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**HAWES INTERVIEWED.**  
 He Protests His Innocence and Acts the Part of the Injured.

If there was one man cool and collected in Birmingham during and after the charge of the lynchers on the jail, that man was Richard H. Hawes, the prisoner charged with the murder of his wife and children. The correspondent of the St. Louis Republic and Mr. E. C. Bruffey of the Atlanta Constitution were admitted to the cell of the prisoner. The latter had known Hawes in Atlanta many years ago, where he formerly lived and the following conversation passed between them:

"No, I am not feeling well this morning. Who would?" he remarked, in a reply to a question. "Pretty ticklish time, wasn't it Dick?"

raising his head he glared through the bars. "How's everybody in Atlanta?" he asked, as his eyes rolled toward the top of the cell.

"Well, I believe. "And is there much talk about this affair?"

"Everybody is talking about it. Hawes dropped his head, and pulling his mustache nervously a second, he asked: "And what do they say? What do they think?"

"Some think you innocent, others are satisfied that you are guilty. Again Hawes began with his beard; he appeared to be thinking deeply. "And there are more, he said, who think me guilty.

"No, Dick, you are wrong. The general impression yesterday was that your wife had jumped into the lake to drown herself, and that she had carried May with her.

A faint smile came over Hawes, face and he said: Before God I believe that was the way it was.

"But that could not have been, for they were found in the lakes five miles apart.

Hawes looked perplexed. That so," he said, "I cannot of course think that now. I did think it."

For a second there was a silence in the cell. Suddenly the prisoner raised his arms on high, and looking up exclaimed, "Oh, God! This is terrible! Here I am confined in this cell charged with murdering my wife and daughters. Why should I kill them! I loved those two children, and once I loved their mother. The children I could not have killed, because my heart was to full of love for them. The mother I would not have killed because we were apart.

He fairly shuddered as he spoke and glancing around the cell he said: "See, see these iron bars? They shut me out from freedom and action. They keep me from the corps of my first child, my girl whom I loved so much. They prevent me from searching for my baby girl. What may be her fate? Dead, too? Oh, who could injure that innocent, loving child? She

may be dead, and I must pray God that she is.

His head dropped again. No one in the cell uttered a word.

"These bars are hard and strong If I could only rend them apart and go to the side of the woman whom I once loved so, and has wronged me so terribly, I would have put one wish.

"And what is that? he was asked.

"To see my boy dead and to die too, that would remove us all from the earth and I could be laid in the grave. Oh, wouldn't that be a pleasure?"

He picked up his shoes, which were on the floor in front of him and pushed them, straightened up and said, with a groan:

"I have no one to help me. Is not this a great change in one week? Last Saturday I was a free man; now I am in jail with officers, now I am miserable. Then I was the father of two bright girls. Now one is dead, and the other? Oh, God! where is my Irene—my darling baby girl?"

"Dick, brace up, old boy, said Mr. Bruffey; "You are in the nine-hole just now, but everything may change.

"It must change. I will change it. If I could only get out I would change it.

"Has Jim your brother been to see you?"

"Yes. He was here yesterday. He is doing all he can, but he can't do everything.

"When did you see your wife last?"

"Saturday night a week ago. "Where.

"At my house. I went there to see the children.

"Was Willie there?"

"Oh, I had sent him to Atlanta with Jim.

bunk. The shooting soon became general. I realized that the city patrol had come.

"And what did you do?"

"I got up and put on my shoes. Then I put on my coat and overcoat and made myself ready.

"For what?"

"To go with the crowd to the most ignominious death a man ever endured.

"Did you think they would get you?"

"Yes, I felt sure they would.

"Did you apprehend another asault?"

"Oh, when I heard the firing cease I waited a little to see which side had won the day. I soon knew the result by the absence of the blows which would have been necessary to get me here.

"You heard that a dozen men were killed?"

"Yes, and I am so sorry. I would give my life a thousand times to return those men to life.

**A Suggestion to the Democrats.**

Josh L. Hicks of Sulphur Springs sends the following "good one" to the Dallas Prohibition Advance-Advocate:

However audacious it may seem I cannot refrain from offering the Democrats a word of council. Over in this section they wear upon their elongated faces a woe-begone, thus it is, what-next expression that betokens a need of assistance. It may not help them along much, but for the sake of exercise, as they are out of a job, I could suggest that they pull themselves together and adopt the following preambles and resolution as a sort of 'tent plank':

"Whereas, the tariff question has been submitted to a vote of the people, and

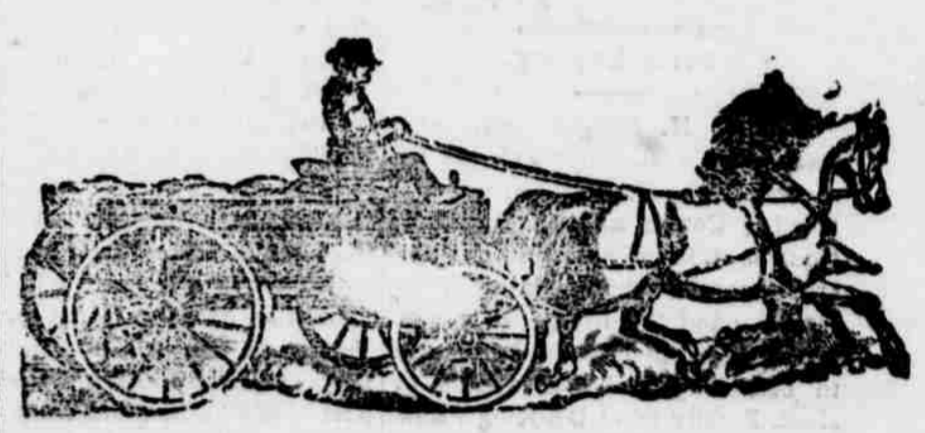
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Let every one take an interest in interest in the Christmas tree and make it a success.

CONGRESSMAN Martin Spalden an important newspaper reporter at Washington the other day, and the old gentleman has been arrested for assault and battery.

WITH this issue the FREE PRESS will have finished its third volume, and at this point wishes to thank its kind readers and patrons who have stood by it in its struggles, and wish them all a happy Christmas, and that the new year will crown their efforts with success beyond their greatest anticipations.

**CHRISTMAS.**

We are now about to celebrate an anniversary not an anniversary of the birth of a James Otis, or a Patrick Henry, whose patriotic seal moved the people of a small part of one continent to throw off the yoke of a King George, and procure with their lives, the glorious liberty that we now enjoy as a nation; nor is it the anniversary of the birth of a Kosciuszko, whose life was divided among the altars of liberty in different nations and upon different continents, that we are now about to celebrate, but it is the anniversary of Jesus, the son of God, whose blood purchases temporal servitude, but the deliverance of a world of succeeding nations from the torture of an eternal hell.

How shall we celebrate this, the most glorious of all days, to fallen man? When we celebrate the anniversary of Washington's birth, shall we abuse Washington, or disrepute his memory? Then let us watch and pray, lest we, by sinful indulgence, dishonor the sacred memory of Christ, our Lord.

Christian reader, can you honor the memory of Christ by leaving the pious walks of Christian consistency?

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**EXPLANATORY.**

IN our last issue we treated our readers to a carefully prepared valedictory, and flattered ourselves by believing that we did it in a neat and becoming manner. At the valedictory was prepared we had sold the Western under a clear and specific agreement. When the time came to close up the trade the parties to whom we had sold demanded too many concessions, as a consequence, the paper was withdrawn from the market, and is not now for sale at any price. In offering to sell the paper, did so unwillingly, and only that peace and harmony might prevail in the country. There was a movement on foot backed by a certain number of gentlemen to start another paper in Austin. This movement did not frighten us a particle. Our pulse was regular and there was no sugar coating on our tongue. We went to the gentlemen and told them that there was not sufficient business here for two papers, and if nothing would do them, they could obtain the Western with a clear field, at just what it cost its present proprietors. The business was all explained to the gentlemen, everything was satisfactory and we expected the money to be passed in twenty-four hours, but it was dragged along for a week, and finally burst up for the reasons given. We went into the thing in good faith and acted fairly and squarely all the way through. The only trouble seems to have been that the parties imagined that we were scared, and we were not frightened half as bad as the gentlemen imagined we were. We did not have to sell at the dictation of any other parties, and we believe that such a time will never come. When we showed the gentlemen that we could not be coerced, by way of retaliation, they dug a new journal of their own, to fill that long felt want that has been here so long. That want that has been created by an honest and conscientious discharge of duty on our part. That want encouraged by would be political bosses who have never been able to use the Western as a tool. That want that would sacrifice the dearest friend on earth for the sake of personal preferment. That want which knows no station in the greed for personal aggrandizement, and that want will not be satisfied as long as truth, right and honesty shall continue in the ascendancy. We recognize the ear marks of the coming opposition. It is the same opposition that has fought the Western almost since it was founded; and the same opposition on which the Western has prospered for the last three years. This opposition has been strengthened to some extent by our support of George Scarborough for sheriff in the recent election but men who will suffer fanaticism to blind them to such an extent, are not worthy the name they bear, and we prefer their opposition to their support. We know there are men in the country who could not live without lying on and abusing the Western. To this class we will say God bless you, we love a liar, and we prosper on your vilification. Waded in. From the number of good men who have said they were glad the trade fell through, we are constrained to remark that we are here to stay. The Western is on a paying basis; owes no debts but what it can pay, and can stand just as much of the devil as you can shove at it. The Western will continue business in the new office, where we will always be pleased to meet our friends, and swap lies with the public generally.

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Milk pans, extra large and heavy; Coffee pot, polished in tin, extra quality; Knife and Fork set, best and very strong; Wash bowl, extra large and heavy, retinned; Sauce pan, popular size, retinned; Fruit pan, extra size and quality; Lamb and Branch comb; 1-foot darning; Large handle vegetable knife; Egg beater, equal to the best; Sewing driver, large size and best blade; Liquid glass for mending glass, wood, leather, etc.; Box Tooth pins, good quality.  
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[The fact that a family burned to death near Cookville, Titus county, has been published. The heartrending particulars are given, having been received from two sources.]

**COOKVILLE, TEX., Dec. 12.**—Yesterday morning news reached our little town to the effect that Mr. J. R. King, living two and a half miles south of here, Mrs. King, his wife and six children, from a babe of 2 months to a girl of 13, were burned to death and that only a portion of their bodies could be found in the ruins. The News Reporter went to the scene only to behold a horrible sight. King's residence was a box house about twenty feet square, with bedroom and kitchen behind and a tea-foot gallery in front. In the room could be seen the remains of Mr. King, his wife and the two months' old infant supposed to have been in the bed with them.

In another corner of the room lay the remains of a little boy, and near the door, as though she had started out, were found the remains of the 13-year old daughter. In the bedroom could be seen the forms of the three little boys, aged 10, 8 and 6 years, just they had gone to bed. What could be found of the eight persons were placed in a coffin and buried here yesterday evening.

There were dozens of citizens visited the spot yesterday and all agreed that there has been foul play. As Mr. King's remains were being removed it was noticed that his skull was broken, and upon closer examination it was found that he had been struck with some sharp instrument, and on finding an ax under the debris the gaps in the ax and the piece of the skull corresponded exactly. No clew yet to the perpetrators of the terrible murder.

Mr. King has a daughter who married a few weeks ago, and also a grown son, and these two are all that are left of a family of ten. Mr. King was a farmer, and had not an enemy in the world that anybody knew of, and was an honest, upright, christian gentleman, and was in possession of no money, as he did not make enough this year to settle what he was owing.

**A FIGHT WITH OUTLAWS.**

**Jim and Will Burnett Capture After a Lively Fight.**

**DECATUR, TEX., Dec. 12.**—Some time ago Deputy United States Marshal, Andy J. Fryer of Caddo, I. T., wrote Sheriff W. S. Gilbert of this county that Jim and Will Burnett were wanted at Fort Smith and that they were coming in this direction. Last Thursday Sheriff Gilbert saw a strange woman with three small children get off of the train here and go out in the country. From her appearance the sheriff suspected her and sent a man to watch her and see where she stopped. She went to the home of Mr. Allen, about fifteen miles from here. It was also learned that she was the wife of Jim Burnett and that Jim and Will were in that vicinity. The sheriff telegraphed the marshal that he had the men located, but for some cause he did not get the telegram for several days. The marshal came in yesterday and he and John Williams and Tom Moor, deputy sheriffs, went to look for them. The officers learned that they had left Allen's in an ox wagon. The officers trailed them for some distance and got in ahead of them and got Mr. S. H. Potest to hire them and get them away from their guns. Mr. Potest hired them and put them to work in his field. The officers approached them in the field and they recognized Mr. Fryer and immediately the shooting began. Several shots were fired and Jim Burnett was wounded in the leg and the officers ran on them. They were commanded to surrender, but still refused to do so. Jim undertook to get his pistol in shape when Deputy Tom Moor knocked him down with his pistol. Will made for Moor and Moor knocked him down also. They at length gave up and were brought in and lodged in jail last night. They will be taken to Fort Smith for horse stealing and for robbing a man in the nation several months ago. Mr. Fryer had a fight with them in the Chickasaw nation while trying to arrest them about a month ago, and in that fight he shot Jim in the leg, which wound has not yet healed. Jim has served one term in the federal prison, and has often said he would die rather than be arrested. In connection with the Dyer boys, who killed Sheriff Bagdad at Bonham in 1884, they have been notorious outlaws in the nation for about two years. They were interviewed to-day, but refused to make any statement. Jim was lying down, and seemed to be in some little pain from his wound.

**Morton the Guest of Harrison.**

**Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 12.**—Vice President-elect Morton and wife reached Indianapolis at 6 o'clock this evening. There was demonstration of any kind. As the train came to a standstill, Col. New Secretary Harford, Mr. McKee, Mayor Denny, Col. Bridgland and Mr. Scott immediately boarded the vice presidential car from the rear platform. They were met at the door of the smoking room by Mr. and Mrs. Morton, who had already donned their wraps and were prepared to alight. Carriages were in waiting and after bidding a number of gentlemen good night and thanking them for their presence, the vice president elect assisted Mrs. Morton to a seat and was followed by Mr. McKee and Mr. Harford. The carriage drove rapidly through the city and out north Delaware street to the residence of Gen. Harrison.

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The following is ONLY a PARTIAL LIST of the Lands I am offering for sale in this County, the Titles to which are regarded as absolutely perfect:

- No. 1. 137 acres, about 10 miles northeast of town, mostly prairie, but some timber, dry, dark red loam, price \$1.50 cash, \$2.00 to cut, 1/2 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, 1/2 cash, balance 1 and 2 years.
  - 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 payments.
  - 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. 2134 acres 16 miles southwest of town, fine red loam, mesquite land, good grass and good land \$2.50 per acre cash.
  - No. 6. 304 acres of as fine land as in the county on Lake creek 17 north of town, good mesquite timber, price \$3.00, 1/2 cash, balance 1 year.
  - No. 7. 1,000 acres 4 miles southeast of town, fine dark red loam, mesquite 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, 1/2 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, 1/2 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 acre, terms easy.
  - No. 11. 2763 acres 10 miles southwest of Haskell in 921 acre blocks, mostly prairie, on Willow Point, \$2.00 per acre, will sell a portion or all in a body.
  - No. 12. 320 acres about 15 miles southwest of town, a splendid little piece of dirt for a farm, only \$2.00 cash.
  - No. 13. 640 acres 16 miles north of town on Lake creek. This is a magnificent body of farming or pasture land, has water, timber, grasses and good land all combined, making it one of the most desirable tracts in the county.
  - No. 14. 545 acres on Miller creek, very fine level land, will make a splendid farm, \$2.50 per acre cash.
  - No. 15. 320 acres on Paint creek 10 miles south of town, all good level land with good mesquite timber, \$2.50, 1/2 cash.
  - No. 16. 640 acres 12 miles east of town, Paint runs through it, about 1/2 good land, 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 combined, makes this one of the most desirable 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, 1/2 cash, balance on easy terms.
  - No. 20. 1476 acres 7 miles east of town on Red creek, about 1/2 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, 1/2 cash.
  - No. 21. 320 acres on Brazos river 16 miles west of town, good land, price \$3.00 per acre, 1/2 cash.
  - No. 22. 388 acres about 9 miles east 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, 1/2 cash or \$2.25, 1/2 cash balance on easy terms.
  - No. 24. 960 acres 12 miles north of town, good land, timber, water and grass, a splendid place for stock farm, \$2.50, 1/2 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, 1/2 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, 1/2 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.
  - No. 29. 320 acres 6 miles north of town on Benjamin road, fine level black sandy land, good timber and grass, on Lake creek, only \$3.
  - No. 30. 3 sections (640 acres each) on Brazos river. This is as good land as in the west, lays well, \$2.00 per acre by the section, will sell either section or the whole in a body.
  - No. 31. 640 acres 11 miles northeast of town, very good red loam prairie land, only \$2.00 per acre cash or \$2.25, 1/2 cash.
  - No. 32. 640 acres 8 miles east of town on Haskell and Throckmorton road, splendid land at \$2.00 per acre, 1/2 cash.
  - No. 33. 3400 acres 20 miles north of town in the edge of Knox county, on Brazos river, no better land in the state, lays well, \$3.00 per acre, will sell in a body or out to suit the purchaser.
  - No. 34. 300 acres 7 miles south of town on Mule creek, \$2.50 cash or \$2.75, 1/2 cash.
  - 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.
- The above are only a portion of the splendid bargains I now offer to the home-seekers, and now is the time to purchase.
- I also offer for sale some nice 80 acre blocks on the Peter Allen survey adjoining town, also many choice vacant and improved town lots, cheap for cash, and at easy terms to the actual settler. For further information concerning lands in Haskell county, call on or address me. Office in court house with county Surveyor and Treasurer.

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