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## Directory

DISTRICT OFFICERS

Dist. Judge, Hon. J. V. ...  
Dist. Attorney, Hon. J. V. ...

COUNTY OFFICIALS

County Judge, H. G. ...  
County Attorney, S. ...  
County Clerk, H. G. ...  
County Treasurer, S. ...  
County Assessor, S. ...  
County Surveyor, S. ...  
County Sheriff, S. ...

COMMISSIONERS

Precinct No. 1, S. ...  
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Precinct No. 4, S. ...

PRECINCT

P. P. No. 1, J. M. Thompson, Constable

County Clerk, H. G. ...  
County Assessor, S. ...  
County Surveyor, S. ...  
County Sheriff, S. ...

Superintendent, S. ...  
S. ...

### ANCIENTS WERE MINERS.

Discovery of Prehistoric Dwellers in New Mexico.

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Dec. 25.—At present a government commission from the interior department to investigate a recent discovered ancient smelter exists no little interest among the miners and prospectors here. Old mines have been discovered in this place, and the process of the ancient smelting is not unknown. It is certain that their process and ours was not identical. Now and then stories of the discovery of prehistoric smelters have not been authenticated.

He brandishes his gun at a citizen of Carroll, Miss., and is killed.

CARROLL, Miss., Dec. 25.—A fatal tragedy occurred on the principal street in this town to-day, in which John ...

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### THE FASCINATING COWBOY.

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Who Broke the Heart of a Too Wealthy New York Maid.

Rose, N. Y., Dec. 24.—A fair, delicate young woman residing in Manhattan, Herkimer county, some time ago cast her bread upon the waters by advertising in a western paper for a husband. It was answered by a westerner who sent along a picture which appeared to be a handsome young man. One letter followed another and finally an engagement was reached and the wedding day fixed for last week.

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Mr. Frank Hoffman, a young man of Burlington, Ohio, states that he had been under the care of two prominent physicians, and used their treatment until he was not able to get around. They pronounced his case to be of emphysema and incurable. He was told to try Dr. King's New Discovery, coughs and colds and asthma. He found before he had used it, that he was much better; and is today enjoying himself and has no throat, lung, or chest trouble. We guarantee satisfaction. Price at A. P. McLain's drug store.

Between 500 and 600 reptiles are in the farm at present, and most of them are intended for this fall's slaughter. Only the larger ones are used, as they yield a greater amount of oil, skin and rattles than the smaller ones. Mr. Childs expects to harvest 800 ounces of oil this season and has made his price \$2 per ounce. Aside from the oil, he will have a handsome crop of rattles and tanned skins.

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FOR 1891

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### REAL ESTATE COLUMN.

#### PRICE OF LANDS

UNIMPROVED land is selling at \$3 to \$5 per acre in the country. Land within a radius of five miles of the town of Haskell is selling at \$5 to \$100 per acre. Town lots bring \$100 to \$1000.

Realty has made an advance of at least 100 percent in value on figures of Jan., 1889. A great deal has gone many times over and all realty has advanced 100 percent.

demand is growing daily. 250,000 acres of land in this county has changed hands in the last year. This is equal to nearly half the land in the county. The demand for land is growing and recent investors will be able to put their lands on the market this summer at handsome profits.

WHEN your friend writes for a description of Haskell county, buy a FREE PAPER and mail to him. I will tell him more than you could tell in a week on paper.

See 4th page for description of Haskell County.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 28.—Dr. M. A. Dauphin, a native of Alsace-Lorraine, for twenty years president of the Louisiana lottery company, died at his residence in this city this afternoon, aged fifty-three years.

No COMMUNITY of people that permits its worst criminals to come out of the court house scot free can escape the natural consequences of this weakness. There is always a penalty to be paid by somebody. The community that fails to make the criminal pay it must pay it for him. It must pay it over and over again. Enforce the law.—Dallas News.

The National Democrat which was established in Washington one year ago by Edmund Hudson, with the endorsement of many of the great leaders of the party, has entered upon its second year with a circulation of 40,000 copies each week. This is perhaps the largest circulation ever attained by a weekly newspaper during the first year of its existence. The National Democrat occupies a field of its own and one that too long remained unfilled. It gives a complete record of political information, including the most important speeches that are delivered by Democratic leaders in Congress and on the stump. It is rendering the party an important service, and should be read by all who wish to keep fully informed in regard to public affairs and who mean to defeat the wicked scheme of the Republican leaders to secure permanent control of the Government, in spite of the fact that they are, and must remain, the minority party in this country.

WITH this issue the FREE PRESS begins her sixth volume, trusting that the year 1891 will show that progress in the development of Haskell county that each of the five years preceding have shown. We are enjoying the most liberal patronage, we have had heretofore and feel encouraged to make new resolutions and redouble our energy in the effort to give Haskell a paper worthy of the people and

proclaim the resources of this great land to the oppressed of the east and north.

We shall continue to discuss all public questions from the stand point of right, and not for the sake of any man or set of men will we pursue a course not justified by our own conscience.

It often becomes the painful duty of the editor to discuss some men's conduct in public, or to denounce some evil institution, gotten up to deceive the unwary of their gain and incidentally dim their virtues by bad influences. This duty we propose to perform whether we are brought in contact with the meek coward or the bloated bully.

In order that our efforts may bear good fruit we ask those who aspire to parade the avenues of fame or the narrow halls of honor, those who have donned the imperial robe of christianity, to give us their inorsement when we are right and kind admonition when wrong.

We want to express our sincere thanks to our many patrons for their kind and generous contributions to continue to merit a continuation of the same.

#### That Third Party.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 25.—A special from Topeka, Kan. says Frank McGath of the executive council of the Farmers' Alliance, here which has been in session here for two or three days past, in an interview to day said the legislative committee of the National Alliance will meet in Washington some time in February. Thirty five states he said, will be represented at the meeting, and the third party movement will be one of the principal things to be acted upon. "This movement," said McGath, "will eventually embrace all labor organizations in the United States; in fact about all of them are committed to it now, except the 'Grange' and most of the Grangers are members of the Farmers Alliance. I can not say when the party will be organized but it will be done in proper time.

#### TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

Office of Comptroller of the Currency.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25, 1890.

WHEREAS, by satisfactory evidence presented to the undersigned it has been made to appear that "THE HASKELL NATIONAL BANK," in the town of Haskell in the county of Haskell and State of Texas, has complied with all the provisions of the Statutes of the United States, required to be complied with before an association shall be authorized to commence the business of Banking:

NOW THEREFORE, I, Edward S. Lacey, Comptroller of the currency, do hereby certify that "THE HASKELL NATIONAL BANK," in the town of Haskell in the County of Haskell, and state of Texas, is authorized to commence the business of Banking as provided in Section Fifty-one hundred and sixty-nine of the Revised Statutes of the United States.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, witness my hand and Seal of office this 25th day of November 1890.

E. S. LACEY,  
Comptroller of the Currency.

No. 4474.

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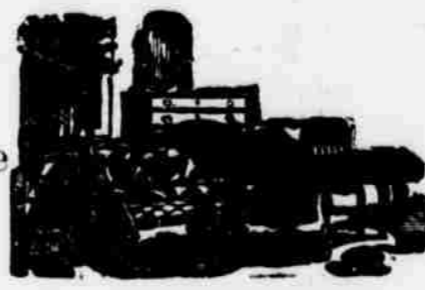
AUSTIN, Texas, June 23, 1887.

Mr. A. K. Hawkes: Dear Sir, I have used your Eye Glasses for years, and they have protected my eyes from the sun and the glare of the street, and I feel that I can see with astonishing clearness. I have seen many eyes fitted and the anted at the store of W. K. Haskell, Texas.

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#### FOSTER'S FORECASTS.

A Southern Storm with Colder Weather to Wind Up the Old Year.

Increase of Rainfall and better Crops for Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado and South Dakota Predicted.

St. JOSEPH, Mo., Dec. 26.—The last storm wave was predicted to leave the Pacific coast about the 21st, cross the continent in about five days and reach the Atlantic coast about the 25th. The next storm wave will be due to leave the Pacific coast about the 27th, cross the east slope of the Rockies the 28th, the Mississippi valley from 28th to 30th, and reach the Atlantic coast about the 31st. It is expected to be a Southern storm with very much colder weather in the northwest following it than has occurred for several weeks. This storm is not expected to be as severe as the two that preceded it. Following it is expected to be some of the coldest weather of the winter in the northwest, but the cold will not remain long, and the first half of January will bring some very fine weather in the great valley. The winter will be more severe in the northwest. The generally warm weather in the West has verified my predictions, and cold weather continued may not be expected till after the middle of January, and the coldest weather of the winter will occur in February.

#### WEATHER AND SCIENCE NOTES.

KANSAS, Nebraska, Colorado and South Dakota may expect an increase of rainfall and better crops next year. If they will count back twelve, twenty four and thirty-five years they will strike general drought years, because they were the years next to and following the aphelion of Jupiter, or rather the dates, near which Jupiter crosses the sun's equator after passing aphelion. As the storm waves come across the Rockies about the headwaters of the Missouri they draw moisture from the Gulf of Mexico and the Atlantic ocean, or rather the high barometers on the gulf and Atlantic lift and drive the moisture toward the approaching storm waves. If the atmosphere is deep it will float that moisture to the Dakotas, and if very shallow it will be precipitated near the coast. Jupiter is the principal cause of these changes. That great planet has more than 1800 times larger surface than the earth, and his attraction is so great that he exerts a pull on the atmosphere of the earth, and draws it toward him, and the atmosphere is so drawn that it is condensed and rain falls. The earth, sun and planets are solid bodies and have grown from atoms, and atoms is the builder.

from the Southern states toward the Northwest. The increase of rainfall next July and August, the time when crops are made or ruined, will be greater in Southwestern Kansas and southeastern Colorado than in any other locality. The high lands of the Dakotas and Iowa will be benefited by a moderate increase of rainfall. We are now approaching a series of warmer winters and a better stage of water in the Missouri and Mississippi river for navigation. The theory of colder winters and an increase of drought in the Northwest will be forced to give way before the facts as the theory that the rain belt was moving west in Kansas had to give way this year.

A concise statement of my weather theories is this: North of latitude 30 the storm waves move eastward around the earth from west to east and never die or become dissipated. I know the periods of four of these storm waves and can give the dates approximately on which they will pass any meridian all around the earth. These storm waves sometimes become great storms and at other times they become almost extinct, but they continue to move eastward, sometimes faster, sometimes slower, but averaging about twenty five miles an hour. These four storm waves increase and decrease in force at the same time, although they are on an average, about 3400 miles apart, and the variation in their force is caused by the electrical influences of the sun, moon and planets. Those bodies are electro dynamos and throw an electric influence over their equators as do all electro dynamo machines, and when one of these bodies pass the plane of the equator of another and consequently through its electric belt every body of the solar system is electrically disturbed thereby because they are electrically connected. This disturbance increases the force of storms on the earth, sun and other planets at the same time as the moving force in these storm waves is electricity, which comes from the electric currents of the body to which they belong. Perihelion of the planets and perigee of the moon expands the earth's atmosphere; aphelion of the planets and apogee of the moon have opposite influence. From these influences occur all weather changes auroras, sun spots, tornadoes, earth quakes and unusual effects in the earth, atmosphere and sun. Earth quakes are caused by subterranean thunder just as it occurs among clouds. The earth, sun and planets are solid bodies and have grown from atoms, and atoms is the builder.

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Saturday, Jan. 3, 1891.

LOCAL DOTS.

My boots are full of sand. When around settling up don't forget your friend McLemore. Lady of Lyons' next week. Choice Candy cheap at Paris'...

Don't neglect to get your plow. We promise to sell plow the farmers of Haskell county as cheap as they can get it at the railroad. Sherrill Bros. & Co. R. E. Sherrill and lady Monday for Waco to see their...

1890. MERRY EXMAS.

To the People of Haskell and Haskell County:

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Fire! Fire! To whom it may concern: Express will hereafter be brought from Abilene to Haskell, at the following prices unless it be a bulky package: Everything under 25 lbs 25c...

But we will cure you if you will pay us. Our message is to the Weak, Nervous and Debilitated, who by early Evil Habits, or Later Indiscretion, have trifled away their vigor of Body, Mind and Manhood...

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 29.—Shortly before 1 o'clock this afternoon three men entered the Merchants' bank in South Chicago, covered the cashier with revolvers and robbed the bank of \$2800. They then jumped into a buggy and drove rapidly toward the city.

After a chase of seven miles the police captured two of the robbers at Fifth street and recovered \$100 of the stolen money. Several shots were exchanged between the police and the fleeing robbers, and one of the latter was seriously injured in the thigh.

A Youngster at Timpon Robs a Farmer in the Presence of Operators. TIMPON, Tex., Dec. 30.—A robbery was committed in Timpon last night in which Dan Stephenson, a farmer of Bear byou, was robbed of \$58 in silver by Clarence Flanigan, son of Gen. Webster Flanigan of Henderson and state candidate for governor.

ROOFING! GUM-ELASTIC ROOFING FELT costs only \$2.00 per 100 square feet. Makes a good roof for years, and anyone can put it on. Send stamp for sample and full particulars.

THE RAILROADS. Another invention of a Semi-Aerial Ship. Proposes to Take the Place of a Train of Cars.

The latest thing out in the way of rapid transit is the invention of a Colorado genius, and from the description it is a cross between the ordinary railroad and the Mount Carmel air ship scheme which is to be put to a practical test in a few days.

G. T. Greer informed a Review reporter yesterday that he, J. H. Sloan and another gentleman found the bones of two men over in the breaks in Brisco county last week. He says he found their bedding and camp equipage, which indicated that they had been dead perhaps several years.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE Haskell National Bank at Haskell, in the State of Texas, at the close of business, Dec. 19, 1890.

Table with columns: RESOURCES, LIABILITIES, and a total sum of \$4,189.50.

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Haskell County.

Her Resources, Advantages, Progress and Future Prospects.

Topography, Water, Soil, Products, Shipping Points, Railroads, Schools and Mail Facilities.

HASKELL county is situated in the southern part of the panhandle on the line of the one-hundredth Meridian west from Greenwich.

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.

Up to 1884 the soil had never been tilled 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 thousands 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 1880 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 began 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 county is an undulating plain with occasional creeks and branches. The timber on the prairie is 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.

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 unimpregnated by that of any section in the state for purity and temperature.

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,

two cabinet and wool shops, one cabinet yard two national banks, one barber shop, one drug store, one shoe shop, one mill, one saw mill, one livery stable, three doctors, 13 lawyers and land agents, two first class newspapers and job offices and two saloons, all doing a good business.

Indian corn, wheat, oats, barley, rye, durum corn, millet, sorghum, castor beans, flint 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 luxuriant in Haskell county soil, growing to fine size of superb quality. Besides the native grasses that grow on the prairies, sustaining large numbers of cattle, horses and sheep throughout the year, Colorado grass grows to great perfection and the hay made from this grass forms 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 bushels 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 10 to 12 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. Albany on the H. & T. C. 45 miles from Haskell on the south east, and Seymour on the W. V. east 45 miles on the northeast.

RAILROADS. There is one road being built from Seymour 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 Fort Worth to Haskell as 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 90 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 the Rock Island, and U. C. & N. F. propose to extend their lines.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS. Our school fund is perhaps the best of any county in the northwest. In addition to the amount received from the state, about \$7,500 per capita, our commissioners court have wisely executed a lease for 10 years of about 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 a daily mail service from Haskell to Abilene via Anson and a tri-weekly mail north to Benjamin and to Seymour on the Wichita valley railroad, these lines also carry express and passengers.

RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS. The religious and moral status of the people of Haskell county will compare favorably with that of any people. The Methodist, Baptist, Christian, 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 miles south of the center of Haskell county, on a beautiful table land, and is six years old and has a population of 800. 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 five 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. Two Millinery establishments one grain and mill. Also has two drug stores two hardware one furniture one notion one hotel and two restaurants, three blacksmith shops

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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 ignorant to these "western wilds," that we are loaded with dynamite and shooting irons, that our conversations are colloquialisms 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 advantage, that we have availed ourselves of the same educational privileges, that we have had the same certain plain 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.

We have a country 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 country where no malarial sickness ever occurs. We have a county 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.

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DIVORCE MAKER HUGHES. He is Arrested and Jailed on Complaint Filed by Pendleton.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—Lawyer William D. Hughes, who was arrested on Wednesday on the complaint of ex-Mayor Pendleton of Fort Worth for forgery, was released on \$5,000 bail this evening. Hughes was taken in a carriage to the residence of Judge Martin, 2317 Fifth avenue, where the bail bond was made out. Madeline Granger, residing at 37 West Forty-fifth street, became his surety.

HUGHES' ARREST. NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—Hughes, the lawyer who ran the bogus divorce mill on Broadway, was arrested late last night and locked up at police headquarters. Detective Rilly and Trauer found him hid-

ing at 685 Third avenue. To the police Hughes gave his occupation as that of a lawyer, aged forty-three. The street was made on a bench warrant issued by Judge Martin, on a complaint of ex-Mayor Pendleton of Fort Worth, Tex., one of his victims. No other arrests were made in connection with the bogus divorce concern last night, but it was intimated that Campbell and Buttner, Hughes' partners, would be arrested. Hughes spent his Christmas in jail, having been unable to procure bail until late this evening. Hughes declined to say anything about the bogus divorce business with which he is charged, but intently threatens to make startling exposures when he is arraigned to-morrow before Judge Martin in the general session. "There is more behind it than you guess," he says, "and I will show it up now. The warrant on which he was taken into custody charges him with forgery of the seal and the signature of the clerk of Cook county, Ill., to a fraudulent and bogus decree of divorce purporting to be granted to ex-Mayor William S. Pendleton of Fort Worth. Acting Superintendent Byrne refused to say whether any more arrests would be made in connection with the case.

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