, but that he knew George Mason to be such.

During this conversation Grammar had drawn his knife and held it behind him concealed in his sleeve, and as Carter finished speaking Grammar struck him in the face with his left hand stabbing him at the same time in the left breast with the knife held in his right hand. They then clenched each other and E. A. Mason who was behind the bar ran around to separate them saying: "For God's sake Tom don't do that Carter isn't armed and you will kill him." Grammar then turned and struck at Mason with his knife and as he did this Mason drew his pistol and fired. Grammar then turned Carter loose and advanced on Mason with his knife raised as if to cut. Mason fired two more shots in rapid succession, and Grammar turned toward the saloon door, when he reached the door he turned as if he was coming back and Mason fired the fourth shot. Grammar then turned out of the saloon door

MANUFACTURERS TRAVELING AGENT IN WEST TEXAS FOR  
CARRIAGES, BUGGIES, PRICIONS AND WAGONS.  
The factories we represent make the finest and best grade of buggies on the market. Their buggies are acknowledged to be superior in material, workmanship and neatness to any buggy made. In April 1888 and Anson we will sell buggies to the people at the same price we sell to merchants. Save money! We represent the following manufacturers: Miller Buggy Co., Anderson & Harris Carriage & Buggy Co., Millerton Buggy Co., By Stearns or Writing for Prices—our Prices will tell.

CHAS. D. L. NEWSOM,

walked about 50 steps and fell, dying in a few minutes.  
Carter is critically ill but will recover.

Grammar was a resident of Scurry county, and has the reputation of being a fighting man and very overbearing. Mason and Carter are both citizens of this county and are highly respected this being the first difficulty either of them have ever had here.

The justice court was kept busy all day Wednesday in the examining trial of R. A. Mason, charged with the killing of Tom Grammar on Tuesday last. Justice Walker presided and the defense was represented by attorneys Ed. J. Hamner and H. G. McConnell, County Attorney J. E. Willifong representing the state. The evidence clearly showed that Grammar was in the act of killing E. W. Carter and Mason attempted to separate Carter and Grammar when Grammar made an attempt to stab Mason. It was after this that Mason did the shooting. From all the evidence the public are generally satisfied that Mason was perfectly justified. He was placed under the very light bond of \$1,500, to await the action of the next grand jury which was promptly signed by W. R. Standefer, J. L. Baldwin, R. B. Miller, J. S. Riddle, C. P. Killough and E. C. Lomax, and it would have been signed by nearly all the prominent men in town if it had been necessary. Mason is a quiet orderly and peaceable citizen and while he is justifiable in this act the fair is deeply regretted by all.

