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"We the jury find the defendant guilty as charged in the indictment, and assess his penalty at death therefor. L. W. Madarasz, foreman." Such were the words read by Deputy Clerk Manuel Yturri at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, in the district court room. Jim McCoy was the individual referred to. He was seated in a chair facing the jury when the verdict was read, and not even a quiver of his lips was perceptible. He received his doom with calm stoicism, and remarked to Deputy Sheriff Bob Alexander, who was sitting near him: "Well, I had rather be hanged than remain in jail six months longer. I am dying by inches, anyhow."

This verdict is the result of a two-days' trial which was stubbornly fought. The crime of which McCoy was convicted was the murder of Sheriff C. B. McKinney, of LaSalle county, at Twohig station on the afternoon of December 26, 1886. It will be remembered that on the day named Sheriff McKinney was enticed from Cotulla to Twohig by a message, Bud Crenshaw and Bud McCoy saying that a rape had been committed in the neighborhood and the sheriff's presence was needed. McKinney, accompanied by a faithful deputy named Edwards, boarded the southbound train at Cotulla and on their arrival at Twohig were met by Crenshaw and McCoy, who proffered the sheriff and deputy the use of their horses to ride to the house where the alleged rape had been committed. McKinney unmindful of harm, mounted the horse offered him, and while sitting on the horse inquiring about directions, Crenshaw pushed the muzzle of a Winchester under his chin and fired, the ball going up through the victim's head. The brave young sheriff fell to the ground dead, when Crenshaw jammed the weapon against his breast and fired again, the second bullet taking effect in the heart of the murdered officer. While Crenshaw was engaged in his bloody work McCoy, who was standing some distance from Edwards, fired at him, wounding the deputy in the shoulder. Edwards' horse took fright, and, becoming unmanageable, dashed off, or its rider would undoubtedly have been murdered also. Crenshaw and McCoy made their escape, the former being killed by state rangers a short time afterward while resisting arrest. McCoy beat around in the brush a few weeks and becoming sick and starved, went to Cotulla and gave himself up. His trial was brought to this county on a change of venue.

Arguments in the trial were concluded yesterday at 12 o'clock, and the jury after remaining out about four hours returned the verdict quoted. The members of the jury were: L. W. Madarasz, foreman; Ed. Code, John E. Young, Frank Ashley, Frank Heiden, C. J. Hatch, Edward Melcher, O. R. Broadway, Jas. Martin (colored), Peter Eisenlohr, H. B. Dallabite and C. W. Green. Just before they came down to the court room with their verdict one of the jurors sent this original verse to Sheriff Lewis:

We, the jury in the McCoy case, Have found his actions very base. We think that 'tis only just, When to us is given trust, No reason why we should abuse 'er bodies further with misuse; To waste our time in vain endeavor. The judge would say 'twas very clever— But not their guns went together, bang! bang!

Then why in h— should he not hang? 'Twill be a lesson in after time. To warn us from such crime. So should our lives be pure and true. Then will we exult in court to see 'er life or property or divorce. For law will surely have its force. As it did in this case.

VERNON.

Messrs. Eckford and Haltom gave notice of appeal immediately after the reading of the verdict. In view of the fact that the court of appeals now in session at Tyler will adjourn on Saturday for the summer vacation, McCoy will be compelled to lie in Bexar county jail until about October before his case can be passed upon. District Attorney Paschal thinks the verdict will be affirmed by the higher court despite the fact of the excessive brevity of the LaSalle county grand jury's indictment upon which McCoy was tried. The indictment simply recites that "Jim McCoy, late of the county of LaSalle, Texas, on the 26th of December, 1886, with force and arms, did then and there, with malice aforethought, kill C. B. McKinney, by then and there shooting him, the said C. B. McKinney, with a gun, against the peace and dignity of the state."

McCoy has been one of the most notorious desperadoes that has blighted the fair name of the southwest during the last ten or fifteen years. He was one of the most daring and heartless members of the Altita pen gang. Nobody but himself knows how many men he has murdered. He has successfully combated five murder trials, and he and his pals were confident of acquittal in this case. Three or four years ago he lost his right leg from a wound received in a street fight at Cotulla. It is a curious coincidence that the last criminal hung in San Antonio was a one-legged man—Chas. Word, a negro, whose neck was broken from a scaffold in Bexar county jail on July 21, 1882. Word was convicted of raping Dora Ellerman, who has since died.—San Antonio Express.

Panhandle.

PANHANDLE, TEX., June 27.—The full corps of county officers for Carson county, elected on the 12, were sworn in yesterday by Judge B. H. White and the people now rejoice that they can manage their own local affairs. The switch above the Santa Fe depot being left open night before last caused a considerable little smash up of an engine coming in with the local train.

The Santa Fe and Fort Worth and Denver roads now make close connections here both night and morning with their passenger trains. Quite a number of passengers get off at Panhandle every night.

There are quite a number of cattle now on the plains. Many are being shipped from here over the Southern Kansas road north.

New York Herald says: This is to be a campaign of brains. No vile malodorous, reeking barn yard personalities will have a place in the canvass—the Chicago convention settled that—but we are to have a square, candid, good natured discussion as to the best means of discussing business, starting up new mills, giving labor steadier work and fair wages, and making money in all the markets of the world. That kind of discussion will do us all good.

Democrats, therefore, should follow the Republican example and scatter all over the country facts, statistics, arguments, the strong speeches that have been delivered in Congress, on platforms, in churches, and do it by the ton, so that an intelligent people may get an intelligent idea of the situation and cast an intelligent ballot.

That is a very important work and the sooner it is begun the more decided will be the result.

A BOSTON INCIDENT.

Showing How Sometimes the Truth Will Out in Unexpected Ways. "Ma's up stairs changing her dress," said the freckled-faced little girl, tying her doll's bonnet strings and casting her eye about her for a tidy large enough to serve as a shawl for that double jointed young person. "Oh, your mother needn't dress for me," replied the female agent of the missionary society, taking a self-satisfied view of herself in the mirror. Run up and tell her to come down just as she is, in her every day clothes, and not to stand on ceremony."

"Oh, but she hasn't got on her every day clothes. Ma was all dressed up in her new brown silk, cause she expected Miss Dimmond to-day. Miss Dimmond always comes over here to show off her nice things, and ma don't intend to get left. When ma saw you coming she said, 'The dickens!' and I guess she was mad about something. Ma said if you saw her new dress she'd have to hear all about the poor heathen who don't have silk, and you'd ask her for money to buy hymn books to send 'em. Say, do the nigger ladies use hymn book leaves to do their hair up on and make it frizzy? Ma says she guesses that's all the good books 'em, if they ever get any books I wish my doll was a heathen."

"Why, you wicked little girl! what do you want of a heathen doll? Inquired the missionary lady, taking a mental inventory of the new things in the parlor to get material for a homily on worldly extravagance.

"So folks would send her lots of nice things to wear and feel sorry to have her going about naked. Then she'd have hair to friz and I want a doll with truly hair and eyes that roll up like Deacon Slider back when he says amen on Sunday. I ain't a wicked girl, either, 'cause Uncle Dick—you know Uncle Dick; he's been out west and swears awful and smokes in the house—he says I'm a holy terror and he hopes I'll be an angel pretty soon. Ma'll be down in a minute, so you needn't take off your cloak. She said she'd box my ears if I asked you to. Ma's putting on that dress she had on last year, cause she said she didn't want you to think she was able to give much this time, and she needed a new muff worse than the Queen of the Cannon Ball Islands needed religion. Uncle Dick says you oughter go to the Islands, cause you'd be safe there and the natifs'd be sorry they was such sinners anybody would send you to 'em. He says he never seen a heathen hungry enough to eat you 'less 'twas a blind one, and you'd set a blind pagan's teeth on edge so he'd never hanker after any more missionary. Uncle Dick's awful funny and d makes pa and ma die laughing sometimes."

"Your Uncle Richard is a bad depraved wretch, and ought to have remained out west, where his style is appreciated. He sets a horrid example for little girls like you."

"Oh, I think he's nice. He showed me how to slide down banisters and he's teaching me how to whistle when ma ain't around. That's a pretty cloak you've got, ain't it? Do you buy all your good clothes with missionary money? Ma says you do."

Just then freckled faced little girl's ma came into the parlor and kissed the missionary lady on the cheek, and said she was delighted to see her, and they proceeded to have a real sociable chat. The little girl's ma can't understand why a person who professes to be so charitable as the agent does should go right over to Miss Dimmond's and say such ill natured things as she did, and she thinks the missionary is a double-faced gossip.—Boston Globe.

THE TICKET.

The Republican ticket is Benjamin H. Harrison of Indiana for President and Levi P. Morton of N. Y. for Vice President. It is expected that Harrison will carry Indiana, and Morton is put on to try and pull New York into line. Harrison is known more as a lawyer than as a statesman, and Morton is known more as a man having a large pull on the money bags of the country than as either. The ticket is strong as any that could have been put in the field by the Republican party, and stands squarely upon the protective platform adopted by the convention. Harrison's record on the Chinese question will doubtless enable the democrats to carry enough of the Sloop states to elect Cleveland without Indiana, so that the fight is narrowed down to New York, and there it must be upon the tariff issue, Cleveland's message and the platform will, it is claimed, lose votes for the Democracy in New York outside the city, and gain votes for it in the city. Whether it will gain more or lose more remains to be seen, and upon this issue the election will turn.

MAD DOGS.

CHICAGO, ILL., June 25.—A dispatch from Wichita, Kan., says a startling state of affairs exists in Greenwood county from the fear of rabid dogs. A gentleman who arrived from there last night says the whole country is terrorized. Nine persons have been bitten and three have died after suffering most acute pain from hydrophobia. A mad dog went through the county about a month ago and bit a number of dogs and cattle and these appear to have affected the whole county. Two weeks ago a dog came into the yard of William Jones and bit Mr. Jones and two of his children. Wednesday one of the children died in great agony and the next day the father and other child followed. A mad stone has been circulated among the persons who have been bitten, and it is hoped that no other death will occur as these persons were all before the Jones family. A wholesale slaughter of canines is now going on.

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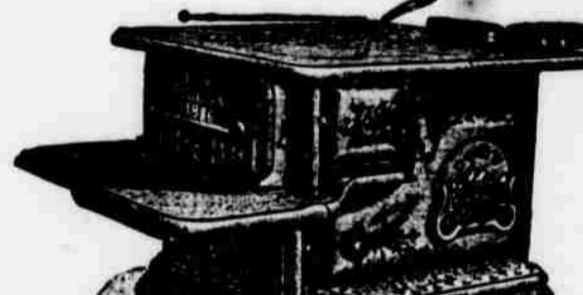
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SHERIDAN is recovering from his recent severe illness.

The first load of new wheat sold at McKinney last week at 70 cents.

The Methodist church at Albany was blown down during a storm two weeks ago.

EL PASO has forwarded a subscription of \$1200 to the Mexican food sufferers.

JOHNSON HARRISON is in duress vile, at Weatherford, on a charge of seduction.

H. GAMBA has been arrested at Waco on a charge of the illicit sale of liquor.

PLENTY of rain is reported from Knox county, and grass and crops are looking well.

Geo. G. Kelly of Marshall has purchased a half interest in the San Angelo Enterprise.

HON. ALLEN G. THURMAN has been invited to address the state convention which meets in Dallas on the second Tuesday in August.

A little child of Dr. W. C. Woody, of Albany, was poisoned last week by eating green paint, but by much effort its life was saved.

SENATOR SHERMAN comes out in an interview and charges that Alger secured his defeat by the purchase of southern negro delegates, at the Chicago convention.

A man by the name of Harrison, in Parker county, claims to be the oldest man in Texas. He says he is 104 years of age, and gets about like a spring chicken.

MARTHA POENER, a little girl aged nine years, was caught in the wheels of a threshing machine near San Antonio last week, and was so badly injured that death will ensue.

THE MORMONS have purchased 4,000,000 acres of land in the state of Chihuahua, Mexico, which they will colonize and then still further promulgate their damnable doctrines. The Mormons should go.

In Turkey when a man is caught in a lie, an official proceeds to paint that man's home a sombre black. If the practice was in vogue in this country, what a woe! appearance some houses would present just after an election.

Two robbers who were sleeping in a saloon at Millican on the night of June 30th, stole the saloon man's trunk, which contained \$400, and decamped. They were followed next day, overtaken, a fight ensued and both robbers were killed.

THE San Angelo stage robber last week mailed \$40 of his ill-gotten gains to a gentleman in Abilene, who paid his fine and kept him from going to jail, for some offense he had committed. This is a touching case of honesty in a thief.

A CHICAGO buffalo hunting expedition to this state, has captured fifteen grown buffalo and seven calves, which have been shipped to Garden City, Kansas. It is said this is the remnant of the last herd roaming at large on this continent.

The Southern Pacific railroad has just had an artesian well bored at Sierra Blanca, and at a depth of 950 feet, an abundance of excellent water was found, which came up within a few feet of the surface. This is regarded as a settlement of the water question for the country between the Pecos and El Paso.

A rattlesnake measuring thirteen inches around the largest part of the body, was killed by a Mexican near Waco last week. It was killed with a quirt and in the fight the Mexican was struck in the arm, but by a liberal application of "snake bite," his life was saved.

Take all the other tools in the world and condense them into one and he will be dwarfed by it. One up beside the one who thinks he could run a newspaper that would be universally admired.—Elgin Times.

Our California sharper recently defrauded an old farmer out of \$9,500. He was arrested, sentenced to one year's imprisonment and fined \$19,000. If his fine is not paid, his term of imprisonment will expire in 1911. By that time his morals will be greatly improved.

Seven prisoners confined in the Brownsville jail made their escape in an unique manner last week. They took a file and filed the bars of the cage, and with a bottle of vinegar they softened the plaster in the brick wall, and were thus enabled to soon breathe the sweet air of liberty.

THE Fort Worth Gazette strikes the keynote in the matter of protection when it says:

A handy definition of protection that the workingman may carry in his pocket, is this: Protection means getting a man's labor for the least possible wages, and increasing the cost of things necessary to the farthest possible limit, or shorter, cheap work and costly food and clothes.

"HALLELUJAH, for the Lord Our God, the Almighty, Reigneth," was the text, the New York Mail and Express put at the head of its columns on the day when it looked as if Depew might be nominated in Chicago. On the day after the nomination it should have had, "The Lord saveth and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord," but it didn't.

REPRESENTATIVE Henderson of Iowa says that Harrison is safe as the Democrats can not dig up anything against his record, whereupon, the Fort Worth Mail suggests that Mr. Henderson need feel no uneasiness on that score, as it will take more than the time between the present and the election to dig up anything in the way of a record that Mr. Harrison may have made.

Refrigerator Deal Closed.

The deal which was closed last night, and by which Fort Worth gets the refrigerator, is one of the most important transactions that has taken place in the history of the city. By it Fort Worth becomes the market and slaughtering place of 75,000 hives annually, the price of which, on the hoof will be from \$1,500,000 to \$2,000,000. The manufactured product of these hives is one English syndicate represented by Colonel Dabson binds itself to take; if refrigerated beef can be sold in other quarters, more cattle will be bought and slaughtered. This will bring cattlemen to Fort Worth to sell their cattle and purchase their supplies, making this city more than ever the headquarters for stockmen. In addition to this the refrigerator will give employment to a large number of men, and a great deal of money will be paid out every week in wages, to be spent among the merchants of Fort Worth.—Gazette.

The Drouth A Blessing.

The two years drouth has taught the people of Western Texas a lesson they really needed. For the first time since their residence here they have learned and are practicing economy. They are preserving more fruits and vegetables, harvesting with more pains and arduousness away more feed than ever before. They have learned they can keep four horses or four cows on what one has been heretofore allowed to waste, and that with little effort they can more than half feed and clothe their families from the garden, dairy and poultry yard. They will not hereafter spend all they make at the stores. Nor is the saving in money the only gain. People who have plenty of home edibles, fruits, vegetables, eggs, milk, butter and fowls, are healthier than those who live on the multifariously preserved stuff shipped into the country. Half the canned things bought at the stores are chemically preserved and the only wonder is that they do not poison outright more people. Then such meat, flour sugar and syrup the poorest people have been eating! If all this is changed the drouth will be a lasting blessing in disguise. Bosque Citizen.

The glorious 4th Celebrated.

HASKELL, TEX., July 6, 1888.

Editor Free Press:

At 10 o'clock a. m. on last Wednesday a large crowd had assembled at the barbecue grounds south of Haskell on the spring branch, and having been called to order by the master of ceremonies, Ed J. Hamner, Mas Cue Standefer was introduced, and proceeded to read that time-honored document, the Declaration of Independence. The reading was smooth and easy, and was done in a manner and with a voice that gave force to the instrument, and when concluded, loud and prolonged cheers rent the air.

P. D. Saunders, Esq., delivered the oration of the day, and in his speech referred to the progress we had made in politics, morality, science and the mechanical arts. Mr. S. J. Preston followed, and though not in the habit of speaking, passed some very eloquent encomiums upon our system of government.

Ed J. Hamner, Esq., followed Mr. Preston, and interspersed his appropriate oration with many interesting and amusing anecdotes.

It being in order the candidates were given an opportunity at the dear people. They spoke in the order in which they were called, Mr. Irvin, candidate for tax assessor, being the first to announce himself which he did in grand style.

Oscar Martin, Esq. was introduced by Mr. Hamner as a candidate for county judge and as Mr. Hamner put it incidentally, as a candidate for matrimony. Mr. Martin proceeded to announce himself for county judge, giving his platform in which he made a moderate appeal to the people for their suffrage. He then referred to the recent development of the country under our magnificent government, and was the only orator who referred to the part performed by the cowboy and the cattleman, in the development of the county and the preparation of the same for the man with the hoe, when he said "that they were the first to venture upon these plains with their herds, and that, too, when the condition of the country would not even permit them to bring their families, whom they left in the settled counties in the east. With no shelter except the starry heavens and a pair of blankets, they would follow their herds through rain and storm, night and day, and even in the winter when the cold winds of the north pole were blowing, they would make their lonely pillet on these bleak prairie, to be swept by the chilling winds."

He then started to retire, when Mr. Hamner reminded him that he had failed to announce his platform on matrimony, whereupon he was asked to be excused, stating that he would prefer to make the announcement to some lady privately.

Mr. W. R. Stauderfer was introduced, and announced himself as a candidate for county judge in a very pitiful speech.

He was followed by Judge J. W. Evans, who in a becoming manner announced himself as a candidate for county judge.

P. D. Saunders, Esq., was introduced as a candidate for county judge and also for matrimony. Mr. Saunders then proceeded in a becoming manner to offer himself to the people as a public servant. He, too, proceeded to lay down his platform on matrimony. He probably will be a very successful one.

Mr. W. J. Russell was called, whereupon he announced that he would like to be continued in the office of tax assessor.

After dinner Mr. McCall of Weatherford, was called, and responded in an eloquent speech suited to the occasion.

Mr. J. L. Jones was given an opportunity, and he took advantage of the occasion to announce for county clerk.

Mr. C. D. Long took the stand and made his aspirations known. He, too, announced for county clerk.

E. J. Willoughby, Esq., was introduced, and he proceeded to eulogize Haskell county and her people, and announced himself as a candidate for county attorney.

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 cuss words and Mulhatten mixtures, but rather that we are a people reared among the same surroundings, that we have received the benefit of the same advantages, that we have availed ourselves of the same educational privileges, that we have had the same christian instructions you yourselves have had. Be enlightened by past experience. Fortunes have been made by the development of new countries, and fortunes are yet to be made in our new and equally as good country.

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 578,000 acres, of which 4-5 is arable or agricultural.

WATER.

The water supply comes from the Double Mountain Fork of the Brazos river, in the western portion of the county; California creek entering the county from the south, then running an easterly direction across the S. E. portion of the county; Paint creek heading near the west line of the county, and running east; Miller and Lakercreeks heading near the center of the county, and running in a northealy course into Baylor county. The waters of these streams are pure and free from mineral or alkali.

Aside from the surface water furnished by these streams, we have the greatest abundance of the purest water all over our county, which can be obtained at a depth of from 15 to 40 feet. Free from mineral of any kind, it is nearly pure freestone water. Good lands and good water in abundance, form the basis and foundation for a prosperous farming country, second to none anywhere in the state.

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 these peculiar qualities of the soil that enables vegetation to withstand much drouth and wait for the coming of the rain. Crops will survive three or four weeks drouth without very serious injury—it is a six or eight weeks drouth in mid summer that blasts and ruins crops. Except mesquite grubs and stumps, which are easily extracted, there are no obstructions to plows, and the land being level or generally rolling, and easily worked, the use of labor saving implements at once becomes pleasant and profitable.

PRODUCTS.

Indian corn, wheat, oats, barley, rye, durah corn, millet, sorghum, castor beans, field peas, peanuts, pumpkins, and all the squash family, turnips and cotton are grown successfully and profitably. Also sweet potatoes do well, and Irish potatoes as well as anywhere in the South. Garden vegetables grow to perfection, and melons luxuriate in Haskell county soil, growing to fine size of superb quality. Besides the native grasses that grow on the prairies, sustaining large numbers of cattle, horses and sheep throughout the year, Johnson and Colorado grasses grow to great perfection and the hay made from these grasses form a valuable adjunct to the winter pasture, in keeping stock over winter.

YIELD AND PRICES OF FARM PRODUCTS.

The average yield of Indian corn per acre is about 30 bushels, and the price varies from 50 cents to \$1.25 per bushel; the wheat yield for the year '87—a dry year—ranged from 3 to 30 bushels—averaging between 15 and 18 bushels per acre, and sold in the home market for 90 cents to \$1.00 per bushel; oats yield 50 to 75 bushels per acre, and usually sell at 35 to 75 cents per bushel; cotton yields a half to three quarters of a bale per acre, but owing to the great distance to market its cultivation is not engaged in to a great extent. Other crops make good yields and command corresponding prices. Home made pork is usually worth 6 to 8 cents per pound; fresh beef 4 to 6 cents; home made butter, sweet and delicious, usually sells at 25 cents per pound; chickens 15 to 25 cents each, and eggs 10 to 25 cents per dozen.

SHIPPING POINT.

As yet Haskell has no railroad, and our people do their principal shipping to and from Abilene, a town 60 miles south, in Taylor county, on the Texas and Pacific Railroad. There is also some shipping done to Albany, a town 15 miles southeast, on the Texas Central Railroad, but not so much as to Abilene, because of rougher wagon roads.

RAILROAD PROSPECTS.

At present there is no prospect of a railroad building into Haskell in the immediate future. We expect to get an extension of the Texas Central Railroad from Albany to Haskell, but that road is in the hands of the U. S. Court, and not likely to be extended until it is discharged from the control of said court. We also think that the Fort Worth Western Railroad will build from Fort Worth westward through Haskell, and it is believed that the St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad will build southward through the Panhandle and through Haskell, and it is possible that the Chicago and Rock Island Railroad may yet build through Haskell.

PRICE OF LANDS.

Rich river valley unimproved agricultural land more than 5 miles from town, sells at \$3 to \$4 per acre. Rich unimproved agricultural prairie uplands, more than 5 miles from town, sells at \$2 to \$3 per acre, and within 5 miles from town, \$3 to \$5 per acre. Pasture land unimproved sells at \$1 to \$2 per acre. The usual terms of sale is one-third cash, and the balance in equal payments in one and two years, with ten per cent. interest.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Our school fund is perhaps the best of any county in the northwest.

MAIL FACILITIES.

There is only one post office in Haskell county, that at the town of Haskell. It has a daily mail, over the mail line from Abilene via Anson; which line also brings express freight, and proves very satisfactory to our people.

RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS.

The religious and moral status of the people of Haskell county will compare favorably with that of any people. The Methodist, Baptist, Christians, Old School and Cumberland Presbyterians each have organized churches in the town of Haskell, and have preaching on three Sundays in each month; also preaching at other points in the county. We have a good Union Sunday School, and Band of Hope, and weekly prayer meetings.

HASKELL.

The town of Haskell is the county site of, and is situated one and one-half miles south of the center of Haskell county, on a beautiful table land, and is four years old and has a population of 600 to 700. Has as good well water as can be found anywhere, which is secured at a depth of 18 to 22 feet. Also has two never failing springs of pure water in the edge of town. Haskell has four drygoods and grocery stores, which carry full lines, and supply the people with groceries, at prices as low as can be had in railroad towns, with 50 cents per hundred pounds for freight added, and drygoods as cheap as anywhere. Also has two drug stores; one hardware store; one notion store; one hotel, and one restaurant, both first class; one blacksmith shop; one cabinet and wood shop; one exchange bank; one barber shop; two silyer smith shops; one saddlery shop; one meat market; two livery stables; four doctors; eight lawyers; three land agents; one first class county newspaper and job office, and only one saloon; all doing a very good business. The town of Haskell with her natural advantages, of location, climate, good water and fertility of soil of the surrounding country, is destined in the near future to be the queen city of Northwest Texas, and railroad connection for Haskell is all that is needed to accomplish this.

MARK TWAIN.

GENTLEMEN—Why is it that I can't convince you that I do use as good, in fact, the SAME, THREES in my good SADDLES as you get in the Cheyenne Saddles. Some will persist in sending off for Saddles, and throw away from \$10 to \$15 on a Saddle. I do claim that I CAN, and to those who think with me, sell both SADDLES AND HARNESS cheaper than they can possibly send off for them.

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above, if candidate does not an-
nounce.

Saturday, July 7, 1888.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

District Attorney.
We announce J. F. CUNNINGHAM as a candi-
date for District Attorney of the 5th Judicial
District. Election November 6, 1888.

COUNTY JUDGE.
We announce D. L. SMITH as a candi-
date for County Judge of Haskell Coun-
ty. Election November 6, 1888.

Sheriff.
We announce E. T. HILLBORN as a candi-
date for Sheriff and Tax Collector. Election
November 6, 1888.

Tax Assessor.
We announce W. B. THOMAS as a candi-
date for Sheriff and Tax Collector. Election
November 6, 1888.

TAX ASSESSOR.
We announce D. E. WILLIAMSON
as a candidate for TAX ASSESSOR of Has-
kell County. Election November 6, 1888.

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for Tax Assessor. Election November 6, 1888.

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We announce E. THOMAS as a candidate for
Tax Assessor. Election November 6, 1888.

LOCAL DOTS.

Mr. Waters has returned from
Falls county.

All the stock men are in town
taking a few days rest.

Mr. N. A. Matthews has been in
the city several days.

J. C. Foster, of Stonewall county,
was in town Thursday.

Mr. John Miller has returned
from the Sweetwater work.

Mr. Jas. Keller has returned
from the Duck creek work.

Miss Hattie Henry will leave for
her home in Abilene to day.

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

Mrs. J. L. Baldwin has gone to
Blackjack Grove to visit her par-
ents.

The tables at the barbecue were
left loaded with meat and bread to
spoil.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Robert-
son, a fine boy. Mother and child
doing well.

Miss Wray of Stonewall sister of
Miss Nellie Wray is visiting her sis-
ter at this place.

Mr. H. B. Martin, of the Benja-
min Exchange, attended the barbe-
cue on the 4th.

Mrs. D. M. Winn spent several
days with Mrs. Morton on Lake
creek this week.

The entertainment given by Mas-
ter Samuel Tanner Thursday night
was well attended.

J. E. Willoughby, Esq., has onions
grown by him that measure three
inches in diameter.

The barbecue passed off without
a single incident to mar the pleas-
ure of the occasion.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. J. M.
Sherman a fine boy. Mother and
child are doing well.

Nearly every body in the county
came to the barbecue and took an
active part in the same.

Miss May Aubrey, of Jones coun-
ty, has been visiting Mrs. C. D.
Long for several days.

Mr. Geo. Carter and Mr. Wright
of Caldwell county are in Haskell
visiting Mr. Ed. Carter.

Mr. Henry DeLong, wife and
Miss Long of Ellasville are visiting
our townsman Mr. R. S. DeLong.

Mr. Anthony and wife accompa-
nyed by Mrs. Farr Mr. Anthony's
sister, have returned from Cald-
well.

Mr. Wm. Hines lost a diamond
stud the other day and he will be
very grateful to the finder for its
return.

The barbecue was well attended
by the young men from the ranches,
who seemed to enjoy themselves
greatly.

W. J. Cahney, of Brown county,
is visiting J. S. Riddle. Mr. Cahney
is looking at the country with a
view of settling.

Misses Ella Cookrell, Alice Yates
and Horton, accompanied by Prof.
V. Andrews, Capt. W. E. Baynor
and Mr. Harry Butler, all of Anson,
attended the barbecue on the 4th.

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Mr. Springer and family, of Al-
bany, have moved to Haskell to
live. This will be good news to
the many friends of Miss Mollie.

Mrs. Ora Wade, accompanied
by her daughter, Miss Lula and
son, I. L. Wade, of Knox county,
attended the celebration on the
4th.

Messrs. Wigley, Richardson and
another gentleman whose name we
did not learn passed through Has-
kell Thursday on their way to Mr.
C. M. Darling's ranch.

Mr. Ed. J. Hamner Esq. is to be
commended for the graceful man-
ner in which he performed the du-
ties of master of ceremonies at the
barbecue Wednesday.

Mr. J. G. Foster, of Stonewall
county, sold Mr. B. H. Dodson
some onions the other day that
were grown by him, and some of
them would measure four inches
in diameter.

The ball at the court house
Wednesday night was well attend-
ed by the belles, both of country
and town, and the terpsichorean
festivities were continued until the
small hours of the night.

When you visit Abilene call at
the drug store of Bass Bros. & Co.
and examine their stock of wall
paper, paints, oils and glass.
They carry a large stock and sell
at low prices for the cash.

Mr. C. M. Darling sold Graham
Bill, a yearling colt, the other day
for \$100 cash to Mr. J. W. Turner.
Mr. Darling is raising trotting
horses at the Kiowa Peak ranch,
and has some very fine animals
for sale.

The committee on arrangements
and especially the cooking commit-
tee, composed of Henry Carter, J. G.
Dewees and their assistants desire
great credit for the manner in which
they discharged their duties in ar-
ranging for the barbecue.

The barbecue was a grand suc-
cess. There was plenty to eat
and to spare, which being known,
there was not the usual rush to
the tables, but the polite conduct
of both ladies and gentlemen
would have been appropriate at
a private dining.

The Free Press was not able to
attend the meeting on Paint creek
last sabbath but we are informed
by those who did attend that the
service was very interesting, which
was followed by a fine basket din-
ner given by the people of Paint
creek. We regret that we are not
able to more fully give details.

Mr. W. R. Hampton had a ripe
watermelon the 1st of July that
weighed 80 pounds. Mr. Hamp-
ton has a fine crop, consisting of
20 acres in corn, 10 in oats, 6 in
millet and sorghum. His corn
will make 30 bushels per acre; mil-
let 3 tons per acre. Also has fine
garden, peas, beans and cucumbers.
He has been using peas and beans
for the table since June 15th.

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Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt
Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped
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satisfaction, or money refunded.
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Brace up.

You are feeling depressed, your
appetite is poor, you are bothered
with headaches, you are seditious,
nervous, and generally out of sorts,
and want to brace up. Brace up,
but not with stimulants, spring
medicines, or bitters, which have
for their basis very cheap, bad
whiskey, and which stimulate you
for an hour and then leave you
in worse condition than before.
What you want is an alternative
that will purify your blood; start
healthy action of Liver and Kid-
neys, restore your vitality, and
give renewed health and strength.
Such a medicine you will find in
Electric Bitters, and only 50 cents
a bottle at Druggists.

Mr. Boze Shook has had his mil-
lery harvested, and it is very fine.
The heads are full and very long.

Mr. Crites and family and Miss
Mollie Crites accompanied by Mrs.
R. C. Lomax left Monday for Gran-
berry.

The Free Press is proud of the
courtesy our citizens extended to
the weather-beaten Stockman when
he came among them.

Stray Notices.

Taken up by M.S. Shook estray-
ed before R. C. Lomax J. P. prec-
t No 1 Haskell Texas on May 31st
1888, and appraised by Ed. J. Ham-
ner and L. B. Lynn at Thirty-five
Dollars. one bay bald faced horse
about 8 years old 14 1/2 hands high
and branded with Spanish brand
on left thigh and C on left jaw.
(LS) Witness my hand and seal
this June 2nd 1888.

J. L. Jones,
C. C. C. H. O. Texas.

Steele's Bargain Store.

We desire to call your attention
to the wonderful bargains you can
obtain at the Bargain Store of
Alex. Steele, of Abilene.

At the exceedingly low price of
10 cents each, he offers almost
everything you could desire in the
way of tinware, hair brushes,
scrub brushes, dressing combs,
hat racks, blank books, toilet
soaps, handkerchiefs, ladies and
gents hose, cuffs buttons, watch
chains, purses, collars, suspenders,
school bags &c. Crystal water sets
at \$1, usually sold at \$2.50. He
also has a five cent counter, on
which you can find a great variety
of useful goods. Tobacco, cigars,
cigarettes, pipes and smokers ar-
ticles, fancy and stick candles and
all kinds of fruits and nuts in their
proper season. We have known
Alex. Steele for nearly four years
and when he tells the people that
he is offering them great bargains,
we know that he will do all that
he promises. He is honest and
courteous in all his dealings, and
liberal with all with whom he
comes in contact. He has a fine
assortment of goods such as we
need in every day life, which if
abuse appears that he is giving
away.

Go to see him when in Abilene,
or send him an order by mail for
what you want.

ALEX. STEELE,
Opposite R. R. Platform, Abilene,
Texas.

OF NATIONAL IMPORT.

Few Members of Congress Believe
That Tariff Measure Will Pass
at This Session.

PROGRESS OF THE TARIFF BILL.
WASHINGTON, June 29.—Mr.
Mills is greatly encouraged at the
satisfactory progress made thus far
with the tariff bill. In answer to
a question, as to how soon a vote
would be reached, he said: "The
outlook is so uncertain to admit of
a definite reply. If we could con-
tinue as we are going now we ought
to reach a vote in about two weeks.
It is not improbable, however, that
more or less opposition will develop
from this on. I should say, speak-
ing generally that the bill will be
out of the House not later than the
first of August, possibly a week or
two days sooner. If we only had
Mr. Reid and Mr. McKelvey to deal
with our progress would be much
more rapid. Those gentlemen, I
think are willing
TO CONSIDER THE BILL EARLY,
feeling sure that when it reaches
the Senate it will be either pigeon-
holed or that another bill will be
offered as a substitute for it. Un-
fortunately, however, a majority of
the Republicans, under the leader-
ship of Mr. Kelley would prefer
not reaching a vote until after the
November election. Those gentle-
men are afraid to take any chances
in the matter, even though the bill
goes from our hands into those of
a Republican Senate. If this ele-
ment of the party crosses the other
into a policy of obstruction, we
shall be compelled to adopt heroic
measures and simply force them to
vote whether they desire it or not.
It is our wish to avoid this course
if possible, but if our opponents are

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July 7th.

disposed to be arbitrary about the
matter it

LEAVES US NO ALTERNATIVE.
"Do you find the tariff reform
sentiment growing?" Mr. Mills was
asked.

"Its growth has astonished me.
We have received thousands of let-
ters since the bill was introduced
encouraging us in the work on
which we are engaged. Many of
these letters are written by Rep-
ublicans. Within the past week
I have received letters from three
clergymen in Massachusetts, Rep-
ublican, by the by, who were suffi-
ciently interested in the passage of
the measure to ask for information
concerning it. Many of the old-line
abolitionists are with us in this
contest. The abolitionists were
natural free traders. They believed
that every man had

GOD-GIVEN RIGHTS
to the fruits of his labor. They be-
lieved that every man should buy
and sell as he chose, and they car-
ried this principle to its logical end
Beecher, Garrison and all the lead-
ers of that party, if alive to-day,
would be found among our most
earnest supporters."

"What is the Democratic major-
ity in the house?"

"On a full vote we have a major-
ity of fifteen. Besides those we
will have the votes of the three In-
dependent Labor Representatives,
Smith of Wisconsin, Anderson of
Iowa, Hopkins of Virginia, as well
as Mr. Fitch, one of the New York
Republicans. We do not expect any
other Republican votes. Mr. Mel-
son of Minnesota is favorable to us
but I do not count upon him."

"According to your computation
you will pass the bill by a majority
of nineteen?"

"I think I may safely say this."

WATLAND, TEX.,
June 2nd, 1888.

Editor Free Press:
My Dear Sir—I will verify my
promise by putting to you a few
lines, though since I have been
promoted to the proprietorship of
a mill and gin, I have but little
time to write. People in these
parts seem to be jubilant over the
late rains, and everything in the
way of vegetation is immense.
People say that crops were never
better than they are at this time.
Corn is about made; cotton stands
a fair show to make, even if rains
should fail. The wheat and oats
are being threshed, yielding the
best crop raised for years.

Well, I must say that the FREE
PRESS has undergone quite a
change for the better, and the
chronic grumblers should no longer
complain, for Haskell can boast
of one of the best journals in the
west. Including all the members
of our family, we get five county
papers, and we all have long ago
decided the FREE PRESS the best
paper of all.

Well, the Farmers Alliance is
well organized throughout this
county, and all seem to "cater"
to the demands of the Exchange.
You will get one of our best
citizens for a permanent settler in
your county. I sold him a resi-
dence in Haskell, and he contem-
plates moving this summer. We
can recommend Mr. Carrel and
family as one of the most worthy
of whom Stephens county can
boast, and feel assured that if he
should like the people as well as
he does the paper, he will be well
pleased.

This vicinity is noted for its
many artesian wells. In this
neighborhood can be seen eight
flowing wells. We have a quiet
little village, daily mail, a mag-
ificent church and school building
and could you behold this flowing
water and rich soil, you would
agree with me when I say that
Watland is a nice place to live.

Respectfully,
J. F. LAMAN.

Letter List.

List of letters remaining in the post office at
Haskell, Texas, July 1st, 1888.
Agent G. H. & S. A. R. R. Co.
Berryhill, Polk Black, Arthur.
Caswell, F. D. Cypert, Bob't.
Daniel, W. M. Fey, Gus.
Flora, Claffey Higgins, D. E.
Hensley, John Jones, Dan.
King, Thomas Melaney, T. F.
Lee, W. M. & A. A. Peeler, W. J.
Rogers, R. O. Stass, Wm.
Persons calling for the above letters will
please say advertised.
Very Resp'tly,
D. M. Wynn, P. M.

Their Business Boom.

Probably no one thing has caused
such a revival of trade at Drug-
gists as their giving away to their
customers of so many free trial
bottles of Dr. King's New Discov-
ery for Consumption. Their trade
is simply enormous in this very
valuable article from the fact that
it always cures and never disap-
points. Coughs, Colds, Asthma,
Bronchitis, Croup, and all throat
and lung diseases quickly cured.
You can test it before buying by
getting a trial bottle free, large
size \$1. Every bottle warranted.

Henry Watterson spoke at Louis-
ville Ky., last week, on the Repub-
lican platform, and among other
good things he said: "The issue
forced upon the country by the Re-
publicans is not one of protection
against free trade. If there be any
however, who seek to precipitate
free trade literally, to burn factories
and blow up custom-houses, he
should support this platform and
bid God speed to the prompt appli-
cation of rigid enforcement, because
if its terms could be carried out in
good faith it would, culminate in
such a glut of an already over sup-
plied home market and such con-
sequent loss of employment to
American operatives as would sure-
ly bring the whole edifice down on
its authors, achieving by command
of the mob that which this party
of demagogues, living from hand to
mouth, refuses by its policy of ob-
struction to commit to the custody
of statesmen. But it cannot be
carried out. I know those who
have proclaimed it to well to be-
lieve them capable of thinking
they can carry it out, or of intend-
ing to carry it out. It is but a
trick, an issue trumped up for the
present purpose. If those who
have contrived it secure yet another
delay (and with another lease or
power so much is clear gain) they
will take their chances of evading
the plain it embraces when they
get into power, for, as I have said,
they have no idea of attempting to
carry it out, knowing as well as I
that to do so would be to precipi-
tate an irresistible free trade upris-
ing among the betrayed, starving
and intursted wage earners. I re-
peat it. I proclaim it. If there be
an impatient free trader anywhere
let him give his days of toil and
his nights of prayer to the ful-
fillment of promise of this repub-
lican platform. Like the original
ordinances of secession, which
laid the ax of revolution at the ve-
ry root of the tree of slavery,
though meant to save it, it is the first
step yet taken in the United States
toward the complete overthrow of
the customs system."

THE STAR HOTEL,
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Good Comfortable Rooms and Clean Beds. The Tables Fur-
nished with the best Market Affords. Nice and Convenient
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 Mummies from Egypt and from the
 Bowery—What Becomes of the
 Genuine Mummy—A Good
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Among the many letters of inquiry received during the past week is the following: "Last year I made a trip abroad, and among other trophies of my visit to the Old World I secured a fine specimen of a mummy, for which I paid seventy-five scudi. While showing it to a friend last week I discovered that the air of Illinois is detrimental to it, and that disintegration is taking place. Can you tell me what is the cause, and what I had better do to preserve the specimen intact?"

You have no doubt paid at least 74 scudi too much for your mummy as mummies go. Nothing is more disheartening than the discovery that one's mummy is not standing our harsh American climate. But the chances are that you have what is called the modern style of mummy, made especially for Americans by the trade. He is not an antique, and before August you will have to decide whether to cast him aside or let him run the house. The genuine mummy has been ground up for fertilizing purposes during the past twenty years to such an extent that we are running short, and spurious mummies made of coarse people who have died recently are flooding the market. A friend of mine purchased a varnished king, supposed to be over 2000 years old, for which he gave 150 scudi and a silk umbrella. In May of last year he began to assert himself—the king did—and to enter more and more into the home life of his owner, till it was decided to have a coat of shellac put on him. A house, sign and carriage painter came up to the house, and while refitting and refurbishing the royal relics discovered on the forearm a dark-blue Goddess of Liberty in India ink and the legend "Richard Maginnis, Valparaiso, Ind., 1853."

A mummy that has to be kept in the refrigerator is a bitter, bitter disappointment, and no doubt yours is of that class. The modern methods of preserving people do not in all cases prove satisfactory, and I do not know of anything more pitiful or more humiliating than while explaining your mummy to a coterie of friends in the library to have him explode in your hands and reveal his true identity. Should disintegration continue in the case of your own mummy a private funeral is the best thing I could suggest. Let it be a plain affair, opening with a select reading or recitation, followed by a vocal solo and a set-to between some good artist and the piano. You could charge a small admission fee, perhaps, which would go towards defraying expenses, and close with a parade and a torrent of grief at the grave.

GOOD MUMMIES SCARCE.
 The wanton destruction and their wholesale importation to this country, where they have been ground up and used as fertilizers, is going to make good mummies scarce and high. When a nation becomes so haughty and exacting that it demands rhubarb pies, stimulated by the gentlemen who furnished corn to Joseph during the dry spell, and expects to promote his seraglio by means of dead monarchs and the dust of bells presumptuous to the throne of Egypt, you can safely predict that mummies will be mummies before snow flies again. You can't eat your cake and keep it too. Neither can you turn out a mummy in Connecticut in two days that will take the place of the real thing. A judge of these things will tell you that the bouquet is different. There is not the same nut brown flavor and odor of poorly ventilated lineage about a Connecticut made mummy that there is about the Egyptian job. The Egyptians had a way of curing their people a good deal the same as our physicians have now—viz., with filling them with high priced drugs. Our physicians, however, begin on a

man before he dies, while the Egyptians, instead of printing bulletins about thin people, showing what their respiration and temperature were, and a large amount of sick room gossip, which a man hates to read after he has recovered, just waited around until the gentleman had been permitted to die quietly in his own way, surrounded by his family, and then they came in and cured him, so that on the morning of the resurrection a toothbrush and a Turkish bath would make him look like a new man.

The American bison and Egyptian mummy are fading away. The day will soon come when those who have slaughtered whole herds of buffalo for their tongues and fertilized their timothy food with the dust of dynasties will go hungry. We may think that an Egyptian cemetery has no bottom to it, and that a true fissure vein of these people is practically inexhaustible, but some day the foreman, working on the lower level, will come to the surface and state in hoarse accents that the pay streak has pinched out. The difference between a gas well, for instance, and a deposit of emperors is that the latter is not self-sustaining. A gas well may continue to give down or give up, as the case may be, for hundreds of years, but you can not dig up kings and queens forever. Some day you are certain to dig below their set and strike another strata of society.

MUMMY MINES WORKED OUT.
 I am told now that in many of the mines Egyptians are not found in paying quantities. As a result of this an inferior style of mummy is being made, both there on the grounds and here in New York. I was shown last winter a specimen made on the bowery, which was certainly a disgrace to any city the size of New York. I claim that the taste for the mummy is acquired, and those who affect them are generally people who like to go to funerals, especially to the funerals of people who are more or less shattered. It is not a natural appetite, but like a morbid desire to keep a four-pound sachet of Limberger cheese in one's chimney, is the result of training. Still there is a demand for the mummy, and if we are to enter into competition with other nations in their manufacture, let us get up a class of mummy which will speak for itself, one that will stand up in the library all through the long, tedious summer weather, and yet never murmur or repine.

It is hard to tell exactly what you had better do, but if you are like me you can never be the same toward a mummy after you have suspected him. If you doubt him, cast him aside and try to forget him. It will cost you a pang or two at first, but that is better than to be cursed by doubts all the time. You will meet, but you will miss him for a few days, but you can think of something else as much as possible, and finally you will forget. You might taper off on a parrot. No one can give much time to another great woe so long as in possession of a parrot. I once knew a man who had a bone felon on his finger and a parrot at the same time. He then died and went directly to his reward.

In closing let me say that I am not in favor of the mummy or the embalming process. The best way for a man to be embalmed is to make such arrangements through life that when his summons comes to die he will not go like a mosquito-bitten boarder at night, scourged to his nine-dollar dungeon by the seaside, but be eternally embalmed in the hearts of those who knew him best and loved him most.

Embalming is process worthy of the dark ages. It is expensive, foolish, useless and highly injurious to the complexion. I am bitterly opposed to it. My own notion about it is that the man who embalms me will have to climb over my dead body to do so.—New York World.

A SICK SET.
 Republicans Awakening to the importance of Thurman's name to the Democratic Ticket.
 CHICAGO, ILL., June 28.—Signs continue to multiply showing the weakness of the Republican ticket and the belief among thousands of Republicans that it is doomed to defeat in November. It is only three days since the ticket was named yet the effects of the convention have so completely died out in this Republican stronghold that should a stranger enter the city he would never suspect that there had been one of the biggest conventions in the world here last Monday. Not over a dozen show windows in the city display pictures of Harrison, notwithstanding the hoosiers brought thousands of them here. All street enthusiasm has disappeared and the news papers are filled not with accounts of big ratification meetings and bonfires nor with letters from the people approving the ticket, but numerous self-written interviews with lingering delegates are published which put forth all manner of strained arguments to show that the ticket is the strongest that could possibly

HAVE BEEN NAMED.
 Notable among these is the interview with Mike DeYoung, editor of the San Francisco Chronicle, wherein he claims to have discovered that Harrison's record in the Chinese question is not nearly as bad as Californians thought it was when they were denouncing him, so generally last week. DeYoung also says that any Republican can carry the slop on the protection issue. His public utterance of last week, however, nullifies all that he can now say. The inconsistency of the California delegation only convinces an intelligent public of their political dishonesty or ignorance. It will be impossible for them to eradicate on the coast the impression they made in opposing Harrison. It is said the California Republicans have the promise of Blaine's eastern friends that Blaine shall stamp the Pacific coast in September for the ancestry and doodle ticket. If he does the Democrats will surely send the old Roman out there even though they must take him overland

IN A WAGON.
 No Pacific railroad will be likely to extend courtesies to Allen G. Thurman. The strength and importance of Thurman's name to the Democratic ticket is just being realized by the Republicans. One of the most prominent Republicans in the city told your correspondent that he regarded even Michigan a doubtful state now and Virginia as certainly lost to the Republicans. Another noticeable feature is the fact that no bets are being offered in pool rooms or through papers that Harrison will be elected. When Garfield and Blaine were nominated local Republicans freely offered bets on them. These straws all tell of the flatness with which the ticket has fallen. That the Republicans are relying largely upon Morton's money to carry New York is apparent from the manner in which the Republican press endorses Morton's selection, always mentioning his wealth and business strength. They forget, however, that Secretary Whitney has promised the Democrats that he

WILL LOOK AFTER NEW YORK.
 He is twice as rich as Morton, and many times Morton's superior as a political manager. Whitney is backed by his father-in-law, Senator Payne, and his brother-in-law, Colonel Nathan Payne each of whom is worth \$20,000,000 and it is known they place absolutely no limit on their assistance to Whitney, where his interests are at stake. In Democratic inuig circles, it is whispered that President Cleveland has made Whitney his political legatee. This is the true secret of Thurman's selection on the ticket. Whitney wants to go into the Democratic convention of 1882 with the votes of New York and Ohio solid for him, and it looks as if his plans cannot be defeated. If he carries New York this fall against Morton the President will give him the credit of it, thus securing the support of the Empire state, while the Thurman and McLean factions on the other hand will assist in guaranteeing Ohio's support. With this incentive and a united Democracy in New York, who can doubt but that Whitney will cover every dollar old Morton can raise with ten times the amount necessary to carry the state.

A Fatal Accident.
 WHITEWRIGHT, TEX., June 30.—A most horrible accident occurred near here to day. A mule team ran away. Roy Henry, the driver was thrown from the wagon against a tree. His brains were knocked out and his body mashed into jelly.

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