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The Mangled Remains of Dr. Cronin Found

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A Dozen Deep Cuts in His Head—A Foul Murder—All Doubt of the Identity of the Body Removed—Suspicious Circumstances.

CHICAGO, Ill., May 22.—The dead body of Dr. S. H. Cronin, the Irish-American who strangely disappeared from his home in Chicago two weeks ago, was found this evening some distance north of the city in the sewer on Evanston avenue. A bloody towel was wrapped about his head. The rest of the body was stark naked. The Catholic emblem which the Doctor always wore next to his skin, suspended about his neck, was untouched. On the dead man's head were a dozen deep cuts which had severed the scalp and indented the skull. It is the opinion of the police that Cronin was foully murdered and by some man who could not bring himself to disturb the Catholic trinket.

Much excitement was shown at Detective headquarters when all doubt of the identity of the body was finally removed by a definite message from Lakeview. It was evident from the expression of the officials that one of the first objects of the police will be to have the number of suspicious assertions made by the supposed friends of Dr. Cronin investigated. Lieut. Elliott will have these people at the request and demand an explanation full and complete. The Detective claim they have been handicapped from the start by lack of assistance from those who claim to know all concerning the doctor's disappearance.

A wholly accidental circumstance brought the corpse to light. A gang of laborers in the employ of the Lakeview suburban government have been cleaning ditches along Evanston avenue during the week. To-day Foreman Henry Roesch and two men were working north on the east side of Evanston avenue toward Fifty-ninth street. As they neared the catch-basin at the corner they were greeted with the strong smell of putrefying flesh. Roesch pried off the top of the catch-basin with his spade and uncovered the body of Dr. Cronin. It has apparently been hastily pitched into the basin, for the head was underneath and the feet and legs were up in the opening. Immediately after taking the body out of the basin Foreman Roesch notified the Lakeview police station and summoned a patrol wagon. The body was stretched out in Lakeview morgue, which occupies a front room in the station. A telephone message was sent to the city police and an hour after the finding of the body a dozen of Cronin's friends were at the station.

The three Scanlan brothers, who have been intimate with Dr. Cronin, were among the first who arrived. They all but positively identified the body as that of Cronin upon first sight. Later it was unqualifiedly identified by T. T. Conolly, saloon keeper, with whom Cronin lived, and by James Holland and Patrick McCarty.

CHICAGO, Ill., May 22.—The body of Dr. Cronin, found in Lakeview, has been fully identified. During the evening Dr. J. R. Brandt, president of the Cook county hospital staff, who was an acquaintance of Cronin's, carefully examined the body and positively identified it as that of the missing

A great hub-bub was caused by the finding of the corpse. Shortly after the body had been removed to the police station the street was jammed with vehicles, and scores of people were crowding for admittance to the basement where lay the doctor's remains. Officers were stationed on the stairway and at the basement door, and were once or twice obliged to use their clubs in forcing the crowd back. The tumult continued far into the night. Long before midnight at least forty men who had known Cronin had identified the body.

The suburban police will keep the body and towel until the coroner orders otherwise.

The man Woodruff, or Black, who after arrest a fortnight ago confessed to having helped carry off a trunk containing the corpse of a woman, he claims, from a barn in the city the night of Cronin's disappearance, was interviewed tonight in jail. He manifested no surprise or discomfiture when told that the body of the trunk was discovered and while he apparently talked freely about the matter he seemed careful not to go outside of the story he had originally told. He repeatedly said if he had not been locked up in jail he could and would have cleared up that trunk mystery before this time.

THE CARLSON COTTAGE.

Freely Examined and Reveals Some Revolting Evidence.

CHICAGO, Ill., May 25.—A free examination of the Carlson cottage was permitted today for the first time. Only vague hints of the horrors have heretofore been made public. On the south wall of the cottage parlor great splashes of blood and hair adhering thereto could be seen. A terrible struggle had taken place in the room. A plaster on the front leg of the dresser had been broken off and missing. The arm rest on the ordinary cane bottomed rocker was also broken and the pieces left thrown all over the floor. Blood splattered about the floor shows plainly, notwithstanding the bungling paint, that Dr. Cronin was not killed, or even rendered helpless by the first blow he received. There is every indication that the doctor was stricken first as he endeavored to cross the parlor floor to the next room, where stood the bed. This blow threw the doctor to the floor, it would seem and forced his head against the wall. The greatest splash of blood as large and shaped something like a palm leaf fan, is but an inch above the baseboard. Above this, about a foot are a number of splashes of dried blood and hair resulting perhaps from a second blow or came from the concussion of the wounded head against the base board. That the doctor had succeeded in getting to his feet in some manner is evidenced by the appearance of the floor and the broken furniture. The bed in the house was apparently never used to any extent. The quilts are brand new, and have the peculiar stiff rustling common to cheap comforters. No spot, it would seem, were over on the mattress, and the pillow cases over the pillows. The quilts and pillows are placed on the bed as if they might have been thrown there at the time the bed was put up. The footprints of paint and blood are inside the bedroom as though the person making them stepped in for a moment. The china water-pitcher and bowl are still dusty, as if but just brought from the store where purchased. On the side of the bowl there are bloody finger prints, made when the bowl was shored to one side by the "red

handed assassin." The murderer or murderers washed themselves at a sink in the kitchen on the same floor. The blood on the front steps resembles the leakage from the trunk as it was being dragged out to the vehicle in waiting. These marks seem to have been the result of rubbing the fingers on them to take off the blood and in handling the trunk or else when they lifted the trunk out of the yard the person leaned on it to steady himself under the burden.

MURDER WILL OUT.

While the Murderers in This Instance Are Unknown the Identity of the Victim is Fixed.

TEXARKANA, Ark., May 12.—About three months ago, as telegraphed at that time, the remains of a man apparently about 40 years old, with red hair and beard, was discovered and exhumed from an unused lot in the east suburbs near the Cotton Belt railway. A case-knife was found with him in the coffin and the head had been cut off and lay between the feet. That murder must foul had been perpetrated was clear, but as to when or by whom the coroner's jury failed to learn the remotest trace. The remains had to all appearances been buried seven or eight years and a supposition prevailed that he was killed by a comrade in camp while working on the construction of the Cotton Belt railway that was being put through about that time. The remains were reinterred and nearly forgotten but now comes a clearing of the mystery, at least in so far as touches the identity of the deceased Monday last Dr. Lafayette Leslie of Van Alstyne, Tex., and Ira T. Matthews of Collins arrived from their homes. It appears that in the early part of 1881 Louis C. Matthews brother of the last above named, left his farm in Collins county and came toward Arkansas to work on the Transcontinental railway. He became a tie contractor. Later he wrote his wife from Bayer, Texas, saying he had earned considerable money but would have to go to Texarkana to get it. He afterwards wrote one from here, but was never afterwards heard from. The account published of the finding of the skeleton here gave his friends their first clew and they concluded to investigate and fully satisfy themselves if it would not lead to the clearing up of the mystery surrounding the missing Matthews. To-day Messrs. Leslie and Matthews exhumed the remains, and without difficulty identified them as Matthews. Deceased always carried two hats of peculiar color. These were found in the grave with him. He also carried a leather belt buckled around him, in which he carried his money. This was found in its place, the money missing. An old overcoat and a shirt on the body was identified in addition to the head. Closer examination showed that the skull had been crushed. As it is known that he was free from dissipation and had collected the amount due him from the railroad, it is clear he was murdered for his money. Messrs. Leslie and Matthews, who came here to investigate the matter, are men of intelligence and evidently well bred. They represent deceased as having been a well-to-do farmer in Collins county. The two gentlemen will leave to-night, going west and will visit the tie camps on the Transcontinental road in hopes of finding a clew, if possible, to the murderers. Detectives have also been employed to make an exhaustive investigation.

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LAND AND OTHER AGENTS.

THERE are a great many people now-a-days who are disposed to look down upon, ridicule and persecute land agents and attorneys at law and agents in other kinds of business. We believe that a great deal, in fact most all, of the persecutions against these classes of business men, are unjust and entirely without cause. It is true there are occasionally a disreputable, unscrupulous and unreliable party in the law and land agency business. So it is in every other department of life. But is this any reason why the whole craft should be condemned and persecuted and held out to the world as being a class unworthy the confidence of the people? Certainly not. We are inclined to believe that the great majority of these unjust criticisms spring from the envious, prejudiced or jealous mind, without a proper or due consideration of what they are saying. Take the land agent for instance. Let's see what benefits the county has derived from him. Suppose there were no agents in Haskell county to whom you could go for information concerning prices and terms when you are in search of homes. Where could you get the desired information? The owners of the lands reside in other distant parts of the country. You could not go to the merchant, the farmer, the doctor, nor the stockmen; they are not in the business, and could not assist you. Besides the information you receive from the agents free of charge, they advertise the country, they bring the land owner and the buyer together, they work up the trade at a great deal of labor and expense. They aid the owner and buyer, the one to sell and the other to buy. They neglect other important business frequently and take a prospector out and drive him all over the country and show him lands, and exhaust every exertion trying to find some portion to suit him, and then very often they fail, and his time and labor is thrown away, his team and buggy to pay for or keep up; yet he never gets a

"thank you" for what he does, but on the other hand the land agents are "tricksters, dishonorable and unworthy belief" they say.

Just so with lawyers. They are a hard name, but very unjust as a rule. The intelligent lawyer when you engage his services to defend you in small criminal matter, or look after and protect your legal rights when they are infringed by another, loses many an hour of good quiet repose peering over his books by the midnight lamp for your benefit and after doing all in his power and fail of accomplishing the desired result frequently on account of false testimony on the other side, then he must suffer ridicule and persecution at the hand of those few whom he has so earnestly labored. All this is very unjust, of course it is not our desire to uphold any disreputable person in a wrong in business but give honor to whom honor is due, and when you find one who is not true simply let him alone and hunt a better man, but don't cry out, "They are all scoundrels."

Many times an agent or attorney may be in the wrong, not knowing it. All men are human and it is human to err, but this is no just cause to condemn the whole class in that profession. If man never made a mistake or if we had no bad men, we would have no need of the law, nor gospel. So far as we know we are pleased to say that we have heard no serious complaints against any of our local land agents; but believe they are generally regarded as honorable, and hope that this may ever be so.

A Woman into It.

In Dallas there are two rival Baptist ministers, Dr's. S. A. Hayden and R. T. Hanks. At the instigation of brother Hayden, brother Hanks has been tried and acquitted by his congregation on a charge of "too much attention and undue intimacy with a fair sister" who was his organist, and it seems that his acquittal has been a reflection against brother Hayden, so that reverend man is not willing to abide the verdict of the church, but has committed perjury by procuring the affidavits below and exhibiting them around generally. The husband of the injured lady then proceeded to arm himself with a horse whip and administer a severe flogging to brother Hayden. The husband was indicted for aggravated assault and battery, and has just stood a trial in the county court in which the evidence in its details was highly sensational; with the result of being fined \$25.

The following affidavits were in evidence and will give an idea of the character of the evidence generally:

"State of Missouri, Jackson county; I hereby solemnly swear to the truth of the following statement: In the spring of 1886, Mrs. Ferrin occupied a bedroom and kitchen in our rented residence known as the Loudon building on Live Oak street, Dallas, Texas. I was taking guitar lessons, and frequently out of the house in the after-noon, and I noticed that during my absence Mr. Hanks had visited Mrs. Ferrin, seeing his horse hitched there, driving by the house as I frequently did. Her husband was absent from the house during the visits of Mr. Hanks. As far as I know, I never knew Mr. Hanks to visit Mrs. Ferrin when her husband was at home. These visits occurred two or three times per week and sometimes oftener, covering several months, beginning a short time after she moved into the rooms. The door into Mrs. Ferrin's bedroom had a bell, but I can't remember to have ever heard him ring the bell; he knocked instead. The door was always closed after he entered and remained closed as long as he remained.

"The frequent visits of Mr. Hanks excited both my own and husband's suspicions of undue intimacy between them. As this suspicious behavior was going on in my own house, my husband and myself

thought it our duty to ascertain the truth or falsity of our fears the best way we could. On a certain afternoon when I was to go to take my music lessons, Mrs. Ferrin twice called to me from her room to know whether I was going. This excited my suspicion, and without giving her a definite answer I remained at home. Soon I heard some one knock at Mrs. Ferrin's door and enter the room. There was a door betwixt my parlor and her bedroom. After waiting a short time I went to that door and looking through the keyhole, I saw reflected from a large mirror on a dresser on the opposite side of the room from the door, Mr. Hanks sitting in a rattan rocking-chair and Mrs. Ferrin sitting in his lap, her arm around his neck, and one of his arms around her waist, and the hand of his other arm on her breast, pressing and caressing it with his hand. I withdrew from the door to dress and go and report to my husband, and having dressed I returned to the keyhole. I saw the chair vacant in which they had been sitting, though I am satisfied they were still in the room, as I had not heard him go out and his horse still stood at its usual place, Dr. Eagon's hitching-post. On another occasion I went to her door to enquire about some sewing she was doing for me and not hearing anyone else in the room but herself, I rapped and entered immediately as I usually did when she was alone. She and Mr. Hanks both met me at the door on the instant, both of them greatly agitated, exceedingly so. I retired instantly, leaving them alone. From my observations of these and other significant circumstances too numerous to detail here, I am fully satisfied that their conduct was criminal.

"Mrs. EMMA SOUTHERN,"
"Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of May, A. D. 1889. WALTER RIDER, "Notary public in and for Jackson county, Missouri."

W. N. Southern's affidavit read: "State of Missouri, Jackson county—I, W. N. Southern, certify on oath that during my residence in Dallas, Texas, during the year 1886, Mrs. Ferrin occupied rooms in a house rented by me, and that she received Mr. Hanks' visits so frequently—covering several months—and under circumstances so suspicious and manifestly improper that I was convinced that improper and criminal relations existed between them. All the facts and circumstances related in my wife's affidavit were detailed to me by her at the time they occurred, together with other circumstances, convincing me to a moral certainty that they were living in illicit intercourse.

"This I state with the greatest solemnity, and only through a solemn sense of moral duty to the cause of general morality."

"W. N. SOUTHERN, JR."
"Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of May, A. D. 1889.

"WALTER RIDER,
"Notary public, Jackson county."

During the trial of the injured husband, Mr. Ferrin; Rev. Hanks who was a witness was closely interrogated in regard to a trip he took from Dallas to Lancaster to conduct a profane meeting and in which Mrs. Ferrin accompanied him as an organist. The attorneys seemed to put special stress upon, and attach considerable importance to the fact that the pious couple spent a couple of hours at luncheon while resting on the wooded and shady banks of a sparkling brook enroute to Lancaster.

That was just like lawyers—devoid of charity—why could they not just as well conclude that the Rev. Gentlemen, like undefiled Adonis, took his rest under the shade of the trees, while the fair sister in Christ, whose beauty, though not lust, rivaled that of the fair Goddess Venus, chanted some soul-stirring hymn and the beast they were driving was turned loose in the natural park to graze upon its hills and stray into the valleys among the sweet fountains?

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—J. A. Baily was in the city this week.
—J. S. Post was in the city this week.
—M. A. Gossett was in the city this week.
—The crop of small grain will be an average.
—Mack Waters was in from the range Wednesday.
—Harvesting has been in full blast for two weeks.
—E. R. Lynn has sold his cattle to Jap Crawford.
—J. H. Lockney left Haskell Thursday for Buffalo Gap.
—The good rains have done a great deal to improve crops.
—M. C. Brown of Sansaba was in the city this week prospecting.
—J. C. McLaren sheriff of Stonewall county was in Haskell Thursday.
—J. W. Becknell the celebrated fluidy book was in the city this week.

—Our streets have been crowded this week with prospectors and home seekers.

—Sulphur at prices to suit the times at the Drug Store of Bass Bros. Abilene Texas.

—John Kegans has been released on bond and he is again enjoying the blessings of freedom.

—Saddles and Harness repaired to order at the new saddle shop west side of public square. 5-25-1f

—Place to buy your Prairie Dog poison is at the Drug store of Bass Bros. Abilene Texas.

—MONEY SAVED by buying Watches, Clocks and Jewelry of W. H. Farnon. West side of public square. 5-25-1f.

—The meeting that is being conducted by Elder Tant is being well attended.

—D. R. Gass will sell you a good Golden Eagle Cultivator as cheap as they can be obtained from any other dealer. 4-20-1f.

—Tucker Bros., and John Cook have returned from Quana where they have been to deliver 350 head of stock horses.

—Take your repair work to W. H. Farnon. Jeweler and Silversmith all work strictly guaranteed. 5-25-1f.

—D. R. Gass is agent for the McCormick Mowers, Harvesters and Binders, and all pieces for the repair of these machines. 4-20-1f.

—Our sanctum was illumined by the beautiful countenances of Misses Jennie Wray, Beulah Dillahunty, Annie Tandy and Fannie Tandy Friday evening.

—N. PORTER, Abilene, Tex.,

—FOR—
CHEYENNE SADDLES, Prices \$17.00, \$20.00, \$25.00 and \$30.00.

—Local cattle transactions has been quite numerous this year, this is a good thing for the small stock man. He can find a home market for his cattle.

—When in Abilene call at the Drug store of Bass Bros. on west Pine street, and examine their stationery, books, wall paper, etc. before buying, they carry a large stock and sell remarkably low for the cash.

—N. PORTER, Abilene, Tex.,

—FOR—
SINGLE BUGGY HARNESS— \$10.00—\$12.00 and \$15.00. Full RIGGLE HARNESS \$16.50 and \$18.00. Team Harness \$12—\$15—\$18—\$20—\$25.

—On last Wednesday night the Business men and loafers was gathered in from the highway to attend the services at the court house. They were attracted by the beautiful voice of some lady in the audience. Who she is we failed to learn, but she is certainly blessed with a fine voice.

—N. O. Bolin was in the city the other day and he was very much elated with a new saddle he had purchased of N. Porter of Abilene. He wished to make his neighbor happy he said so he let him have his saddle and he had us to order him another one of Mr. Porter.

—\$10000 to loan on unincumbered real estate in Haskell and adjoining counties in sums of \$500 up will also buy vendors lien notes and unincumbered real property. Call on or address

Morgan & Scott,
5-25-4t Haskell Texas.

—Do not fail to call upon J. W. Red & Co., when you visit Abilene. Read their prices given in "ad" of this issue. They carry a full line of Dry Goods, Clothing and Groceries, and is the only house in the city that carries stockmen's bed-sheets, or tarpaulins.

IDELLA.

The above named community embraces the north west corner of Haskell county and comprises, what we who live here think not only the garden spot of Haskell county, but the garden spot of the earth. Here I would like to say to prospectors that if they can see this end of the county they will be amply repaid for the trouble it costs them. The scenery here is both grand and beautiful; and unlike other countries of grand scenery that feast the eye and are barren of useful products, this is as surpassing in fertility as in beauty. The farmer plows in the most fertile soil while nature holds a landscape before his eye more beautiful than is ever seen by many of his fellow laborers in other countries.

To the farmer who has a taste for beauty and a love of pleasure, this is the ideal spot for a location where labor is so blended with beauty and pleasure that it ceases to be a burden, but make the life of a farmer one continuous festival. But the man who has been wrecked in love and finances and is seeking some place where he can suicide by hard labor will be sure to fail, in fact he will become dissatisfied when he begins to farm, because it would be so like a picnic. If he was not too far gone his malady may be healed.

The various features of attraction are too numerous to be detailed in one letter, but we can not refrain from a mention of the majestic mountains that form the beautiful wall to the north eastern part of Stonewall county, radiating their grandure to the home of every settler in this community. Then there is the Brazos river making our western border, beautiful prairies studded with hack-berry and china groves, with a sufficient setting of mesquite for our timber supply; then we have a range of sand hills that provides shelter and pasture for all our stock and range for a fair supply of game.

Though few in number, we have a school house in which Bro. Baily of Haskell preaches for us on every third Sunday. We hope to have a school next fall.

Though we have been somewhat set back by drouth we think our crop prospect would compare favorably with that of any other county of same latitude. We expect to be foremost in patronizing the Haskell gin and mill, and think we will not be behind in the grain business.

Hunt on Clear Fork.

Editor FARM PRESS:—

I will endeavor to give you a brief sketch of the ups and downs of the fishing party, composed of R. B. Miller, R. F. Miller, Byron Glascock, Oscar Martin, Walter Johnson and ye scribe, who went down on the Clear Fork on Tuesday the 21st to try their luck.

We started from Haskell about 9 a. m. and traveled without incident until we reached the M O pasture where we ran across three antelope, upon which R. F. Miller, Glascock and Martin commenced a regular fusillade with their Winchester which seemed to astonish the antelope who looked as if they thought it was only a harmless thunderbolt, or discharge of firearms on a joyful occasion, and after looking at the boys until their curiosity seemed satisfied they turned and ran off, pursued by Miller, Glascock and Martin who chased one of the poor creatures over rough rocky canyons until the poor thing broke two of its legs, when R. B. Miller, unhitoned one of the horses from the wagon and ran it to death and brought it to the wagon. *Quere*, who deserves the credit of killing the antelope?

We soon struck camp, lighted a fire and it was not long before the sweet flavor of fried antelope was floating away on the evening breeze, tempting our already sharpened appetites. After supper we were lounging around the camp fire stretched *in extenso* on our beds contemplating the star studded firmament, and vying with each other in telling hunting and fishing stories, when Miller, the dislocated Oklahoma boomer, began telling the most horrifying snake stories we ever listened to, which caused us all to draw close together near to the speaker and listen with suppressed awe until the tale was finished, when some one suggested that in as much as we had come prepared for snakes, that it would be a good idea to put ourselves in shape to receive all bites without harm, which met with unanimous approval and after the remedy had passed around several times, all fear of snakes vanished from our minds and we all went to sleep laughing in our sleeves thinking how easily we had circumvented the venomous reptiles. Before going to bed I placed the jug containing the medicine close to my bed and laid down with my face toward the north star and my mind fixed on futurity, dropped off to sleep to wake no more until just at day-break I was aroused by a noise near my bed, and opening my eyes I saw Walter Johnson and R. F. Miller making off with the jug and I saw it no more.

Wednesday was passed in catching fish and killing squirrels and just before supper R. A. Mason and S. W. Scott arrived with a fresh supply of medicine and a bag full of biscuits, which Mr. Mason said had been cooked by a certain young lady whom S. W. S. and O. M. are very badly smitten, and at supper they vied with each other to see which could eat the greater number of the biscuits and succeeded in making it a tie for when the last biscuit had been devoured they both looked like stuffed toads, and during the night their minds were still on the biscuits and the voice of Scott, echoed by Martin, could be heard in doleful tones using the words of the Psalmist: "Oh Lord! thou hast flagelated me with biscuits, now comfort me with paragonic for I am sick of love." But notwithstanding the overdose of biscuits, they awoke next morning looking sadder, but were wiser men.

We passed Thursday morning in fishing and hunting and the eve-

WE LEAD IN LOW PRICES.

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DEALERS IN
DRY GOODS, CLOTHING, CARPETS and STAPLE and FANCY GROCERIES.

ABILENE,

TEXAS.

We sell at prices that will save you Money.

READ THIS AND BE CONVINCED.

WE ARE SELLING:—Corsets (something handsome) for 25c, others sell for 50c.

Ladies' Kid Gloves (extra quality) for 50c " " " 85c.

Ladies' H. S. Hdks, fancy border for 40c doz. " " " 10c each.

Ladies' Hose, black and fancy colors 4 pr. 25c " " " 12c pr.

Towels, plaid crash for 45c doz. " " " 10c each.

Summer Lawn 10 yards for 30c " " " 5 to 6cyd.

Gent's Drawers for 25c pr. " " " 40c pr.

Gent's linen bosom Shirts for 75c " " " 1.00.

6 spools cotton for 25c.

1 case domestic for 4c per yd.

1 case gingham for 4c per yd.

1 case Lawn fast colors for 3c per yd.

All wool suits from \$6 to \$20, far below their actual worth.

TO THE STOCKMEN.

We carry a complete line of Tarpaulins in 13 and 15 oz. duck 7X18 feet and wagon sheets in 8, 10 and 12 oz. duck, which we sell at prices to suit. Call upon us when in Abilene and examine our stock and be convinced of our low prices in both Dry Goods and Groceries.

Prompt and careful attention
Given all Orders by mail

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S. LAPOWSKI & BRO.

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FOR ONE WEEK ONLY!

One case Gents' Balbriggan, full finished, Shirts and Drawers at 25c each. Actual value \$1.00.

Respectfully,

S. Lapowski & Bro.

Abilene

Texas.

ning in seining i. e. in making water hauls with the net, which required as much work as if we were catching fish by the car-load. After working with the seine several hours and being tired out, we drew it ashore and ate supper. After supper while most of us were lying beneath the tall pecan trees on the banks of that pure and limpid stream known as the Clear Fork of the Brazos river, just between daylight and dark, an apparition appeared before us, it was clad in a single garment with a pair of shoes

on and one sleeve torn off at the shoulder, and was the most woe-begone looking creature on God's earth. It stood for a moment before us then disappeared. It was the opinion of us all that it was the Ghost of some forlorn editor.

We were so frightened at this ghastly appearance that we pulled our freight the next morning, to that future great city of Haskell where we all arrived all O. K. Friday evening.

H. B.

Gin Notice.

—I would respectfully say to the citizens of Haskell county, that just as soon as the bonus of \$200.00 is subscribed I will move the gin and mill machinery I have purchased, to this place. Over \$400.00 has been already subscribed. I can place machinery on the ground in three weeks after being notified that the bonus has been subscribed.

J. P. Logan.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, In the District court, September term, A. D. 1889.

To the sheriff any constable of Haskell county greeting:

You are hereby commanded, that by making publication of this citation in some newspaper published in the county of Haskell, if there be a newspaper published in said county, (but if not, then in the nearest county where a newspaper is published,) for four weeks previous to the return day hereof, you summon N. M. Southerland and Richard Popland, whose residence is unknown, to be and appear before the District court, to be holden in and for the county of Haskell, at the court house thereof, in Haskell, on the second Monday in September, 1889. File number being 32, then and there to answer the petition of Benjamin Hughes, filed in said court, on the 23rd day of November, A. D. 1888, against the said A. C. Foster, Howard Finley, Walter L. Wilson, N. M. Southerland, Richard Popland and Jas. Hoefler, and alleging in substance as follows, to wit:

No. 52 Benjamin Hughes

A. C. Foster, et al. In the District court of Haskell county, Texas, September term 1888.

To the Honorable District court of said county: Benjamin Hughes, 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 Richard Popland, defendant, reside in Galveston, said state of Texas and N. M. Southerland and Richard Popland, defendant, reside in Pima county Arizona territory and Jas. Hoefler, defendant, resideth in Cochise county said Arizona territory; that on the 1st day of November A. D. 1888, plaintiff was lawfully seized and possessed of the tract of land herein after described, situate in the said county of Haskell holding the same in fee simple; that on the day and year last aforesaid defendants entered upon said premises and ejected plaintiff therefrom, and unlawfully withheld from plaintiff the possession thereof to his damage one thousand dollars; that the premises so entered upon and unlawfully withheld by defendants from plaintiff are bounded and described as follows: Being survey No. 96 situate 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. cor. of this sur., thence E. 1140 1/2 vrs. to S. E. cor. from which a mesquite brs. S. 34 E. 401 vrs., another brs. S. 46 E. 45 vrs., thence North 1585 vrs. to N. E. cor. from which a mesquite brs. S. 54 W. 1 1/2 vrs., another brs. N. 44 E. 161 vrs., thence west 1140 1/2 vrs. to N. W. cor. from which a mesquite brs. E. 7 vrs., another brs. N. 24 W. 5 vrs., thence South 1585 vrs. to beginning. 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 and further relief to which he may 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 Vs. A. C. Foster et al.

Issued on the 21st day of May A. D. 1889.

C. D. Long, Clerk District court Haskell county Texas. By L. S. Long Deputy.

CARTER WINS.

The Famous Divorce Case That Has Agitated Chicago Settled at East-Chicago, Ill., May 22.—The notable divorce case of Carter vs. Carter, which has been on trial for several weeks in court before Judge Jamison, was finished this morning at 6:30 o'clock when the jury came in with the verdict. The suit was brought by Mrs. Leslie Carter, who charged her husband with unnamable offenses. Mr. Carter filed a cross bill charging his wife with adultery. The prominence of the parties, the unusual beauty of Mrs. Carter and other matters usual at such hearings made it a celebrated case, and the court room has been crowded since the trial began. During its progress the testimony took the listeners in imagination over a great part of Europe, gave them glimpses of the royal prodigality with which Mrs. Carter lavished money on personal adornments and equipages, though her husband was by no means a rich man, traced the payment to her of several large checks drawn by prominent merchant of New York, made evident her friendship for handsome Kyrle Bellow, the actor; touched upon her relation with her physician, and in short developed a series of sensations to satisfy the expectation of the most pryingly inclined. Arguments were completed yesterday afternoon and the case was given to the jury. At the opening of court this morning it was announced that an agreement had been reached. The verdict when announced was to the effect that Mrs. Carter was guilty of adultery as charged in the cross bill, and that Mr. Carter was not guilty of the charge preferred against him in his wife's bill. Neither Mr. nor Mrs. Carter were present when the verdict was announced. The effect of this verdict will be to give Mr. Carter a divorce and the custody of the child. Mrs. Carter's attorney prayed an appeal and argument on his position will be heard later.

DICK HAWES SENTENCED. The Man Who Murdered His Wife and Children at Birmingham, Ala.

St. Louis, Mo., May 23.—The Republic's Birmingham (Ala.) special gives the following account of the sentencing of Dick Hawes for the murder of his wife and children:

In the criminal court late to-night Dick Hawes was brought forward for sentence. Judge Green had deferred sentence for reason that it was desirable that few persons be present. As the prisoner entered the courtroom the deep anxiety caused by his desperate situation was plainly portrayed by the lines upon his face. He has changed considerably since his trial and looks bad. When ordered to stand up for sentence he arose slowly, his frame shuddered and his head was bowed.

In response to the question as to what he had to say why the sentence should not be passed upon him, Hawes said: "I do not think I have had a fair trial, but hope the supreme court will grant me one. I could say much more, but do not believe it would do any good."

Judge Green then sentenced Hawes to be hanged on July 12 next.

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NO CREDIT GOES.

TEAMS AND VEHICLES FOR HIRE AT LOW RATES. We can afford to keep teams cheaper than any body, as we have a farm in connection with stable, and raise all kinds of grain and hay.

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W. F. RUPE, Proprietor, HASKELL, TEX. FIRST-CLASS IN EVERY RESPECT. Only Hotel in Haskell.

This Hotel is kept in First-Class Style everything in Apple-pie ORDER. Clean Beds and First-class Rooms. DAY BOARD: \$14.00 per month. RATES \$16.00 per Month. PATRONAGE SOLICITED.

WATCHES AT COST! An Illustrated Watch Book... with many beautiful watches...

MEN. With weak, nervous and debilitated... MURRAY'S SPECIFIC.

Love's Ten Channels. Written for the Free Press... A guaranteed cure for all nervous diseases...

Great English Remedy. Trade Mark, MURRAY'S SPECIFIC. A guaranteed cure for all nervous diseases...

A NOTED FRONTIERSMAN.

He Has Been Convicted of Murder and Will Be Sentenced to Hang. San Antonio, May 22.—Richard McCoy, who assisted in the assassination of Sheriff McKelvey of La-Salle county more than two years ago, and was convicted of murder in the first degree, will be sentenced by Judge Noonan to-morrow and will be hanged about the 28th of June.

Their Business Booming.

Probably no one thing has caused such a general revival of trade at many Drug Stores as their giving away to their customers of so many free trial bottles of Dr. King's New discovery for consumption. This trade is simply enormous in this very valuable article from the fact that it always cures and never disappoints. Coughs, Colds, Asthma, Bronchi,

Would-Be Horse Thief Shot.

Houston, Tex., May 22.—This morning about 3 o'clock the watchman on duty at the Southern oil company heard a noise in the company's stable and went to investigate it. He saw a man leading out a horse and fired upon him. A third party standing to the left fired at Miller, the watchman, the bullet going through his hat and plowing a furrow through his hair. Miller fired again and the man with the horse returned the compliment. The robbers then took to flight. One of Miller's shots took effect as his victim screamed and there were blood stains discovered for fifty yards from the stable.

Epoch.

The transition from long, lingering and painful sickness to robust health marks an epoch in the life of the individual. Such a remarkable event is treasured in the memory and the agency whereby the good health has been attained is greatly blessed. Hence it is that so much is heard in praise of Electric Bitters. So many feel they owe their restoration to health, to the use of the Great Alternative and Tonic. If you are troubled with any disease of Kidneys, Liver or Stomach, of long or short standing you will surely find relief by use of Electric Bitters. Sold at 50c. and \$1 per bottle at any Drugstore.

Morgan & Scott Attorneys at Law, Insurance, Loan.

Collecting Agents, HASKELL, Haskell County, TEX.

Abstracting, Land Litigation, Investigating and Perfecting Land Titles in Haskell and Adjoining Counties Personally and Promptly Attended to.

The following is ONLY a PARTIAL LIST of the Lands we are 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. 300 acres 8 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. 130 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. 2194 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. 338 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. 900 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 13 miles northwest of town, as fine land as in the county, only \$3.00 per acre.
No. 26. 360 acres 19 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 \$3.00.
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 cut 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 hedges, 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 we now offer to the home-seekers, and now is the time to purchase. We 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 on easy terms to the actual settler. For further information concerning lands in Haskell county, call or address us. I also have a good farm of 100 acres in Stonewall Co., 60 acres in altivation, good improvements, will sell cheap for cash. For particulars address us, Office in court house with county Surveyor and T. S. Morgan & Scott.