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The Rock Island is coming to Texas and Haskell will no doubt get this road.

The State should be reapportioned. The west is entitled to greater representation than she now has.

In a communication from Uno last issue the types changed 'O' to 'C' and in speaking of the oat crop got it 'Cats'.

The Texas central should not delay an extension to Haskell. By so doing it would double its present business in a year.

R. E. L. McLAN has severed his connection with the Delta Plaines Review of which paper he was the founder two years ago.

Now is the time to buy land in Haskell county. Six months from now lands will sell for an advance of 20 per cent in this section.

One hundred and two miles an hour was made by J. Gould's special train the other day on the Chicago and Northwestern railroad.

If one-half of the inhabitants of Haskell county were ex-Union soldiers who drew pensions, we would have plenty of the circulating medium.

Read the proposed constitutional amendment relating to voting. An honest ballot is what the people need and this cannot be secured under the present law.

The Red River & Southwestern will be completed to Archer City in a few weeks. The road bed will be bonded and money raised and road, extended to Haskell.

If we have a war with Italy, we want a posish long enough to give us a pension the balance of our days. A good job of patriotism pays better than anything.

The road to Seymour has been changed until it is as crooked as a fence row. Farmers cannot afford to travel such crooked roads. They should be straightened.

J. GOULD is trying to get control of the M., K. & T. Ry. If he does that road or any of its branches will not build into T & P. Ry. or Ft. W. & D. Ry, territory soon.

The proposed constitutional amendment to reduce the rate of interest that may be changed from 12 to 10 per cent and the legal rate from 8 to 6 percent is a good move.

We are opposed to foreigners being taken into service of the United States, let the young men have the place and get the pensions, there is millions in the right kind of patriotism.

The people contribute \$5.00 per capita annually to the pension fund. This money leaves the west and south to be distributed in the east. This is why the east loans money to the west and south.

The latter day theologians have tempered hell down until it has lost a large amount of its terrors to the average sinner. We would suggest that it would be better to fire up with a few tons of theological brimstone.

The Supreme Court is now three years behind with its docket. We need a change in the judiciary and the proposed amendment to the constitution will afford the necessary relief. Read it and know how to vote in August.

Texas needs schools. Read and vote for the proposed constitutional amendment to increase the permanent school fund. The state has educated your children without cost to you and you ought to have patriotism enough to provide a fund for the education of the generations to follow.

HERE is a description of Brown county, in Indiana, which may lead some of us to believe that modern progress may not be the best and surest means in the world to reach an ideal social state of affairs: "There is not a railroad or a saloon in the county, and no one has been sent to the penitentiary for several years. At the last sessions the grand jury found but two indictments, and they for trivial offenses. The county has a cent of debt and has a small surplus in the treasury. Nearly every man owns his own farm—a small one, Dr. Cook is the wealthiest man in the county, being worth \$35,000 or \$40,000. The county gives 900 Democratic majority, and the pension roll exceeds the value of the agricultural products."—Gazette Fort Worth.

THE FREE PRESS attended the Farmers Alliance lecture at the Ward school house Saturday, by Mr. Baird of Jones county. The house was crowded with the intelligent farmers of that section and their families.

Mr. Baird was wound up for the day, and spoke until dinner was announced. He arraigned all parties and favored a third party. He was violently abusive and his speech consisted of some wild theories among which was a third party move and the sub-treasury plan. He opposed national banks and dudes, or people who had energy and pride enough to dress well and provide for their families.

His speech was calculated to arouse prejudice more than anything else. He paid no attention to rhetoric or grammar, took special pains use all the old phrases so common on the plantations of the east.

He was listened to with great attention, but he had miscalculated his audience, which THE FREE PRESS was glad to note was composed of men who had read and thought, men who understood the needs of the people, and who were in accord with the policies and the doctrines of the National Democratic platform, men who understand the oppressions of the farmer and know what party is responsible for the condition of the country, and we were further happy to note they were alliance men too, who did not propose that their organization should retrograde into a political party. They propose to do their work politically inside of the Democratic party by shaping the policy of the same. None of them replied to Mr. Baird but they asked him some puzzling questions.

Our visit and contact with the alliance of Haskell county, has elevated the order in our estimation, composed as it is of the brain and sinew of the farming class, men who are capable of thinking. We are assured that such men as Mague and Tracy will never wreck the Alliance with their wildcat theories.

A Wild Man Captured.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., May 14.—Thomas Auberry, a farmer brought in last night from the country a wild man whom he captured after a long chase at his place on Saledad creek. The man presented a horrible appearance. He was a mass of bones was bare headed and bare-footed, being only clad in the remnants of a coat and pair of trousers. His face was covered with a shaggy black beard a foot in length, his hair hung down his back in disorder. His toe and finger nails were three inches long. The man was captured while lurking about the farmer's place in quest of food. After being made a prisoner he became docile; but declined to reveal his identity.

Farmers and the Democratic Party.

To the Dallas News.

McKinney Tex.—In a late issue of The News I read with much pleasure the wise counsel of Mr. G. W. Geizle, advising the Farmers' alliance, of which he is a member, to drop the idea of a third party. I once belonged to the Grange and experience taught me that its failure to accomplish much good in its early history of the farming class was owing to a great measure, to designing demagogues and schemers having crept into it, leading the members away from the right path into wild and unknown regions, after the flesh pots of Egypt.

Myself, among a large number of south Texas cotton sugar raisers, withdrew from the organization so soon as we saw that our interests were subverted, ignored and wilfully used to the boosting of political "blatherskites" and wily schemers. And the signs of the times do indicate that the great uprising of the farmers under the very appropriate name of the Farmers' alliance is now in danger of being led astray by the same kind of bad influence. The only hope that I can see that will avert the disaster, is to stand by the old democratic party that has worked so faithfully and long to lift the burden off the backs of the farmers, that through class legislation has been so systematically imposed upon them by the republic party. The promised land, "the Canaan," lies out before us and if the farmers as a class will stand shoulder to shoulder with us, with the democratic flag having emblazoned on its folds, "Special privileges to none and equal justice to all," then indeed in 1892 victory is certain and with it will our great country return to its pristine glory. OLD COTTON PLANTER.

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The U. S. warship, Charleston and the Chilean Esmeraldas are anchored at Acapulco.

Recent experiments of the departure of agriculture shows that ticks cause Texas fever in cattle.

Keep your dogs at home, don't take them to church they have no souls to save and are a nuisance.—Floydada Times.

The commissioners court of Dickens met Monday and declared Espuata the county seat that place having secured a majority vote of 74 to 58.

The citizens of Haskell county are all requested to meet at the court house Wednesday May 27th at 1 o'clock to discuss the advisability of building a Roller Mill in the town of Haskell. We hope the farmers will all come as they are interested in this matter.

The matter of a Roller mill is being discussed in business circles, and some steps should be taken at once to have one built at this place. The present wheat crop will aggregate 75,000 bushels which will cost the farmers \$19,000 to move to rail road, and to return same to brand and flour a similar amount. A mill would be the best investment Haskell could make.

The following is told of young Raum Assistant clerk of the pension office who has been bounced:

A short time ago there were rumors about the interior department that young Raum was not conducting himself properly. An investigation was set on foot and charges laid for him. The charges were that he was reserving places in the pension office for those who would pay him. A South Carolina man advertised in the local papers for a government position that would pay \$50 a month. He offered to give \$200 cash for such a place. The advertisement was answered by a colored man, who had lived with the Raum family but who was now working about the treasury department. He told the South Carolinian he could get him a place and forthwith introduced him to young Raum. The commission was at once made out and went through the regular channels, and finally lodged in the hands of the colored man, who delivered it to the southerner and got the \$200.

Afterward the latter wanted a

promotion and was willing to pay for it. He could not stand necessary examination and a clerk was ordered who personated him before the examiners. The examination papers were made out and the southerner got them.

About this time the interior department stepped in. The negro confessed all and said he had given the most of the money to young Raum. The southerner was dismissed and young Raum was asked for his resignation.

The clerk who personated the southerner whose name is Smith was bounced.

Young Raum refused to resign at first but old man Raum interfered and the resignation followed.

PROGRAMME FOR

Friday Night at the School House—Exercises will begin promptly at 8 o'clock.

Recitation—Barning of Chicago, Addie Massey.

Recitation—Painter of Seattle, Ella May DeFrance.

Recitation—People will Talk, Eita Riddle.

Interrupted Recitation—Ella May DeFrance, John Robertson.

Recitation—Brides of Enderby, Miss Sallie DeBerry.

Recitation—Little Black-eyed Rebel, Minnie Jones.

Charade

Phan—Tom

Characters—Mr. Dibbit, Edward Robertson, Tom Hydon, Wm Pierson, Mrs. Reeves, Miss Minnie Lindsey, Ellen Reeves, Miss Fannie Tandy, Julius, colored servant Joe Jones.

Old Maid, Tana Norris, Old Bachelor, Willis Pierson, Tom's practical joke—Della DeLong, Anna Pinkerton, John Robertson.

Recitation—Appearance Albert Henderson.

VACATION FUN.

Characters—Grandmother, Edith Sowell, Rachel, Roscoe Riter, Benj. Joe Sloop, Gertie, Allie Wright, Lola Hattie Sanders, Robbie, Della DeLong, Ethel, Maud Alexander.

Recitation—Bride of the Greek Isle, Miss Lera Riddle.

Is there no God—Sam Pierson, Who said the speech—Lila Smith.

Pantomime—courting under difficulties—character—Miss Fannie Hudson, Miss Annie Wright, John M. Crump, Geo. Pierson, Marshal Pierson.

Recitation—Nobody's child, Ada Fitzgerald.

Recitation—Legend of Brangitz Fannie Hudson.

Recitation—Pyramus and Thisbe, Maggie Massey.

Recitation—Bridal Feast, Annie Wright.

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NOTICE is hereby given that there will be held, on Monday June 1 1891 a meeting of the stockholders of the Haskell National Bank at the banking house of said bank for the purpose of electing directors for said bank and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

S. H. JOHNSON, Cashier.

Notice!

The next regular convocation of Haskell chapter No. 181 will be held at new Masonic Hall over the Haskell National Bank building on June 2nd 1891 at 4 o'clock p. m. at which time officers of said chapter will be elected for the next ensuing masonic year. All members of the chapter are earnestly requested to be present.

A. C. FOSTER, H. P.

[ATTEST] J. L. Jones, Secy.

Harvesting will begin week after next.

Larkin Watkins in the City Monday.

S. W. Vernon was in the city Thursday and reports his crop as being in first class condition.

The Roller Mill will be the grandest thing Haskell has undertaken.

J. W. Collins has returned from a trip to Seymour.

R. C. Loumax has 200 acres of cotton planted on his farm.

F. E. Turner has returned from a business trip to Albany.

S. R. Mills one of Haskell's proudest wool growers was in the city this week.

F. L. McGregor went out to his farm this week to repair his machine for the harvest.

Several capitalists were in the city this week and the outlook for the continuation of the present improvement being continued is good.

County commissioner J. I. Wilson and family have been detained in the city this week by the illness of his little infant.

Seymour Hack Line.

Hack leaves Haskell at 7 a. m. Mondays and Fridays for Seymour, arrive at 6 p. m.; Leaves Tuesdays and Saturdays at 7 a. m. and arrives at Haskell at 6 p. m.; make connection with all trains.

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25 " bleached domestic, yard wide, for \$1.
25 " brown domestic, yard wide, for \$1.
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Heavy chevrons, per yard, 5¢.
The best 25c. cottons at 15¢.
Satin checks, Nainsook at 4¢.
Scotch gingham, double fold, small check at 7¢.
Elegant figured lawns at 3¢.
Fast color new challises at 3¢.
Fine apple cloth, a new fabric, found only in our store. Cost to make 12¢ we offer for 6¢.
Percales, all colors, red, blue, gray and light worth everywhere 12¢, at 7¢.
Our entire line of satens at 7¢.
All wool nunaveiling in all shades at 13¢.
Table linen, fast colors, at 10¢.
Linen crash at 4¢.
Ladies hose, fast colors, at 5¢.
Children's and Misses' hose at 5¢.
Ladies mits, all silk in all shades at 15¢.
Lisle thread gloves, 10¢.
A lot of 400 pairs corset, all sizes at 25¢.
New style ruching for summer neck wear, per yard, 6¢.
Color bordered handkerchiefs, hemstitched, fast, at 3¢.
Large Linen towels at 10¢.

A reduction 33 per cent from former prices on embroideries, laces, flouncing and all novelties of the season.
33 per cent reduction on our entire stock of dress goods, white goods, silks and satins.

33 per cent reduction on every article in stock not mentioned above.
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The best grain buttoned shoe will wear for ever; all solid goods; sizes 3 to 7 cheapest price ever sold was \$1.75; we offer them at \$1.10.
Same in standard screw at \$1.20.
The best dongola kid buttoned shoe, IXL make, worth \$2.55, at \$1.40—brand new goods.

Old ladies' Comforts, best shoe for house wear; all sizes.
Ladies' slippers, 2 to 8: Misses slippers, sizes 11 to 2; Children's slippers, sizes 6 to 10 infants' slippers, sizes 1 to 5; at any price to suit; all new goods.
Men's shoes from 90¢ a pair up.
Men's boots from \$1.40 a pair; every pair warranted to wear.

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150 suits, 4 to 13, cheap at \$2.00; we offer for \$1.35.
500 pairs children's knee pants at 18¢.
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LOT 1050. All wool black chevrot men's suits in all sizes; cost to manufacture \$8.37; to be sold at \$5.45 a suit.

LOT 1049. All wool blue serge suits, cost to manufacture \$8.87; to be sacrificed at \$5.45 a suit.

LOT 6406. Fancy worsted, imported, elegant designs; actual cost to manufacturer \$9.52; offering at \$6.40 a suit.

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DALLAS SHAKEN UP.

Lightning Strikes a Powder Magazine.

A YOUNG EARTHQUAKE
DALLAS, Tex., May 17.—At 3 o'clock this morning Dallas was visited by a terrific storm of wind and rain that will be long remembered by those who saw and heard. The thunder was deafening, while the constant lightning was dazzling in brightness. At 3:15 the storm was at its height, when suddenly thousands of people throughout this city and Oak Cliff were aroused from their sleep by a heavy rumbing sound, followed by the swaying of their houses. People sprang from their beds, all wondering what could have been the cause. This morning everyone was talking of the earthquake shock, which had been felt in all parts of the city. Windows were broken, clocks, pictures and side wall ornaments were knocked to the floor and broken. These reports came in from all parts of the city, while from Oak Cliff came the news that many large window glasses in the stores on Tenth street had been demolished.

Goods in the stores located in South Dallas were thrown from the shelves and bunched together on the floor. The earth quake theory was soon exploded, however, for the news soon spread that the large powder magazine situated south of town had been struck by lightning and was now a thing of the past. A visit to the place where the magazine was revealed a scene of desolation and wonderment. The magazine had been a brick building 16x26 feet and 15 feet high. It was built on a rock foundation. Not a vestige of the building was in sight, not even a brick. But a hole ten feet deep and 150 feet in circumference had taken its place. Two hundred feet away had been located the house of J. W. Armstrong, the magazine keeper, but nothing remained of it except a few armful of kindling wood. Mr. Armstrong, his wife and three children were asleep in the house at the time of the explosion. Mr. Armstrong's first knowledge of the explosion was when he regained consciousness sometime after at the house of a negro some distance from his home. The falling house boards had hit him rendering him senseless, while his wife and children were unhurt. Mrs. Armstrong pulled her husband from the wreck, taking him to the negro neighbor's.

Armstrong's household goods were all blown away except a sewing machine and a few odds and ends. A stable containing two horses at the rear of the house was also razed to the ground and blown away, leaving the horses with scarce a scratch. Two dogs were killed and two wagons were completely wrecked.

An orchard of 160 peach and plum trees was entirely uprooted scarcely a vestige of it can be found. Five acres of garden had entirely disappeared. On one side of the magazine was a strip of woods. A number of acres of this wood has been completely cut down as though it were done with an ax, while the entire surface of the ground is covered to a depth of four inches by the dirt taken from the hole where the powder house stood. The woods are full of small pieces of brick no larger than eggs.

Fully one-third of a mile from where the explosion took place two trees about eight inches in diameter were completely cut down by rocks. One piece of rock weighs fully three hundred pounds, while the other rock is some smaller. Near these trees the home of Alice Graham is, and it was nearly destroyed. Rocks tore the kitchen room completely away while the stire end of the sleeping room was torn off. The house was full of rocks and pieces of brick, and, strange to say none of the inmates were injured.

In another direction a barn a quarter of a mile off had an end knocked out. Houses within a radius of a mile were all more or less injured, but the strongest part of all was that no one was hurt. The magazine was situated near the Texas Trunk railroad, about three miles from the city hall, and was owned with its contents by Frank J. Smith. Mr. Smith was seen and said his loss on powder alone is over \$11,300. Mr. Smith says lightning must have struck the building causing the explosion. The doors to the building were of iron, and it took the combined strength of three men to lift one of them, and, strange to say, not a member of either door has yet been found.

State of Texas. This to certify Haskell county, to all to whom these presents shall come. That we whose names are hereto subscribed, to wit: F. J. Long, J. M. Hall, and R. M. Dickenson all of the county of Haskell, State of Texas and Geo. Mason & Co., S. G. Jackson & C. D. Long, Dickenson Bros., Draper & Baldwin, J. W. Becknell, Haskell Lumber Co., R. E. Martin, Allen Neathery, C. B. Banks, G. R. Couch, Hagar & Kirby, D. R. Gass, Dodson & Croley, F. G. Alexander, Lee Pierson, Johnson Bros., J. L. Jones, J. M. Hall, Long Bros. & Frost, Springer & Lomax, W. B. Anthony, Agnew & Gibson, Hills & Springer, McConnell & Smith, Lomax & Jones, Misess Thomson & Cather, J. G. Simmons, Lomax & Springer, W. D. Koonce, Bogart & Tandy, Long & Jackson of the county of Haskell, State of Texas have entered into a limited partnership for the purpose of buying a lot in the town of Haskell said county and State and erecting thereon a building to be used for a public hall or skating rink or such other purposes as the parties hereto may deem proper under and by virtue of the Revised Statutes, Title 68 relating to limited partnership upon the terms, conditions and liabilities herein after set forth, to wit:

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