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Directory.

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Rev. W. G. Caperton, Pastor.
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No Pastor.
Christian (Campbellite) Every 3rd Sunday and Saturday before.
No Pastor.
Methodist (M. E. Church) Every Sunday and Sunday night, Rev. J. N. Snow, Pastor.
Presbyterian, Every 1st Sunday Rev. Jas. McCollough, Pastor.
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Free-for-all Fight at a Dance.

BONHAM, TEX., Nov. 23.—It seems like our attorneys these dull times are exercising their John L. Sullivan powers more than their legal powers. Eight or ten days ago a prominent attorney here had a little boxing match with a prominent farmer. The rules governing in such cases were, we understand, not observed, but was go as you please, catch as you please until by-standers separated the belligerents before any harm was done. Now it leaks out that another attorney had a thrilling experience last Wednesday night, at a country dance on Sulphur, about sixteen miles southeast of here. Said attorney in company with a friend went to said dance as aforesaid. He paid his 25 cents fiddler's fee, and accordingly he was recorded by the clerk, master of ceremonies. He then awaited impatiently until his name was called, when he sailed in and chose his partner from the fair damsels present, and went through the giddy, maddening whirl of the old-fashioned country dance. Everything went as merry and peaceful as a marriage bell until the set was through, when a little, low-heavy-set fellow weighing about 175 pounds averdupois was heard muttering discontentedly, for he had brought the fair damsel to the party with whom the attorney had danced. Jealousy was raging in his breast. He began telling anecdotes. Some one said that he had asked the attorney what he thought about his last anecdote. The attorney replied that he thought it a lie, so said his informant. This was too much for the young man, so he walked over to side of the head. Completely astonished, the attorney turned upon his assailant, knocked him over the red-hot stove onto the floor beyond. Rising, he made for the attorney and pressed him back against the wall, when the attorney again got in a good blow on his assailant, and both fell out of the door into the dark, the attorney on top, who immediately caught his assailant by the throat with his teeth, and the young man set up a howl that could have been heard a mile away. "He's cutting me, he's cutting me."

Then the crowd rushed forward to separate them, but the attorney kept gnawing at the throat of his assailant. A free-for-all fight now took place. Men were knocked down right and left. One seized a picket, pulled it out of the fence and floored a man. In the meantime the attorney's assailant broke loose and fled, leaving the attorney in possession of the field. Just at this point the proprietor of the house appeared with a double-barrel shotgun and restored order. On investigation nobody was found to be seriously hurt; only a few black eyes and bloody noses.

TO PLAY SLAVI

A Novel Election Bet—One Man to Be the Slave of Another For One Week.

ATCHINSON, KAN., Nov. 27.—Today James Wheeler begins paying his election bet to William Fullerton. The former is a democrat, the latter is a republican, and just before the recent election they bet on the result in Ohio. According to the terms of the bet, if McKinley was elected governor, Wheeler was to be the slave of Fullerton for one week. He was to act as his servant on all occasions, and should he do anything that a slave or a servant ought not to do, he was to forfeit \$1000. It was supposed that Wheeler would pay the money, but he says that he will fill his part of the agreement to the letter, and thus tell what kind of a Christian Fullerton is.

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Fullerton is to care for Wheeler, giving him provisions and looking after him, while Wheeler is to leave his own home and live at Fullerton's house, in the room assigned to servants and have the fare and treatment of a servant.

The Feeding Habits of the Shark.

During the summer of 1887 there was in one of the aquaria of the United States fish commission at Woods Hall, Mass., three sand sharks, each about three feet in length. They became very tame, taking chunks of fish or whole fish of convenient size, either alive or dead, from the hand just as a dog will; but one had to be careful of one's fingers, as it mattered not whether it took fish or flesh. There was never to the writer's knowledge, a tendency on the part of these fish to turn on their backs to take food, nor could one imagine a necessity for so doing under the circumstance.

In a large walled tidal pool outside, however, there were several large sharks, about six feet in length. These were fed with fish taken from a pond net close by. When the fish were thrown in the fish quickly gorged themselves with the dead and hot swim well; but they did not seem expert at catching the active ones, with which the pool was well stocked. They would dart after them, some times rooling completely over, but the fish were generally able to escape by darting close to the wall and into some wood work supporting steps arranged around the pool. It is probable that the sharks would have had better success in the open water, as they were unable to move very swiftly for fear of striking a wall. As they were not fed regularly, they some times became very hungry.

The writer took much interest in watching them, and found that at times at least, they took quite as much interest in him. At all events when at high tide the water was on a level with the steps on which his feet rested, the sharks would come up so close, turning on one side and smiling so benevolently, with a "come in out of the wet" expression that he was fain to get up a step higher, as a matter of precaution at least. Whether they were but asking in their way, as other fishes do, to have some fishes to be thrown them, or whether they were thirsting for human blood can only be conjectured. They were not of the so-called "man-eating" kind. It was inferred, however, from those observations that their actions in taking food were, and would be controlled by the character of the position of the prey. There is nothing more probable to the writer than, in attacking a large fish, a school of fish or a man, they would come up beneath to prevent escape, and considering the position of the mouth, nothing seems more probable than that they would, at times turn on their backs. It is a mere question of expediency, however, and not necessarily a fixed habit. For an object of small size it would not be necessary.

Protection Heresy.

BIRMINGHAM, Nov. 25.—Unionists of Birmingham gave luncheon in honor of Lord Salisbury to-day. In a speech he expressed sorrow for the

death of Lord Lytton and said the fame of that diplomat would long remain. Referring to the tariff question he said that on all sides there appeared constantly increasing protective duties, which were calculated to stifle British trade. The protection heresy on which the tariffs were founded grew like other vile passions upon what it fed. Watching English statistics I can but feel anxiety lest the effect of foreign tariffs should be partially successful. The errors of foreign statesmen might be translated to Great Britain. Undoubtedly, British trade was being hindered for the moment by foreign legislation.

Returning, he said: "We have had trouble in the rural districts, where no longer sound employment can be obtained as formerly. Men have had to seek separate remedy by moving into the towns. The government will seize with avidity any measure promising legitimately to increase employment for laborers in the rural districts. One of the government's most acute anxieties was the fact that the people in their ignorance tried remedies which if obtained, would plunge them into far greater misery. The government must avoid dangerous apathy in attempting to cure suffering by simply ignoring the causes. On the other hand it must shun the far more dangerous course of wandering into economic errors that might plunge the whole country into irreparable disaster."

PARKER COUNTY TRAGEDY.

Havoc of a Shotgun and Revolver. Double Death.

WEATHERFORD, Tex., Nov. 27.—Another bloody tragedy was enacted in this county this morning about nine miles east of this city. The parties engaged in it were Will Rivers and Bid Froman. They have been enemies for over a year, occasioned by a misunderstanding between Mrs. Rivers and one of the daughters of Mr. Froman. The two ladies met in the road one day and engaged in a fight.

Last night Mr. Froman's dog was killed by some one and he concluded that Rivers did it. This morning, armed with a shotgun and in company of two friends, one of whom was also armed, he started across Rivers' pasture to where the latter lived. When they reached the center of it they met Rivers in company with his wife. Froman stopped and said: "Oh, yes, G—d d—n you, so you have killed my dog, have you?" to which Rivers replied: "How do you know I did; you cant prove it."

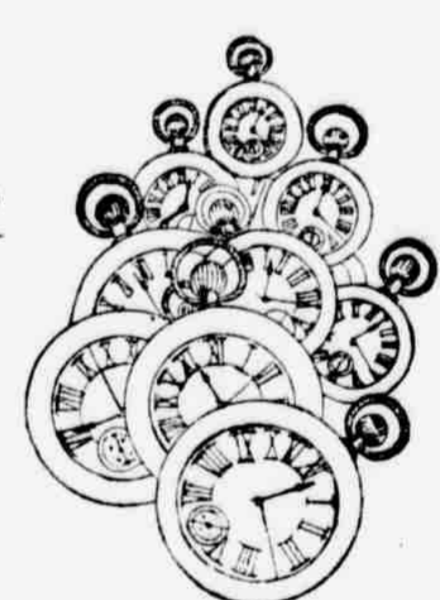
Instantly Froman emptied both barrels of his gun into Rivers' breast over fifty buckshot taking effect. Rivers dropped to his knees and fired twice with a pistol, the first shot taking effect in the heart and the other near the center of the breast.

Froman expired instantly, while Rivers lived about two hours. A physician left here immediately to attend the wounded man, but he died before the doctor arrived.

Warrants have been sworn out and Sheriff Sisk has gone to arrest other parties whom he believes to be implicated, but for the present their names are withheld from the public. Both of the dead men were prominent and well-to-do farmers.

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Advertisement for a bureau of ordnance, mentioning a report to the finance in his annual report.

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The indications are that the real estate business will take a boom next spring.

PARENTS, teach your boys to shun law-breakers. They may make a felon of your son.

The court of appeals has affirmed the conviction of Arch Thurman for theft in Jones county.

The next congress will be composed of 18 Alliance-men, 27 Republicans and 227 Democrats.

The small stock farmer is the man who will make money in this county in the future.

The Texas Central R. R. will be extended to Haskell next year, and Haskell will become a city.

Now is the time to invest in Haskell real estate. The boom will come in the spring.

It is reported that the new road from Henrietta to Archer city will extend to Haskell in the near future.

When the idle, desolute, worthless men around town die it is a relief to their families, their associates and country.

The wheat harvest in Haskell county, a crop valued at \$3,000,000. What county can beat this?

While northers and frosts have been chilling and biting the noses of the eastern citizens, the Haskellites have been basking in the most delightful sunshine and showers.

If the farmers of the crabgrass region would come to Haskell and interview some of our prosperous farmers, they would hasten to sell out and move to Haskell.

You so man, you can't afford to keep vicious company. From them you learn to dispise honest people and honorable men. The vicious never have monuments erected to their memory, and generally die neglected and unmourned.

It is an admitted fact that one hundred per cent has been realized on all investments annually in Haskell for the past three years. There is no other place in Texas where such large profits have been made. Shrewd speculators have caught on to this and are looking to Haskell for investment.

There are people in this county who do not subscribe for the FREE PRESS, yet they expect personal notices; notice of arrival of friends, notice of marriages, obituaries etc., and yet they are so penurious or too illiterate to subscribe for the paper, and when we give them a notice gratis they come around and beg a copy of the paper containing the notice. This is what we call galls.

The first of last month we presented bills to all delinquent subscribers, one of whom got on his ear we suppose, as we were notified by the postmaster that he refused to take his paper out of the office. The gentleman is also afflicted with failure of the memory, as he has not called around to pay what he owes us. We will treat him a little for this ailment, and unless he is beyond recovery, he will not do another newspaper this way. Had he have told us to stop his paper, and stated that he was unable to pay, he would still have our respect and sympathy, but the course he has pursued has exposed him to supreme contempt.

FOR HORSE THEFT.

A Young Man in Jail and Three Horses in His Possession Identified.

Yesterday a young man arrived in the city, having in his possession a span of mules and a sorrel horse. He left his property at a wagon yard, Cor. Main and Fifth streets, with instructions to feed the animals. Later he approached Mr. Walker, the proprietor, and offered to sell him the mules and the horse for \$150. The three were easily worth \$350, and his suspicions were aroused as to whether or not the young fellow was straight. Sheriff Richardson and deputy sheriff Wicher were in the vicinity, and the young man offered to sell them to Capt. Richardson at the same price. He was questioned as to where he got the animals, and said he lived in Collin county, near McKinney, where he had acquired the property. He gave his name as A. B. Cook, and when asked whom he knew in McKinney that would identify him, gave the name of Alex Winn. Cook acted suspiciously and he was arrested. Sheriff Richardson then telegraphed to McKinney, and in the afternoon received an answer stating that no such person as Alex Winn lived there. In the evening about 6 o'clock a party composed of J. McCowen, J. T. Stalling, Samuel Harry and R. L. McFarland arrived in the city looking for a pair of mules and a sorrel horse with a blazed face and branded with a G and a T in this letter. They were taken to the place and identified. The animals were the property of J. McCowen and the horse belonged to J. T. Stalling. The men were from Grandview, Johnson county, and the animals were stolen late Sunday night. They tracked them to within twelve miles of Fort Worth and then boarded the train for this city, and with the assistance of Sheriff Richardson and Deputy Wicher recovered possession of their stolen property in less than twenty-four hours after they were stolen.

Cook is a young fellow about twenty years old and stoutly denied that the property belonged to anyone but himself, saying that he bought them about three months ago near McKinney and brought them to Fort Worth for the purpose of disposing of them. The men positively identified the mules and horse as their property. He will be turned over to Johnson county officials pending for him.—FORT WORTH GAZETTE

Political Gossip.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27.—The Republican mountain has labored, and the mouse is named Minneapolis. In other words, the Republican national committee has decided on Minneapolis as the place where its next convention is to be held. The western men, representing Minneapolis and Omaha, declared that it was an absolute necessity for the convention to be held in the northwest, in order to retain these states in the Republican column, and doubtless those Republicans, distinguished men as they are in their party, knew what they were talking about. At least they convinced the forty-eight men who composed the national committee that they did, and as a result Minneapolis is the place and June the 7 is the time when the Republicans will select some man to be sacrificed in the next campaign.

The members of the Chicago fair were present during the fight and are still in Washington. They hoped to get the convention at Chicago, though they kept very quiet about it, and to get Springer as speaker, and by those two methods

to secure the \$7,000,000, which they want out of Uncle Sam's treasury to enable them to carry on the fair, which they pledged themselves to do out of their own money. Ex-Senator Palmer, president of the fair commission, called on the president and requested him to say something in his message to congress in favor of giving this money. The president did not give him much encouragement.

Now that the Republicans have concluded their work in Washington, the trouble comes over the speakership. All the candidates are here and have opened quarters. Mr. Mills has one place at Willards, and another at the Metropolitan. Springer is at the National; McMillan and Crisp are at the Metropolitan, and Bynum has withdrawn from the race, announcing that he intends to vote for Mills, the friends of the candidates are making wildly extravagant statements as to how the vote will be on first ballot. Crisp's friends claim 107 votes for him; Mills about 60, while they apportion 23 to McMillan, 15 to Springer and 13 to Hatch? They will be very much astonished when they find that Springer has three times thirteen votes on the first ballot. Carlisle and the Cleveland men are working hard for Mills because he represents the Cleveland idea of free trade. The fact that the New York Times is advocating Mills candidacy will really do him harm, while it is being brought out now very prominently that Mr. Springer is on the fear of losing the Irish vote;

COLORADO TRAIN ROBBERS.

An Entire Gang Captured With Evidence to Convict.

DENVER, COL., Nov. 30.—Tom McCoy, Frank and John Price, "Peg leg" Eldrige, Will Perry and Jim Curtis, the gang that held up a Rio Grande express train near Texas Creek about two months ago, never stood a better chance of going to the penitentiary than they do to-night. The men were dead game, refusing to give up a single word of information, although put to torture in the sweet box more than once. When Perry, the last one taken, was brought in he weakened, and told the officers all going into details of the robbery and how the gang, being hard pressed by the United States marshals, had concealed the booty at the head of Brush Creek. Saturday night Superintendent Kramer of the Rio Grande Express company and a party of officers started for the place where the valuables are said to have been planted, and to-night returned, having found them exactly as Perry said. The money plunder is worth \$5000, and the evidence is sufficient to convict the entire band.

Facts About Mummy Wheat.

A copy of an interesting letter is before us, written by Mr. Edward W. Serrell, a well known civil engineer of New York city. Mr. Serrell states that some forty years ago his mother planted wheat in her garden, which was taken from the stomach cavity of an Egyptian mummy brought to New York for the Slayesant institute museum by Mr. Catherwood. Mr. Serrell believes. This wheat grew and ripened and the next year the wheat was planted again with the same result and a quantity was sent west for seed. This is the first authentication we have ever seen of the story commonly told. It has always been told without name and it is gratifying to know that the romantic story of "mummy wheat" is not a fiction after all, as we have always been tempted to believe.

WAR IN ABILENE. THE REEVES STOCK. Sold Out by the Trustee.

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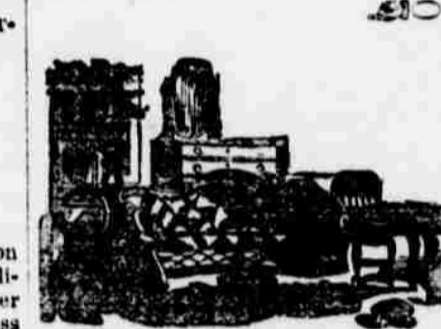
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Stop at the Palace Hotel at Abilene Texas.

Some farmers in Haskell county will have 1500 bushels of corn for sale.

The City Meat Market will pay R. R. Prices for Hides and Furs at Dickenson Bros.

The Haskell Grocery Co. sells for cash. Buy from them and save money.

Quite a number of the elite took oysters at the Lindell the other evening.

We give it up that Bass Bros. Abilene, have beautiful goods, and at extremely low prices.

Farmers should pay more attention to raising hog. We saw some porkers the other day raised by Mr. McGregor that sold for 5 cents gross.

—Get your turkeys fat for Xmas.
—Cartridges, loaded shells and other ammunition at the Haskell Grocery Co's.

—The Baptist and Presbyterian churches are being rapidly constructed.

—FOR CASH!

R. S. DeLong & Co. will sell at greatly reduced price for the next 30 days.

—Full line of over shoes at Geo. Mason's.

—Several new residences are going up and Haskell continues to grow.

—A full line of Holiday Goods are expected at the Palace Drug Store to-day.

—14 lb dried apples for \$1.00; 17 lb Y.C. Sugar for \$1, at Haskell Grocery Co's.

—When in Haskell call at the City Hotel, where every thing is kept neat.

—A light shower fell in this section Wednesday night.

—Men's and boys' over coats at Geo. Mason's very cheap for cash.

—J. E. Glover will have the nicest line of Holiday Goods in Haskell.

—A. C. Foster has gone to attend the Grand Lodge at Houston.

—Courtwright & Collins' is the place to get your goods for your Christmas cake.

—Very fine comb honey and citron; very fine new crop ribbon, cane molasses at Haskell Grocery Co's.

—Mr. J. W. Bell made a new top for our buggy the other day and we are highly pleased with the job.

—Bass Bros. is the place to buy Holiday goods.

—Arbuckle coffee 25 cts, Haskell Grocery Co

—Mr. W. P. Caudle and Miss Bell Caudle and Miss Leta Walton were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Jones the first of the week.

—W. H. Parsons, the neatest Jeweler in the West, with fifteen years experience.

—The Baptist Sunday school will hold a meeting Sunday morning to decide whether or not they will have a Christmas tree. Everybody are invited to attend.

—When you go to Albany, be sure to stop at the City Hotel, situated in business center of town two hundred yards southwest from R. R. Depot.

—The cattlemen have been on the rustle for grass and water for their stock, but the indications are now that it will rain soon.

—All jury scrip up to registered No. 294 and under will be payed on presentation.

S. J. PRESTON.

—Mr. Columbus York and Miss Mary E. Tucker were happily married the 29th. inst.

—The farmers of Haskell county are the most prosperous of any other class of men.

—Christmas comes but once a year, and the young as well as the old must not be forgotten. You can find large presents to suit all, at wonderfully low prices at Bass Bros. Abilene Tex. Call early before the rush.

—J. T. Bowman was in the city Thursday.

—For clothing, Geo. Mason can't be beaten in West Texas.

—A good dentist would do well to visit Haskell.

—Carry all your eggs, chickens and butter to Courtwright & Collins.

—Christmas is coming and every thing that is nice will be found at the Palace Drug Store.

—The Lindell Hotel is the best furnished of any in the West.

A \$25.00 present at the Palace Drug Store, next week, to be given to the most popular young lady in Haskell on Christmas day. Call boys and investigate the plan.

The tables of the Lindell Hotel are weighted down with choice dishes.

—There will be an oyster supper at the Lindell Hotel to-night, Dec., 4th.

—See Geo. Mason's stock of dry goods and groceries before buying.

—Dr. Lindsey killed two hogs the other day 13 1/2 months old that netted 662 pounds of pork.

—Go to Courtwright & Collins for your Christmas candy.

—We learn that Dr. Kline will not be in Haskell according to appointment.

—Bro. Snow was sent to Ballinger station, Bro. Wallace to Waxahachie and a Mr. Harralson was sent to Haskell circuit by the Northwest Texas conference.

—Cummings made a business trip to Albany this week.

—You don't have to pay the loss of a credit business when you buy from the Haskell Grocery Co.

—Leave your orders and make all inquiry concerning the Seymour hick line at the postoffice.

RUPE & SPRINGER.

—We want \$2000 in Haskell Co. scrip. Highest prices paid. Bring your scrip to us.

BALDWIN & LOMAX.

—T. C. Bohanan, a leading farmer of the west side of the county was in the city this week.

—For the cash, Geo. Mason sells goods cheaper than the cheapest. Try him.

—The literary society at the public school is becoming an interesting feature of that institution.

—Purse Lindsey left for Kaufman Monday. He was called to attend the bedside of his father who is quite sick.

—S. W. Scott W. M. of Haskell Lodge No. 682 A. F. and A. M. left for Houston to-day to attend the Grand Lodge.

—The exhibition given by Black Dozen troop was a grand success. They had a full house and every body enjoyed the entertainment. The members of the troop acquitted themselves with credit.

—The contractors for the new courthouse have ordered the cement, and will probably begin work Jan. 1. The contract bond and other preliminaries were arranged this week and the cement was ordered by telegram. It will take about four weeks to get ready to begin work on the foundation.

—Haskell Gun Club met Wednesday evening and had their first shoot. Those who entered the first were as follows: M. A. Clifton, A. Lee Kirby, J. E. Glover and Wm. Towns Mr. L. N. Ritter was chosen as referee the hog's did exceedingly well for the first shoot the club will meet and have a regular shoot hereafter and all are invited to join.

Haskell and Seymour Stage Line.

Hack leaves Haskell at 7 a. m. Every Morning for Seymour; arrives at 6 p. m.

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Fare one way \$3.50, round trip \$6.00. RUPE & SPRINGER, Proprietors.

Haskell Grocery Co's. Prices—

Bacon, 10 to 11 cents per pound. Hams, 14 cents per pound.

Satinet and Clarlett Soap 5 cents. Arbuckles Coffee 25 cents.

Extra Fancy Flour \$1.50 per sack. Fresh Meal \$1.00 per sack.

California Can Goods 25 cents. Choice Greely Potatoes 3 cents.

Dried Grapes 8 1/2 cents. Dried Peaches 12 1/2 cents.

Fancy Evaporated Apples 12 1/2 cts. Mexican and Lima Beans 14 lbs \$1.

Navy Beans 16 lbs. for \$1.00. Granulated sugar 15 lbs. for \$1.00

5 Gallon Euphon Oil for \$1.25. 5 Gallons Bril. Oil for \$1.00.

Notice!

Warning is hereby given that the law will be strictly enforced against all trespassers.

We forbid the cutting of trees, killing hogs, gathering pecans and grazing of stock on our premises.

KEYNOLES LAND & CATTLE CO.

To The Public.

There has been a great demand in Haskell for a first-class hotel the demand has at last been met. The Lindell hotel on the Northeast corner complete. It contains 28 commodious rooms is thoroughly ventilated and conveniently arranged. I have rented this building and have furnished it with the latest designs of antique oak furniture, each room will be provided with a complete suit of this furniture and carpets, the equipments of this hotel are second to none in the State and having had several years of experience I feel able to manage the same in a manner to merit the most liberal patronage of the public. The tables will always be provided with the best the markets afford. This house will be open to the public the 15th of Nov., and I solicit a continuation of the liberal patronage of the public.

J. W. BECKNELL.

Advertised.

List of letters remaining uncalled for, in the postoffice at Haskell, Tex. Dec. 1st, 1891.

Anderson J. M.
Apodaca Gaudalupe,
Hooten Jay,
Jones J. J.
Kane Henry,
Kigore Miss Lizzie
Lee W.,
McClung J. W.
Smith Naith,
Shelby G. W.

When calling for the above letters, please say advertised.

CHAS. B. BANKS P. M.

Idella Dots.

IDELEA, Dec. 3.—No news of interest this week. There was a meeting of the Alliance last Saturday night, which was honored by a speech delivered by Mr. Dolman of Kayner.

Mr. Charlie Brown and Miss Beulah Dillahun of Haskell, were the guests of Miss Leliah Mayes Sunday.

Mr. A. P. Daugherty is convalescing.

Our school in progress is taught by Miss Raynes of Yacitus. She boards with the family of Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Edwards.

Mr. Sam Daugherty made a trip to Rayner Tuesday.

Mr. Dallas of Abilene was in the vicinity this week.

R. C.

A man married in Atlant, Ga. the other day who was 124 years old. His wife is 80.

The Rock Island rail road has put engineers in the field to make a survey to the Texas coast. There is a strong probability that this road will come through this part of the state.

Rock Island.

GUTHRIE, O. T., Dec. 1.—A large party of Rock Island surveyors left Minico to run the best line to Red River at once, as the road intends pushing on south into Texas.

Desperado Captured.

CURRIE, O. T., Nov. 30.—Late to-night United States Deputy Marshal Payne and a posse of officers cornered William Staggs, one of the most desperate men in the Territory and captured him. He was a notorious horse-thief, and last winter while being taken to the Ohio penitentiary for ten years he jumped from a moving train in Missouri and escaped though heavily ironed.

Discovery of Oil in Shackelford County.

ALBANY, TEX. Nov. 30.—The citizens of Hicks, in this county, are considerably excited over the discovery of oil in that vicinity while boring an artesian well on a farm two miles south of Hicks, last week, which was struck at a depth of 148 feet. It is a bountiful flow of oil. At this writing it is impossible to form a correct estimate of the quantity or of the quality of the oil. The community is elated over the discovery, and other wells will be bored in the vicinity in the near future.

Wouldn't Hold Out.

Capt. Garrity of Corsicana tells a good one on Capt. A. Faulkner, general passenger and ticket agent of the Houston & Texas Central. At that date the rate of discount was 5 per cent a month, which wasn't then considered unreasonable.

One day a farmer came into Faulkner's bank with a vendor's lien note for \$200, having two years to run. Approaching the austere banker, he said:

"Mr. Faulkner, I need a little money to-day, and would be much obliged if you would discount this note."

Faulkner looked at the note and then commenced audibly to count the discount. "Five times twelve is sixty," he murmured, "that is one year, and five times twelve is sixty again; one year \$60, two years a hundred and—"

Then turning to the customer, he said, "My friend, the trouble about this note is, it won't hold out."

"How is that?" queried the customer in amazement.

"Why," said Faulkner, "if I take that note like it is, you will owe me \$200."

That settled it.

It is said that man is yet alive and an earnest advocate of the sub-treasury and government loans at 2 per cent. per annum.

A Bear Story.

A rather laughable incident occurred at Garnett yesterday. Shortly after the southbound Santa Fe express due here at 1 o'clock, left Richmond, a large cinnamon bear in charge of the Well-Fargo express company and confined in a stout wooden crate managed to break out. He at once found himself "monarch of all he surveyed." Messenger Shook conceded him nine points of the law without a contest. Bruin, finding himself in peaceable possession, at once proceeded on an inspection tour. Detecting some apples in

BE D

Little Dark e in b d with nothing over him.

THE "LITTLE DARKEY" OR WHITSY, OR ANYBODY, AS FOR THAT NEED NOT SUFFER, WHEN THEY CAN BUY GROCERIES SO CHEAP OF ME. THEY CAN EAT ENOUGH TO KEEP WARM. SEE!
Mackechney.
Abilene, Texas.

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a lady's trunk, he at once demolished it, scattering silk dresses, perfume bottles, pictures of "my friends," etc., over the baggage car in beautiful confusion. He soon stuck a rich find in shape of a case of celery and a box of dried herring, both of which he managed to get outside of by the time the train reached Garnett. Here the conductor had the train sidetracked and determined to shoot him, but other counsel prevailed. A long pole with a sponge at the end saturated with chloroform was introduced and soon reduced him to a very peaceable state. He was soon placed back in his crate and was again, after an hour and a half's delay on the way to his estimation.

SPECIMEN CASES

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

Edward Shepherd, Harrisburg, Pa., had a running sore on his leg of eight years standing. Used three bottles of Electric Bitters and seven boxes of Bucklin'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 Bucklin's Arnica Salve cured him entirely. Sold by A. F. McLemore Druggist.

GUARANTEED CURE

We authorize our advertised druggist to sell Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption Coughs and Colds, upon this condition. If you are afflicted with a cough, cold, or lung, throat or chest trouble and will use the remedy as directed, giving it a fair trial, and experience no benefit, you may return the bottle and have your money refunded. We would not make this offer did we not know that Dr. King's New Discovery could be relied on. It never disappoints. Trial bottle free at A. F. McLemore's Drug Store. Large size 50c and \$1.

BUCKLIN'S ARNICA SALVE

The Best Salve in the world for cuts, Bruise Sore, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all skin eruptions, and positively cures piles or hemorrhoids. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box.

FOR SALE BY A. F. McLEMORE

In the building at the time, received a fracture of the leg. He was taken to St. Vincent's hospital. Folger, chief of the bureau of criminal investigation, in his annual report to the State, says that the case...

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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 376,000 acres of land. It was created in 1858 from a part of Fannin and Milan counties, and named in honor of Charles Haskell, a young Tennesseean, 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 furnish 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 used in the old states.

Experiments were made in 1885 with garden products, corn, oats, wheat, rye, barley and cotton and the yield was bountiful. The average in farms have increased to at least 30,000.

TOPOGRAPHY.
The county is an undulated 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 breaks and rivers but with rivers breaks, rocks and poor land combined, their area in Haskell county would not exceed 10,000 acres that would not be 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 Northwest 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 porous and friable nature, when thoroughly plowed, readily drinks in the rainfall and in dry seasons absorbs moisture from the atmosphere; and for the like reason the soil readily drains itself of the surplus water, thereby preventing stagnation of the water and the

baking of the soil, and the germination of miasma. It is those peculiar qualities of soil that enables vegetation to withstand all varieties of weather.

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

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 luxuriant in Haskell county soil, growing to fine size of superb quality. Besides the native grasses that grow on the prairies, sustaining large numbers of cattle, horses and sheep throughout the year. Colorado grass grows to great perfection and the hay made from this grass form a valuable adjunct to the winter pasture, in keeping stock over winter.

YIELD AND PRICE 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, wheat yields from 18 to 30 bushels—averaging 25 bushels per acre, and sold in the home market for 90 cents to \$1.00 per bushel; oats yield 60 to 100 bushels per acre, and usually sell at 25 cents per bushel; cotton yields a half to three quarters of a bale per acre. 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 POINTS.
As yet Haskell has no shipping point, and our people do their principal shipping to and from Abilene, a town 52 miles south, in Taylor county, on the Texas and Pacific railroad, Albany on the Texas Central 45 miles from Haskell on the southeast, and Seymour on the Wichita Valley road 45 miles northeast.

RAILROADS.
There is one road being built from Seymour to this place and one to be built from Fort Worth. The Texas Central will extend in a short time from Albany 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 52 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 SCHOOL.
Our school fund is perhaps the best of any country in the northwest. 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 our 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.

MAIL FACILITIES.
There is a daily mail services from Haskell to Abilene via Anson and a weekly mail north to Benjamin and a daily mail to Seymour, also a tri-weekly express line to Albany, these all 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.

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 seven years old and has a population of 942. Has as good 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. 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 a 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 indigenous to these "western wilds," that we are loaded with dynamite and shooting sections of cuss words and "Muh-ah-tan" 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 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 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.

CONSUMPTION CURED.
An old physician, retired from practice, having had placed in his hands by a East India missionary the formula of a simple vegetable remedy for the speedy and permanent cure of Consumption, Bronchitis, Catarrh, Asthma and all throat and Lung Affections, also a positive and radical cure for Nervous Debility and all nervous prostrations, after having tested its wonderful curative powers in thousands of cases, has felt it his duty to make it known to his suffering fellow-men. Actuated by this desire and desire to relieve human suffering, I will free of charge, give to all who desire it, this receipt in German, French or English, with full directions for preparing and using. Sent by mail by addressing with stamp, naming this paper, W. A. Noyes, 200 Powers' Block, Rochester, N. Y.

NATURAL TELEGRAPH LINE.

Between Two Mountains in the Black Hills Range.—Voices heard From One Range to Another.

RAPID CITY, S. D., Nov. 26.—A gentleman from Minikata, about 26 miles northwest of this city, tells a most marvelous tale of a discovery which was accidentally made in the mountains northwest of that town a few weeks ago. According to the story told there is a natural telegraph line between two mountains in the Black Hill range. On each side of an intervening valley, twelve miles in width, stand two high peaks which tower above the other mountains, and have long been known as landmarks, being called the Twin Peaks. These mountains are fully 10,000 feet high, and stand at least 4000 feet above the near range. Only on rare occasions have these peaks been ascended, and but little was known of their topography. Some weeks ago a party of tourists determined to make the ascent and divided into two parties, one for each peak. They took apparatus for signaling, and expected to have pleasure and amusement flashing the heliograph code across the intervening space, to the mystification of the valley.

The ascent was made, and while making arrangements for signaling across one of the party on north mountain was surprised to hear voices which apparently came from the air. He moved about, and the sound was no longer heard. By changing his position several times he discovered that a certain spot on the mountain he could hear the voices, and it was long before he found that they proceeded from the party on the other mountain. He called the attention of the others to the phenomena, and then they attracted the party on south mountain and found that a conversation in a medium tone of voice could be plainly heard from one mountain top to the other. There was only one sound to be heard, a low, muffled, where it be a natural telephone. No shouting necessary and words perfectly distinct.

SLOAN'S BLACK LIST.

The County Attorney of Smith County Opens a Prosecution Against Him.

TYLER, TEX., Nov. 26.—The county attorney filed here to-day a prosecution against one W. H. Sloan, charging him with criminally libeling S. A. Lindsey. Mr. Lindsey, who is a lawyer and representative of the ninety-third district in the legislature, in speaking of the prosecution said:

"Sloan, from his office in Cincinnati, has undertaken to scare me and ninety-four other lawyers of Texas, many of whom are judges and one congressman, into paying him money by threatening to and by sending circulars throughout the state reflecting on our characters. The first sprinkle came yesterday, and I have lodged a complaint against him. I am now preparing letters to all the other gentlemen, asking them to do likewise in their respective counties. We have been at work on this some time, and we will raise all the money, if any is needed, necessary to bring this Sloan here and prosecute him. We will have to get a requisition for him, but I have no fears of not being able to get it, for the governor will not refuse to lead executive aid to protect the citizens of Texas and punish those who break her laws."

It appears that Sloan is the publisher of a legal directory to which a large number of Texas lawyers became subscribers. He sent bills largely in excess of the amounts they agreed to pay him. Upon their refusing to pay the bills as sent, he threatened to publish them as dishonest and untrustworthy, and did in fact issue a circular in accordance with his threat. The circular, which has been secured by Mr. Lindsey and a number of prominent attorneys through the state, as well as the threatening letters preceding it, is made the basis of Mr. Lindsey's prosecution, in vindication of themselves and as a warning to all others who may undertake to extort money

by such means. They propose to ask for Sloan's extradition in order that he may be dealt with and punished under the laws of Texas.

A Little Romantic.

Last week a young man about 25 years of age walked into the governor's office and asked to make a statement. Gov. Hogg said that he would hear him. The visitor went on to say that ten years ago he was convicted of theft and sent to the penitentiary for two years. The theft consisted in stealing about \$2,000 from the paymaster of the International and Great Northern railroad, near Laredo, the money being afterwards recovered. Having an opportunity, he snatched the pile and ran.

After spending a year in the penitentiary, or rather on a convict train. He ran away, and was never recaptured. Lately he was in the employ of the Dallas Street car company, and became engaged to a young woman, to whom he revealed the story of his convict life. She insisted that before marrying him he must return to the penitentiary and serve out his term. To please his fiancee and to ease his conscience he begged to be returned to the penitentiary.

During the recital of his story he broke down and cried like a child. The governor was not sure for awhile whether he was not touched slightly in the upper story, and sent him to tell his story to the penitentiary board in session. It was finally concluded that the man was sane and honest, and the governor asked the board to verify his statements from the prison records, assured him that ten years of honest work and upright behavior had accomplished as complete a reformation in him as a series of Sam Jones' sermons would have done, and that if his story was true, he would remit the balance of his sentence, and send him back to his sweetheart a free man.

The penitent has gone under the name of Hale, but says his name is J. C. Hill. He was allowed to go free until the prison records shall be examined.

Don't read! Don't think! Don't believe! Now, are you better? You women who think that patent medicines are a humbug, and Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription the biggest humbug of the whole (because it's best known of all)—does your lack-of-faith cure come? It is very easy to "don't" in this world. Suspicion always comes more easily than confidence. But don't little faith—never made a sick woman well—and the "Favorite Prescription" has cured thousands of delicate, weak women, which makes a think that our "Prescription" is better than your "don't believe." We're both honest. Let us come together. You try Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. If it doesn't do as represented, you get your money again. Where proof's so easy, can you afford to doubt.

Little but active—are Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets. Best Liver Pills made; gentle, yet thorough. They regulate and invigorate the liver, stomach and bowels.

SECOND CHARLEY ROSS CASE.

The Two-Year-Old Son of a Millionaire Kansas City Cattleman Kidnapped by a Servant.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Nov. 26.—Late this evening a servant at the house of L. S. Beals, the millionaire cattleman living in the eastern part of the city, left the place and at the same time the two-year-old son of Mr. Beal was missing. Search for the child was made, but not the slightest trace of it could be had, and as the servant did not return it became evident that the child had been kidnaped. The police were notified about 8 o'clock, but no clew either of the servant or missing child could be obtained. It was thought the child was taken for the purpose of obtaining

Chinese Rebels.

LONDON, Nov. 26.—The Chronicle's correspondent at Tien Tsin says the outbreak in the north, officially described as a raid of Mongolian robbers, proves to be an insurrectionary movement of serious dimensions. A dispatch received to day states that in Mongolia and in some northern districts nearer the capital the revolutionary move is spreading rapidly and the number of rebels is becoming alarming. An insurgent force consisting of several squadrons of Mongolian cavalry, besides, infantry is reported to be advancing on Peking, where the utmost alarm prevails. The population of a large area, actuated partly by inclination, and partly by fear of the rebel soldiery, has joined the movement, together with several Madecians. The imperial troops have started to meet the rebels. The entire Christian population of King Chou was massacred with the Belgian priests.

HIS BLAINS EXPOSED.

A Prominent Planter Meets With a Fatal Accident.

BRENNHAM, WASHINGTON CO., TEX., Nov. 25.—J. S. Alman, a prominent planter living near Independence, met with an accident which will cost him his life. He was moving a cocked gun from the corner when it exploded, the load striking him in the head. Although half of his head is torn off and his brains can be plainly seen, he has lived 24 hours, but there are no hopes of his recovery.

Did the Katy Buy It?

HENRIETTA, TEX., Nov. 26.—It is authoritatively given out that the Henrietta, Archer City and Southwestern railway has been sold to some New Jersey parties. The trade is closed and the papers have been drawn and signed. Work, it is said, is to begin in a short time. It is confidently believed here that the sale is virtually a sale to the Katy.

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