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THE CRITICS ANSWERED.

Congressman Mills Replies to Newspaper Criticisms of Statements in His New York Speech.

WASHINGTON, July 11.—Congressman Mills replying to newspaper criticisms and published refutations of the statement embodied in his New York speech that the annual consumption of wool in this country aggregated 600,000,000 pounds, reiterates the statement reinforced with the authorities and data upon which this estimate was based. He goes even further and says that this was a moderate estimate, and that he would be justified in placing the annual consumption of wool in this country at a higher figure, perhaps 25,000,000 more. In his speech in New York Mr. Mills says he merely repeated what was tersely stated in his report as chairman of the ways and means committee when the tariff bill was first reported to the House. In that report the majority said: "The duty on wool now prevents nearly all the better classes of wool from coming into this country. The domestic production supply is only about one-half of the amount required for home consumption."

Our reports of wool and woolen goods amount to little. The estimate I have made leave out of consideration the large frauds constantly complained of in the importation of woolen goods caused by underweighing, undermeasuring and undervaiting. Six hundred million pounds is a fair estimate, under rather than over the mark. In 1887, a very prosperous year, we imported 1,230,000,000 pounds of raw wool and \$7,000,000 worth of manufactured products. The consumption by our people that year was much over 300,000,000 pounds of foreign wool in the grease.

RANDALL'S CONDITION.

It is stated that Mr. Randall's condition is much easier this morning. Many of his colleagues in the House made flying trips over to Randall's home, which is only a few blocks distant from the capitol to inquire into his condition, while pages were sent to and fro by other members who could not go personally to the house when the occasion seemed to require it. Mrs. Lancaster, the eldest daughter of Mr. Randall, came to the door way and gave the necessary information to callers. She appeared to be more cheerful than yesterday and showed a confident belief that her father would recover from the attack. He has rested quietly during the morning and has taken and apparently assimilated liquid nourishment. At no time has he been unconscious and that he maintains his interest in outward events is shown by the fact he has asked for the newspapers, a request which could not of course be complied with owing to the rather alarming reports of his illness which appear in the leading columns of the journals. Lincoln, who was one of the consulting physicians in General Sheridan's case, was called in this morning at the request of Dr. Wallan, the family physician. His diagnosis of the case agreed with that already made, and it is said that he expressed the opinion that the patient was progressing as favorably as could be expected. The result of his visit was apparently an abatement of the anxiety of the family. Altogether they appear to be much encouraged by the favorable condition of the patient to-day. It is not their expectation, however, that Randall will be able to resume the dis-

charge of his duties in Congress during the remainder of the session, the intention being to remove him to a quiet place, probably his home at Paoli, Pa., as soon as his condition justifies his removal. Dr. Lincoln called on Mr. Randall again this morning about 10 o'clock and found him bright and cheerful and in better condition generally than early to-day. He has begun to show signs of returning strength. Early this morning he had a slight chill, followed by fever, but this has passed off and has left him feeling very well.

A Cattle Exchange.

SAN ANGELO, TEX., July 6.—Referring to the communication of W. L. Black about establishing a "cattle exchange," I see nothing impracticable in the plan he suggests as to grading live stock, and I hope there will be some action taken by the cattlemen at an early day to organize the system. It is quite evident something must be done, and the quicker the better. A recent market report from Kansas City mentions the sale of some cows at \$9 which only net the shipper about \$4 per head, and some two year old heifers as low as \$6 netting the shipper about \$2 or \$3 per head. I have lately been purchasing stock cattle myself in Texas, and have had to pay \$7 per head which I think is cheap, and I have heard of other sales at this price. Why, then, is it necessary to ship to Kansas and sell at \$4 and \$2.56 per head if there are people in Texas who will pay more? The misfortune is the shipper has no way of finding out who wants to purchase the stock in Texas, and unless there is an "exchange" where orders can be sent to buy or sell, I see no way of correcting the natural course of things. There is, of course, a limited demand in Kansas and Chicago for feeders and stock cattle. When this is supplied animals are sacrificed, and perhaps cannot be sold at all, notwithstanding there may be many buyers living a few hundred miles from Kansas or Chicago who cannot make it convenient to go there, but could easily send an order to an exchange in Texas and buy on "grade" such as he might want and have them shipped direct to his home. All this can be done through commission men, and I am sure it could only result in great benefit to the Ranchmen of Texas.

Why don't you call a convention and have the matter fully discussed? C.

THE DEATH WATCH.

Hugh M. Brooks to Hang To-Morrow Unless the Governor Interferes.
St. Louis, Mo., July 11.—The usual death watch was set at 8 o'clock this morning over Hugh M. Brooks, alias Maxwell, and Henry Landman, who are under sentence to hang Friday. Three guards bayed the prisoners in special charge and will not lose sight of them for a moment until the execution takes place or the Governor interposes with clemency. Brooks spent most of the afternoon playing dominoes with his watchers, and was in pretty good spirits. Tonight word came from Jefferson City that his attorneys had finished their arguments for commutation of the sentence before the Governor this afternoon, and that that official will announce his decision at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. The prevailing notion is that Brooks will be reprieved for a brief time.

Storm in Kansas City.

KANSAS CITY, MO., July 9.—The most disastrous storm that has visited Kansas City for years raged from 9 o'clock last night until 12. During the height of the storm Eighteenth street for seven blocks became a turbulent river which flooded all houses to a depth of two feet, and at Twenty-third and Vine fifteen feet of culvert was inadequate to hold the immense volume of water, which backed up, carrying away two houses, the inmates of which were only rescued with the greatest difficulty. Those who saw the storm say it was undoubtedly a cloud burst. Reports of death and destruction are numerous but at this hour none of these have been verified. It is reported that a family of four named Williams was washed away and drowned, but so far no bodies have been recovered. The loss will aggregate \$19,000.

In Fisher County.

ROVY, TEX., July 7.—This county has of late been visited with fine rains. The farmers are quite jubilant over the present prospects for heavy corn and cotton crops. The wheat and oat crops have been garnered in, and it is said by the farmers of this county that the yield per acre far surpasses the yield ever before known in Fisher county. Truly the fertile valleys of the county will soon be occupied by the man with the hoe and the people will live and flourish and be sustained by the products of our own soil. We are informed by good authority that there will be mills and gins erected in the county with sufficient capacity to serve up and prepare for market the entire crop.

Judge J. W. Evans of Haskell was in town yesterday and gave us a valuable piece of information. He says that he has about an acre planted in castor beans which by the way is a very profitable crop. Last spring he noticed a large number of cotton worms on the castor bean plants just hatched which fed upon the plant and in a short time every one of them died. Lately the grasshoppers undertook to feed upon the same plant and as fast as they fed upon it they also died. If our farmers will plant these beans around their crops and a row occasionally in their cotton they will find it a grasshopper and worm exterminator. The beans will also kill prairie dogs.—Anson Western.

Iron Moulders Union.

St. Louis, Mo., July 11.—The eighth biennial session of the Iron Moulders Union of North America began at the Durids hall this morning. The main question to be considered will be the appointment of a committee to confer with the committee appointed by the Manufacturer's Association at its June meeting in Pittsburgh on the question of the wages to be paid moulders throughout the country. The only business done to day was the appointment of a committee on credentials. Other business committees were appointed. The convention then adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow.

It is a little funny that the Republican party, so pronounced in favor of appropriating money out of the United States Treasury for educational purposes, should select a candidate for presidency who opposed the passage of the Blair bill through the Senate. But Republicans don't care for a man's record.—Democrat.

It is announced that a German chemist has succeeded in making a first rate brandy out of sawdust. What chance will the prohibition movement now have, when a man can get a rip saw and go out and get drunk with a fence rail? What is the use of a prohibitory liquor law if a man can make brandy smashes out of the shingles of his roof, or if he can get delirium tremens by drinking the legs of his kitchen chair? You may shut an inebriate out of a gin shop and keep him away from a tavern but if he can get uproarious on boiled swidust and desiccated wood sawdust, any attempt at reform must necessarily be a failure.

The Chicago Herald believes that Congressman Mills deserves well of the republic. It pays him this just tribute: "The men who are here from Texas believe Mills to be a great man. They say his temper is peppy, but his heart, they declare, is large as an ox's, and thumps every day for the people. He fought up-hill all the way to the St. Louis convention, and since that event has labored no less steadfastly. Every move he has made has meant a lower levy of taxes. No good citizen ought to forget him. No taxpayer should refuse him encouragement."

You Can't Beat It.

We are reliably informed that from two measured acres of castor Mr. G. W. Tampley has just threshed 200 measured bushels and before it was threshed he had been feeding form it and there were five shocks which were not threshed out. We will wager our bait gourd that this record has not been beat and cannot be equalled by any farmer in any other county in Northwest Texas. When it comes to the production of grain, Jones county bears off the palm, with such easy grace that it makes her head swim.—Anson Western.

Terrell.

TERRELL, TEX., July 9.—Governor Ross has advertised for bids to build the additions to the North Texas Insane Asylum, which will be let as soon as the time for advertising expires, and work will begin as soon thereafter as possible. The North Texas Conference of the Ladies' Missionary Society closed their annual meeting Saturday. Their anniversary was held at the Methodist church last night. They meet next year at Jefferson Tex.

Can Out Run a Harrison Coon.

WASHINGTON, July 11.—The President received by express to-day a coop containing two little live foxes. They were the gift of Dr. F. out of Rolla, Mo., and cards attached to the coop informed the President that the animals were named Cleveland and Thurman. They looked as though they would easily out run a Harrison coon.

A little boy in one of the city German schools, while engaged in the delightful exercise of defining words a few days since, made a mistake. He said: "A demagogue is a vessel that holds beer, vice, gin whisky, or any other kind of intoxicating liquor." He was probably thinking of demijohn, but he hit the truth just the same.

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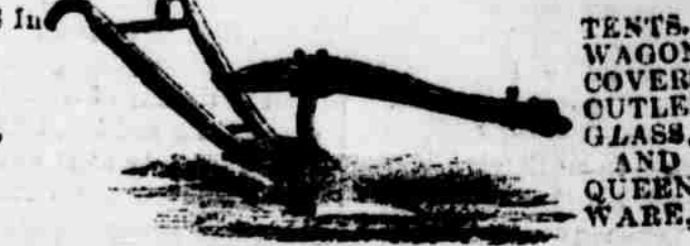
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Tonk came very near getting there in the convention. He says next year he will lecture for the office of delegate.

"Man" says Balya Lockwood "is a comprehensive term and embraces woman." We know that he does when he gets an opportunity.

Candidates are ripe and picking will commence early this month. Farm and Home.

Candidates are green out here and will not be ripe enough to pick before November.

Senator Ingalls says that if the Republican party does not win the fight this year, the historian can write its history and attach the word "finis" to the end of the volume, for it would no longer be an organization after another defeat.

WANTED—Immediately, if not sooner; or, if not then, sometime in the sweet season— a bridge over the Clear Fork on the Haskell road. [Albany News.

We are truly glad to see our neighbor stirring up his people on the bridge question for both Haskell and Shackelford would be greatly benefited by a bridge.

We would like to exchange with the editor of the Franklin News, we both have a sister and by swapping we would have a wife and helper in our office, too. What do you say McCutcheon?—Brownwood Reporter.

Say, there, can't you make that three handed? We haven't a real sister, but know of two or three girls (just as good looking as our sister could possibly be) who love us as a brother and we think that ought to entitle us to admission. One eats onions and the other pie, please say which you want. —Marshall Messenger.

The Jr. Editor of the Free Press is pining to be placed on the above exchange list for similar reasons to be Messenger.

By September 1st dirt will be flying on more than one Fort Worth railroad; and the flying will keep up until Fort Worth's territory for trade will have been extended several hundred miles. —[Gazette.

Will the Fort Worth Western be one of them? We need it in our business out here, and the immigrants that are coming this fall to locate in one of the best counties in Western Texas will want it in their business. [Throckmorton Times.

Yes, we also need the Fort Worth Western and knowing that whatever the Gazette and Fort Worth undertook would be sure of consumption, we have been eagerly listening for the rumble of the Fort Worth Western; shall we hear it?

A Brass Band for Haskell.

It has been suggested that Haskell should organize a brass band and we are of the opinion that it could be done with but little difficulty. There are several good band members here who would take part and a pride in building up a good band. The Anson band has a good teacher, who could be secured at a very reasonable price, in a few months, and we hope our people will take same action in the matter. There is nothing that would add more life to the town.

The FREE PRESS would be glad to see all the little petty differences and jealousies existing between the citizens of Haskell laid aside. Our town is a splendid up and prosper when its people are divided among themselves. Let us all come together and pull for Haskell as one man.

Mr. R. S. DeLong and family accompanied his brother home, and has not returned. He is spending a few days with him in Young County.

AN ADDRESS.

To the Farmers and Stock Growers of Taylor, Jones, Callahan, Fisher, Nolan, Haskell and Adjoining Counties.

We realize that the prosperity and future development of our country depends upon your efforts. We know that our towns and cities, and our country itself, cannot prosper unless with the aid of the farmer and stock grower. You have been favored with the most bountiful season, and your fields and pastures are producing all that could be hoped for, and plenty and contentment blesses our whole land. In a time like this, when every one is producing the best, a friendly comparison among neighbors and friends of what each has, results in great good to the country; it proves that many things you have not raised yourself can be produced, and you profit by it, that our people may get together at some convenient point and display their productions and exhibit their fine stock. We have prepared a suitable building in the city of Abilene for their productions and ample stables for their stock of all kinds, free of cost to exhibitors. We invite the people of Taylor, Jones, Callahan, Fisher, Nolan, Haskell, Runnels, Coleman and adjoining counties to a Fair in the city of Abilene on October 3d, 4th and 5th, 1888.

In addition to what we have said we will add that the friendly rivalry between yourselves and neighbors will undoubtedly result in great good to you all, and lead to the planting of all those things your neighbors have made a success of, and the improvement of your stock in those particulars that your neighbors may excel yours. The gathering of the people together at a pleasant season of the year will be attended with social pleasures. The exchange of views of so many farmers and fine stock raisers will result in great good to you all and profit to our country.

Before proceeding further we must say a word to the ladies: No movement has ever proven a success without your good wishes and assistance and we recognize this and beg of you to aid us. We know nothing about displaying articles so as to make them attractive and pleasing to the eye; we cannot make the thousand and one beautiful things that you make for the decoration of our homes and the use of our families. These articles both of beauty and usefulness, are so numerous that any list we may prepare will be of the most incomplete nature, but we especially request you to exhibit at the Fair every thing: As for part, we are desirous to contribute to the success of the Fair, but unfortunately we have nothing of our production to exhibit, but we wish in a measure to make up for this by offering a premium for some of those things that the producers of our country may exhibit.

We have prepared a complete list of things for exhibition as we could, and the premiums offered and the parties who will give the premiums follow the articles. We know that there are many things we have not enumerated in the list because we did not think of them, but we especially request everyone to exhibit EVERYTHING. By doing so the Fair will be a grand success, of immense benefit to the country and a source of pleasure and pride to everyone engaging in it. We know it is not the premiums you desire, but we have offered the little reward because we could do no better.

We will say to all those who may aid us by exhibiting at the Fair, and to those, too, who may attend it, that we will do all in our power to make the Fair a success, and we shall feel more than repaid if the occasion proves to be one of pleasure to you.

Messrs Barnett & Tally will do your photographing and guarantee satisfaction. They solicit you to call at their gallery where you can inspect some very artistic photos. Call on them whether you want work or not, you will be cordially invited.

CITIZENS OF ABILENE.

Mr. Bally Fields presented our office with one of the best melons we have seen this summer. It weighed 30 lbs. and was raised by Mr. Z. M. Marney, and was raised from seed Mr. Fields brought from Florida.

Haskell County Convention.

The voters of Haskell county held a lively convention Saturday to elect delegates to the state Senatorial, Congressional and Representative Conventions.

R. C. Lomax P. McGregor, (near Martin, G. R. Couch and S. H. Johnson, were elected to attend the Convention at Dallas. The Senatorial Convention will probably be held at Vernon and A. C. Foster, Ed. J. Hamner, H. R. Jones, R. H. Fassett and Alex Tucker were the delegates elected. J. S. Riddle, J. W. Evans, J. L. Jones, R. W. Barrett, and D. W. Fields were elected to the Representative Convention and P. D. Sanders, F. P. Morgan, R. C. Lomax, A. H. Tandy and S. Beavers to the Congressional which last will probably be at Baird. All the delegates elected to the State Convention and also the Senatorial say they will go, so Haskell will be well represented. Ed. J. Hamner was elected chairman of Dem. executive Committee for the next two years. F. McGregor, D. L. Smith, Wm. Ward and Geo. Mason compose the executive committee.

NEW USE FOR MUSTACHE.

If Carried in a Woman's Bodice it Will Inure Good Luck.

The latest notion in the hoodoo line is that the mustache of a man, carried within the bodice of a woman will insure good luck. Is the mustache detached from the face on which it grew? Why, of course. Otherwise the fetish would be easy to get and awful improper, says Clara Bell in the Cincinnati Enquirer. But to obtain a mustache all alone by itself is mighty hard. Fellows cultivate them so slowly, and reap the crop so rarely that a genuine mustache is separated from its lip is a sacred article. Once in a while a pretty girl may be able to coax an enamored chap to make a sacrifice of his hirsute treasure, but usually one must depend on a barber in which case you never know for certain that it is really a mustache, and not a partner of a side whisker or a goatee, or a cutting of an uncommon course soap lock. I know a maiden who obtained the desired mascot from a devoted bearded dude. He called on her again, and vowed he believed she had already thrown his mustache away. She produced it: "Seems to me it is bigger than it was" he remarked.

"Indeed it was a tiny little one when you gave it me" she shyly assented.

Is Consumption Incurable?

Read the following: Mr. C. H. Morrie, Newark, Ark., says: "Was down with abscesses of Lungs, and friends and physicians pronounced me an incurable Consumptive. Began taking Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, am now on my third bottle, and able to oversee the work on my farm. It is the best medicine ever made." Jesse Middlewert, Decatur, Ohio, says: "Had it not been for Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption I would have died of Lung Trouble. Was given up by the doctors. Am now in best of health." Try it, Sample bottles free at—Druggists.

Wit and Wisdom.

God waits long, but his hand. Pray to God, but pull to horse. Modesty is a maiden's necktie. Poverty is not a sin—but twice as bad. A bad peace is better than a good quarrel. Long are woman's locks; but short are woman's wits. Calumny is like a coal, if it does 'not burn it will cool. A mother's prayer has power to save from the bottom of the sea.

HASKELL COUNTY.

Its Advantages, Resources and Future Prospects.

In almost every neighborhood of the older states and the thickly settled portions 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 first 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 homes, 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 and indigenous to these "western wilds," that we are loaded with dynamite and shooting irons, that our conversations are collections of oaths words and Mulattoon 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 county.

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, 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 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 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 arid 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 1800 feet above the level of the sea; is in form of a square, embracing an area of 900 square miles, or 578,000 acres, of which 4-5 is arable or agricultural.

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 an easterly direction across the S. E. portion of the county; Paint creek heading near the west line of the county, and running east; Miller and Lakerocks heading near the center of the county, and running in a northealy 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 county, which can be obtained at a depth of from 15 to 40 feet. Free from mineral of any kind, it is nearly pure freestone 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.

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 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 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 opticon 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.

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 Panchandle, and through Haskell, and it is possible that the Chicago and Rock Island Railroad may yet build through Haskell.

PRICE OF LANDS.

High 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 north west.

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 porous and friable nature, when thoroughly plowed, readily drains to 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 these peculiar qualities of the soil that enables vegetation to withstand much drought 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 mequite 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.

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 Anson; which line also brings express freight, and proves very satisfactory to our people.

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.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

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We announce J. F. CUNNINGHAM,

of Jones county, as a candidate for

District Attorney of the 39th ju-

dicial district. Election Novem-

ber 6, 1888.

County Judge.

We announce W. B. STANDEFER

as a candidate for County Judge of

Haskell county. Election Novem-

ber 6, 1888.

Sheriff.

OSCAR MARTIN authorizes us to

announce him as a candidate for

County Judge of Haskell county.

Election November 6, 1888.

Sheriff.

We announce E. Y. HILDRETH

as a candidate for Sheriff and Tax

Collector of Haskell county. Elec-

tion November 6, 1888.

Sheriff and Tax Collector.

We announce W. B. ANTHONY as

a candidate for Sheriff and Tax

Collector of Haskell county. Elec-

tion November 6, 1888.

County Attorney.

We announce A. D. TUCKER as a

candidate for re-election to the

office of Sheriff and Tax Collector

of Haskell county. Election Nov-

ember 6, 1888.

Tax Assessor.

We announce D. F. WILLIAMSON

as a candidate for Tax Assessor of

Haskell county. Election Novem-

ber 6, 1888.

Tax Assessor.

We announce D. L. SMITH as a

candidate for Tax Assessor of Has-

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6, 1888.

Tax Assessor.

We announce E. ROBERTS as a

candidate for Tax Assessor of Has-

kell county. Election November

6, 1888.

LOCAL DOTS.

To him that hath shall be given

trouble.

W. P. Sebastian of Cisco was in

town this week.

W. C. Jones, and wife are on a

visit to their son J. L. Jones.

Ed J. Hamner has been spending

the week in the country.

The folks who want to the barbe-

cue at Anson look pretty sick.

Grandma Norris has returned

from a lengthy visit to Waco.

One of our young men (he stays

in a store) sleeps with a kitten.

Master Richard McGee has gone

to Buffalo Gap to see his best girl.

Capt. B. H. Dodson has returned

from a visit to Sherman.

We have got a book agent in

town now—watch your hen roosts.

Messrs Miller and Riddle are re-

peating the Court House dome.

The Western Cornet Band dis-

coursed some fine music at the Q.

He that believeth and worketh

also, shall be rewarded accordingly.

(Some profit)

Mr. Cannon, Misses Villa and

Bertie were visiting in town this

week.

Brisson is running the Free Press

this week, as neither of the Editors

have been heard from. Rais.

Mr. Frank McGregor went to

Albany this week to meet his

brother from Waco.

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West PINE STREET, ABILENE, TEXAS.

The Jr editor is laying for a Jones Co. dude with a gun.

Mr. Joy Barnett, and family of Callahan Co. are on a visit to Mr. Morgans.

All those who attended the barbeque at Anson speak of it as a grand success.

We notice a machine which looks like a "shadow catcher" on the streets.

As Dodson shot at whatever it was that disturbed his virtuous slumbers.

Several wagon loads of fine watermelons were sold on our streets this week.

Great excitement prevailed over a supposed find of silver ore on the double mountains. (L)

W. J. Sowell has theumps—but Lockney says they are nothing when you get use to them.

Geo. Posey, of the W cross ranch was perambulating our streets during this week.

Mrs Mary Eley, mother of Mrs. F. P. Morgan is visiting at Mr. Morgans this week.

Mr. N. C. Smith, left Tuesday for the O J ranch to build a house for Mr. Darling.

Mr. Caruthers of the northwest corner of the county killed a Mexican Lion with a club.

The Haskell String Band attended the —B Q at Anson to play for the Ball that night.

The barbeque at Anson was well attended by our county candidates—deadening the timber.

Let us combine with Benjamin and see if we cannot secure a mail route from Haskell to Benjamin.

Messrs Holt of Fisher and Tenneyson of Sweetwater were in town looking after some landed interests.

The boys were enlightened by the pleasant call of Miss Sarah Marr and Vanie Agnew at the Free Press office Thursday.

The people of Knox and Haskell should work together for a mail route between Haskell and Benjamin.

If Jack don't break the nails off of his benches, or patch my pants I am not going to sit around with him any more.

Mr. Geo. Posey of Benjamin was in the city Thursday. He says he is going to move back to Haskell, his old home.

Mr. C. W. Jones, has completed the pasture fence he was building for M. H. Gosssett, manager of the H 4 ranch.

One of our young men says his girl here give him the G. B.; he then tried his Anson girl and she did likewise.

We received the Benjamin Exchange Wednesday. Benjamin is 20 miles from Haskell and it takes mail ten days to get here.

Mr. Henaley who bought out R. B. Pearce of Miller creek purchased wire this week and will enclose a farm at once.

Whoever borroweth from his neighbor and returneth not according to promise shall be condemned. (Some profit)

Oscar Martin, Miss Millie Massey H. R. Jones, Miss Carrie Egrave, S. H. Johnson and Miss Mattie Preston attended the Q at Anson.

That who eateth of the melon "set up" to him and "setteth them not up" again shall be "spotted" by the Lord. (Some profit)

A slim man, with slender legs, come through town the other day and was about to be arrested for a tramp because he had no visible means of support.

Lee Smith and Prof. Christopher returned from the —B Q at Anson and speak in glorifying terms of Jones county and her splendid Q.

Miss Jessie May Taylor left last week for her home in Vienna La. she left many sorrowing friends who would be happy to welcome her back to Haskell.

Mr. J. J. Preston, has been quite sick but is now convalescing.

C. M. Darling of Stonewall is building a residence on his ranch and has employed N. C. Smith of our town to build it.

\$20,000 REWARD.—\$20,000 worth of trade a year will reward Shackleford county for a bridge over the Clear Fork on the Haskell road.

H. E. Martin came through town Wednesday taking two very fine mares to Albany, Mr. Darling had sold the mares to some one at that place.

News has just reached us of a horrible accident—for want of space we are compelled to lay the article will appear in next week's issue.

Be careful about advertising your letters to the "County Judge" some of the candidates for that office are sporting communications so addressed. (L)

Oh! the talking, mild minded, good natured, pleasant, sociable, and hail fellow well met with every body, candidate how long O' Lord shall we be implicated.

Mr. F. E. Dockery for Red creek in the eastern part of the county purchased 5,000 lbs of wire. He will put in a pasture on Red creek this summer.

W. L. Covey returned last week from Wisc Co, where he went last Feb. to make a crop; he reports every thing on a boom where he has been.

In the convention on last Saturday there was a week effort to defeat the delegates favoring Temple Houston—but the convention set down on the scheme with the flattering out thud.

Mr. W. F. Wright, who has been with the Free Press for sometime has severed his connection with same. We are sorry to lose Mr. Wright, as he was a reliable energetic young man.

From the racket in the saloon Wednesday night Jack's Tiger must have got loose and got hold of several of the customers; Take down the Tiger and give tangle legs a fair chance.

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.

Mr. S. L. Brown of Anson has taken a case in the office and is now at work with the Free Press. Mr. Brown is an energetic young man, and in order to locate him we will pay some pretty girl to assist us by her sweet smiles.

W. W. Barber of Decatur called on the Free Press Wednesday. He speaks in flattering terms of our county and says Haskell is the best county he has seen since leaving Wisconsin. We allow a man the privilege of thinking his home county the best.

Ed. Willfong was in town Tuesday and spouting as loud as ever. Ed says he is afraid Jones will beat him for county att'y as some of his warmest friends have obligated themselves not to support a lawyer; and they can vote for Jones with out violating their obligations.

Mr. Stoyen Harvey has come back to Haskell and brought the chills with him. Speys says Haskell is good enough for him and he expects to remove to Haskell as the health of his family is not near as good in the east as here. They all soon or late return, it is only a matter of time and chills with them.

We have a curiosity to see the largest melon raised in Haskell county this year, and we will give the Free Press one year to the man (or woman either) who will bring us the largest between this and the 15th of September. Bring on the melons and we will register your name and the weight of the melon in a book kept for that purpose and at the expiration of the time set we will mail the Free Press one year to the winner. Now advertise the size of your melons and obtain your county paper one year for one melon.

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Adair & Clark

If you want any pictures enlarged or copied, go to Barnette Tally.

Capt. B. H. Dodson, has been down to Sherman to visit his many old friends.

Some parties coming up from Anson on the 15th met three couples this side of California creek who said they were going to Anson to the grand celebration, but their team had given out and they did not know whether they would get there or not. The little man of the party was leading the horses and the other two were pulling back. The two that were pulling remarked "if they had to pull a hard to be elected to a county office as they were pulling to be elected to matrimony" they would draw out of the race.

We have since heard they got there and when met remarked that the roads were good and the walking first class.

District Fair.

Elsewhere we publish a notice of a Fair to be held at Abilene for Jones Taylor and adjoining counties on the 3d 4th and 5th of October next. Liberal premiums will be given for corn, cotton, wheat, oats, barley, sorghum, vegetables of every kind, fruits and melons, and in fact everything that grows out of the ground. Premiums will be given also for fine stock.

We are glad to note the enterprise of the citizens of Abilene and hope that all of our farmers will exhibit something.

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Without public spirit locally among the citizens of a town there can be no permanent prosperity. Mutual jealousies should be laid aside and the good of the whole community be the first thought. It is that which develops the city from the town. Natural advantages are worth nothing if they are permitted to be dormant, while energy and public spirit will go a long way in making up the deficiency. The survival of the fittest is the rule of the present generation and the town without public spirit is by the uttering law of development bound to go under while its nearer neighbors reap its fruits.

—Es,

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The Tenure of the Office of District Judge as Declared by the State Constitution.

AUSTIN, TEX., June 25.—Following is an opinion by Attorney-General Hogg regarding the tenure of the office of district judge, concerning which numerous inquiries have been made:

AUSTIN, TEX., June 23, 1888.

Gov. L. S. Ross, Austin, Tex.

DEAR SIR:—The joint letter addressed to your excellency by Judges Norman G. Kittrell, Sam R. Frost, Eugene Williams and Aaron Rainey of the Twelfth, Thirteenth, Nineteenth and fortieth Judicial District respectively, stating that they were elected to their offices in November, 1888; that a question has arisen as to whether their terms are two or four years; and asking whether the Governor will order an election to be held in November next for judges in their several districts, has reached this Department from the hands of your private secretary with the request that an opinion be given by the Attorney-General upon the points involved therein.

The tenure of the office of District Judge as declared by the State Constitution is four years [Art. 5, Sec. 7.] Beginning with the regular November election under that constitution the judges chosen for the twenty-six original districts (including those of Judges Frost, Kittrell and Williams) were entitled to hold their respective positions for the full constitutional term. At each quadrennial election thereafter their regular successors have been elected. Next November election will complete the third full term of office of District Judge for these districts. All vacancies that have occurred therein have been supplied by the Governor as required by section 28, article 5 of the constitution.

The aforesaid three judges were first appointed under this provision, and were subsequently elected; and now the question is, for how long? They were appointed to fill "vacancies" and were elected either for the constitutional period of four years, or to fill the unexpired terms of their predecessors. In express language, the constitution by section 28, article 5, declares that "vacancies" in office of Judges in the District court shall be filled by the Governor until the "next succeeding general election," and by section 27, article 16 it says: "In all elections to fill vacancies of office in this state, it shall be to fill the unexpired term only."

What is meant by the expressions, "vacancies" and "unexpired term" as applied to the office of District Judge? There can be no technical or particular meaning by the word "vacancy" as used in the constitution. Usually it means unoccupied, empty, an office without an incumbent. A "vacancy" occurs when the Governor fails to appoint a judge in a district created by the Legislature when an appointment has been provided for; or by the death of an incumbent, as happened with Judge Frost's predecessor; or when an officer resigns, as did the predecessors of Judges Kittrell and Williams, or when the time for which the office can be legally held, as was the case with each of the three judges just named, at the first election after their appointments.

They were appointed to fill vacancies, and could only hold them until the next general election (in 1892), at which time their rights by virtue of their commissions expired. Elections followed, and for what purpose? To fill the unexpired terms only? As declared by said section 27. The question is, not altogether free from embarrassment for that to construe the word "vacancy" as applicable to an office already filled, even though by appointment, appears to be a contraction of terms. On this point, however, relief is given by the construction

himself when it requires "vacancies" to be filled until the next succeeding general election. It seems to regard the "vacancies" continuous notwithstanding the "other" is a temporary incumbent. This is also the case when a "vacancy" in the Supreme court has been filled by the Governor, as at the next general election thereafter the "vacancy" for the "unexpired term" shall be filled by qualified voters. Art. 5, sec. 2.]

By reading section 28, article 5, in connection with section 27, of article 16 of the constitution, referred to so frequently herein, very much the same language is observed, and certainly the identical meaning is derived therefrom, as appears in and results from the latter part of section 2, article 5, providing for filling "vacancies" in the Supreme court. Indeed this organic law seems to intend that the word "vacancy" as applied to the offices of Supreme and District Judges, shall be that period of regular constitutional term which the predecessor of the appointed incumbent failed to hold.

Viewing the constitution in all the lights produced by a careful investigation of the question involved the conclusion appears irrefragable and it is hereby held that elections should be ordered for Judges of the district courts of the said three district courts on the first Tuesday of next November.

For the reasons that the term of office of District Judge is four years that the Fortieth Judicial district was created just preceding the last general election, at which Judge Rainey was elected to his present position, he has a right to hold and cannot be deprived of his office until the general election two years from November next.

And your Excellency, out of profound consideration and with great respect, is so most respectfully advised.

Your obedient servant,
[Signed] Jas. S. Hogg,
Attorney General.

Murdered in Jail.

FAIRFIELD, TEX., July 9.—One of the most diabolical murders that ever darkened the annals of this county was perpetrated in our county yesterday morning just after daylight by Will Overstreet, a young man twenty years old, upon a negro boy about eighteen years old, by the name of John Payton. When your correspondent arrived at the jail, about 7 a. m., he found John Payton, the deceased, lying on his back with his arms across his breast in the corridor of the jail. The deceased was still in his night clothing, lying upon his bed, where he had slept the night before, partly covered with a blanket. His head presented a sickening appearance, covered with blood and brains. Overstreet did his work with an old front door of a heating stove, striking him in the forehead, it is thought while asleep, and beating his head almost to a jelly. The following is the evidence taken before the inquest trial:

J. M. Lynn, being sworn, stated: About sunrise this morning I was called by the defendant and asked to get Jim Self to come up to the jail, that the negro had been cursing him and that he had "done him up" I thought that he was joking and paid but little attention. The defendant said he was not joking. I then went up and got Self and went down. The defendant said that the negro had been cursing him; that he went to sleep last night and left him cursing him, and this morning when he woke up the negro asked the defendant if he wanted to whip him. We then went up to it. "After we went up in the jail Overstreet showed us a piece of a cast-iron stove door and said that he struck him dead with it."

M. J. Obilda being sworn said: I went down to jail with Constable Self this morning when he was sent for. I found Overstreet and the deceased in jail. The deceased was lying on a pallet on his back, partly covered, and his hands folded across his breast. I saw several gashes in the face and head of the deceased. I saw something that looked like brains coming out of the head of the deceased. The skull seemed to be broken. The wounds were ragged and seemed to have been made with a blunt instrument of some kind. The deceased's face was very bloody, and blood was running out from under his head on the floor. There

was no blood on the deceased's hands. I saw an blood on the bed clothing except under the deceased's head. I saw the blood on the wall of the room. When we entered the jail Overstreet said that he had killed the negro as long as he was going to. He said that the deceased wanted to drink out of his cup, and that they had fell out about it and had a row yesterday evening. Overstreet then said to Self: "They can't hurt me for killing him, can they?" I then asked Overstreet to show me what he killed the deceased with. He then showed me a piece of the side of a stove. I saw blood on one corner of it. It had the appearance of having been struck into the deceased's head. The blood was some three or four inches up on the piece of iron. This occurred in the county jail of Freestone county, Texas.

These were the only prisoners in jail, and no one knows how the murder was done but Overstreet. The opinion of all is that the defendant knocked his skull in while the deceased was asleep, as it does not show that he made a single struggle.

Overstreet will have an examining trial before Justice Hatcher on the 13th inst.

John Payton was put in jail last Tuesday for disturbing the peace. Overstreet was in jail for breaking into the store house of J. J. Stubbs in Wortham about a month ago.

GOSE TO WORK CISCO.

A Man Selling a Cure For All Ills and Jumping His Board Bills.

ALBANY, TEX., July 9.—C. H. Doliber a traveling specialist who has been stopping in Albany for several days last week and advertising a cure for all human ills by a small remedy belonging to himself, was approached on Friday by our sheriff, Mr. Herron, for occupation tax, which he refused to pay claiming that it was illegal and that he had already beaten a similar case. He was allowed a few minutes to think over it while the county attorney was being consulted and was found next at the depot trying to secure passage on an outgoing stock train. He was placed under arrest and as he had no money to pay the tax it was paid by several gentlemen here to prevent his going to jail. He remained peacefully and quietly pursuing his vocation among us until yesterday morning when he started at an early hour on a hack for Cisco. Having abstracted his baggage from the forstoring care of the house he was making his way out of town when the hack was met by one of the men who paid his fine, who asked a stay of proceedings and called for a return of the money lent the doctor. The landlord now put in an appearance and together they proceeded to divide what money, baggage and diplomas they could find, after which the distinguished specialist, late of East Sag, Mich., was allowed to pursue his way on foot to Cisco. The man is liable to deceive the unwary as he is of good manners and personal appearance and dresses well.

WACO.

The Efforts to Get Jim Newsom Out of the Penitentiary Meeting With Success.

WACO, TEX., July 11.—United States Deputy Marshal Jim Bull left for Tom Green county to day to bring the Waco Gray, the lone highwayman, now in Tom Green county jail. Jim Newsom the young man convicted of stage robbing in western Texas at the last term of federal court held here in Waco, and sentenced to ninety-nine years at hard labor in the penitentiary was dubbed the "Lone Highwayman." His counsel, Judge Leasing, has gotten a writ of error granted by Chief Justice L. Q. C. Lamar and feels confident he will on a hearing get Newsom out of the penitentiary. There was a great deal of sympathy here for Newsom at the time of his conviction. The testimony was very conflicting, and since the "Lone Highwayman" has made his appearance again in the west and in about the same region and answering to the description of the one who did the other robbery and committing his deeds in the same manner, Newsom's innocence is growing stronger in the minds of those who have taken an interest in the matter.

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Sheriff Harris has received the rope from the Sheriff of St. Louis with which Conrad Jackson will be hung on next Monday. Jackson is seemingly very unconcerned about the terrible fate that is to be meted out on him so soon. Testimony in the Jim Drake habeas corpus trial before Chief Justice Hart closed this evening. Council will argue the case tomorrow. There is much interest in the result of the trial.

By one of those unexpected turns of fortune which occur in Albany as often as anywhere, a man who but half a dozen years ago was a hod carrier has become comparatively wealthy. This change of financial circumstances has had the usual effect upon the ex-hod carrier's wife, who enjoys decorating her adipose form with what she supposes to be the latest styles. She has also, notwithstanding an utter disability to read, affected a fine literary taste, which she ostentatiously announces what ever possible. Calling upon a lady whom she has been trying to make herself acquainted with she picked up a book from the table, and, innocent of any knowledge that it was a copy of the bible, asked the loan of it for a little time, as "She had not the book in her library." The lady readily consented. After keeping it about a fortnight her visitor returned the volume with profuse thanks. "How did you like it?" was asked. "Very well, indeed; but I knew how it would turn out before I was half through. They got married after all."—Ex. We clip the above from the Throckmorton Times but are in ignorance as to which Albany it refers.

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