

The Haskell Free Press.

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 County Surveyor, W. R. Couch.
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HASKELL COUNTY PRIMARIES.

On last Monday the people of Haskell county met and held their primary elections.
 The convention of precinct No. 1 was called to order by Ed. J. Hamner Chairman of the county Democratic Executive committee. F. P. Morgan Esq. was elected temporary chairman and G. R. Couch Secy. and P. D. Sanders Esq. Asst. Secy. Motion carried unanimously that they hold their offices permanently. Motion carried that the chair appoint a committee of five on organization: The following gentlemen were appointed, Oscar Martin Esq. A. C. Foster Esq. S. W. Scott Esq. Dr. J. E. Lindsey and J. T. Bowman, whereupon the committee reported the following resolutions which were adopted.

"We the Democrats of precinct No. 1, Haskell county in convention assembled;
 Resolved: First, we pledge our selves anew to the constitutional doctrines and traditions of the Democratic party as enunciated by the platforms of the last national and state Democratic conventions. Second; we pledge ourselves to support the nominees of the Democratic party.
 Third; that all persons who are known Democrats and who possess the qualifications prescribed by the chairman of the state democratic executive committee in a letter to the Corsicana Observer and afterwards adopted at a meeting of the state democratic executive committee as a proper test of democracy, shall be allowed to participate in the convention provided they shall have first subscribed to these resolutions.
 Fourth; we favor the adoption and adherence to the two thirds rule in the state democratic convention."

The following gentlemen were put in nomination and elected delegates to the county convention, S. W. Scott, Oscar Martin, Dr. J. E. Lindsey, A. C. Foster, H. R. Jones, Capt. H. Donohoo and G. R. Couch.
 The following resolution introduced by Oscar Martin Esq. were adopted but met with some opposition:
 "Resolved: First; we endorse the present state administration. Second; we favor the proposed amendment to our state constitution providing for a railroad commission believing the same to be the most practical method of regulating railroad companies in a manner just to them and the people, and believing that a commission will prevent railroad wrecking and will place railroad property upon a firm financial basis, and make railroad investment inviting to capitalists, when assured they are operated for legitimate profit, and not used as a bases for fictitious bonds and watered stock, for speculative purposes in a foreign market.
 Third; we have unlimited faith in the Hon. J. S. Hogg and believe him to be a man who has the courage of his convictions, and we instructed our delegates to vote for his nomination for governor in the county convention. They are further instructed to vote for C. Culberson for attorney general W. B. Wortham for Treasurer and Jno D. McCall for comptroller."

The convention was interesting and conducted in good order, the anti submitting gracefully to the inevitable.
 IDELLA PRIMARIES.
 Idella Tex., July 14, 1890.
 Editor of the FREE PRESS.

In pursuance of a call by the chairman of the county Democratic executive committee a convention was held at Idella box precinct No. 1, July 14, 1890.
 The house was called to order by

A. P. Daugherty, and D. W. Fields was elected permanent chairman and J. H. Hicks Secy. The following named gentlemen were elected as delegates to the county convention, A. P. Daugherty, Z. M. Marcey J. C. Bohanan and Mess M. H. Lackey, Walter Wright and D. W. Fields alternates. The convention instructed for Hogg and commission also for Pendleton Lieut. Gov., Chas. Culberson Atty. Gen. They were instructed to cast their vote for Walter Scott as state delegate. Moved and carried that the majority rule and that our delegates be instructed to vote for same in state convention.

J. H. Hicks Sec.
PAINT CREEK PRIMARIES.
 Editor of the FREE PRESS.
 The following is a report of the primary convention in precinct No. 3: A. R. Davis was elected chairman and F. P. Parker secretary the object of the meeting being stated by the chairman the following proceeding were had. B. W. Lucas, A. R. Davis, F. P. Parker, L. P. Lackey and J. F. Adams were elected delegates. On motion the delegate were instructed to vote for J. D. Warren first, Dr. M. L. Haggard second, Capt. H. Donohoo third, choic as delegates to the district convention.
 The convention instructed for Hogg for governor, Pendleton for lieutenant Gov., H. E. McCollough treasurer, Culberson for Atty. general. O. H. Cooper superintendent of public instruction, Lanham for congress Dr. M. L. Haggard for state senator and Prof. J. D. Warren for representative.

F. P. Parker, Sec.
HON. L. N. TRAMMELL.
 Chairman of the Railroad Commission of the State of Georgia, to the Hon. T. Brown, Sherman, Tex., on the Subject of the Railroad Commission.

CHAIRMAN TRAMMELL'S LETTER.
 June 18, 1890.
 Hon. T. J. Brown, Sherman, Tex.:
 DEAR SIR—In reply to yours of the 3d inst., asking to be informed in reference to the workings, effects, influence, etc., of the railroad commission in this state, I give you the following statement of facts, without detail or elaboration.
 The railroad commission of this state was organized October 15, 1879. Its annual cost to the state is \$10,000; \$2500 of this sum being appropriated to each of the three commissioners, \$1500 to a secretary and 1000 to advertising, publishing and office expenses.
 A very large reduction in the charges made by railroads for freights and passengers, has been made since the organization of the commission in this state. To show this reduction I state that in 1879 the charge made for the transportation of passengers was five cents per mile, whilst the rate now charged is three cents per mile, and to show it in freights I submit the following table of rates in 1879 and in 1890, taking the Savannah division of the Central railroad as an example.

ARTICLES	1879	1890
Bacon	20	12
Flour	20	12
Grain	15	10
Cotton	10	7

Rate allowed by the railroad commission per 100 pounds:
 This immense reduction in charges for freight and passengers has

been accomplished without injury to the rail roads. They have prospered whilst the people have been benefited.
 The market value of the stocks of our most important railroads has been steadily increased.
 This is shown by the following comparative statement of the prices at which the stocks of the Central railroad and of the Georgia railroad and Banking company, the two most extensive railroad systems in this state in 1879, were selling in 1879 and are selling now:

Selling at in 1879	Selling at in 1890
Georgia R. R. stock 78	120
Central R. R. stock 79	121

Not only have the charges of railroads been reduced, and the value of their properties enhanced; but there has been an immense increase in their mileage since 1879. The records of this office show that for the five years previous to establishment of the commission in 1879, there were built in this state less than one hundred miles of railroad, showing an annual average of about twenty miles, and since 1879 to the present time there have been built in Georgia two thousand miles of railroad, making an average of two hundred miles per annum.

The sentiment of the people of Georgia toward a railroad commission can be determined by the following facts: All candidates for the office of governor in the past year; the members the the present legislature, without a known exception, the present candidate for governor, the candidate for congress and for the legislature at this time, who have been announced, have and are in favor of a railroad commission. In addition I may state that the press of the state and Farmers' Alliance favor a railroad commission, and that many organizations of the Alliance favor an increase of the power of the existing commission.
 The establishment of a railroad commission, with the proper powers to make joint rates for all connecting roads in your state would certainly result, in my judgement, in the building of many roads from trunk lines into sections that otherwise will never have the benefit of a railroad. This would follow, because the railroad commission, by the making and enforcing of a joint rate over the new roads (the new and the trunk line) to the commercial center of your state would be a guarantee against the exercise of unfriendly hindrances, and the establishment of such arbitrary rates by the trunk lines as to head off and crush out the new road and thereby making its construction impracticable.
 With such a joint rate, however, the new road would be able to reach your commercial cities with their shipments over the trunk line upon such just and reasonable terms as to insure their construction and make them paying roads. In the absence of such a regulation the new roads would be forced to build long and expensive through lines to reach the commercial thoroughfares at a cost so great, in many instances, as to entirely defeat their construction. Without such power vested somewhere to overcome the arbitrary rule of trunk lines, they may entirely prevent, by the means above alluded to, the building of roads in large sections of your country, and absolutely lock them up against all railroad facilities except as furnished by themselves upon their own terms. With such a regulation, however, and the enforcement of such a rate all sections of your state that are able to build a short road and connect it with any other road, can do so with the assurance given by the authority lodged in a commission of being

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For Justice of the Peace and County Commissioner, \$5.00

The announcement fee includes cost of printing name on ticket. The name of candidates for the several offices, will appear on the ticket in the order in which they announce.

Announcement Column.

We are Authorized to Announce the following gentlemen as candidates for the several offices mentioned below.

- DISTRICT OFFICERS. FOR JUDGE OF THE 26th JUDICIAL DIST. J. V. COCKRELL. FOR DIST. ATTY. 26th JUDICIAL DIST. J. N. CAMPBELL. COUNTY OFFICERS. FOR COUNTY JUDGE. H. G. MCCONNELL. FOR COUNTY ATTORNEY. S. H. WOOD. FOR COUNTY AND DISTRICT CLERK. J. L. JONES. C. D. LONG. FOR SHERIFF AND TAX COLLECTOR. W. B. ANTHONY. A. D. TUCKER. FOR TAX ASSESSOR. W. R. STANDEYER. W. J. SOWELL. (for re-election.) H. S. POST. S. W. VERNON. J. T. BOWMAN. S. BEVERA. D. M. WINN. FOR COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 1. W. A. WALKER. FOR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT NO. 1. W. A. WALKER.

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 \$1090.

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.

Land agents have sold all land they had from first hands, and the 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 PRESS 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.

The Knox county Sentinel came to our desk this week with a full description of Knox county and her prominent industries, the same is a credit to the Editor and people of his county.

The call for the primary convention published some time since failed to state for what office nominations were to be made, in

R. A. Mason.

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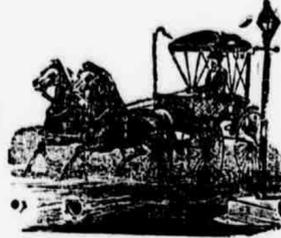
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the absence of which the Paint creek primary instructed for Senator when there will be no Senator elected until 1892.

The Paint creek primary convention instructed for O. H. Cooper for superintendent of public instruction. They should not have instructed for a man who has declared he was not a candidate and who has recently resigned that position for that of superintendent of the public schools of Galveston.

FORT WORTH is shaken from center to circumference by her Mayor's strange conduct. He has privately secured a fraudulent divorce in a Chicago court from his wife without her knowledge and has married another lady in New Orleans during his wife's absence on a visit to Tennessee. He is the Hon. W. S. Pendleton and brother of Geo. C. Pendleton, candidate for lieutenant governor. The news of his infidelity has prostrated his poor wife who has innocently live with him for nearly one year since the fraudulent decree was procured. A mass meeting of the citizens of Fort Worth have pass resolutions demanding his resignation as mayor.

THIEVES IN JONES COUNTY

It appears that there is a regularly organized band of horse thieves in Jones county. Nearly every day somebody comes in and reports that a fine horse or mule is missing and they can learn nothing of its whereabouts. If it is true that we have a band of these devils in our midst, the evil must be eradicated, even if it is necessary to resort to some neck-breaking in the effort. Jones county has too good a name abroad to now become the abiding place of thieves. If Huntsville has no terror for them, hemp should be used freely. Men who deprate upon the stock of a country are its greatest evil and the people must be protected.—Anson Western.

Hemp is very efficient and is the character of violence that these thieves would use in furtherance of their own nefarious enterprises, but is it not best for organized society that they be detected and punished by law? If these thieves knew that the people would assist their officers to enforce the law, and if they knew that no shifter criminal lawyer could excite a jury's admiration for shrewdness to the extent of causing them to exercise the executive power of pardon in the jury box on pretext of reasonable doubt, and knew that when proven guilty they would

have to serve five years in the "pen" and knew they would not be allowed to intimidate officers and witnesses, and knew that all he could say about a good officer could not induce the people to go back on him at the next election and elect some man that stood in with them or had not the courage to hunt them down, the law would be just as efficient as hemp. We believe in the law, let the law take its course. The reason thieves are so numerous, is, experience shows that under our judicial system irresponsible jurors are eligible to service and because the average juror does not know the functions of his office and thinks he is authorized to exercise all the powers of republican form of government and thinks that he is not responsible to any body for a mal administration of the law.

The criminal class of the country take advantage of this defect in our judicial system, and live off of the fruits of the labor of others, while they themselves enjoy all the protection of life and liberty, and property guaranteed to the most upright citizen thus taking advantage of the law abiding classes and too often by their deprivations exasperate communities into taking the law into their own hands. The thieves cannot be heard to complain if thus dealt with, for they regard not the law and hold the officers in contempt, and from a moral stand point are not entitled to the protection of the law; they so often disregard and hold in such supreme contempt. But when you license one class of citizens to use hemp, you license all, and such examples in the law abiding element has a tendency to develop all the latent rapacity in a community and bloodshed and a series of tragedies follow. This sentiment of the people to resort to mob violence is a reproach upon their own self government, brought about by lack of confidence in their own ability to enforce the law by legal methods.

It is a candid admission that the people in common are not capable of performing judicial functions and is an acknowledgement, that our jury law which give the defendant the advantage of selecting a jury by exercising twice the challenges allowed the state in felony cases is defective.

The effect of delayed justice increases crime, and weakens con-

fidence in the strength of the law.

It is a solemn duty of the local press to discuss such matters and educate the people upon this subject. In this age of progress the great body of the people look to them for all their general knowledge of the principles of government, and we must confess that the judicial function of our government are seldom discussed by the press, and is never touched upon by the clergy, who should do every thing in their power to awaken their congregations to their duty, to lend their aid in the enforcement, of those sacred precepts embodied in our laws and that pervade the whole body of our governmental policy. By such practical means the clergy could swell the columns of the army of God and add personal fame to their towering statues of good works. Let not the press shirk its duty by advocating expeditious remedies of questionable propriety.

The body of the good people owe a duty to their God, to their country, to themselves, to the founders of personal liberty, to give their support to the officers of the law who fearlessly discharge the trying duties of their office, and let no howling lawless or weak kneed element prey upon their pedicures by slanderous sophistries, and induce them to join their rank in opposition to faithful and fearless officers, who without the support of the good people from whom they derive their authority, can do nothing. Let the people come out boldly and express their sentiment for the law, and encourage their officers. Let them know you will protect them and assist when necessary, and crime will soon be reduced to the minimum. Country expressions in the presence of the criminal element encourages them in the commission of crime. Advocate the vendition of the law and its majesty, and hemp will not be necessary. A contrary policy multiplies the victims of hemp.

Specimen Cases.

S. H. Clifford, New Cassel, Wis., was troubled with Neuralgia and Rheumatism, his stomach was disordered, his liver was affected to an alarming degree, appetite fell away, and he was terrible reduced in flesh and strength. Three bottles of Electric Bitters cured him.

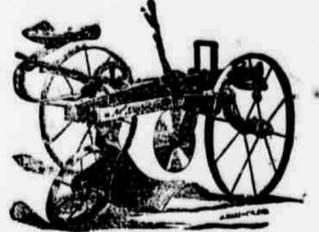
Edward Shepherd, Harrisburg, Ill., had a running sore on his leg of eight years' standing. Used three bottles Electric Bitters and seven boxes of Bucklen's Arnica Salve, and his leg is sound and well. John Spoker, Catawba, O., had five large Fever sores on his leg, doctors said he was incurable. One bottle Electric Bitters and one box Bucklen's Arnica Salve, cured him entirely. Sold by A. P. McLenore's Druggstore.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

Office of the Comptroller of the Currency.

WASHINGTON, June 4th, 1890. Whereas, by satisfactory evidence presented to the undersigned, it has been made to appear that "The First National Bank of Haskell" 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 First National Bank of Haskell" 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 I witness my hand and seal of office this 4th day of June 1890.

E. S. LACEY,

Comptroller of the Currency. No. 4333.

The Pulpit and the Stage.

Rev. F. M. Shront, Pastor United Brethren Church, Blue Mound, Kan., says: "I feel it my duty to tell what wondrous Dr. King's New Discovery has done for me. My lungs were badly diseased, and my parishioners thought I could live only a few weeks. I took five bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery and am sound and well, gaining 30 lbs. in weight."

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The Haskell National Bank organized on the 12th inst with fifty thousand dollars capital. M. S. Pierson president, H. G. McConnell vice president, A. C. Foster, 2nd vice president, S. H. Johnson cashier.

DIRECTORS.

A. C. Foster, J. L. Jones, S. H. Johnson, M. S. Pierson, H. G. McConnell, W. E. Johnson, J. G. Lowdon, cashier Abilene National Bank, E. W. Taylor president Merchants National Bank Fort Worth. The new bank will be ready for business just as soon as the red tape with the department

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at Washington D. C. is gone through with.

—Mr. J. C. Baldwin, of this place leaves here to-day for Haskell, in Haskell county, where he will locate for the purpose of practicing law. Mr. Baldwin is one of the best posted lawyers of his age in the state, is industrious and attentive to business, and will succeed wherever he goes. His ability as a lawyer and his untiring energy and attention will give him business where there is any business to do. He leaves a large and lucrative practice here. He has many friends in this county who regret to see him leave. The News wishes the success in his new home. — Bonham News.

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—Go to the saddle shop for bug-gie whips.
—A new and fancy line of boots at Johnson Bros.
—F. E. Turners is the place to buy your drugs.
—Odd Breeches at Johnson Bros.
—Douglass Taylor was in the city Tuesday.
—Hogg has 528 votes out of 612 votes selected.
—McLemore is still selling large quantities of dog poisons.
—For anything in the Drug line call on F. E. Turner.
—Lee Gragg was in from the range Tuesday.
—T. E. Ballard of Paint was in the city this week.
—When you want a good watch and chain call on Glover.
—We are determined to please our customers.
BECKNELL & MORROW.
—Anthony & Co's. is the place to buy your Groceries for cash.
—The largest line of ladies' shoes ever in Haskell at Johnson Bros.
—Lamps and Lanterns are cheap at Bass Bros. Abilene Texas.
—Hand Sewed \$5.00 shoes for \$2.50 and \$3.00 at Johnson Bros.
Odd Vests
—Miss Mollie Springer has been quite sick for several days.
—R. C. Lomax has returned from a business trip to Floyd county.
—We keep our table supplied with the best the market affords.
BECKNELL & MORROW.
—For Drugs Paints Oils Stationery Toilet Articles etc. to F. E. Turner's.
—Mr. W. P. Whitman made a business trip to Abilene this week.
—McLemore's is the place to get your paints, oils, and varnishes, he has a full line.
—M. S. Shook who has been quite sick for several days is now able to be up again.
—Go to J. F. Stroop's new Cash Store, south side of square for the cheapest goods in town.
—Miss Annie Cather of Brenham is visiting Misses Lizzie and Connie Killough of this city.
—We will have 15 cases Boots and Shoes to arrive to-day, please call and examine our stock and prices.
D. R. Gass & Co.
—J. W. Waters has returned to Marlin, and Mr. John Waters will leave in a few days for the same city.
—McLemore leads in the drug business in Haskell, and can save you money on anything you need in his line.
—Hon. W. M. Lindsey and daughter Miss Maggie, both of Kaufman are visiting the family of Dr. J. E. Lindsey.
—The largest stock of Wall Paper in the west at Bass Bros. Abilene Texas. Try them.
—The Abilene Dry Goods Co., Abilene Texas are now located in their new brick store next to Geo. Walene & Co's wholesale grocery.

Groceries! Groceries!

We are Still asking you to Spend your money Where you can get the most Goods: We have the Largest Stock and best Assortment of

GROceries

In the West and tell you in "Plain English," "We want your TRADE, we will not be UNDERSOLD."
Get our Prices we are here for BUSINESS, and Mean what we say.

COME AND SEE US AND BE CONVINCED WE ARE HEADQUARTERS.

J. M. RADFORD.

LEADER IN LOW PRICES,
"GROCERIES" "GROCERIES,"

ABILENE TEXAS.
"GROCERIES," "GROCERIES,"

N. PORTER, Abilene, Tex.,
—FOR—
CHEYENNE SADDLES, Prices \$17.00, \$20.00, \$25.00 and \$30.00
—Mess Frank & L. S. Long have begun construction of a business house on the east side of the square.
—Bob Dickerson was kicked by a horse the other day on the head and was badly, though, not dangerously hurt.
—Gentlemen, when you visit our house call for what you want, it is our pleasure to serve you.
Becknell & Morrow.
—F. E. Turner will save you money on any thing in the Drug line when in town call and examine his Stock.
—Rev. W. G. Caperton of Albany and Rev. J. C. Wingo of Abilene are conducting an interesting meeting at this place. These gentlemen are highly educated and it is a great treat to hear them.
—Gus Wilson, oriental and ornamental sign writer. All work is guaranteed to be satisfactory. If you wish any work of this kind give him a trial. 7-12-3t
—Messrs Nick Hudson, J. A. Baily, Wat Fitzgerald, Lige Roberts Jim Keller, S. Beavers and Will Owens have returned from the 8 ranch, whither they took 400 steers last week, sold to Mr. Lee of that ranch.

—N. PORTER, Abilene, Tex.,
—FOR—
SINGLE BUGGY HARNESS— \$10.00—\$12.00 and \$15.00. Full **NICKLE HARNESS** \$16.50 and \$18.00. Team Harness \$12—\$15—\$18—\$20—\$25.
—W. R. Hampton was in the city this week and says his corn was injured by the dry weather, but that he will make more than he can use and will have some to sell. Kill your Prairie Dogs, they destroy more grass than the cattle—you will find what you need to do the work at reasonable prices at Bass Bros. Abilene.
—Mrs. N. M. Martin accepted an invitation to dine with Mrs. W. R. Standefer Tuesday. She was highly entertained by Mrs. Standefer and Miss Cue and reported a pleasant time.
—The Alliance Association at Abilene are the only merchant in that city who will buy ALL the produce brought to them. We buy and ship and always pay the Top price. We also have a full line of Staple and Fancy Groceries at low prices.
J. M. REYNOLDS, B.M.

—Take your produce to the Alliance Store at Abilene Texas and exchange for Groceries.
tr **J. M. REYNOLDS, B. M.**
—Parties owing us will do us a great favor to pay their accounts at once as we are very much in need of money at present to pay our debts. **Anthony & Co.**
—Miss Carrie Whatton left this place Tuesday for her home in Logansport La. Miss Carrie made many friends while in Haskell.
—The little spell of dry weather hasn't stopped the building boom, there are four business houses going up at present.
—Messrs W. T. Hudson, A. H. Tandy, H. C. Dillahunty, T. J. Lemon, Lee Gragg, C. L. Gass, Will Black and John Gest have returned from Dundee where they went last week with 700 three and four-year-old steers, sold to T. B. Jones and 100 head of veal calves, shipped by Mr. W. T. Hudson to northern markets.
—Haskell and Albany hack line leaves Haskell Mondays and Tuesdays at 6 a. m., arrives at Albany at 8 p. m. Leaves Albany Tuesdays and Fridays at 6 a. m., and arrives at Haskell at 6 p. m. Passenger rates \$6.00 for round trip, \$3.50 for fare one way.
Yoe & Paris, Proprietors Haskell, Tex.
—Quite a crowd from town went out on Lake creek Sunday to attend camp meeting that is being conducted by Presiding Elder Wallace and brother Snow. The service was interesting, and had the effect of putting many to thinking. At dinner all visitors were shown unbounded hospitalities, and were made to feel welcome in the usual Haskell style. We learned that the meeting has continued all the week and that great good has been accomplished.

At Cost!
I will sell a nice line of Clothing at cost for the next 30 days.
J. F. STROOP, Haskell Tex.
Anti-Hogg Delegates.
The primary convention has elected Geo. Clark as a delegate to the county convention instructed for Hogg and commission and it is highly probable that he will be sent to the state convention. How can the Hogg men expect good work from him since he has done everything he could do against them. The Hogg men had better look out, or the convention will be full of anti-Hogg men and if a contest comes they won't do.

Lost:
—A drawer to a sewing machine please return to FREE PRESS Office and be rewarded. **W. R. Ellis.**
For Sale Cheap.
—A pair of good work horses. Inquire at Stroop's new store south side, where you can also buy goods cheaper than anywhere else.
—**STRAYED OR STOLEN.**
—Ode Light Sorrel, two-year-old horse branded F, on the left shoulder, White spot in forehead. Will pay a liberal reward for his return.
Dugg Paris.
NOTICE.
On the 3 of July we sold some one of our costumers, 1 sack meal, 1 sack flour, 25c salt, 5c nutmeg on credit and I failed to get their name, if the parties will report same to us, we will take it as a favor. Respt.
W. B. Anthony & Co.
The Abilene National Bank.
The directors of this prosperous financial institution held their semiannual meeting at the parlor of the bank, July 1st, 1890. The net earnings were over 10,000 for the six months, ending June 30th, 1890. These earnings, instead of being distributed to shareholders were passed to the surplus fund; thereby adding strength to the stability of the bank. The surplus fund of the bank will now read \$65,000. The increase in the business of this bank for the past two years has been unprecedented and marvelous. The deposits in that period have increased \$147,747.07. The daily totals are nearly one half million dollars, or, to be correct, \$468,422.87. With a management that is aggressive, progressive and conservative, this bank will endeavor to please its patrons and friends throughout the now famous Abilene country.

Fort Worth, Tex. July 8, 1890.
Editor of FREE PRESS.
Dear Sir:—We are erecting a large Packing House establishment for the purpose of supplying home consumption with the products which heretofore have been shipped into this State. It is a very substantial stone structure, situated near the ForWorth Union Stock Yards. It has a packing capacity of 500 head of hogs during the summer, and 1000 head during the winter, per day, and 50 tons of ice, and 50 tons of cooling capacity, per day, and refrigerator capacity of 100 head

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HASKELL county is situated in the southern part of the panhandle on the line of the one-hundredth Meridian west from Greenwich. It is 1500 feet above the sea, and has mild winters and summers. It is 30 miles square and contains 576,000 acres of land. It was created in 1858 from a part of Fannin and Milam counties, and named in honor of Charles Haskell, a young Tennessean, who fell at the massacre at Goliad in 1836.

It remained unsettled until 1874 when there was one or two ranches established. Other ranchmen followed and in 1880 the county could boast of 15 or 20 inhabitants. There was no further development until early in 1884, when the town of Haskell was laid off and by donating lots a few settlers were induced to build residences, and in January 1885 the county organized with a polled vote of 57 electors.

Up to 1884 the soil had never been turned by a plow, and the people depended upon raising cattle, sheep and horses as the natural grasses furnished food both winter and summer for immense herds. The poorer people made money by gathering many thousand tons of Buffalo bones and shipping them east to be made into fertilizers for use in the old states.

Experiments were made in 1885 with garden products, corn, oats, wheat, rye, barley and cotton and the yield was bountiful.

In 1886 and 1887 the entire west, from Dakota to Mexico suffered from seasons of unprecedented dryness, but the faith of the few farmers of Haskell county, kept green and in the fall of 1887 farming 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 acreage in farms have been increased to at least 20,000 acres.

TOPOGRAPHY.
The county is an undulating plain with occasional creeks and branches. It is bounded on the north by that picturesque stream the Salt Fork of the Brazos, and on the west by Double-Mountain Fork.

There are a few washes and gulches along the creeks and rivers, but with river breaks, rocks and poor land combined, their area in Haskell county would not average over 10,000 acres that would not be a fine agricultural land.

WATER.
It is traversed by numerous creeks and branches besides the rivers mentioned, some of which are fed by never failing springs of purest water.

Besides the numerous branches that afford water for stock all the time, the south half of the county is traversed by Paint and California creeks with their numerous tributaries draining the south half of the county.

The north half is traversed from Southwest to Northeast by Lake and Miller creeks whose tributaries furnish water and drainage for the same.

Besides the surface water there is an abundance to be obtained by digging from 15 to 40 feet, and all of a good quality, some of which is unsurpassed by that of any section in the state for purity and temperature.

SOIL.
The soil is an alluvial loam of great depth and fertility, varying in color from a red to a dark chocolate, and by reason of its porosity and friable nature, when thoroughly plowed, readily drinks in the rainfall and in dry seasons absorbs moisture from the atmosphere; and for the like reasons the soil readily drains itself of the surplus water, thereby preventing stagnation of the water and the baking of the soil, as well as the germination of miasma. It is those peculiar qualities of soil that enable vegetation to withstand all varieties of weather.

Except mesquite grubs and stumps, which are easily extracted, there are no obstructions to plow, and the land being level or generally rolling, and easily worked, the use of labor saving implements at once becomes pleasant and profitable. One man with machinery and a little hired help has been known to cultivate over 100 acres in grain and cotton.

PRODUCTS.
Indian corn, wheat, oats, barley, rye, durum corn, millet, sorghum, castor beans, field peas, peanuts pumpkins, and all the squash family, turnips and cotton are grown successfully and profitably. Also sweet potatoes do well, and Irish potatoes as well as anywhere in the South; Garden vegetables grow to perfection, and melons luxuriate in Haskell county soil, growing to fine size of superb quality. Besides the native grasses that grow on the prairies, sustaining large numbers of cattle, horses and sheep throughout the year, 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 80 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 6 cents; home made butter, sweet and delicious, usually sells at 25 cents per pound, chickens 15 to 25 cents each, and eggs 10 to 25 cents per dozen.

SHIPPING POINT.
As yet Haskell has no railroad, and our people do their principal shipping to and from Abilene, a town 60 miles south, in Taylor county, on the Texas and Pacific Railroad. There is also some shipping done to Albany, a town 45 miles southeast, on the Texas Central Railroad, but not so much as to Abilene, because of rougher wagon roads.

RAILROADS.
There is one road being built from Wichita Falls to this place and one to be built from Fort Worth. The Texas Central will have to extend in a short time from Albany or forfeit its charter, and Haskell is on the line as originally surveyed.

The land men of Austin have organized a company to build a road from that city to this section of the state where they control nearly all the land and one of the principal members owns 150,000 acres in this and Knox county, besides he owns the large addition to

the town of Haskell on the south. Haskell is 60 miles north of the T. & P. R. R. and 90 miles south of the Ft. W. & D. R. R. and is situated on the direct line of the cattle trail over which the Rock Island, and G. C. & S. F. propose to extend their lines.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.
Our school fund is perhaps the best of any county in the north-west. In addition to the amount received from the state, about \$5.50 per capita, our commissioners court have wisely executed a lease for 10 years of four 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 Dundee 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, Christians, Old School and Cumberland Presbyterians each have organized churches in the town of Haskell, and have preaching on Sundays, also preaching at other points in the county. We have a good Union Sunday School, and weekly prayer meeting that are well attended.

HASKELL.
The town of Haskell is the county site of, and is situated one and one-half mile south of the center of Haskell county, on a beautiful table land, and is six 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 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, one gin and mill. Also has two drug stores two hardware one furniture one notion one hotel and one all first class; two blacksmith shops; two cabinet and wood shops; one lumber yard one national bank, one barber shop; one silver smith shop one saddlery shop, one boot and shoe shop; one meat market; two livery stables; three doctors; 10 lawyers and land agents; one first class county newspaper and job office and only one saloon, all doing a good business. The town of Haskell with her natural advantages, of location, climate, good water and fertility of soil is destined in the near future to be the queen city of Northwest Texas, and railroad connection for Haskell is all that is needed to accomplish these.

ADVANTAGES AND RESOURCES.
In almost every neighborhood of the older states and the thickly settled portion of our own state there are many of its citizens who are contemplating a removal or a change of residence for many reasons. Some to restore lost health, some to make their beginning in the world, others to repair financial losses, others seeking safe and profitable investments of surplus capital. There are many others who have comfortable homes and are well contented, but who have children, whom they would like to provide with lands suitable for home, and assist to commence business in life, but can not do so with their present surroundings, and must seek cheaper lands and better opportunities in other and newer localities.

To such we would say you are just the people we want. Come and see us, and you will find a broad field of occupation and investment to choose from, with chances greatly in your favor. In coming to Haskell do not imagine we are a people wild and woolly

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We undoubtedly have the lowest price of any house in Texas.

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indigenous to these "western wilds," that we are loaded with dynamite and shooting irons, that our conversations are collections of cuss words and Mulhattan mixtures, but rather that we are a people reared among the same surroundings, that we have received, the benefit of the same advantage that we have availed ourselves of the same educational privileges, that we have had the same christian instructions you yourselves have had. Be enlightened by past experience. Fortunes have been made by the development of new countries, and fortunes are yet to be made in our new and equally as good country.

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 country well adapted to stock raising of all kinds. We have a country where no malarial sickness ever comes. We have a country of the best lands in Northwest Texas. We have an abundance of mesquite, elm and hackberry timber for firewood and fencing. We have the most substantial inland business town in the northwest. We have the greatest abundance of the purest water. We have a class of citizens as honest and industrious, as hospitable and good natured, as law abiding, patriotic and religious as can be found anywhere in the United States. We have plenty of room; and invite you and all who contemplate a change to come, all who want good and cheap lands. We have them, and want you for neighbors and friends.

Reader, please hand this to your friend.

Many Persons
Are broken down from overwork or household cares. Brown's Iron Bitters restores vitality, the system, aids digestion, cures the various ailments of life, and cures malaria. Get the genuine.

Non. L. N. Trammell.

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justly and fairly dealt with, which would, as I have said, insure the building of railroads into sections that are now without them.

One other reason, and probably the strongest one that can be given showing the necessity of a railroad commission, grows out of the fact that the stocks of railroads are now held largely for speculation, and not as an investment. If they were held as an investment it would be to the interest of those holding them to give to the country such a service as such rates as would add to the wealth and population of the country, which would, in return, remunerate the roads by the increase of travel and larger tonnage, as the natural results of increased population and wealth.

But when the stocks of the road are held as they now are; for speculative purposes alone, the holders have no interest in the future of the railroads, or in the future of the country which they traverse or in the people of that country. Their interest is in the reports and in the next dividends. As these are to govern and regulate the prices in which they look for advantageous sales and large profits, this state of affairs causes an irresistible demand by the holders of the stocks upon the officers who are managing the roads for favorable reports and large dividends, which can only be given by exacting such high rates of the patrons of the roads, and the country through which they pass, as to strip every industry and every interest that the road may touch of all profits, with most disastrous results to the country and to the people.

A railroad commission, clothed with proper authority, could prevent all this by the establishment of rates that would be just to the country and to the roads by disregarding these demands made by speculators in stocks, and prescribing and fixing a rate for the roads, by which the country would be developed, enriched and made populous. The stimulus that such a favorable rate would give to all pur-

suits and all industries would in return pay the roads, by reason of increased travel and a larger tonnage, more than they now make by the high rates upon their light travel and small tonnage.

In conclusion, permit me to state that I do not wish to be misunderstood as attributing all the prosperity of Georgia, and especially of her railroad interests, to the fact that she has a railroad commission. Georgia feels the impulse towards progress and development which stirs all her sister states, and is reaping some of the benefits of the general prosperity of the times. But I do honestly believe that the railroad commission has been a great factor in her prosperity, and shall be glad to know that the great state of Texas has organized a commission with the proper powers, and has placed the administration of those powers in proper hands. Yours respectfully,

L. N. TRAMMELL,
Chairman of the railroad commission of the state of Georgia.

THE RED MAN'S POLITICS.
Campaign for Governor in the Choctaw Nation—Indian Philosophy.

PARIS, Tex., July 9.—The campaign for governor in the Choctaw nation is warming up. There seems to be no issues particularly except the office. B. F. Smallwood is a candidate for re-election and is opposed by W. N. Jones. They are cousins and nephews of old Ben Leflore, the famous Choctaw chief. Jones claims to be a progressionist and favor individualizing lands and the fullest development of the country. Smallwood adheres to fundamental principles. The election comes off on the first Wednesday in August and the voting strength of the nation is about 3000, but it is not likely that many votes will be polled, as the Choctaw does not make as big a fool of himself about politics as the average Texan does. The noble red man does not bother about railroad commissions and frets about monopolies. He never bothers any trouble and when he is doing well he seems to know it, and if anybody is worried it is the other fellow.