

The Haskell Free Press.

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Haskell, Haskell County, Texas, Saturday, Jan. 11, 1890.

No. 2.

Directory.

DISTRICT OFFICERS.
(With Judicial Dist.)
Dist. Judge, Hon. J. V. Cockrell.
Dist. Attorney, J. F. Canalingham.

COUNTY OFFICIALS.
County Judge, F. D. Sanders.
County Attorney, J. E. Wilfong.
County & Dist. Clerk, C. D. Long.
County and Tax Collector, A. D. Tucker.
City Treasurer, R. J. Preston.
Assessor, W. J. Howell.
City Surveyor, G. R. Couch.
City Inspector, W. R. Staadeler.

COMMISSIONERS.
District No. 1, W. A. Walker.
District No. 2, B. H. Owsley.
District No. 3, J. S. Post.
District No. 4, W. D. Garren.

PRECINCT OFFICERS.
P. P. Prec. No. 1, W. A. Walker.
Constable, E. M. Carter.

CHURCHES.
Episcopal, (Missionary) Every 1st Sunday and 3rd Sunday before, Rev. S. H. Blair, Pastor.
Presbyterian, (Cumberland) Every 1st Sunday and 3rd Sunday before, No Pastor.
Christian (Campbellite) Every 1st Sunday and 3rd Sunday before, Elder Fless Taylor, Pastor.
Methodist, (M. E. Church S.) Every 1st and 3rd Sunday, Rev. J. N. Snow, Pastor.
Union Sunday School every Sunday.
F. D. Sanders, Superintendent.
Episcopal Prayer-meeting every Wednesday night.
Haskell Lodge U. D. A. F. & A. M.
Meet Saturday on or after each full moon.
J. W. Evans, W. M.
G. W. Keister, Secy.

Professional Cards.

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Physician Surgeon and Obstetrician Haskell Texas Office at Johnsons Drug store, offers his Professional service to citizens of Haskell and surrounding country.

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BILL ARP'S GRIEF

Over the Death of Henry W. Grady
—No Relates some Incidents Showing.

How Young and Vicious Mr. Grady Was.

Atlanta Constitution.
It is a sad time to write a Sunday letter. The burial of Henry Grady has left everybody sad who knew him. We have not missed him yet. A few have in his household and in his editorial sanctum; but we who saw him only now and then, and the thousands who never saw him, but who loved and honored him, have not missed him. Perhaps we will not until some emergency comes; some trial of our patience, some vindictive encroachment, some calumny, and then we will sigh for Grady. A few years ago Ben Hill stood in the breach, and we felt that we were safe, and we were. When he died we felt like the soldiers felt when Stone wall Jackson died. The years rolled on, and northern calumny seemed to gather strength and bitterness, when suddenly a pleading voice was heard that electrified the nation. The boy stood bravely among the best and proudest of our orators, and dated to tell them what they did not know. Without a herald, without prestige, without political training, without cultivated oratory, he embarrassed them and charmed them and captured them with

THE BEAUTIFUL ELOQUENCE OF TRUTH, and the south wept tears of joy over his triumph. But recently he stood again, and seemingly without an effort established himself as the peerless orator of the nation; and so grandly did he champion our cause that even New England blushed that she had ever doubted our honor or our faith. Did ever a star rise so rapidly to the zenith and shine resplendent and attract the admiring gaze of so many millions of wondering people? That star has gone—vaushed—called in by the fiat of the Almighty. When will an other come?

Henry Grady was a boy—nothing but a boy—we all called him Henry. His smooth and boyish face and laughing eyes and merry voice did hardly become a man. He had to be deeply impressed with the deep concern or the peril of anything to put off his boyish ways. Only a few years ago I rode with him and two friends in the country, and seeing a squirrel cross the road, he leaped from the carriage and chased him far down into the woods. He came back laughing and panting, and said, "I would have caught him if I—if I had been a dog." He loved the boys and their boyish sports, and once remarked he would go to school again if he were not ashamed. Said he wanted to play marbles and sky ball, and would try a game of mumble-peg if there was nobody watching him. When base ball came on the carpet he was delighted for it gave even a man a chance to be a boy again. He joined in the sport with eager enthusiasm, and kept it alive, and became for a while its champion. I remember being in the office of the Constitution one day when Henry came sauntering in with a happy smile upon his face, and Evan Howell said: "You need't come here laughing, just look at that bill for telegraphing your base ball sews all over the country. That's the bill for one week—just one week and if you don't stop it I'm going to charge it up to you. We've got it to pay, but I'm going to charge it up to you." Henry glanced at the bill and said: "That's alright, charge it, charge it, I don't care!

but I'm going to have the base ball news all the same. What are you fellows talking about? When he left the room Howell said: "Was there ever such a boy in the world?" When he returned from the New York banquet with all his BLUSHING HONORS THICK UPON HIM

Howell said: "I knew it was in him, but he didn't and he doesn't know now what he has done." "Was he embarrassed?" said I: "No not a bit he is never embarrassed when he is championing a just cause. His earnest unselfish nature has no room for embarrassment. Grady is just as much at ease in the presence of great men as he is among the boys. He would as readily converse with a king or an emperor as he would with me, and yet he has nothing of cheek or brass, or assurance or conceit in his nature. All that I ever apprehended about Grady is that he would lose some of his influence by catering too much to the boys and their sports and frolics. But he can't help that, and I believe it adds to the charm of his nature." Since his death, Howell said with tender emotion, "I never knew such a man. I never knew how much I loved him, how much the men and the boys and the women connected with the Constitution loved him. It does look like everybody loved him, all over the country. The young men and the old men, and the negroes. I believe that when he died he was the most universally beloved man in the United States. Was there ever such an overwhelming universal tribute paid to mortal man as has been paid to him?"

Some years ago I happened in Atlanta upon the day that Cox killed Alston—Alston, who was Grady's friend, and Grady loved him like a brother. The town was wild. There was hurrying to and fro as the excitement intensified, and Henry Grady was by turns

THE CENTER OF EVERY CROWD. Horror stricken, shocked and grieved, he told and retold the sad news in all its tragic details, seeking and courting sympathy from every listener, and every little while Howell would call him gently away and say: "Can't you go to the office now? This thing must be written up, you know." All the evening Howell watched and waited, and every time he urged Grady to go he said: "I will; please wait just a moment. I promise you I will go directly; there is time enough." As fresh listeners joined the crowd Grady would tell it all again, and grieve again, and so the night came on, and 8 o'clock and 9 o'clock and 10, and the paper must go to press at 3. Finally Howell became desperate and seizing him by the arm, he forced him bodily to the building and up the stairs and into his room, and then locked the door and begged him to write. And he did write. We have not yet forgotten that wonderful, thrilling narrative that appeared the next morning and covered an entire page of the paper. A homicide was never so written up before nor since. With eyes in tears, and trembling fingers he dashed off sheet after sheet to the utmost precision of detail. The inception, the provocation, the extension and the consummation, and clothed it all in such pathetic, passionate language that seemed to have been written with tears that fell upon his pen. In two hours his work was finished and he went wearily to bed.

As we walked to the church Robert Hemphill said: "This beautiful Christmas day just fits his character—"
A SUMMER IN THE MIDDLE OF WINTER.
"Every morning he was at my desk, and brought sunshine with him. Eagerly he ran over the

morning's mail, and what there was good in it he read aloud and made his comments as he read. The weekly paper was his pet, and as the increased, and daily increasing subscription came pouring in he was happy, and declared it would go to 200,000 in 1890. "It shall do it," he said. "And, Bob, I want you to telegraph me every day while I am gone to Boston. When the receipts get to \$2000 a day wire me until you find me, for it will make me so happy." "They have passed the mark," said Bob. They are now 2400, but he never knew it. Yes I shall miss him more than anyone in the office. My morning comfort is gone."

Henry Grady had just attained his majority when he came to Rome and began his career as a journalist. Very soon he mingled socially with the young men, and became their leader and their pet. He had no aristocratic circle of friends. He never had. Zeke Edge, the bright, cheerful shoemaker, was as dear to him as the bon ten of the town, and Zeke knew it, and loved him. I knew he loved him, for he came from far to his funeral, and saw him weeping at his bier. Grady easily molded the young men of all classes to his gentle, persuasive will. In later years he advanced his mental and social forces among the matured and the aged, and became their confidant and their comfort. What a shock a cruel shock was his death to Chief Justice Blakely and venerated Campbell Wallace. "God did not take you nor me, my friend," said the judge to me, "but he set the dial back and took Grady in his prime." He was

A BORN LEADER AMONG MEN, not for gain, not for office, but for measures and the advancement of those he loved. What he made he scattered with a lavish hand and there was no charity, no high enterprise, no progress that he did not foster. He was Atlanta's unselfish friend. He lost thousands in seeking to promote her welfare; and Atlanta owes it all back to him with interest compounded. Ows it to his dear old mother and sister and his wife and children. I thought of this Wednesday while Dr. Morrison was praying for them in that great prayer, the greatest I ever heard in all my life. It was good to be there and listen to his slow and measured and trembling words as he breathed them out in brokenhearted tones to God. It was good to feel the breathless stillness of that vast assembly of mourners. It was good to drink into the heart the touching strains of music as they sung Henry Grady's favorite hymn, "We shall gather at the River." When his good mother first came to him from her distant home and found him half conscious, half delirious he drew her to his bosom and, with that song in his heart, said: "Mother, my feet are all ready in the water." And they were. He knew that he was crossing the river.


GEORGIA HAS FOLLOWED GRADY wherever he dared to go. How easily he made governors and judges and senators when he willed it, and threw himself within the breach. How easily he captured Boston with all her exacting, critical rigidity of culture, and had he lived to stand before the other great centers of the north he would have captured them, too, and revolutionized their sentiments and brought harmony and peace out of discord. To read him come nearer doing it than to read the utterances of any other man. But to hear him and see him and to feel was to surrender to him and become willing prisoners to truth. The secret of all this was his earnest, pleading

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LOCAL DOTS.

The weather continues to keep
mild.
Nice line of Plush Goods at
Gass & Anderson.
Wheat is still growing though
beginning to need rain.
Mr. and Mrs. Frank McGregor
were in the city Tuesday.
A nice line of queensware at
Gass & Anderson.
J. C. McLaren sheriff of Stone-
wall county, was in the city Mon-
day.
Cranberries and mince meat at
cents per lb. at Gass & Anderson.
Baylor Crawford and John
Spreys of Stonewall county was
the city Monday.
A good selection of ladies and
childrens cloaks all new goods at cost
cash at Gass & Anderson.
F. C. Wilfong accompanied by
sister Miss Lillie has returned
from Kawman.

MONEY TO LOAN—
At the HASKELL COUNTY BANK
unincumbered real estate.
I have a good improved farm
20 acres for sale. Respectfully
OSCAR MARTIN.

Place to buy the different
kinds of Dogpoisons is at Bass Bro.
Abilene, Texas. Be sure to see
them before buying.
N. C. Smith did us some good
repairing on our press this week.
N. C. Smith is a first class carpenter.

G. T. Bagget will buy furs pelts
and hides and pay the largest mar-
ket price for same. North side pub-
square Haskell Tex.
J. C. Bohanan has been haul-
ing corn to town this week and
sold same at 60cts. per
bushel.

N. PORTER, Abilene, Tex.,—
FOR—
REYENNE SADDLES, Prices
\$17.00, \$20.00, \$25.00 and \$30.00
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Mill Flour. The best and
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Fruit Trees and Grape vines for
sale in Haskell at John Jones'.
Call and examine Trees and prices.
J. W. Koen, Nurseryman.

D. Eastman of Abilene has lo-
cated in Haskell, and will serve the
public if they need any work in
his line. See his card in another
column.

In the trial of "put and take"
in county court Monday, the
court held that parol testimony
was not admissible to prove the
facts were played in the town of
Haskell, and the county attorney
dismissed all gaming cases.

TAKE NOTICE.
I have a few Notes and Accounts
propose to sell to the highest bid-
der. Parties owing me will please
bring them to the auction. I owe money
to D. E. Gass.

On last Saturday evening a
large volume of smoke and fire
observed issuing from the
chimney of the residence of Mr.
E. Anthony. Upon investigation
it was discovered that the soot in
the chimney was burning out. As
the wind blew the blaze from the
top of the building no damaged

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vise all to call and see them.
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SINGLE BUGGY HARNESS—
\$10.00—\$12.00 and \$15.00. Full
NICKLE HARNESS \$16.50 and
\$18.00. Team Harness \$12—\$15—
\$18—\$20—\$25.

Mr. Blake an attorney of Terre
Hante, Indiana, was in the city
Thursday looking after some land
matter in which he is interested.
He said he was surprised to see
that there was no drunkenness in
Texas, and that in all his travels
in the State, which includes a lay
over at several small towns, he had
seen no one intoxicated.

Parties who have been haul-
ing brick from Mr. Wm Harvey's
brick kiln, please call and settle for
the same with the undersigned who
is authorized to collect. If you have
hailed any that you have not re-
ported call and report them to me.
Respectfully,
Oscar Martin.

Matrimonial.

On last Thursday the marriage of
J. C. Bohanan to Mrs. Geo. Cook
was celebrated. Judge P. D.
Sanders officiated. Mr. Bohanan is
one of Haskell county's prosperous
stockmen, and Mrs. Cook was a
successful lady farmer. The cere-
mony was performed at the residence
of D. R. Smith of this city. The
FREE PRESS extends congratulation
and a wish for the couple's happi-
ness.

He Will Be Married the 16th Inst.

Once more the ranks of batche-
lornhood will be depleted of one
of its most distinguished members.
In the present instance it is no other
than S. H. Johnson one of Hask-
ell's prosperous young merchants
and bankers. He has willfully, and
with a premeditating designing pas-
sionate heart allowed one of Aus-
tin's fair daughters of eve, to lead
him captive to the hymeneal altar.
He leaves many old associates to
bemoan their own bachelorhood
and rejoice in his happiness. Sam,
as he is known among the
boys, is indeed a young man of
stirring worth and business ability,
and the lady who confides her fu-
ture to his keeping will never
have cause to regret her choice.
The nuptial contract will be con-
summated the 16th inst.

Day School.

I will commence a day school in
Haskell, the 3rd Monday in Jan. at
the rate of one dollar per month,
by the day. School will be taught
in the Fitzgerald house.
Mrs. P. F. Taylor.

Notice.

The members of Haskell Lodge
No. 682, A. F. & A. M. are request-
ed to meet at Masonic Hall, to-
night (11th inst) to elect officers.

There will be a public installation
of the officers so elected at 10 o'-
clock a. m. Friday 17th inst at the
M. E. Church. The public are
cordially invited to attend. Mem-
bers are requested to meet at the
Hall promptly at 9 o'clock a. m.
on the 17th inst, to form process-
ion to march to the church. Judge
G. R. Stribling District Dept. Grand
Master installing officer.

A. C. Foster, Asst. Sec.,
Haskell Lodge,
175 682.

Report of the Condition

OF THE
First National Bank of Albany,
IN THE STATE OF TEXAS,
At the close of business De-
cember, 11, 1889.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts.....	\$152,060.89
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured.....	1,682.39
U. S. bonds to secure circulation.....	18,750.00
Due from approved re- serve agents.....	10,801.61
Due from other National banks.....	12,649.09
Due from state banks and bankers.....	387.74
Real estate, furniture and fixtures.....	9,293.40
Current expenses and taxes paid.....	1,590.33
Premiums on U. S. bonds.....	829.15
Checks and other cash items.....	161.74
Bills of other banks.....	175.00
Fractional paper curren- cy nickles and cents.....	70.15
Specie.....	2,750.00
Legal-tender notes.....	4,790.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)....	843.75
Total	225,835.28

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in.....	\$75,000.00
Surplus fund.....	25,000.00
Undivided profits.....	10,301.69
National bank notes out- standing.....	16,875.00
Individual deposits sub- ject to check.....	79,663.58
Demand certificates of deposit.....	5,055.74
Due to other National Banks.....	871.73
Notes and bills re-dis- counted.....	13,067.33
Total.....	225,835.28

State of Texas,
County of Shackelford, S. S.:
I, N. L. Bartholomew, cashier
of the above named bank, do solemnly
swear that the above statement
is true to the best of my
knowledge and belief.
N. L. BARTHOLOMEW,
Cashier

Subscribed and sworn to before
me this 19th day of December,
1889. (L. S.) L. H. HILL,
N. P. Shackelford Co. Tex.

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W. D. REYNOLDS; }
S. WEBB, } Directors.
D. C. CAMPBELL, }

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for it daily, and mourn because
they find it not, Thousands upon
thousands of dollars are spent
annually by our people in the hope that
they may attain this boon. And
yet it may be had by all. We guar-
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persisted in, will bring you Good
Digestion and out the demon Dys-
pepsia and install instead Epepsy.
We recommend Electric Bitters for
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It was just an ordinary scrap of
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life. She was in the last stage of
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DYSPEPSIA, SICK HEADACHE, LOST
APPETITE, SOUR STOMACH, ETC.
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think I should have been dead but
for your Genuine M. A. Sim-
mons Liver Medicine. I have
sometimes had to substitute
"Zellin's stuff" for your Medi-
cine, but it don't answer the
purpose."
Dr. J. R. Graves, Editor The
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HASKELL county is situated in the southern part of the panhandle on the line of the one-hundredth Meridian west from Greenwich. It is 1500 feet above the sea, and has mild winters and summers. It is 30 miles square and contains 576,000 acres of land. It was created in 1858 from a part of Fannin and Milam counties, and named in honor of Charles Haskell, a young Tennessean, who fell at the massacre at Goliad in 1836.

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

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

Experiments were made in 1885 with garden products, corn, oats, wheat, rye, barley and cotton and the yield was bountiful.

In 1886 and 1887 the entire west, from Dakota to Mexico suffered from seasons of unprecedented dryness, but the faith of the few farmers of Haskell county, kept green and in the fall of 1887 farming begun in dead earnest, and the crop of 1888 far surpassed all anticipation, corn made 25 bushels per acre; oats made from 60 to 100, wheat from 15 to 25, rye 20, and cotton, one-third to one-half bale per acre, and sorghum, hay and millet was so bountiful it was hardly considered as a part of the general crop and there was no demand for it in the local market. The acreage in farms have been increased to at least 10,000 acres.

TOPOGRAPHY. The county is an undulating plain with occasional creeks and branches. It is bounded on the north by that picturesque stream the Salt Fork of the Brazos, and on the west by Double-Mountain Fork. There are a few washes and gulches along the creeks and rivers, but with river breaks, rocks and poor land combined, their area in Haskell county would not average over 10,000 acres that would not be a fine agricultural land.

WATER. It is traversed by numerous creeks and branches besides the rivers mentioned, some of which are fed by never failing springs of purest water.

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

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

Besides the surface water there is an abundance to be obtained by digging from 15 to 40 feet, and all of a good quality, some of which is unsurpassed by that of any section in the state for purity and temperature.

SOIL. The soil is an alluvial loam of great depth and fertility, varying in color from a red to a dark chocolate, and by reason of its porosity and friable nature, when thoroughly plowed, readily drinks in the rainfall and in dry seasons absorbs moisture from the atmosphere; and for the like reasons the soil readily drains itself of the surplus water, thereby preventing stagnation of the water and the baking of the soil as well as the germination of miasma. It is those peculiar qualities of soil that enable vegetation to withstand all varieties of weather.

Except mesquite grubs and stumps, which are easily extracted, there are no obstructions to plows, and the land being level or generally rolling, and easily worked, the use of labor saving implements at once becomes pleasant and profitable. One man with machinery and a little hired help has been known to cultivate over 100 acres in grain and cotton.

PRODUCTS. Indian corn, wheat, oats, barley, rye, durah corn, millet, sorghum, castor beans, field peas, peanuts pumpkins, and all the squash family, turnips and cotton are grown successfully and profitable. Also sweet potatoes do well, and Irish potatoes as well as anywhere in the South. Garden vegetables grow to perfection, and melons luxuriant in Haskell county soil, growing to fine size of superb quality. Besides the native grasses that grow on the prairies, sustaining large numbers of cattle, horses and sheep throughout the year, Johnson and Colorado grasses grow to great perfection and the hay made from these grasses form a valuable adjunct to the winter pasture, in keeping stock over winter.

YIELD AND PRICES OF FARM PRODUCTS. The average yield of Indian corn per acre is about 30 bushel and the price varies from 50c to 1.25 per bushel; the wheat yield for the year '88—a dry year—ranged from 18 to 30 bushels—averaging 25 bushels per acre, and sold in the home market for 90 cents to \$1.00 per bushel; oats yield 60 to 100 bushels per acre, and usually sell at 25 cents per bushel; cotton yields a half to three quarters of a bale per acre, but owing to the great distance to market its cultivation is not engaged in to a great extent. Other crops make good yields and command corresponding prices. Home made pork is usually worth 6 to 8 cents per pound; fresh beef 4 to 6 cents; home made butter, sweet and delicious, usually sells at 25 cents per pound, chickens 15 to 25 cents each, and eggs 10 to 25 cents per dozen.

SHIPPING POINT. As yet Haskell has no railroad, and our people do their principal shipping to and from Abilene, a town 60 miles south, in Taylor county, on the Texas and Pacific Railroad. There is also some shipping done to Albany, a town 45 miles southeast, on the Texas Central Railroad, but not so much as to Abilene, because of rougher wagon roads.

RAILROADS. There is one road being built from Dallas to this place and one to be built from Fort Worth. The Texas Central will have to extend in a short time from Albany or forfeit its charter, and Haskell is on the line as originally surveyed.

The land men of Austin have organized a company to build a road from that city to this section of the state where they control nearly all the land and one of the principal members owns 150000 acres in this and Knox county, besides he owns the large addition to

the town of Haskell on the south. Haskell is 60 miles north of the T. & P. R. R. and 90 miles south of the Ft. W. & D. R. R. and is situated on the direct line of the cattle trail over which the Rock Island, and G. C. & S. F. propose to extend their lines.

PUBLIC SCHOOL. Our school fund is perhaps the best of any county in the northwest. In addition to the amount received from the state, about \$5,50 per capita, our commissioners court have wisely executed a lease for 10 years of our 4 leagues of school land, situated in the Panhandle, the revenue from which added to the amount received from the state gives us a fund amply sufficient to run the several schools of the county ten months in the year. This fund can also be drawn upon to build school houses in any organized school community of the county.

MAIL FACILITIES. There is only one post office in Haskell. It has a daily mail, over the line from Abilene via Anson; which line also brings express freight, and proves very satisfactory to our people.

RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS. The religious and moral status of the people of Haskell county will compare favorably with that of any people. The Methodist, Baptist, Christians, Old School and Cumberland Presbyterians each have organized churches in the town of Haskell, and have preaching on Sundays, also preaching at other points in the county. We have a good Union Sunday School, and weekly prayer meeting that are well attended.

HASKELL. The town of Haskell is the county site of, and is situated one and one-half mile south of the center of Haskell county, on a beautiful table land, and is four years old and has a population of 600 to 700. Has as good well water as can be found anywhere, which is secured at a depth of 18 to 22 feet. Also has two never failing springs of pure water in the edge of town. Haskell has four drygood and grocery stores that sell goods at prices as low as can be had in railroad towns, with 50 cents per hundred pounds for freight added, and drygoods and groceries as cheap as can be bought any where. Also has two drug stores one notion one hotel and one restaurant, both first class; one blacksmith shop; two cabinet and wood shops; one exchange bank, one barber shop; one silver smith shop one saddlery shop, one boot and shoe shop; one meat market; two livery stables; four doctors; 10 lawyers and land agents; one first class county newspaper and job office and only one saloon, all doing a very good business. The town of Haskell with her natural advantages, of location, climate, good water and fertility of soil is destined in the near future to be the queen city of Northwest Texas, and railroad connection for Haskell is all that is needed to accomplish these.

ADVANTAGES AND RESOURCES. In almost every neighborhood of the older states and the thickly settled portion of our own state there are many of its citizens who are contemplating a removal or a change of residence for many reasons. Some to restore lost health, some to make their beginning in the world, others to repair financial losses, others seeking safe and profitable investments of surplus capital. There are many others who have comfortable homes and are well contented, but who have children, whom they would like to provide with lands suitable for home, and assist to commence business in life, but can not do so with their present surroundings, and must seek cheaper lands and better opportunities in other and newer localities.

To such we would say you are just the people we want. Come and see us, and you will find a broad field of occupation and investment to choose from, with chances greatly in your favor. In coming to Haskell do not imagine we are a people wild and woolly indigenous to these "western

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