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IN THE STRIP.

A Gang of Vigilantes in the Cimarron Country is Creating a Good Deal of Trouble.

TRINIDAD, COL., July 5.—For the past week or so a band of men, styling themselves vigilantes, have been riding up and down the Cimarron in the neutral strip and through Northern Texas, warning settlers to leave on penalty of their lives. For a long time there has been considerable cattle and horse stealing going on in this territory, and those who are now ordering the settlers to leave say they have organized to stop it. While they may be doing good in some respects they are not acting wisely in others. About three weeks ago a cowboy by the name of Bill Kade stole a horse from a man by the name of Pressley and came on to Clayton, where he managed to get on a tear and did a little shooting before leaving town. He was not heard from until the other day when it was learned that he had returned to the spot where the vigilantes caught him and rode off down the river. That was the last seen of Kade. The vigilantes say he got away from them, probably at

THE END OF A HOPE.

He no doubt deserved hanging as he is said to be one of the worst thieves in the country.

Last Wednesday night the band went to the house of one Frank Trimball, where they found Mrs. Trimball and his youngest brother, who was staying there, Frank being away on the round up. They ordered Mrs. Trimball and the boy to leave immediately, and said they would hang Frank if he ever returned. This so frightened Mrs. Trimball that she and the boy got a team ready and they started about day for Clayton. They arrived within a few miles of town, when one of the horses gave out and they would have been compelled to pass the night, which was fearfully dark and stormy, there on the open prairie, had not a man who was coming to town fortunately happened along and picked them up. Mrs. Trimball had sent her husband word of what had happened and on Friday he in company with another brother, came to town and

PURCHASED AMMUNITION.

They started back to investigate again. This morning they returned. Everything was quiet, they said, when they reached their old neighborhood, and no hostile demonstration was made against them. They claim to be innocent of all charges. They say that the self-constituted band of vigilantes is composed of some of the greatest cattle thieves in that country, and that they are frightening settlers away to get their cattle. The Trimballs say that the feeling against them is caused by a man named Maroules. He and Frank Trimball were both going to see the same girl, Miss Etta Welch. Three months ago she and Frank were married, and ever since Maroules has been

MAKING TROUBLE FOR THEM.

There is going to be war in the strip before long, for the stealing of horses and cattle has gone so far that the honest settlers have determined not to stand it longer.

A band of men numbering about fifteen or twenty, for whom rewards are offered for various crimes, are now camped in the strip and they will make plenty of trouble for everybody.

Word has been received here that a number of Captain McMurray's Texas rangers under the authority of a United States Marshal were coming here and would go on to the strip to regulate matters and possibly break up the gang who are now carrying things with such a high hand.

THE VERDICT.

The London Times Comes Off Victorious in the Famous Suit for Libel Against It.

LONDON, July 5.—Among the letters read by Attorney O'Donnell in the Times suit was one from Egan in Paris, while he was treasurer of the League, dated February 18, in which he said: "Mr. Parnell is here. I have spoken to him about further advance to the fund. He has no objections. We have agreed that prompt action is called for."

Afterward Egan wrote: "Parnell accepts the offer made by 'B' (meaning Brennan.) Next was a most significant letter dated Oct. 18, written after Mr. Parnell's arrest by Mr. Egan in Paris, to James Carrick in Dublin. He said: "I have by post sent 'M' (meaning Mullet, who was afterwards sentenced to penal servitude for connection with the Phoenix park murders) £200. He will give you what you want. When will you undertake to get the work done? Give us value for our money."

THE READING OF THIS CAUSED A SENSATION IN THE COURT.

Letters were then produced which showed that Egan supported Carrick from his seat in the municipal conference of Dublin, and another not alleged to be in Mr. Parnell's handwriting, and smuggled from Kilmalsham, addressed to Mr. Egan, says: "What are those fellows waiting for. Inaction is inexpedient. Our best men are in prison. Nothing has been done. And this hesitancy. Make it hot for old Foster."

Further proof tended to show that Mr. Parnell assisted Mr. Byrne to escape, and that after the moral guilt of Sheridan, Egan and others had become obvious to everybody the leaders of the league maintained communication with them and received money from them.

The Attorney-General then proceeded to read a passage from the "Parnellism and Orism" articles. O'Donnell's counsel objected to the selected character of the quotations. The Chief Justice remarked that the plaintiff had deliberately brought all this upon himself by saying that when leading persons in the league were spoken of he was spoken of, because he was associated with those persons. The plaintiff had only a shadow of a case before the jury, and had failed to appear in the witness box in the face of his counsel undertaking to produce him. In short he could not have done the Times greater service than by bringing action in the way he had brought it.

Attorney-General Webster continued his presentation of the case for the defense. In the course of his remarks he said no man was impelled to a greater extent than Mr. Parnell, yet O'Donnell was put forward to meet the Times' charges. Chief Justice Coleridge intimated that the plaintiff had presented no case to the Times. For answer Rugg, counsel for O'Donnell, said he thought the case might get to the jury on the note in which O'Donnell's name was mentioned.

The Chief Justice remarked: "Very well. You go on and take the responsibility."

Mr. Rugg then asked the court to give him half an hour for the purpose of consulting his client.

Mr. Rugg subsequently announced that he had decided to address the jury on two instances in which O'Donnell was named in the Times, articles and that all other charges embodied in the complaint would be abandoned.

UPON THE CONCLUSION OF REGG'S

address the Lord Chief Justice charged the jury. His charge was strong against O'Donnell. He said that if O'Donnell intended his letter to the Times to vindicate his character it was difficult to conceive a weaker protest.

The jury returned a verdict for the Times.

DONE WITH A GUN.

Another Bloody Tragedy Occurs in the Indian Territory—One Man Killed This Time.

FOUR SMITH, ARK., July 5.—News of another bloody tragedy in the Indian Territory has just reached here. Near Childers, Cherokee Nation, on Sunday last, a number of people were holding a prayer meeting at the residence of William Randall. During the progress of the meeting a strange white man and an Indian, Bill Holmans, with drawn pistols, entered the house of Joseph White and Shannon Foster, threatening to kill him because he had accused the Indian of cutting off his horse's tail. The white man commanded the Indian to shoot and both began firing, the women and children scattering in every direction. After firing several shots in the house they went into the yard and continued shooting, but finally left the terror-stricken assembly, no one being hurt. On Monday White and Foster were told that these two men were

GOING TO KILL THEM

and sure enough about dusk they appeared in front of White's house, but the two men escaped through the rear door, not being prepared for them. Tuesday at noon White and Foster were sitting in the yard with their shot-guns hanging, when the desperadoes again rode up and were promptly commanded to lay down their arms. The white man grasped his pistol, saying 'No. No man can make me lay down my gun,' but before he could use it both White and Foster fired, killing him instantly. The Indian fled, White firing at him as he ran, wounding him severely in the back and head. The dead man is unknown. He went by the name of Sam Wells, and about a dozen other names. He told one party that he had just returned from Detroit, where

HE HAD SERVED A TERM;

had been sentenced by the United States court at Fort Smith. He had two Colts' revolvers, one forty-four, the other forty-five calibre, and two belts full of cartridges. He had in his pocket a deck of marked cards, 80 cents in money and a note for \$15 payable to John Lowery and signed by J. H. Aikin. He was a small man, young looking, with very light curly whiskers and hair. His hands were soft and complexion bleached showing the effects of confinement. After the killing, White and Foster sent for an officer and surrendered.

A day or two before the killing, Wells sent word to the Indian police Ellis, that he was hunting him, and if he found him would take off his uniform and pump him full of cartridges.

The following letter from G. W. Fulton relating to the proposed cattle exchange is printed in this week's issue of the Texas Stockman and Farmer. In reply to your request for my views in regard to the plan of Colonel Black for a cattle exchange, I would gladly say that independent of details, if the movement can be made to include a united effort on the part of Texas stockmen, Captain Black will deserve a monument during the rainy days of the cattle industry. Texas stockmen failed to see a necessity for concerted action, and their conventions are mere conventional meetings. The hard feelings of late years should by this time have convinced them that union and cooperation is essential to their success. Among the things the organized stockman is to be broken up by one, when a firm band of union would render them invulnerable. Will they see and do? I hope so.

IN COUNCIL.

Proceedings of the Convention of Democratic Clubs at Baltimore. Organization Perfected.

BALTIMORE, MD., July 5.—The national convention of the league of Democratic clubs met here yesterday. Charles Ogden of Nebraska, called the meeting to order and delivered an address. Ferdinand C. Latrobe, Mayor of Baltimore, delivered an address of welcome. Mr. Ogden nominated the following as temporary officers of the convention: Chairman, Hon. W. E. Russell, Massachusetts; secretary, D. K. Carvalho of Maryland.

Mr. Russell made a speech and the committees were then appointed. William Gorman of Washington, offered a resolution which was adopted by a rising vote, expressing the sympathy of the convention for General Sheridan. The convention then adjourned until today.

The convention of Democratic clubs held its second session this morning at the Academy of Music. When the hour for opening arrived not more than 150 delegates were in their seats, but the lobbies and halls were filled.

The report of the committee on resolutions was presented by J. M. Galnhight of Kentucky. It indorses the St. Louis platform, approves the administration of President Cleveland and his tariff message, expresses joy at the prospect of the early passage of the Mills bill and points with pride to the record of Allen G. Thurman. The platform was adopted by acclamation amid a perfect storm of cheers.

Chairman Cofran of the committee on permanent organization, submitted his report which named Hon. John Winans of Wisconsin, for president. Mr. Winans' name was greeted with mighty cheers, and the report was adopted without discussion.

On taking the chair Mr. Winans briefly addressed the convention, returning thanks for the high honor conferred on him, and stating that the object of the gathering was to devise ways and means to defeat the enemy of our public institutions.

Hon. T. E. Tarney of Michigan, chairman of the committee on organization, made the report of that committee and submitted a constitution of the National Association of the Democratic Clubs. The plan proposed was for the selection of a president, one vice-president from each state and territory, one secretary and treasurer. The following names were recommended for officers of the association: President, Hon. Chauncy F. Black, Pennsylvania; secretary, Edward B. Whitney, New York; treasurer, George H. Lambert, New Jersey.

TERRITORY CORE.

One Indian and three Illinois Boys Under Twenty Years of Age Murdered.

WICHITA, KAN., July 7.—The murder on the Red Fork of the Arkansas river, in the Indian Territory is reported of Ed. Farley, P. Holliday and J. Marwood, all of Springfield, Ill. and all under twenty years of age. It seems that a few days ago they had missed some of their money and they accused an Indian half breed named Evans of having stolen it. The day following this Evans was found murdered in his cabin, and the three boys had disappeared. Evans' friends supposing he had been murdered by the boys stayed in pursuit, and coming up with them murdered them in the chalet which they were occupying. No trace of the gang has been discovered.

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Crops as far west as Big Springs are very fine.

Arkansas Pass is Nolan county's preference for deep water.

It is said that Cranfill will move the Waco advance to Dallas.

Bill Brooken has given bail at Vernon, and has been released from jail.

The San Angelo stage robber is now languishing behind the bars in that city.

A penurious man is always despised, come up and pay us what you owe us.

Keep your weather eye on western Texas. It is the garden spot of the world.

Frank T. Mitchell of Waco will be a candidate for Congress against Roger Q. Mills.

A white policeman of Texas has been warned to leave by a committee of negroes.

Texas rate of taxation for the next year challenges the admiration of the world.

The Dallas News is camping on the trail of Treasurer Lubbock, and says the old man must go.

Western Texas has had all the rain it needed in its business this year. The drought is a thing of the past.

If the good crops of this country will not act as an incentive to railroad building we are much mistaken.

The Taylor county convention instructed for S. W. T. Lanham for Congress, first, last, and all the time.

Our people should turn out and attend the big barbecue at Anson on July 17th. It will be a big thing.

John J. Mand, formerly of the Galveston News, is lying at the point of death, at his residence in that city.

The six shooter has very nearly emigrated from these parts. It has taken Horace Greely's advice and gone west.

Judge Edwin Hubby of Austin has been appointed to succeed Judge Malbie on the commissions of appeals.

The Texas indemnity claim is to be reopened and there is a probability of the state recovering about \$80,000, more.

The contract for a \$35,000, court house in Potter county, has been let to Martin, Byrne & Johnson of Colorado city.

Wichita Falls is to have a new paper soon. Two papers in a town of that size will be like two heads on the same body.

The house that Sam Houston occupied as a law office, in Lebanon Tenn., is still standing in a fair state of preservation.

An eclipse of the moon will occur on the night of July 22nd, at midnight. It will be more interesting than that of Jan. 28th.

The "great American Desert" as it was once called, is the small grain district of Texas. Time and civilization works wonders.

About fifty delegates were in attendance upon the great non-partisan convention at Fort Worth last week. It was a heavy gathering.

A \$60,000 opera house at El Paso collapsed and fell in on July 7th. Several people were injured, but no one was killed. The building will be almost a total loss.

Vernon is to have a street railway. It occurs to us that Colorado city once had something of the sort. We admire pluck and enterprise, but there is such a thing as going too far for the surrounding to catch up. Then comes disaster,

The Chicago Hotels gave \$30,000, to the Republican campaign fund. John Sherman thinks that Mr. Alger contributed more than that amount, while in Chicago.

Ben. Harrison was defeated for Governor of Indiana once by "Blue Jeans" Williams. In 1870 the election was held, and the vote stood: Williams \$18,164; Harrison, 208,080, Williams' majority, 5084.

C. J. Vouroux, an eccentric Frenchman, died at San Antonio on the 5th. During his lifetime he made for his own use an iron coffin, which up to the time of his death was a cherished piece of his parlor furniture. Unfortunately during his latter years, he acquired considerable flesh and at the time of his death the coffin was too small to accommodate the corpse, so Mr. Vouroux was buried in a wooden box after all.

The following nominations were made by the nonpartisan and united labor parties at Fort Worth last week.

For Governor—Evan Jones. President of the Farmers Alliance. Lieut. Governor—H. L. Broiles of Fort Worth.

Comptroller—C. W. Geers, of Denton.

Treasurer—J. M. McFadin, of Williamson.

Commissioner of Land office—J. P. Philpot, of Limestone.

Superintendent of public instruction—Ward Taylor, of Marion.

Attorney General—Wm. Chambers.

Chief Justice—J. C. Kirby, of Dallas.

Associates—T. L. Nugent, of Erath, and W. K. Homan, of Burleson.

Judges Court of Appeals—Hal. W. Greer of Jefferson, and Wm. H. Burkart, of Fort Bend.

The Waco Day says: Alack and alas! The Swamp Fox of Navarro is to be wounded in the house of his friends. The farmers, laborers and stockraisers of Texas, in convention at Fort Worth, are to repudiate Hon. Marston Martin for his candidate for governor and nominate that other hardy son of toil, Dr. Broiles, to the coveted place. Both are horny-tongued friends of the downtrodden, and have taught their eyes to weep crocodile tears over the woes of the crushed and crumpled workman, but the doctor has the advantage over the lawyer that he wears kid gloves and broadcloth and sports other outward tokens of true inwardness of his vast sympathy with the cause he has espoused. But Brother Marston Martin need not repine. He can still scoop in the prohibition vote, and when the ballots are counted in November he will lead his rival at least two to one—which is a consolation.

There is some talk of running Mary Ann for Congress, as he considers his prospects for gubernatorial honors at a very low ebb. Mary Ann will take anything within the gift of the people.

In announcing myself to the people of Haskell county for the office of county judge, through the columns of a journal in which I am interested as part owner, I think it most fair to my esteemed opponents that instead of haying the editor to give me a notice under cover, I publish a short notice over my own signature.

As the law as well as necessity requires certain qualification for county judge, I will present my qualifications first, and inform the people that I have been a diligent student of the law for the past five years, and have been engaged in an active practice for about four. I have made pleading and practice and the rules of evidence a specialty, a knowledge of which is indispensable on the bench.

In presenting myself for promotion from the unprofitable office of county attorney to the more remunerative office of county judge, I can not help feeling very grateful for the kind consideration the people have conferred, and should they see fit to elect me to the office to which I aspire, it will be my earnest endeavor to administer the law conscientiously and fearlessly, regardless of local prejudices and other considerations, and I will do everything in my power to reduce taxation to the minimum, which can only be done by making careful estimates of current and other liabilities of the county.

I have been a resident of Haskell county since November 1884, and have been thoroughly identified with the interests of Haskell county and her people, and invite an impartial investigation of my conduct as a citizen. Respectfully submitted,

OSCAR MARTIN.

HASKELL COUNTY.

Her 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 one word and Mulhaston 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 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.

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 576,000 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 Lake creeks heading near the center of the county, and running in a northerly 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.

Platform of the Party, Which was Also Endorsed by the United Labor Party. 1. That the national banks should be abolished and the bank notes retired from circulation, and in lieu thereof we demand that the government shall issue all money direct to people and that the government shall never charter another banking corporation. All money shall be a full legal tender and should be issued in sufficient quantities to meet the necessary demands of the people.

2. The means of communication and transportation should be owned and controlled by the people as in the United States postoffice, and equitable rates every where established.

3. No aliens should be allowed to own or hold real estate in this state or in the United States, and that all lands now held by foreign syndicates or individuals be alienated within five years to actual settlers by sale or otherwise, and that no further grants of public lands be made to corporations.

4. We demand that a constitutional amendment be submitted by the United States congress to the several state legislatures, making presidents, vice presidents, United States Senators, and postmasters elective by a vote of the people.

5. We favor the enactment of a national usury law.

6. We demand a free ballot box a fair count, and that tampering with the ballot box shall constitute one of the gravest of crimes.

7. We demand the immediate payment of the national debt at its face value.

8. We are in favor of free and unlimited coinage of silver.

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HASKELL COUNTY.

Her 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 one word and Mulhaston 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 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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Advertisement for Mark Twain, featuring a quote and information about a saddle and harness.

Advertisement for a loan service, offering \$80,000 to loan within the next sixty days.

Advertisement for Texas & Pacific Railway, highlighting the route between the East and West.

Advertisement for a ticket agent, providing information about travel routes and services.

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Saturday, July 14, 1888.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

District Attorney.

We announce J. F. CUNNINGHAM, of Jones county, as a candidate for District Attorney of the 89th judicial district. Election November 6, 1888.

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

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

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LOCAL DOTS.

Mr. E. A. Rose was in town Tuesday.

Mr. B. H. Ousley was in the city Monday.

Mr. M. Cartwright of Terrell arrived on the 6th inst.

Prof. Christopher has returned from Buffalo Gap.

Capt. W. E. Kayner has been in the city this week.

Mr. Sam Ervin has been in the city this week.

We call attention to Roberts and Mackeohney's ad this week.

Go to D. R. Gass to find best assortment of Virginia tobacco.

Mr. B. H. Dodson has had an awning built in front of his business house.

Mr. John Humphreys and Geo. Higham have been in town several days.

Messrs. Bent Cummings, J. A. Bally Ram Smith and others have returned from Jones county.

A large number of our people say they will attend the barbecue at Anson on the 17th inst.

Messrs. Cook, Wray, Dolman and other farmers of Stonewall have very fine crops of corn, cotton, sorghum and millet.

Judge Evans has returned from Abilene, where he had gone to see Mrs. Evans take the train for Ellis county, where she will remain for awhile with relatives.

A great many persons from Haskell attended the barbecue in Stonewall county, and pronounced it a grand affair. The Stonewall people know how to get up a barbecue and entertain visitors.

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Mr. S. C. Hammons and E. T. McDaniel won the race they made at Doublin on the fifth inst. The purse was \$1,000. They will be home on the 11 or 12th inst.

Capt. A. C. Cummings had his ankle hurt by a wagon running over him, and while he has had to use crutches, he is able to be on the streets, we hope he will soon recover.

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.

A few citizens responded to the call for a deep water convention, and organized with S. E. Johnson in the chair and R. H. Fassett as secretary. The house proceeded to elect R. H. Fassett as delegate to the Fort Worth convention, and Henry Sales as alternate.

In setting up a birth notice last issue the type changed J. M. Thompson to J. M. Sherman, so we now correct name and inform our readers that it is Uncle Jake Thompson who is blessed in his old age by the birth of a son.

Mr. Henry Post and Master Joliffe Ballard were in the city Thursday. Mr. Post says he has been quite sick from exposure to damp in a well he cleaned out the other day, but he has entirely recovered from the effects of the poison.

We have been informed by a personal friend of the gentleman, that Mr. John Humphreys is to be married to one of the belles of Stonewall county on the 3rd of August next. The friend would not disclose the lady's name. Mr. Humphreys' many friends will be glad to hear that he is going to desert the solitary state. From observations we have made, his friend is trying to follow suit, though he did not say so.

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We call attention to the announcement of Mr. A. D. Tucker for the office of sheriff and tax collector of Haskell county. Mr. Tucker has served the people as sheriff and tax collector for two terms, and is personally known by every man in the county to be an honest conscientious man, and we commend him to a careful consideration of the people, and assure them that in him they will find a man subordinate to the wishes of the people on public questions, and always conservative in his actions.

For the benefit of its readers, the Free Press gives the latest market reports this week:

- Wheat—rising. Corn—strong. Beef—unyielding. Blocks—irregular. Young men—unsteady. Old mules—declining. Thermometers—going up. Whisky—steadily going down. Money—close, but not quite close enough to reach.

News for Youth.

Mrs. Phoebe Chesley, Fairgrove, Clay Co., Iowa, tells the following remarkable story, the truth of which is vouched for by the residents of the town: "I am 78 years old, have been troubled with kidney complaint and lameness for many years; could not dress myself without help. Now I am free from all pain and sorrows, and am able to do all my own housework. I owe my thanks to Electric Bitters for having renewed my youth, and removed completely all disease and pain." Try a bottle, 50c, and \$1 at Druggists.

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Geo. Boyt and his half brother, Lisha Roberts, who live in this county, accidentally discovered that a Mr. Roberts who has been working for Mr. A. H. Tandy, was their brother, whom they lost sight of twelve years ago. The discovery was made by Messrs. B. M. Kigans and E. M. Standefor.

Mr. W. H. Morgan, merchant, Lake city, Fla., was taken with a severe cold, attended with a distressing cough and running into Consumption in its first stages. He tried many so-called popular cough remedies and steadily grew worse. Was reduced in flesh, had difficulty in breathing and was unable to sleep. Finally tried Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption and found immediate relief and after using about a half dozen bottles found himself well and has had no return of the disease. No other remedy can show so grand a record of cures as Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption Guaranteed to do just what is claimed for it.—Trial bottle free at Druggist.

Stonewall Barbecue.

The writer had the pleasure of attending the barbecue in Stonewall county last Wednesday, and he pronounces it one of the most complete affairs of its kind he has ever attended. At about 10 a. m. a large crowd had assembled under the capacious arbor, and the master of ceremonies, Oscar Martin, Esq., made a short address, extending on the part of the citizens a hearty welcome to all visitors.

Hon. J. F. Cunningham was introduced, and he made a short speech, in which he announced himself as a candidate for the office of District Attorney.

Judge Cunningham was followed by A. H. Kirby, Esq., who made an earnest appeal for the suffrage of the people, to whom he offered himself as a candidate for County Judge.

C. P. Woodruff, Esq., was introduced and announced himself as a candidate for County Judge, and in the course of his speech he laid down what would be his policy on local questions.

D. L. Flint, Esq., was introduced and in a short appropriate manner announced himself as a candidate for County Judge.

After Mr. Flint concluded his address, dinner was announced, and the people repaired to the capacious tables that graced under the heavy burden of the barbecued meats. Everybody ate until their sharpened appetites were appeased, but still many "baskets full remained." The crowd that was estimated to be about 300 souls, but there was enough for twice that number.

After dinner Mr. Vogel made a speech that excited considerable laughter. He hit the candidates heavy, but selected Mr. Ed M. Tyson as his choice for sheriff. It is unnecessary to add that Mr. Vogel sold all his melons immediately.

The speaking closed, and the young people immediately engaged in terpelocorian feats, and best time to the sweet strains of music furnished by Messrs. Lockett and Freay, until the sun had disappeared 'neath the western horizon. As dusk the young folks met at Mr. Bennett Wray's, where they tripped the light fantastic until the small hours.

The day passed off quietly and was a grand event in the history of the beautiful county of Stonewall.

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ere. Good men who have not been able to save up enough after the support of their families to move on to a section of land, and make a living on it while holding under the provisions of the late oath, these are good and useful citizens, who if allowed to buy a home and by keeping the interest paid promptly, hold without occupying until such time as they could conveniently improve and occupy the same, would soon have up enough to improve and make a happy home. Another class, the school teachers and other professional men, the young men who fill positions as clerks in stores, workshops and other stations where from their salary they could save up enough to meet the interest and very soon to commence improvements that would finally result in making them independent land holders. I would favor a law that would allow any citizen of Texas above the age of 18, male or female, to purchase one section of school, university or asylum lands on 40 years time 5 per cent. interest, but would make the sale a non transferable until occupied and paid out by the purchaser, except in the event of the death of purchaser, in which case the heirs should have the right to complete the contract or sell to some one who would obligate to do the same. I would require purchaser to make affidavit that he or she wants this land for a home for his or herself, and would plan such restrictions as would bar the speculator from acquiring any of these lands, except as a home for himself. With such a law our own people would have a chance to acquire homes, which would result in a landed population of our own Texas people in the near future, that would make ours one of the grandest and most prosperous sections of the world. Besides this it would increase our revenue for school purposes 50 cents in less than twelve months. These are my views on what I consider the most important questions in state legislation. I am very truly &c., A. F. H. H. TOLAN.

The above was not written for publication, but the gentleman to whom it is addressed has permission to have it published, and we publish it with the remark that we do not exactly concur with the author in his views on the land question. It is the best policy, in our opinion, to reserve the public lands for actual settlers only. This is the only way to keep the lands out of the hands of speculators.

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The Tariff the Only Issue.

There is but one issue in the present presidential contest, and that is whether the war tariff shall continue or whether it shall be modified so as to meet the just requirements of governmental revenue.

That there is an immense and constantly growing surplus in the treasury caused by onerous tariff and internal taxation, and that this is a very great evil, is admitted by every one not a Republican platform-maker.

That taxation must be reduced is also widely admitted. Probably nobody would say it is a good thing to pile up money in the United States Treasury, taken from the people, and kept out of the channels of trade.

Now, nobody would dream of any of these wild projects if after they were voted the money had to be raised to meet them.

Money is raised by the government by two different systems. One by customs duties, a certain rate of taxation being placed on importations.

The Democrats say that in reducing the surplus the custom house duties should be lowered a small percentage, and some of the taxes taken off of domestic tobacco.

The Republicans say that all the taxes should be removed from tobacco, and, rather than lowering the tariff duties at all, the taxes should be entirely taken from whisky.

tobacco rather than of lower priced clothing, fuel and necessities.

This is the plain and unmistakable issue of the present campaign. Cheap whisky means an increase of drunkenness. Cheap clothing means greater comfort for the poor.

ANXIOUS TO ADJOURN.

Republicans and Democrats on the Ways and Means Committee Agree to Wind Up the Tariff Debate.

WASHINGTON, July 5.—The prospects of a speedy termination of the present tariff discussion in the House is held out by the result of an informal conference between the Democrats and Republicans on the ways and means committee.

WASHINGTON, July 5.—The reported protest of Postmaster-General Dickinson against the extension of the civil service rules over the employes of the railway mail service has excited considerable interest in Washington, and numerous requests have been made for a copy of the letter.

WASHINGTON, July 5.—The following Texas pensions were issued to-day: Henry, H. Bassett, Taylor; Robt. R. Hooker, Egoris; Jos. Woods, Lamasco; Wm. H. Beard, Troy; Frank Sarch, Houston; John Guyre; Waskow; Win N. Jackson, Sherman.

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On August 5, 1882, Congress appropriated \$57,500 to pay the physicians who attended President Garfield in the long illness which preceded his death for services. By a bill introduced by Senator Voorhees to day it is proposed to give \$10,206 of this amount, which sum the bill states represents the unexpended portion of the appropriation, to Dr. D. W. Bliss as full payment for his services as the physician in charge of President Garfield's case.

A bill to make the manufacture, preparation and sale of adulterated articles of food, drink or medicine a misdemeanor punishable by a fine and imprisonment was introduced in the Senate to-day by Senator Wilson of Iowa. The bill provides that the fact that an article has been corrupted, debased or changed in its composition or strength by the introduction of any foreign substance shall constitute an adulteration whether the article shall have been rendered unwholesome or not.

THE ISSUE.

The House of Representatives Will Pass the Mills Tariff Bill Substantially as It Stands.

WASHINGTON, July 6.—The tariff bill is beginning to progress, now that the hot weather renders adjournment imperative, and the leaders have practically come to an understanding. No one now questions that the bill will stand at the end of the discussion substantially as now, the future amendments to be adopted being those agreed upon by the majority of the ways and means committee.

AT THE FRONT when needed. An instance occurred to-day that shook up some of the delinquents. Many of their number had retired from the House and others were asleep on the sofas and in the barber shops. The Republicans, to a considerable number, were on hand. Mr. Warner of Missouri offered an amendment to the bill increasing the duty on lead. The Republicans all voted for it—sixty-seven votes.

AUSTIN.

County Statistics—Acquits Herself Well. An Appointment.

AUSTIN, TEX, July 5.—Statistics of the following counties were received in Commissioner Foster's office to-day: Limestone, increase of population, 4000; Morris, increase 1800; Gillespie, 3100. Hardeman county in 1880 had forty-five souls; now 1500.

Commissioner Foster has gone to Dakota on a visit, leaving Miss Bettie Brewster in charge of the office of insurance, Statistics and History and the Agricultural Bureau. It must be said Miss Brewster acquits herself admirably in a position of such responsibility.

AUSTIN, TEX, July 4.—The Governor to-day received the resignation of Hon. T. L. Nugent, judge of the Twenty-ninth judicial district. Commissioner Foster's report for the year 1887 will soon be out and it will show the following: Receipts, \$23,723; expenses of office \$5234. The following shows the number of companies doing business in the state: Texas companies, 1; companies of other states, 41; foreign companies, 27; life insurance companies 11, guaranty insurance company 1; total number 81.

Texas Stockman and Farmer: We have carried the cattle exchange discussion far enough to ascertain that the representative stockmen believe it would prove a benefit to our live stock interests. So far so good. Now the way to see how much good it will do, is for 100 stockmen to subscribe \$100 each, then get together, elect officers and go to work.

Is the "probable resignation" of Commissioner Waldo at Denver on the 10th inst. an indication that he sees the handwriting on the wall? Does Mr. Waldo perceive that the Texas pool cannot live in defiance of law and popular opinion, and is he resolved to "go" before a Texas law makes it a felony to "stay"?

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