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THE CONVENTION.

Hundreds of Democrats from all Parts of the State Assembled in Dallas.

Sul Ross, Soldier and Statesman, Nominated for Second Term—Wheeler Had a Struggle.

The First Important Fight on Nominees for the Supreme Bench. The Successful Man.

The Democratic State convention was called to order in machinery hall at Dallas the 14th inst. by the chairman of the state Democratic executive committee, Henry Exall, who introduced Dr. A. P. Smith of Dallas who offered up a very earnest prayer.

When nominations for temporary chairman were called for Alexander of Waco named Geo. C. Pendleton and Matlock, of Montague nominated T. R. Bonner.

These nominations were seconded by several gentlemen, and it soon became apparent that the election of chairman would be a fight between the Pros and Antis.

In the vote by counties the same spirit cropped out though, in many instances the vote was not cast in accordance with it. Pendleton was elected by forty eight majority the vote being 396 to 343. When Limestone county was called W. E. Doyle mayor of Mexia arose and said: "Limestone county has no candidate, but she is rattled on the prohi— He never got to proceed. The convention set up such a yell and hissing and cries of "take him out" that no man could be heard in the thundering noise every kind of yell and derisive shout known to politics was hurled at him. When the convention finally became quiet Mr. Doyle announced three votes for Pendleton three for Bonner and sat down.

The prevailing spirit of the convention had been ascertained, and it was clear that the pro, issue was dead, and that both pro and Antis would put down any attempt, to refer to any matter connected with the late contest for any purpose whatever. Prohibition could not be referred to even incidentally.

Will Lambert Ed. Coffman J. W. Childs and W. J. Sterrett were elected secretaries with Lambert as Chief. Upon motion of Kingburgh of McLennan one member of each senatorial dist. was appointed on committee on credentials and representation one on the committee of permanent organization rules and order of business, one on the committee on platform and resolutions.

The convention adjourned until the 15th to give the committees time to report.

Aug 15th—The convention was called to order by the Chairman G. C. Pendleton and after prayer the committee on permanent organization and order of business reported the following which was adopted.

To the Hon. Geo. C. Pendleton chairman. We your committee on permanent organization and orders of business beg leave to report as follows:

1st For permanent chairman we recommend Horace M. Cate of Wood county.

2nd We recommend as permanent Secretary Will Lambert Travis and as assistants J E Kufman of Galveston G W Sterett of Dallas W G Fical and J. T. Broughton of Ellis county.

3rd For sergeant-at-arms we recommend W. J. McDonald of Hardeman county and as his assistant A. R. Bailey of Hardie, J. C. McConnell of Raines W. H. W. Smith of Dallas J. W. Record of Dallas J. T. Hane of Vanard county

4th For Vice President we recommend Hon J. N. Henderson of Brazos and Earl Adams of Houston, T. B. Sexton of Harris county Grace of Fannin B. F. Williams of Clay W. F. Ramsey of Johnson R. L. Fulton of Galveston O. B. Barnett of Colorado B. B. Clarkson of Falls J. H. Maxwell of Bezia and J. N. Parish of Calhoun

5th We recommend that the order of Business of the convention be as follows:

- 1st the nomination of a candidate for Governor.
- 2nd For Lieutenant Governor.
- 3rd For Chief Justice of Supreme court.
4. Two associate Justices of the Supreme court.
4. Three Judges of the court of appeals.
6. Attorney General.
7. Comptroller.
8. Treasurer.
9. Commissioner of the general land office.
10. Superintendent of public instruction.
11. Election of a chairman of the State executive committee.

We recommend that the time honored rules of the last house of representatives as far as practicable be adopted for the government of this convention.

John Hunecock chairman. Chairman Cate was conducted to the stand and made a short but stirring speech accepting the chairmanship, after which Major Conner of Dallas presented him with a silver faced Bois'd arc gavel.

The report of the committee on the platform was taken up and adopted it reads:

1. The Democracy of Texas, in convention assembled, reaffirms its devotion to Democratic principles as taught by the fathers and from time to time declared by the party in its organized capacity.

2. We heartily endorse and accept the principles announced in the platforms adopted by the National Democratic convention held at St. Louis in June last, and by the Democratic state convention, held at Fort Worth May 22, 1888.

3. We express our gratification at the nomination of Grover Cleveland and Allen G. Thurman for President and Vice President of the United States, recognizing in them the emphatic embodiment of all the essential and vital principles of Democracy, and the inviting hope of relief from high taxation and vicious class legislation, and we pledge to them the united and enthusiastic support of the Democracy of Texas.

4. We congratulate the country upon the good results following from democratic supremacy in the executive and in the lower branch of the legislative department of the national government, and trust to the virtue and good judgement of the people to give the Democracy complete control of the entire government, in order that it may be fully restored to its pristine purity.

5. We declare the Democracy of Texas to be in full and hearty sympathy of the Democratic representatives in Congress to lower tariff taxation on the necessities of life and reduce the surplus in the treasury and it is with pride that we commend the Texas delegation for their earnest and successful work in securing the passage of the Mills bill in the interest of the tax burdened masses.

6. We earnestly commend the present state administration as being wise, energetic and just in the interest of the people, and as furnishing our sister states a bright example of the good results of the democratic government.

7. We favor the enactment of prudent and efficient mining and irrigation laws to develop the agricultural and mineral resources of our state.

8. We favor the enactment of such laws as will restrict the freight charges of rail and express companies so that they may only yield a fair profit on the money actually invested in them and at the same time prevent discrimination in rates against any points within the state. F. S. STOCKDALE, Chairman.

W. W. SEAY, Secretary. Your committee further report and recommend passage of the following resolutions, which have been referred them:

Resolved, that the next Legislature shall pass laws defining trusts, pools & all illegal combinations in restraint of trade, and imposing severe penalties in regard thereto;

Resolved, that the Democracy of Texas in convention assembled, realizing the importance of a deep water port on our coast, heartily endorse the resolutions recently adopted at Fort Worth deep water convention, and we hereby pledge the Democracy to the principles therein enunciated.

F. S. STOCKDALE, Chairman.

After the adoption of the foregoing report S. L. Ross was put in nomination for governor and the nomination being seconded by several gentlemen the question was put and he was unanimously nominated. Next on John Woods of Lavaca and T. Wheeler of Eastland were nominated for Lieutenant Governor. The vote being taken it stood 57 for Wheeler and 264 for Woods Wheeler lacking one third of a vote being nominated. The second ballot Wheeler received the requisite majority to nominate the vote being 588 7-30 to 202-23-30.

J. W. Stiles was unanimously nominated for chief Justice of the Supreme court. Stuart Walker of Travis, John L. Henry of Dallas and Judge Ganes were put in nomination. Ganes was nominated on first ballot; Henry on the third Walker being withdrawn.

August 16.—Chairman Cate called the convention to order at 9:30 A. M. The nomination of Judges of the Court of Appeals being in order the names of Sam A. Wilson; H. Phelps of Fayette; D. P. Marr of Presidio; Will P. McLain; Judge J. P. White of Travis; Charles L. Cleveland of Galveston; and Judge Hart, were presented. The third ballot resulted in the nomination of Hart, the fourth Wilson and the fifth White.

This contest had been very exciting, and when the members of the Haskell delegation would rise to announce the vote of their county with those of Jones, Stonewall, Knox and King, which counties they represented by proxy, for the old court it stood, the Fort Worth and Dallas delegation would make a weak protest, and finally succeeded in getting King and Stonewall stricken from the list, but by the efforts of the delegates they were reinstated on the list of represent counties.

August 17.—The convention re-assembled in Machinery hall and proceeded to ballot for the nomination of a candidate for State Treasurer. Lubbock, Zempleman McCull-

och and Loying were put in nomination. The balloting was very exciting when on the third ballot a break for Lubbock was made whereupon the other two candidates were withdrawn, and Lubbock nominated. R. M. Hall was put in nomination for Commissioner of the general land office and nominated by acclamation. Oscar H. Cooper was in like manner nominated for Superintendent of public instruction. Webb Finley was nominated by acclamation for chairman of the State Democratic Executive Committee.

The following members of the executive committee were appointed by the several senatorial districts:

First Dist.—J. E. Hill, of Polk

Second District—Geo. F. Ingraham Nacogdoches.

Third District—R. L. Littlejohn of Harrison.

Fifth Dist.—W. H. Rand, Cass.

Fifth District—Hiram Glass, Franklin.

Sixth Dist.—T. N. Jones, Smith.

Seventh District—A. B. Watson, Henderson.

Eighth District—J. C. Wooters Houston

Ninth Dist.—C. Ramer, House.

Tenth Dist.—John McDonald, Galveston.

Eleventh District—J. E. Miller, Gonzales.

Twelfth District—John J. Maggerty, Austin county.

13 Dist.—T. J. Sayers, Bastrop.

14 Dist.—T. S. Henderson.

15 Dist.—R. C. Beale, Navarro.

16 Dist.—Mathew Cartright Kaufman.

17 Dist.—E. C. Smith, Denton.

18 Dist.—F. C. Dillard, Grayson.

19 Dist.—J. A. Templeton, Clay.

20 Dist.—J. D. Sporer, Jack.

21 Dist.—G. S. Smith, Hill.

22 Dist.—E. C. Atter, Falls.

23 Dist.—George F. Perry, Hamilton.

24 Dist.—A. G. Cook, Burnett.

25 Dist.—F. Hamm, of Coleman

26 Dist.—E. D. Lynn, Victoria.

27 Dist.—J. B. Wells, Cameron.

28 Dist.—Ed Dwyer, Searcy.

29 Dist.—J. M. Presler, Comanche

30 Dist.—J. N. Doyle, Hood.

31 Dist.—H. B. Brimington, Paris

Adjourned sine die.

SENSATIONAL SHOOTING AFFRY.
A Son of Ex-Comptroller Swain Shoots at a Woman in Austin.

AUSTIN, TEX., Aug. 16.—A sensational shooting scrape occurred in the northern part of the city this afternoon. A young man named Down and two sisters, whose father is at present in Gainsville rented a house from Walter Swain son of late State Comptroller William J. Swain now of North Tex. Walter Swain and wife occupied an upstairs room in the building. They returned home in the afternoon, Mr. Swain meeting Miss Margaret Down coming out of the parlor charged her with running the servant out of the place. She denied it when Swain began abusing her. Miss Down replied that any man who would use such language to a woman was no gentleman. Mrs. Swain then put in a word of the same tenor as her husband. Miss Down said any woman who would use such language as she did was no lady. Mr. Swain then said as he ascended the stairway, nobody should abuse his wife. He whipped out his pistol and fired one shot at Miss Down as she stood in the hallway below. The bullet grazed the side of her head and she fled screaming. Swain disappeared, but was subsequently arrested and put under bond for his appearance. The penalty for shooting with the intention of killing is in the penitentiary three to five years. Swain's friends claim he shot at a man named Garner, who came in to defend Miss Down.

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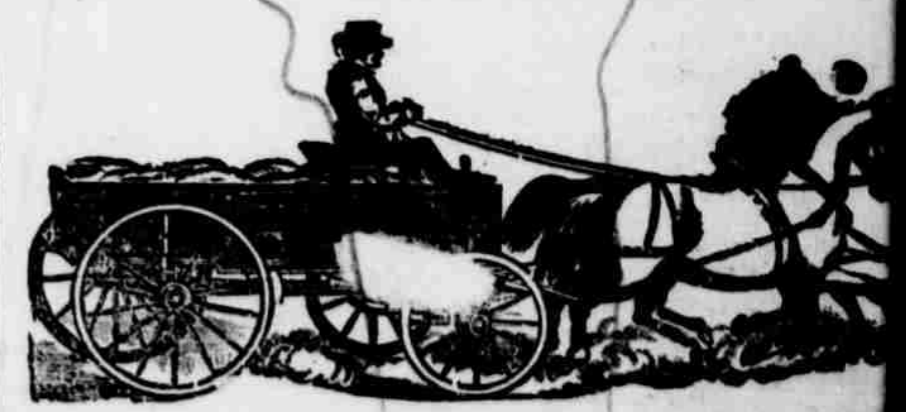
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The cattle interest is beginning to liven up, and at present it looks like the high prices of 1883 will return.

Every industrial class of the people were represented at the Democratic convention at Dallas last week.

The present state officials have had a high compliment paid them for theirrenomination for the offices they now hold.

The Democratic party is still unshaken contrary to the predictions and wishes of certain self-constituted political leaders.

McLennan county has a very able representative in Kingsbury. It looks as though she relies on cheek not brains.

The negroes and whites of Lafayette Parish La. had a collision the other day in which seven negroes and one white man was killed.

A RUSSIAN physician has discovered that a man cannot drink whiskey after taking strychnine. Of course not; nor can he drink anything else.

The Delegates from west Texas and the Panhandle to the Democratic State Convention were generally in accord with one another and they voted on a solid phalanx.

Barnett Gibbs created a sensation when he run the resolution through the convention endorsing a St. Louis paper and recommending it to the democracy of Texas.

Remember that if you are close and peonious in your business dealing, it will be generally known and everybody will take special pains to deal with you the same way.

The farmers need clear headed honorable men to represent them in state conventions, not sensational drunkards, whose moral instincts are dead from the use of too much liquor.

The delegation to the Dallas convention was composed principally of the young Democracy, there were very few war horses there to endorse the patriotic deeds of one another, but those who went there seem to realize the importance of living issues.

Did you think that the man for whom you are building that house was induced to come to Haskell by having a copy of the FREE PRESS? Or did you ever think that the man to whom you have just sold a bill of groceries was induced to come to this county from having read a description of our county and her resources?

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Thousands of strangers will visit our District Fair for the sole purpose of learning what sections are the best, while Haskell county has the best body of land in this section of the state it will not be found out unless our people take the pains to show to the world, what our lands can do we want more schools and churches; good wagon roads and rail roads too all over the country. We can only have those things when our country has settled up we cannot afford to live a lifetime without them when it is possible by a little effort on our part to have all those things in a few years.

Let us get up a little organization and commence without delay the preparation of our exhibit for our District Fair at Abilene which could be taken from there to the State Fair at Dallas. If we do this our country will have such a substantial boom that we will all surprise at the result of the effort that we made.

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To such we would say, you are just the people we want. Come and see us as you will find a broad field of occupation and investment to choose from, with chances plying in your favor. In coming to Haskell do not imagine we are people wild and woolly and incesious to these "western wilds" that we are loaded with dynamited shooting irons, that our convays are collections of curs and Mullastons in texture, rather that we are a people red among the same surroundings, that we have received the benefit of the same advantages, that we have availed ourselves of the same educational privileges that we have had the same certain instructions you yourself have had. Be enlightened by our own experience. For times indeed made by the development of new countries, and fortunes yet to be made in our new and unexplored country.

We have a county endowed by nature with all the conditions of soil prairie and valley adapting it to the production of all the grains, grasses, oats and vegetables of the temperate zone. We have a climate rich is a happy medium between extreme cold and extreme heat, a climate which will preserve the strong and robust and strengthen the sickly and weak. We have a county well adapted to stock raising of all kinds. We have a county where no malarial sickness ever comes. We have a county of the best lands in Northwest Texas. We have an abundance of mesquite, elm and hickory timber for firewood and fence. We have the most substantial inland business town in the Northwest. We have the greatest abundance of the purest water. We have a class of citizens as honest, industrious, as hospitable as good natured, as law abiding, patriotic and religious as can be found anywhere in the United States. We have plenty of room, and give you and all who contemplate change, to come, all who want good and cheap lands. We have them, and want you for neighbors and friends.

This county is situated in the northwestern part of the state, and is about 80 feet above the level of the sea in form of a square, embracing an area of 900 square miles, or 57,600 acres, of which 4-5 is arable agricultural land.

WATER.

The water supply comes from the Double Mountain Fork of the Brazos river, in the western portion of the county; California creek entering the county from the south, then running in a westerly direction across the S. E. portion of the county; Paint creek heading near the western line of the county, and running east; Miller and Lake creeks heading near the center of the county, and running in a northeasterly course into Baylor county. The waters of these streams are pure and free from mineral or alkali.

Aside from the surface water furnished by these streams, we have the greatest abundance of the purest water all over our country, which can be obtained at a depth of from 15 to 40 feet. Free from mineral of any kind, it is nearly pure soft water. Good lands and good water in abundance, form the basis and foundation for a prosperous farming country, second to none anywhere in the state.

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 miasms. It is these peculiar qualities of the soil that enables vegetation to withstand much drouth and wait for the coming of the rain. Crops will survive three or four weeks drouth without very serious injury—it is a six or eight weeks drouth in mid summer that blasts and ruins crops. Except meeseite 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.

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 profitably. Also sweet potatoes do well, and Irish potatoes as well as anywhere in the South. Garden vegetables grow to perfection, and melons luxuriate in Haskell county soil, growing to the size of superb quality. Besides the native grasses that grow on the prairies, sustaining large numbers of cattle, horses and sheep through out the year, there are many other grasses that are suitable for stock raising. The water course, the best of which runs through the center of the county, yields an average of 30 bushels, and the prairie varies from 50 cents to \$1.25 per bushel; the wheat yield for the year '87—a dry year—ranged from 3 to 30 bushels—averaging between 16 and 18 bushels per acre, and sold in the home market for 90 cents to \$1.00 per bushel; oats yield 50 to 75 bushels per acre, and usually sell at 35 to 75 cents per bushel; cotton yields a fair 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.

RAILROAD PROSPECTS.

At present there is no prospect of a railroad building into Haskell in the immediate future. We expect to get an extension of the Texas Central Railroad from Albany to Haskell, but that road is in the hands of the U. S. Court, and not likely to be extended until it is discharged from the control of said court. We also think that the Fort Worth Western Railroad will build from Fort Worth westward through Haskell, and it is believed that the St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad will build southward through the Panhandle and through Haskell, and it is possible that the Chicago and Rock Island Railroad may yet build through Haskell.

PRICE OF LANDS.

Rich river valley unimproved agricultural land more than 5 miles from town, sells at \$3 to \$4 per acre. Rich unimproved agricultural prairie uplands, more than 5 miles from town, sells at \$2 to \$3 per acre, and within 5 miles from town, \$3 to \$15 per acre. Pasture land unimproved sells at \$1 to \$2 per acre. The usual terms of sale is one-third cash, and the balance in equal payments in one and two years, with ten per cent interest.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Our school fund is perhaps the best of any county in the northwest

In addition to the amount received from the state, about \$5.00 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. The fund of Haskell Co. is all sufficient to run the school without voting a special school tax provided by law, thus relieving our people of the additional tax, to maintain an efficient school system.

In Haskell there is a flourishing school with more than 100 scholars enrolled, besides several flourishing schools in different parts of the county. Our school fund is ample for all who may come. It is a source of pride to our citizens and an evidence to all of the enlightened views of our people and wise management of our county government.

MAIL FACILITIES.

There is only one post office in Haskell county, that at the town of Haskell. It has a daily mail, over the mail line from Abilene via Aason; 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 three Sundays in each month; also preaching at other points in the county. We have a good Union Sunday School, and Band of Hope, and weekly prayer meetings.

HASKELL.

The town of Haskell is the county site of, and is situated one and one-half miles 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 drygoods and grocery stores, which carry full lines, and supply the people with groceries, at prices as low as can be had in railroad towns, with 50 cents per hundred pounds for freight added, and drygoods as cheap as anywhere. Also has two drug stores; one hardware store; one notion store; one hotel, and one restaurant, both first class; one blacksmith shop; one cabinet and wood shop; one exchange bank; one barber shop; two silver smith shops; one saddlery shop; one meat market; two livery stables; four doctors; eight lawyers; three 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 of the surrounding country, 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 this.

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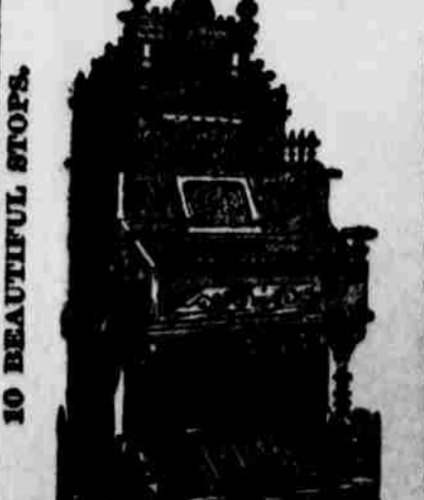
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Our rates for announcing candidates are as follows:

FOR DISTRICT OFFICES, \$12.50

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Cash in advance.

For same on ticket same as above, if candidate does not announce.

Estimay, August 25, 1888.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

District Attorney.

W. S. CUNNINGHAM, of Jones county, as a candidate for District Attorney of the 39th judicial district. Election November 6, 1888.

We are authorized to announce W. B. HOUSTON, of Seymour as a candidate for re-election to the office of District Attorney of this the 39 judicial District. Election November 6th 1888.

County Judge.

We announce W. R. STANDEFER as a candidate for County Judge of Haskell county. Election November 6, 1888.

OSCAR MARTIN authorizes us to announce him as a candidate for County Judge of Haskell county. Election November 6, 1888.

Sheriff & Tax Collector.

We announce E. Y. HILDBRETH as a candidate for Sheriff and Tax Collector of Haskell county. Election November 6, 1888.

We announce W. B. ANTHONY as a candidate for Sheriff and Tax Collector of Haskell county. Election November 6, 1888.

We announce A. D. TUCKER as a candidate for re-election to the office of Sheriff and Tax Collector of Haskell county. Election November 6, 1888.

F. M. MORTON authorizes us to announce him as a candidate for the office of Sheriff and Tax Collector of Haskell county. Election in November.

County & District Clerk.

C. D. LONG authorizes us to announce him as a candidate for the office of County and District Clerk of Haskell County. Election in November.

For County Treasurer.

We are authorized to announce Mr. S. J. PRESTON as a candidate for re-election to the office of County Treasurer of Haskell county. Election in November.

County Attorney.

H. R. JONES authorizes us to announce him as a candidate for County Attorney of Haskell county. Election November 6, 1888.

Tax Assessor.

We announce D. F. WILLIAMSON as a candidate for Tax Assessor of Haskell county. Election November 6, 1888.

We announce D. L. SMITH as a candidate for Tax Assessor of Haskell county. Election November 6, 1888.

We announce E. ROBERTS as a candidate for Tax Assessor of Haskell county. Election November 6, 1888.

Having faithfully tried to discharge my official duties as tax assessor of Haskell county for the past two years and believe that I have filled the office to the satisfaction of the Haskell county voters. I respectfully offer myself as a candidate for re-election at the November election.

W. J. BOWELL

ALEXANDER ERWIN authorizes us to announce him as a candidate for the office of Tax Assessor, of Haskell County Texas. Election November 6th 1888.

S. BEAVER authorizes us to announce him as a candidate for the office of Tax Assessor of Haskell County. Election November 6th 1888.

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LOCAL DOTS.

It sure did rain. Odd vests at Dodsons. Three new houses in Haskell. Mens and Boys Hats at Gassess. Mr. J. C. Clark was in town Thursday.

Ladies list thread Hose at Dodsons.

Mr. Frank Ross was in the city Wednesday.

Tenants and Walkers Boots and Shoes at Gassess.

Miss Lena Williamson was in the city this week.

Mr. R. C. Lomax is having his residence improved.

Just received a nice line of Boys pants at Dodsons.

Mr. D.K. Gass is having his store house improved.

The candidates are beginning to go on the still hunt.

Just received a nice line of Boys hats at Dodsons.

Mr. E. Y. Hildreth will move to town in a few days.

Mr. H. R. Jones went to Ansen Tuesday to attend court.

Cleveland and Thurman hankerchiefs at Dodsons.

Rev. D. James of Throckmorton was in the city this week.

Mr. Walter Wright has returned from a trip to Falls county.

Just received a nice line of ladies and Misses shoes at Dodsons.

Misses Cammie and Dora Ousley were in the city Tuesday.

Miss Verina James and Miss Patten were in the city Wednesday.

We call attention to the change in the ad of Messrs Roberts and Mackechney.

Nice line of gents cuff Buttons and Celuloid collars and cuffs at Dodsons.

Mr. DeLong has moved to young county to the regret of his many friends.

Mr. Lee Fitzgerald has returned from a visit to his friends in San Antonio.

The grass is turning green again and the fall pasture promises to be very fine.

Mr. Geo. Boyt has sold some of the native hay he put up during the summer.

Mr. W. Parsons is building him a nice residence on his ten acre lot just west of the town.

If you want the genuine Stetson Hat call at B. H. Dodson's, he has them fresh from factory.

Miss Mollie Bohanan of Falls county, sister of Mr. Jerry Bohanan is visiting her brother at his home.

The fall cattle work has begun and the boys have left town to battle with the winds on the high prairies.

Prof. W. H. Clifton of Bell county who has been employed as principal of our public school is in the city.

Mr. J. D. Johnson of Crockett brother of our Merhobants S. H. and W. E. Johnson, was in the city this week.

Haskell county was visited last week, and also last Thursday, by fine rains, that put both Stockmen and farmers in a good humor.

When you visit Abilene call at the drug store of Bass Bros. & Co. and examine their stock of wall paper, paints, oils and glass. They carry a large stock and sell at low prices for the cash. Call on them.

Dissolution Notice.

The firm of DeLong & Johnson Bros. is by mutual consent dissolved. S. H. Johnson and W. E. Johnson, styled the firm of Johnson Brothers, succeeding the old firm of DeLong & Johnson Bros. The new firm will attend to the settling up of all matters pertaining to the old business.

Respectfully, E. S. DeLong, S. H. Johnson, W. E. Johnson.

Mr. W. A. Walker is building a nice residence in the city.

Mr. J. T. Bowman and family have returned from a visit to Falls county.

Messrs S. H. Johnson and Oscar Martin have returned from Dallas where they had gone as delegates to the Democratic State convention.

Mr. S. Beavers says that while visiting in Palo Pinto county he met a great many prospectors and that they were all bound for Haskell county.

The enterprising Johnson Bros. have bought out their former partner Mr. R. S. DeLong, and they will in the future do business in the firm name of Johnson Bros.

We are called upon to announce the sad news of the death of Mr. Joe Couch. Mr. Couch was a good citizen, and leaves many friends and relatives to mourn his death.

Messrs Leo and Hammons have formed a copartnership and will keep a meat market on the south side of the square. It is their intention to keep at all times fresh meats and the public are solicited to extend a liberal patronage.

Money Made is Money Saved.

We can save you money by coming to see us and getting our prices and looking at the quality of our goods before buying. Send us your repair work. North 2nd at Abilene Texas. ADAIR & CLARK.

All patrons of the City Hotel are respectfully notified that on and after Monday August the 6th will be absolutely necessary for this house to advance the price of meals to 35 cts. This advance is necessary on account of the scarcity of vegetables just at this season. This we hope will meet the approval of our patrons, who have always shown themselves to be very liberal and considerate.

Respectfully, W. F. RUPP.

Electric Bitters.

This remedy is becoming so well known, and so popular as to need no special mention. All who have used Electric Bitters sing the same song of praise. Electric bitters will cure all diseases of the Liver and Kidneys, will remove pimples, boils, salt rheum and other diseases. Will drive Malaria from the system and prevent, as well as cure Malarial fevers. Entire satisfaction guaranteed, or money refunded.—Price 50cts and \$1.00 per bottle at Druggist.

On last Tuesday evening a large concourse of people from country and town assembled at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Locke, on the Doublemountain, to spend the evening in Terpsicorean festivities. The company was received by the host and hostess with their usual courtesy and they soon felt at home, surrounded as they were with such pleasant circumstances. The musicians took their places at an early hour and began to pour forth those sweet strains that so delight the young and merry heart, caused the gallant young men and beautiful belles to take their positions on the floor, and beat time with their artistic feet to the gay voice of the violin as it poured forth in swelling tones a beautiful waltz.

The round dances were alternated with quadrills and lances, and the dance was only interrupted by the announcement of supper at 12 P. M. when the guests assembled in the capacious dining room, whose tables were groaning under the weight of roast beef and venison together with every variety of pastry prepared by the dainty hands of Mrs. Locke. The sharpened appetites of the large company being appeased the dance was resumed and continued until daylight. Every body who attended speak in high eulogistic terms of the lady and gentleman who gave them the opportunity to spend a night in such innocent enjoyment.

A CALL.

All Master Masons in this jurisdiction who are in good standing are requested to meet in the town of Haskell on the 1st Saturday in September 1888, at 2 P. M. for the purpose of organizing a Masonic Lodge. All members are requested to bring their demits.

[Signed] J. W. EVANS, B. H. DODSON, H. K. PLUMMER.

THE FAIR!

Abilene Tex., Oct. 3, 4 and 5, WITH HEADQUARTERS AT Roberts & Mackechney's Grocers and Commission Merchants

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Cannot fail to make a fair impression on your fair minds when you visit us and the Fair is the fair city of Abilene next October.

You will be here, of course. You should be, you must be. We offer four premiums. We would like you to get at least one of them.

Read this: For the best article of wheat bread, we offer a premium of 100 pounds of Abilene Fancy Patent Flour. For choicest production of Irish potatoes, one Whittaker Standard First exhibit Mr. L. M. Kaffir corn, Illinois, etc., five pounds good...

Most excellent article of our pickles, a five-gallon keg of PURE FRUIT VINEGAR. (Roberts & Mackechney's own make and GUARANTEED ABSOLUTELY PURE FRUIT VINEGAR).

New isn't this fair? Isn't it? Send us for pamphlets giving particulars of, and rules governing the FAIR, and we will mail them to you free of charge. Our fair advice is come to the FAIR. Bring everything of a fair nature; it may command a fair premium.

Everybody and everything will be on a boom; even the railroad, except their fare, which will be reduced to half fare. You have no excuse—come. Bundle up the fair women, gather up the fair children, get your fair self in shape, and make a fair showing at

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Adair & Clark

Mr. G. P. Phillips and family of Abilene came up to Haskell Tuesday and returned Thursday. Mr. Phillips is a member of the firm of Cameron and Phillips who have a branch hardware house at this place.

It began raining Thursday night and continued to rain until 10 A. M. Friday.

After attempting for several months to give the public a cheap boarding house, and restaurant, I find it impossible to continue my past very low prices. Upon consulting a number of my patrons they have agreed that the price of meals may be raised to 35 cts. which price will be changed here after. This change in price is made necessary on account of the scarcity of vegetables at this season.

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For Judges Court of Appeals, J. M. HURT, S. A. WILSON, J. P. WHITE.

TO THE VOTERS OF SHUCKLER COUNTY.

From Albany News.

The time is drawing near when we are to decide, by our votes, who are to be the officers of our county for the next two years, and we cannot be too cautious in the selection we make to fill the important offices that are within the gift of our people.

A Square Man.

Stranger (to office boy.) Did you tell the editor there's a man downstairs that wants to knock him down and drag him out.

Office boy—Yes, sir; an' he says will you kindly step up at once as he wants to go to dinner.

Stranger (somewhat milder.)—Well—er I—don't want to take no advantage of a man with an empty stomach. Tell him I'll come in again.—Epoch.

A good liquid glue is made of one ounce of borax in a pint of boiling water, add two ounces of gum shellac, and boil till dissolved.

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Respectfully, W. F. RICE.

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promises that they never expect to keep. Will follow you around in your daily labors and appear the "hale harty well met" fellow, simply begging your vote, and fixing themselves up for the occasion.

NON-OFFICE SEEKER.

The Democratic Congressional Convention of the First District.

The Democratic congressional convention of the first district convened at Houston last Wednesday. They tried for two days to effect an organization but failed.

Stewart and Hutchison, the opposing candidates, were each nominated by their adherents.

Taken altogether, this was the most disgraceful convention ever held in the state—the Republicans and Greenbackers not exceeded; and every man who took part in it should be ashamed of it the longest day he lives.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION.

The State of Texas. To the sheriff or any constable of Haskell county greeting: you are hereby commanded to summon Elizabeth Mays (who is a non-resident of this state) by making publication of this citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof.

LOMAX & JONES, Attys for Plaintiff.

Herein fail not and have you before said Court this Writ, with your endorsement thereon showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Haskell this the 1st day of August A. D. 1888.

A. D. 1888, J. L. Jones Clerk Dist Court Haskell County Texas.

Issued on the 1st day of August A. D. 1888, J. L. Jones Clerk Dist Court Haskell county.

FULLMAN SLEEPERS.

To the Deep Water Harbor Convention at Denver Col.

It is the earnest wish of the Pan Handle Company to provide for the comfort of all who may visit Denver at this time. To do this thoroughly, those who expect Pullman Sleeping Car and Dining Car accommodations should, at as early a date as possible, determine just what date they will start, and at once notify either of the following persons of their intentions.

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THE CSLL

In accordance with the resolution passed by the Deep-Water Convention at Fort Worth, Texas, July 10, and in compliance with the request made by a committee of the Denver Chamber of Commerce, Board of Trade and the Colorado Real Estate Exchange, I hereby call an Inter-State Deep-Water Harbor Convention of the States and Territories west of the Mississippi river.

The basis of representation at that convention will be as follows: Two delegates from each senatorial district, to be appointed by the Governor of the State or Territory.

One delegate from each county, to be appointed by the Board of County Commissioners, or by the Chairman of said board.

Five delegates from each chamber of commerce, board of trade, or corporate body in the various states.

One delegate from each town having a population of three thousand or less, to be appointed by the Mayor or president of the trustees of such town.

In each city or town having over three thousand inhabitants, one additional delegate for each five thousand inhabitants or fraction thereof.

Five delegates from each editorial association in the States or Territories indicated.

In all cases where delegates are appointed an equal number of alternatives shall be appointed by the same authority.

The purpose of this convention is to secure the united and harmonious action of the Middle Western and Western States in a movement looking to the establishment of a deep-water harbor somewhere upon the Gulf of Mexico.

So important will be the influence of such a harbor upon the prosperity of every farmer, artisan, miner and citizen of the great West, that it should impel every official to whom this call is directed to take prompt and effective action that will result in a great and influential convention.

ALVA ADAMS, Gov. of Colorado.

Three of the grandsons of Don Pedro of Brazil, whose ages are twelve, ten and seven years respectively, are publishing a bright little paper called the Courier Imperial.

They are editors printers and pressmen of the little sheet, which is liberal in politics and opposed to slavery.—Pacific Printer.

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