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THE BARBECUE.

Though the Floods Come, It was the Usual Success.

On Wednesday evening the cooks were at the barbecue pits and the fat beef, kids and muttons were quartered and ready for the racks. A dark cloud dimed the north west horizon and the atmosphere and vivid flashes of lightning gave evidence of an impending storm, but those were not sufficient to prevent the continuation of the preparations that were being made. The meat was placed on the pits and was cooking nicely when it began to rain in torrents about 12 o'clock, the fires soon went out and the pits filled with water, but the rain did not last long and by 8 o'clock a.m. the pits had been bailed out and new fire started and the meats were cooking.

The rain seemed to have cast a damper on affairs and it was a late hour when the crowd assembled at the grounds near the Jail, but by eleven o'clock one of the largest crowds that had ever assembled in the county congregated at the spacious arbor and people were still coming and it seemed that the rain had only tempered the temperature, and the day promised to be one of pleasure to all. Besides citizens who turned out, Jones, Stonewall, Knox, King, Baylor, Throckmorton and Taylor county sent quite a congregation each of the choicest of their citizens, the gentlemen representing the brawn the manhood and brain of a great country and the ladies whose personal charms are unsurpassed represented the refinement the morals the virtue the accomplishments of the beautiful and gentler sex. There was also many prospectors, lawyers land men merchants, mechanics and farmers, from the cities and counties of North, East, Central and Southern Texas, who had come to Haskell county to buy some of the rich land, many of whom had stayed over several days to see the character of the people and witness their celebration. Many of these visitors remarked to ye scribe that if one would see intelligent, moral intellectual and refined people they could be gratified by coming to Haskell county and seeing a collation of her citizens. All agree and express surprise that in this respect west Texas was in the lead of the older portion of the state, the hum of friendly conversation caused by the meeting of old friends in a new land, and the exchange of salutation between citizen, was hushed by the sweet strains of music made by the Haskell string band as they floated over the ground on the gentle morning zephyrs. After the music Judge P. D. Sauder introduced the Hon. Oscar Martin who delivered a short and appropriate address of welcome, Mr. Martin, said:

"Ladies and Gentlemen, it afford me unlimited pleasure to welcome you to this great celebration, and in the name of to good people of Haskell county, bid you enjoy to the fullness of your hearts the hospitalities our committees have, and will extend to you.

This is but the 5th in a series of celebrations, that mark the progress of a great county and commemorates the anniversary of the freedom of a great country. To day, for the convenience of the stockmen, was selected instead of the 4th of July, and for that purpose it is to be considered the glorious 4th.

We have invited you here to see the progress we are making socially, morally and financially. It has

only been a few years since the gallant cowboy, the pioneer of Western civilization first braved the dangers incident to a wild country and pitched his camp here and there, surrounded with an expanse of prairie with nothing to break the monotony of the scene, except now and then a herd of buffalo or other wild animals that roamed the beautiful prairie at will. But rapidly the scene has been shifted, the wild herds have been displaced by those nobler domestic animals, whose labor provides bread, whose flesh supplies meat and whose coat supplies raiment. Again the scene is being changed from pastoral to agricultural, and where five years ago the native sod wore its beautiful green coat of natural grasses, towers that giant of the grains, Indian Maize and many thousands of acres of the virgin soil to day contribute from 25 to 100 bushels of the golden grain annually to the wants of man.

Surrounded with these blessing our first citizens have built comfortable homes, organized a county thirty miles square, built a city in its center, and established schools and churches in every neighborhood, and by their moral example and noble precept, built up a moral and social fortune, that is the grandest legacy they could bequeath to the generations to follow them.

God bless the people of Haskell they dwell in brotherly love and harmony. They will leave no family or neighborhood feuds to drink by the hand of the assassin the blood of the noble youth of generations yet unborn, and as we rejoice and celebrate these blessing, we are happy to meet together, with our friends, and have them assist in the celebration, and by your presence, you do us the honor to encourage us to nobler efforts and higher aspirations."

Hon. J. F. Cunningham of Anson was then introduced and made an address. Beginning by a reference to the fact that the toil and labors of the spring season were over and the holidays of another prosperous year in the west were at hand.

He then spoke of the bountiful feast given by the citizens of Haskell county to celebrate their gratitude for the prosperity of their people and the smiles of Benine Providence. He spoke of the prosperity of the people brought about by the union of the waters from the heavens, with the sweat and toil of her citizens in the field, producing abundant crops and many happy homes.

Next he spoke of the happiness of her people, who had lately passed through the scorching blast of the great dry spell, had grappled with the unfriendly element of nature, the deprivations and hardships of western life, and who had sown but reaped not till since these prosperous years, when the clouds have given up their treasured resource to the benefits man, and shower after shower had placed the need of her people beyond the effects of a summers sun.

He spoke also of the moral social, intellectual and religious developments of our people and urged upon them the great need of these as well as civil developments.

He spoke of their immigration, and said that only those should be invited to come here who were willing not only to aid our citizens to plow our lands and till our soil, but who were willing to aid the good citizens of our county to bear higher and still higher our moral, intellectual and religious honors with this sort of immigration he said our field in the future, providence being willing, would not only glitter beneath a shining sun with a golden harvest, but above their golden waves there may be seen, spirals of church towers and school buildings dotting every neighborhood, and beckening the man of morals, the man of learning and the man of God to come and settle in our midst. And loudly he spoke of the great trust which the people of the present generation held for the benefit of coming posterity, in laying properly the foundation of the development of the Great West of Texas.

Dan M. Jones of Anson was next introduced, and he made an appropriate address. He congratulated the people on the success they were having in making the occasion one of pleasure and said he highly appreciated their efforts to improve themselves and surrounding and that it was a great pleasure to him to witness the progress they were making, and expressed himself as being highly gratified at the development that had been made within his own observation.

He said he knew Haskell eight years ago when it was only noted for its crystal springs where the cow outfits would stop to camp when making the round ups in this county, and when the place was only known to the hardy cow boy and his frolicking sleek cattle.

He pointed to the beautiful little city as it nestle on the bosom of the fertile plain, that had been built in the short space of four years. He compared the hardships of the first settlers living in dugouts to that of the noble men and women who nearly 400 years ago planted the English flag upon the American shores, and lit the first flame of civilization that has consumed the savage forests, and that is making its roads upon what was anciently supposed to be the barren plains of Texas.

He compared the development that is reclaiming such vast empire in the west to the accomplishments of the ambitious Queen Dido who founded the great city of Carthage on what was supposed to be a barren coast but which in turn proved to be in letters, in war and in empire the rival of Rhome the ancient dispensary of arts science and literature.

He concluded by complimenting the people for their intelligence and culture and thanking them for their hospitalities.

The band then played a few selections that was listened to by all when dinner was announced. The people then repaired to the spacious tables that were set under a large arbor in the form of a hollow square, in the center of which were the carving tables and tables where the meat dishes were replenished and the bread and cakes were cut to supply the dining tables which had been filled to their utmost capacity when these articles were diminished.

The dinner was late and thus the appetites of the people were prepared by the delay to make the people enjoy the nice roast meats that were well cooked and seasoned. The meal was partaken of leisurely and every body seemed to be perfectly at ease. After dinner the Tournament began, the horses were in fine trim and the knights wore streamers of brilliant colors. The two best riders Messrs. Derrick and Marr tied each getting eight rings out of twelve. Five more runs resulted in a tie, each getting all the rings each run. On the sixth run Derrick took four rings and Marr's horse becoming tired stumbled and caused him to miss his fourth ring and Derrick was declared the winner. The riding was interesting to all.

The crowd then dispersed and the young and many of the middle aged gathered again in the spacious hall of the court house at 9 p. m. and were soon launched upon the terpsichorean sea and swept away in smother glides by the sweet strains of music discoursed by four stringed instruments in the hands of skilled musicians.

The dance continued until a late hour and the day's festivities were concluded by the enchanting tones of Home Sweet Home rendered by the band with a soul stirring smoothness, that almost articulated the words of the poet.

There was one thing remarkable about the order, no one was seen under the influence of whiskey and many remarks were made upon and many encomiums pronounced upon this noted feature,

If you know of any one wanting to buy beef cattle send them to Haskell county.

There are about 2500 fat two year old steers in pasture in this county waiting for a purchaser, and unless one turns up soon they will be shipped.

QUEEN VICTORIA it is said to have rheumatism so badly that she can scarcely stand up and consequently keeps her chair at all times. There is therefore some reason to believe the reports that she set the fashion by which the bustle was discarded.

THOS. GOGGAN & BROS., Music Dealers of Galveston, have favored the FREE PRESS with two pieces of new music, waltz and song, entitled "The Pirate Isle No More," dedicated to Col. Hamilton Stewart, "State Press," of the Galveston and Dallas News. This music has been published, and is for sale by the enterprising dealers above named.

THE July number of The Old Homestead, published at Savannah, Ga., by Davis Bros., has been received. Its contents is of a varied, but extremely interesting character. There are continued stories, sketches, poems, a child's page a puzzle department, and six pages of music. The typographical appearance of the magazine could not be improved. As a matter of fact, it is among the ablest edited, most handsomely printed, and cheapest publication of the kind with which we are familiar. There are twenty-four large pages in the magazine, and the subscription is only fifty cents a year. The publishers—Davis Bros., Savannah, Ga.—will forward a sample copy to any address upon application.

Myths of the Origin of women.

(London Tablet.)

Woman's first appearance has been a fruitful subject for the legend-mongers. The Pagan myth of creation is found in the story of Prometheus and Galatea.

There the first woman was created by the first man out of ivory and then endowed with life by Aphrodite. The Greek theory of the of the creation of women, according to Hesiod, was that Zeus, as a cruel jest, ordered Vulcan to make a woman out of clay, and then induced the various gods and goddesses to invest the clay doll with all their worst qualities, the result being a lovely thing, with a witchery of men, refined craft, eager passion love of dress, treacherous manners, and shameless mind. The Scandinavians say that as Odin, Viht and Ve, the three sons of Bor, were walking along the sea beach they found two sticks of wood, one of ash and one of elm. Sitting down the gods shaped man and woman out of these two sticks, whittling the woman from the elm and calling her Emia. One of the strangest stories to touching the origin of woman is told by the Madagascar-ians. In so far as the creation of man goes, the legend is not unlike that related by Moses, only that the fall came before Eve arrived.

After the man had eaten the forbidden fruit he became affected with a boil on his leg, out of which when it burst, came a beautiful girl. The man's first thought was to throw her to the pigs, but he was commanded by a messenger from heaven to let her play among the diggings until she was of marriageable age, then to make her his wife. He did so, called her Barboura, and she became the mother of all races of men. The American Indians' myths relative to Adam and Eve are numerous and entertaining. Some traditions trace back our first parents to red and white maize; an there is that man, searching for a wife was given the daughter of the king of the muskrats, who on being dipped into the waters of a neighboring lake became a woman.

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LOCAL DOTS.

—For lack of space we are compelled to leave out many personal notices this issue.
—Jim Keller is in from the range.
—The Barbecue was a grand success.
—Charley Agnew was in town Saturday.
—Wm. Harvey was in the city this week.
—The Grand Ball was something worth attending.
—J. F. Cunningham Jr. of Anson was in town Saturday.
—Dr. L. P. Jones of Benjamin was in town Saturday.
—Clark Campbell of Benjamin was in town last Saturday.
—John Miller of Stonewall county was in town this week.
—Have your Sewing machine repaired by W. H. Parsons.
—J. L. Dewees of Rayner was in the city Wednesday.
—The city and county was visited by a fine shower Wednesday.
—O. J. Baker manager of the horse shoe ranch was in town Tuesday.
—E. M. Boyd traveling for B. C. Evans & Co. was in the city this week.
—W. B. Anthony's delivery wagon ran away with the horse the other day.

MONEY TO LOAN.

At the Haskell County Bank on unincumbered real estate. 6-15-17
—F. E. Turner went to Albany this week after lumber to build a drug store.
—Mrs. J. H. Carter of Sherman is visiting her relatives at this place.
—Jas H. Lockney and Minnow Hunt of Buffalo Gap were in Haskell this week.
—J. F. Lockney and Minnow Hunt left yesterday to prospect in Floyd county.

General Repair Shop.

—Saddles, Harness, Sewing Machines, Boots and Shoes repaired to order by W. H. Parsons.
—The boys didn't get much practice for the tournament but did good riding.
—J. H. Dolman, county surveyor of Stonewall county was in Haskell Wednesday.
—John McLaren, W. W. Cook Esq. and Lee Smith of Rayner was in the city this week.

—John Dewees one of Haskell county's most prominent farmers was in town Monday.
—Just received, a mixed car load of CASTORIA and WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP at Johnson Bros.

—For an easy quick shave call on W. H. Parsons, only 10 cents, and a neat hair-cut 25 cents.
—The Barbecue was good, and "there ain't no flies on" a ball like the one of the night of the 25th.
—Mr. G. L. Posey has opened up a barber shop and confectionary stand on south side of square.

—N. PORTER, Abilene, Tex., —FOR—
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—W. H. Stimpson, E. C. Miller, H. J. Keller, H. U. Keller and Dave Wells of Collier county were in city the Monday.

—The Albany Milling Company will pay the highest market price in cash for good milling wheat.
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—Our town is still improving Johnson Bros. have built a porico, and W. H. Parsons has repainted his barber sign.

—See here—One of the best places in the west to buy Oil for painting, and for machinery is at Bass Bros. Abilene—They have a large stock and will sell by the gallon or barrel—try them.

—C. M. Bradford Constable of Benjamin and his deputy Frank McCuer passed through Tuesday having two prisoners charged with stealing goods from the L— ranch.

—Parties buying from us on 30 days time, will please be prompt on the first, unless by special agreement. If we fall behind with our creditors we have to pay interest. W. B. Anthony & Co.

—Jasper Millhollon gave us the head of a cat fish caught in the Clear Fork of the Brazos river to be kept as a curiosity, it is 12 in. broad, the fish weighed 125 lbs. net, who can show a better Fish of the spring catch.

—See here—when in Abilene we would advise you to go to Bass Bros Drugstore and price their Blanks Books, Memorandum, Writing Paper, Inks & C—They have on hand a large stock and will sell lower than any one,—try them.

—R. D. Wilfong and family and Messrs Lions Dr. Matthews and John Nash of Kaufman arrived Wednesday. These gentlemen will probably settle in Haskell.

—E. M. Carter's little boy happened to fall down the other day and some little children fell over him and broke his leg Dr. Nethery set it in plaster of paris and the little fellow is now resting easy.

—N. PORTER, Abilene, Tex., —FOR—

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—Ballie Fields is going under the alias of Uncle Dan. They say he does this in order to sell water-mellons to Uncle Dan Moonaham's customers. He has deceived several lately and Uncle Dan will have to get up a trade mark for protection.

—Mr. Roach of Abilene Reporter was in the city this week and he will make a report of our progress in the Reporter. He is wide awake man and his paper is doing a big work for Abilene.

—Prof. Rice and Mr. Pierson of Willis Point was in the city prospecting this week, and we learned they have made up their minds to move to Haskell.

Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the Directors of the Rayner Gin and Mill company will on the 15 day of August 1889, cause books to be opened for receiving subscriptions to the capital stock of the corporation at their office in the town of Rayner.

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STILL AT LARGE.

Why Governor Lowry's Detectives Don't Arrest the Puglists.

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In Carrying the Prize Fighters Back to Mississippi.

New York July 18.—Detective Norris of Mississippi was at police headquarters to-night and stated that he had been refused warrants at the Tombs police court for the arrest of Mitchell and Donovan, and had sent a telegram to that effect to Governor Lowry. In reply he received the following dispatch:

"Need not arrest and detain the parties as fugitives from this state, as you suggested. We will await investigation of the grand jury. Ascertain facts as instructed and report to me. Further instructions mailed to you yesterday."

Detective Norris said he had been in the city two days, acting under instructions from the governor. His original intention was to arrest Mitchell, Donovan and others who took any part in the fight as fugitives from Mississippi. The refusal of the Judge to issue the warrants changed the programme and Norris now awaits the mailed instructions of the governor.

Since his arrival here Norris said he had been engaged in getting the names, addresses and all possible information about the participants in the fight from the principals down. He branded as a lie the story that he was to get \$250 for taking the Kilrain party safely through Mississippi to New Orleans. The detective also added he would be sorry to see Muldoon get into any trouble. The wrestler did him a favor some years ago and remembered it.

"The reason that I want to arrest Mitchell is that he is an Englishman intending to leave the country" was his answer to a question.

"I have looked for him two days and have failed to discover his where a bouts, I was in consultation with Governor Lowry in relation to the fight on June 28 and 29 and July 3. I rode on Sullivan's train as far as Lexington, and from there sent an assistant to the end of the journey. I am an expert telegraph operator and was to keep Governor Lowry posted on what was going on, but the wires were cut. Governor Lowry is indignant because the fighters passed through his state and then turned back and pitched their ring in Mississippi."

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District Judge Resigned.

Castroville, Tex., July 18.—Judge T. M. Paschall who for twelve years has been district judge of this district, will in a few days send to the Governor his resignation to take effect in September.

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The Aeronauts Have a Close Call—The Missing Professor Heard From.

ST. TOMAS, July 20.—William Hogan of Jackson, brother of E. D. Hogan, the missing aeronaut, made the balloon ascension here at 6:30 last evening, going 4000 feet high, and had a narrow escape from death. The top guy rope of the balloon became fastened to the parachute and it was not until the balloon had reached within 100 feet of the ground in its descent that the aeronaut was able to shake the rope off. He had jumped before making the discovery. The balloon would have turned over on the parachute, driving it to the ground and instant death would have been the result. Hogan alighted on a stone, breaking two ribs and was dragged fifty feet, bruising his side and shoulder. He left this morning for Jackson.

JACKSON, Mich., July 20.—though nothing to-night has been heard from Prof. Hogan, there are many rumors rife that the daring aeronaut is safe. A private dispatch is said to have been received by Campbell from Hogan, sent from Cattleburg, a village on Long Island, nearly a hundred miles from New York, stating in effect that he landed within a mile of the village at about 10 p. m. Tuesday, coming down directly underneath the sitting air-ship. He was nearly overcome with apoplexy and would have died but for the presence of mind in cutting his way through the canvas monster more dead than alive. He reached the village and was cared for by the people. He immediately became unconscious from exhaustion and hunger and no one knew who he was until Wednesday noon, when the air ship was found and Hogan regained consciousness. It occurred to Hogan at this time to keep quiet and give the newspapers a chance to throw themselves, which as it proved, they did.

A VALUABLE PATENT.

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CHICAGO, July 20.—A firm in this city engaged in the manufacture of tin cans and spanned goods has patented an invention which competent judges say will revolutionize the iron and steel industry of the world. Patents have been secured in the leading countries of the world. It is in brief a process by which molten metal may be rolled into any desired shape, thus saving all intermediate process. It was invented originally to roll molten solder into thin plates, but the process is pronounced by experts to be equally applicable to iron and steel in its various forms of plates, structural iron and rails. It is believed that the cost of manufacturing steel rails can be reduced to the extent of \$10 per ton and that thin iron plates for tinning can be made much below the cost of the product of tin plates in Wales, thus making a new interest in this country. Molten metal is passed between rollers which is chilled as it passes, the rollers being kept cool by a stream of water which passes through them. Another advantage is that the iron and steel so rolled will be much more even and closer in texture than that made by the present methods, being free from the air holes which results from the intermediate processes.

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IDEALS.

Late corn and gardens are beginning to need rain. Mr. Hampton has a very sick babe at this writing. Mellons! Mellons! Mellons! Mellon eating is the leading industry of our community.

The campmeeting closed on Monday night. The interest was growing, many anxious ones went forward for prayers; christians became revised and prospects bid fair for a glorious time, but owing to brother Bailey's physical inability to remain longer and preach in open air he was compelled to discontinue.

Some would like to know why a man's fees as juror cannot be cashed at par value. It seems that every other kind of script is paid off in full, at least some times, but when the county promises to allow or give a man two dollars a day for his services as juror, he can not depend upon the promise. How is this any how?

In answer to the above we will say that the only fund that is provided to pay jury scrip is the occupation taxes, and jury fees paid by parties litigant.

The occupation taxes for each year will not exceed \$400 and the money collected as jury fees will not exceed \$100. There is about \$1000 of scrip issued annually, so it readily appears that the fund is too small. The fact is that there is rarely ever any money in this fund as those who pay occupation tax can generally buy scrip at a discount and turn in dollar for dollar. Jury scrip will pay any tax a party may be owing the county and this is the reason why the excess is paid at all.

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Killed by a Runaway Horse.

Indianapolis, Ind., July 18.—In Green county this morning a twenty-year-old son of Airam Camden was riding a horse which was attached to a plow. The animal became frightened and the young man was thrown to the ground. In falling one foot was caught in the harness. The horse began to run and young Camden was dragged over the field, his head striking the ground with every leap of the horse. The harness finally broke, releasing Camden. He lived but two hours.

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HASKELL COUNTY,

Her Resources, Advantages, Progress and Future Prospects.

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 undulated 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 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 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 150,000 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. & N. F. propose to extend their lines.

PUBLIC SCHOOL.

Our school fund is perhaps the best of any county in the north-west. 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 Austin; 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; three 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 wilds," that we are loaded with dynamite and shooting irons, that our conversations are collections of cuss words and Mulhattan mixtures, but rather that we are a people reared 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 christian instructions you yourselves have had. Be enlightened by past experience. Fortunes have been made by the development of new countries, and fortunes are yet to be made in our new and equally as good country.

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nature with all the conditions of soil, prairie and valley adapting it to the production of all the grains, grasses, fruits and vegetables of the temperate zone. We have a climate which is a happy medium between the extreme cold and extreme heat, a climate which will preserve the strong and robust and strengthen the sickly and weak. We have a country well adapted to stock raising of all kinds. We have a country where no malarial sickness ever comes. We have a country of the best lands in Northwest Texas. We have an abundance of mesquite, elm and hackberry timber for firewood and fencing. 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 and industrious, as hospitable and good natured, as law abiding, patriotic and religious as can be found anywhere in the United States. We have plenty of room; and invite you and all who contemplate a change, to come, all who want good and cheap lands. We have them, and want you for neighbors and friends.

Reader, please hand this to your friend.

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

- No. 1. 137 acres, about 10 miles northeast of town, mostly prairie, but some timber, dry, dark red loam, price \$1.50 cash, \$2.00 to cut, 1 cash, balance 1 and 2 years, 10 per cent interest.
- No. 2. 640 acres 15 miles west of town, near Double Mountain Fork of the Brazos river, fine land, price \$2.50 per acre, 1 cash, balance 1 and 2 years.
- No. 3. 800 acres 9 miles southwest of town, high open ridge land, rich, level and nice, some timber, no surface water but very productive black sandy land. \$2.50 cash, \$2.75 to cut and on partial payments.
- No. 4. 160 acres 5 miles north of town on Benjamin and Haskell road, close black land, level and rich, near Lake creek, some timber, good grass, price \$3.50 per acre.
- No. 5. 213 1/2 acres 16 miles southwest of town, fine red loam, mesquite land, good grass and good land \$2.50 per acre cash.
- No. 6. 304 acres of as fine land as in the county on Lake creek 17 north of town, good mesquite timber, price \$3.00, 1 cash, balance 1 year.
- No. 7. 1,000 acres 4 miles southeast of town, fine dark red loam, mesquite timber and good water, \$3.00 per acre.
- No. 8. 320 acres 12 miles southwest of town, on waters of Paint creek good land and good grass, \$1.50, 1 cash. (Vining.)
- No. 9. 1280 acres 14 miles southwest of town on Paint creek, fine red loam, farming or pasture land, lays well, \$2.00 per acre, 1 cash balance 1 and 2 years.
- No. 10. 640 acres 7 miles northwest of town, as fine black land, with good mesquite timber as in the county on head of Lake creek. \$3.00 per acre, terms easy.
- No. 11. 2763 acres 10 miles southwest of Haskell in 921 acre blocks, mostly prairie, on Willow Point, \$2.00 per acre, will sell a portion or all in a body.
- No. 12. 320 acres about 15 miles southwest of town, a splendid little piece of dirt for a farm, only \$2.00 cash.
- No. 13. 640 acres 16 miles north of town on Lake creek. This is a magnificent body of farming or pasture land, has water, timber, grasses and good land all combined, making it one of the most desirable tracts in the county.
- No. 14. 545 acres on Miller creek, very fine level land, will make a splendid farm, \$2.50 per acre cash.
- No. 15. 320 acres on Paint creek 10 miles south of town, all good level land with good mesquite timber, \$2.50, 1 cash.
- No. 16. 640 acres 12 miles east of town, Paint runs through it, about 1/2 good land, balance suitable for pasture, good timber and grass and protection for stock, a magnificent place for stock ranch.
- No. 17. 320 acres 10 miles north of town, very fine level land with good grass and timber, only \$3.00 per acre cash.
- No. 18. 320 acres 7 miles southeast of town on Buffalo creek, plenty of stock water, grass, timber and splendid land all combined, makes this one of the most desirable tracts in the county, only \$3.00 per acre, on easy terms.
- No. 19. 640 acres 16 miles northeast of town, fine level prairie farming land, \$2.50 per acre, 1 cash, balance on easy terms.
- No. 20. 1476 acres 7 miles east of town on Red creek, about 1/2 good farming land, balance good pasture, creek runs through survey, timber, water and grass combined, makes this suitable for a stock farm, price \$2.00 cash, \$2.25, 1 cash.
- No. 21. 320 acres on Brazos river 16 miles west of town, good land, price \$3.00 per acre, 1 cash.
- No. 22. 388 acres about 9 miles east of town on Red creek, splendid red land, price \$1.50 cash.
- No. 23. 640 acres 14 miles west of town, fronting the Brazos river, good farming and pasture land, \$2.50, 1 cash or \$2.25, 1 cash balance on easy terms.
- No. 24. 960 acres 12 miles north of town, good land, timber, water and grass, a splendid place for stock farm, \$2.50, 1 cash.
- No. 25. 424 acres on Brazos river 18 miles northwest of town, as fine land as in the county, only \$3.00 per acre.
- No. 26. 960 acres 10 miles northeast of town, level, red loam land, some timber but dry, only \$2.00 per acre, 1 cash.
- No. 27. 430 acres 10 miles north of town on Lake creek, no better land in the county, good grass and timber, \$3.00, 1 cash down.
- No. 28. 640 acres on same survey as No. 27, same quality of land, timber and grass, \$3.00 per acre, terms easy.
- No. 29. 320 acres 6 miles north of town on Benjamin road, fine level black sandy land, good timber and grass, on Lake creek, only \$3.00 per acre, 1 cash.
- No. 30. 3 sections (640 acres each) on Brazos river. This is as good land as in the west, lays well, \$2.00 per acre by the section, will sell either section or the whole in a body.
- No. 31. 640 acres 11 miles northeast of town, very good red loam prairie land, only \$2.00 per acre cash or \$2.25, 1 cash.
- No. 32. 640 acres 8 miles east of town on Haskell and Throckmorton road, splendid land at \$2.00 per acre, 1 cash.
- No. 33. 3400 acres 20 miles north of town in the edge of Knox county on Brazos river, no better land in the state, lays well, \$3.00 per acre, will sell in a body or cut to suit the purchaser.
- No. 34. 300 acres 7 miles south of town on Mule creek, \$2.50 cash or \$2.75, 1 cash.
- No. 35. 500 acres on Miller creek, all fenced with good house, two rooms, very fine land, grass, water and timber. Price and terms upon application.
- No. 36. 320 acres 9 miles southeast of town, good land, water, grass with some mesquite timber, Horse creek passes through it, only \$2.25 per acre. A splendid ranch.

The above are only a portion of the splendid bargains we now offer to the home-seekers, and now is the time to purchase.

We also offer for sale some nice 80 acre blocks on the Peter Allen survey adjoining town, also many choice vacant and improved town lots, cheap for cash, and on easy terms to the actual settler. For further information concerning lands in Haskell county, call on or address us. We also have a good farm of 160 acres in Stonewall Co. 60 acres in cultivation, good improvements, will sell cheap for cash. For particulars address us, Office in court house with county Surveyor and Treasurer.