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## A DYNAMITE PLOT.

That's What the Denver and Rio Grande Robbery was—A Desperate Scheme.

Express Car to Have Been Blown up With Dynamite Cartridges—The Approach of the East Bound Stopped It.

DENVER COL., Aug. 8.—Further particulars from the scene of the train robbery on the Denver and Rio Grande railroad between Thompson Springs and Crescent, Utah, last Tuesday evening, would indicate that the scheme of the highwaymen was one of the most desperate ever conceived, and had it not been for a trifling accident a wholesale murder would undoubtedly have been committed. The story of Express Messenger Willie, given to General Manager G. W. Cramer of the Denver and Rio Grande express company, is to the effect that the robbers were armed with no less than half a dozen DYNAMITE CARTRIDGES.

with which it was their intention and threat to blow up the train unless the company's safes, which contained a large sum of money and other valuables were opened for them. When the outlaws learned that they could not effect an entrance to the car a consultation was held. Three of them were for using the dynamite and urged that the original plan of blowing up the train be carried out to the letter unless the messenger should surrender the company's property, but the fourth, who appeared to be the leader and spokesman, objected, and his objection prevailed when he pointed to a

LOCOMOTIVE'S HEADLIGHT plainly visible a short distance ahead of them. It was the east bound express on the sidetrack at Crescent waiting for the besieged to pass. It should have passed the west-bound train at Thompson's Springs some twenty minutes previously, but being delayed, was ordered to lay at Crescent siding, two miles beyond where the robbery occurred. It was this little incident, together with the warning of the fireman who was standing by that unless they accomplish their work soon, the east bound train would be apt to come down to see what was up, together with the advice of their leader, that caused them to

ABANDON THEIR PLAN. After they rode away after plundering the passengers, one of the robbers threw back a dynamite cartridge as a parting salute, but it failed to explode and was picked up by the fireman who now holds it as a trophy. He thinks that the buckskin pouch from which it was taken must have contained at least half a dozen of these missiles. It is believed these robbers are the same men who a month ago robbed the Tulluride bank of about forty-thousand dollars in broad daylight and skipped to the mountains near Green River. Large rewards have been offered by the express company and every effort will be made to effect their capture.

POSSIES ARE IN PURSUIT. DENVER, Col., Aug. 8.—No trace has yet been found of the Thompson's Springs, Utah, train robbers. Both the Rio Grande railway and express company will offer large rewards for the capture of the outlaws and several organized possies have left Grand Junction and Green River in pursuit. It is the opinion of officers that the robbers are the same gang who some months ago successfully held up the Tulluride, Col., national bank for \$40,000.

## ALL FOR CUNNEY.

The Colored Citizen of Austin Meet and Resolve in His Favor.

The Grandest and Ablest Leader the Negro Has To-Day in the South.

AUSTIN, TEX., Aug. 8.—A mass meeting of colored citizens was held today to select delegates to the colored men's state convention, which meets on the 20th at Waco, for the purpose of considering the industrial and educational interests of the colored people of Texas. Professor W. E. Easton, A. George, J. W. Madison, T. A. Black, A. S. Bell, H. Russell, Price Alexander James Grumbles, John P. Taylor, L. M. Mitchell, John Rose, A. L. Overton and J. W. Alexander, and a like number of alternates. The following rousing resolutions expressing the sense of the meeting were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, President Harrison, true to the teachings of his party, and faithful to his pledge, has seen it fit to appoint to the collection of Galveston the Hon. N. W. Cunney, the ablest and grandest leader the negro has to-day in the South, and

Whereas, his appointment was made due to his personal worth and services notwithstanding an abortive effort was made by the disgruntled leaders of the so-called white men's party to defeat his candidacy, and

Whereas, the same individuals have seen fit since Mr. Cunney's appointment to pass in a mass meeting held in the city of Houston a batch of sordid and scurrilous resolutions condemning his appointment as injudicious in the part of the administration, and

Whereas, we firmly believe his appointment solidifies and builds up the party throughout the state, and

Whereas, it infused new vitality and with it hope and renewed allegiance and confidence on the part of all true Republicans, and

Whereas, it has forever silenced the sophistry of those who would make the true Republican believe the administration loves a reformed Democrat "for revenue only" better than a true blue Republican, and

Whereas, this renewed confidence with the party gives promise of at least one Republican congressman. Resolved, that we, the members of the colored men's mass convention of the city of Austin, declare as very judicious and as a signal success the appointment of the Hon. N. W. Cunney to the collectorship of the port of Galveston.

Resolved that all of this convention condemn as purile and abjectly at variance with the teachings of the party the action of the disgruntled leaders of Houston's abortive effort.

## BLOWS HIS BRAIN OUT.

An Ex-Government Official Gets Drunk! Arrested, Fined and Then Kills Himself.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Aug. 9.—A Mexican boy this afternoon while rambling through an open park near the Fourth street bridge, came across a man leaning over on the front wheels of a butcher's cart with blood streaming from the right temple and a pistol tightly grasped in his right hand. The horse attached to the cart was standing contentedly still. Investigation showed the man to be dead. He had committed suicide by shooting himself through the head with a 38-caliber pistol. His name was S. D. Clark. He got drunk last night, was arrested on

the streets by a policeman, occupied a cell in the police station all night and was fined by the recorder this morning. When he paid his fine he did so with the declaration that he could never again face his family. He was in partnership in the butcher business with J. B. Kilgore. He took his cart out from the shop on time this morning to make his usual rounds, and must have shot himself before noon. He had been in San Antonio only a month, having come here from Colorado, where he held an Indian agency under the Cleveland administration. He had been in hard luck since in San Antonio, never having been used to hard work before. He leaves a wife and a son seven years old. His age forty years.

## CHEROKEE ELECTION.

It Results in an Overwhelming Victory for the Downing Party.

TAHLEQUAH, I. T. Aug. 8.—The election returns are now all in. The result is a surprise to everybody. Chief Mayes or the Downing party, will have a majority in the next council of the nation. The reports that preceded the official returns indicated an overwhelming national victory, which was considered favorable to the pending negotiations for the strip. Much money was used on both sides and the rumor is afloat that certain cattle syndicates furnished some of the amounts used by the Downings. The purchasable elements were the negroes and full bloods, each party endeavoring to divide them into blocks that none might get away. Some of the floaters have since openly boasted of the sale of their votes. The result of the election means a postponement of negotiations until the new council is sworn in in November, as Chief Mayes is not desirous of calling the council together because of the national complexion. Chief Mayes has not yet returned from home, where he went to vote. His dilatoriness is condemned even by some of his supporters, as it will be construed into a discourtesy towards the representatives of the United States government. The commission is quietly awaiting his return to hear the answers to their proposition.

## A Steamer Lost.

QUEBECK, Aug. 8.—Capt. Bentley of the Allan line steamer Assyrian, arrived here today. He reports that Monday as the Assyrian was sailing into the straits of Belle Isle she was signaled by the lighthouse keeper that the Dominion line steamer Montreal was ashore. Coming into the straits the wrecked steamer was seen lying on her starboard beam ends and only a small portion of her hull could be seen out of water. A great number of icebergs were floating about the straits, and prevented the Assyrian from taking a safe position to offer the shipwrecked people any assistance. Capt. Wall of the Montreal, with his crew and passengers, numbering in all about sixty persons, were on the island Belle Isle awaiting help. He went on board the Assyrian. He said that on Sunday, Aug. 4 he was sailing through the straits, when a thick fog came on and lasted a very long time without his being able to hear any of the surrounding fog horns. Icebergs were numerous and compelled him to change his course and to stop or reverse the engines in order to prevent a catastrophe, and thus the steamer's exact position on the chart was lost. At last Capt. Wall decided that as the fog did not abate he would pass between the land and a huge iceberg that barred the passage through the straits. Unfortunately the land was closer than he thought and the steamer ran aground. The boats were hoisted out and all hands were saved.

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## DISTRICT FAIR.

Abilene, Texas, October 1, 2 and 3,  
Next.

Address of the Progressive Com-  
mittee to the farmers, stock raisers  
and ladies of Taylor, Jones, Has-  
kell, Stonewall, Nolan, Fisher, Run-  
nels, Coke, Callahan, Shackelford  
and adjoining counties:

We beg to remind you that a fair  
will be held in the city of Abilene  
on the 1st, 2d and 3d of October  
next.

It is the intention of the manage-  
ment of the fair to offer an oppor-  
tunity to you and to the citizens of  
all the counties of this section of the  
state, to exhibit your fine stock,  
your agricultural productions and  
the ladies' handiwork.

The district fair held at Abilene,  
last October, was so well patron-  
ized by you, and the exhibit was  
so magnificent in every detail, that  
the management have been encour-  
aged to undertake another  
fair, to be held as stated above.

That the material is to be found,  
in great abundance, to make an  
exhibit that will surprise the  
world, there can be no doubt, for  
you have been favored with a glo-  
rious season, and your fields and  
pastures are yielding to nature's  
full limit. We have cause to be  
thankful for the bountiful crops of  
our glorious country, and while  
every one may be contented with  
the good things that have fallen to  
his lot, yet it must be the pleasure  
of every one to let the outside  
world know the superior advant-  
ages of our country. While we  
have now much to be thankful for,  
yet we may expect more from the  
development and settlement of our  
country. Allow us to suggest a  
few of the many advantages that  
we will enjoy from a speedy devel-  
opment of our country, which you  
can assist in, by hearty co-opera-  
tion in the fair movement.

With the settlement of the coun-  
try, the facilities for the education  
of the boys and girls will be in-  
creased, and we may expect to  
see a comfortable school house on  
every league of land in the country.  
The lands now held by non-resi-  
dent owner will pass into the hands  
of the new settler, and instead of  
being assessed, as now, at a nomi-  
nal value for taxation, these lands  
will be improved, and when owned  
by the settler rendered like ours,  
at full value for taxation, and then  
they will contribute their full  
share of taxes. But a few figures  
will demonstrate to you how gently  
the taxable values would be in-  
creased, and as the expense of gov-  
ernment are fixed, you will readily  
see what extent the burdens of  
taxation would be taken from your  
shoulders, if the vacant places of  
this country were owned and occu-  
pied by the settler, and not held,  
as now, by non-residents.

The settlement of the country  
means the building of new rail-  
roads to carry to the markets of the  
world your surplus crops and  
stock. We will then have rival rail-  
roads, that will compete with each  
other to carry away the productions  
of the country, and with their com-  
petition, you may expect to get  
your products to the market at less  
than half of what it now costs.

Then, too, the settlement of the  
country means the building of large  
towns and cities, where you can  
find a ready sale for the many  
things that cannot be shipped to  
distant markets, and which are lost  
or wasted unless sold at home. It  
means the establishment of factories  
that will consume the raw materi-  
al produced by you, the canning of

your fruits and vegetables, etc.  
But it is so apparent to every one  
of you that it is to your personal  
and individual advantage that  
our country should rapidly settle  
up, that any further statement  
from us is wholly unnecessary.

To accomplish the desired end  
should be the earnest effort of every  
one, and we can only expect it  
through the combined efforts of  
the citizens of our country. Circu-  
lars and books full of the pictures of  
the growing crops, orchards and  
vinyards, and of our fine stock,  
might be scattered all over the  
country, but these do not carry the  
stamp of verity upon their faces;  
but show to the world the products  
of our lands and fine stock of our  
country, collected together at a  
fair, and who can then doubt the  
statement we make, that we have  
a country excelled by none and  
equalled by few.

Sate in our own belief that ours is  
a desirable country in every par-  
ticular, pride of home and love  
of country should prompt us to  
offer evidence of this statement to  
the homeseeker from other lands,  
and in doing this, we settle our  
country with the best class of  
homeseekers, and its citizenship  
will be in future centuries to come,  
as it is now, as good as any to be  
found on the green earth. In  
speaking of our country, now we  
may truthfully boast that our citi-  
zens are law-abiding, intelligent and  
progressive, and that their superi-  
ors cannot be found, and that a  
country so rich in natural advant-  
ages as ours and with such a citizen-  
ship to start with, must necessarily  
prosper and grow rich and strong,  
if we only do our part.

Give us your hearty support,  
contribute something to the exhibit  
at the fair, next October, and aid  
in producing an effect upon the  
outside world that will result in  
the development and prosperity  
of our common country. Our  
country is growing, and let our  
district fair, next October, grow,  
too. And with that the exhibit  
made by you will be worthy of our  
country, we are yours truly.

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mittee.

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ted, and a copy will be mailed to  
any one who writes for it or will  
us a list of names to whom to  
send. A copy can also be obtained  
from your nearest post office.

PROSPECTORS are cautioned about  
letting fire get out.

HASKELL county must be repre-  
sented at the Abilene Fair.

FARMER: save specimens of your  
crop and send them to the Abilene  
Fair.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN and party are  
back in Mississippi for the purpose  
of standing a trial on a charge of  
prize-fighting.

HASKELL county is beginning to  
be the home of the race horse near-  
ly every body owns an animal they  
would back for a few dollars.

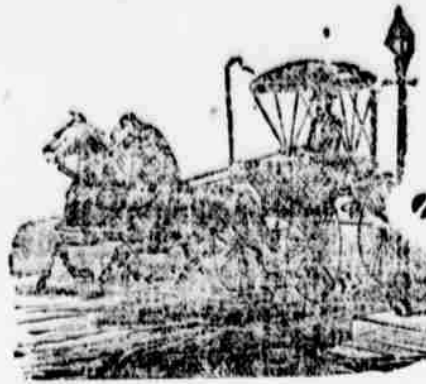
The white republicans of Texas  
have a gloomy outlook. It seems  
that their colored brethren will get  
the full benefit of being "Republi-  
cans for revenue only."

The railroad companies have  
asked for a hearing before the Mer-  
chant's Exchange committee of Dal-  
las appointed to investigate freight  
rates and to suggest remedies.

The Dominion keeps England  
involved in a controversy either  
with France or the United States  
all the time, and the sentiment  
is growing in England in favor of  
separation.

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enated by a hypodermic injection of  
the fluid which is obtained from the  
glands of lambs and injected im-  
mediately while war m.

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oes, Garden Seed or Vegetables  
etc., in fact any thing that grows on  
the farm, we will take pleasure in  
labeling the seed with your name  
and exhibiting the same in our office,  
and will carry the same to the Abi-  
lene Fair in October.

We would be glad the farmers of  
Haskell would take an interest in  
this matter, and have our county  
represented at the Abilene Fair.  
We have too fine a county to neg-  
lect in this matter, and if our citi-  
zens will assist us we will assist  
them, free of any charges what ever  
Respectfully  
MORGAN & SCOTT.

## CITATION.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,  
In the District Court September  
term A. D. 1889.

To the Sheriff or any Constable  
of Haskell county—greeting:

You are hereby commanded that by  
making publication of this Cita-  
tion in some newspaper pub-  
lished in the county of Haskell, if there  
be a newspaper published in said  
County, (but if not, then in the  
nearest county where a newspaper  
is published) for four weeks pre-  
vious to the return day hereof,  
you summon Clara Kauffman  
who is a non-resident of the  
state of Texas, and whose place  
of residence so far as known to  
plaintiff is in Bremen Germany, to be  
and appear before the district court  
to be holden in and for the County  
of Haskell, at the court house  
thereof in Haskell on the 9th day  
of Sept. A. D. 1889, then and there  
to answer the Petition of the state  
of Texas by her attorney J. E.  
Willoug; filed in said court, on  
the 22nd day of July A. D. 1889  
File number 59, against the  
said Clara Kauffman, and al-  
leging in substance as follows to  
wit: That defendant was on July  
16th 1887 and has since that date  
been residing in Bremen Germany  
and has ever been a non-resi-

dent, alien and subject of Germany.  
That on said date she purchased  
from Julius Runge of Galveston,  
county Texas through his attorney  
in fact Henry Runge for the sum  
of \$2500 a tract of 1000 acres of  
land out of the Heil O. Campbell  
survey in Haskell county Texas  
Abst. No. 92 Sur. No. 110 and de-  
scribed by the metes and bounds  
as follows:

Beginning at southwest corner  
of Sur No. 54 made for John Gainer  
for the Southeast corner of this  
survey. Thence, north 3654 varas  
to northwest corner of said  
survey No. 54. for N. E.  
Corner of this League, a  
mesquite bears S. 301° E. 10 varas  
and another bears E. 10 varas.  
Thence west 1545 varas with  
the League line to a stake for the north-  
west corner of this survey. Thence,  
south, 3654 varas to a stake on the  
south boundary of the League for  
the southwest corner. Thence east  
with the League line 1545 varas  
to the beginning.

That defendant is now holding  
said land and claiming title to  
same. That at said date and now  
a non-resident of this state and  
subject of Germany could not un-  
der the laws of this state and un-  
der the laws and treaties of the  
United States acquire title to real  
property in this state by purchase.

Wherefore, premises considered,  
your petitioner prays that de-  
fendant be cited to answer this suit,  
that said land be declared forfeited  
to the State of Texas and a judg-  
ment rendered divesting out of de-  
fendant and vesting in the State of  
Texas, all right, title and interest  
in and to said land and that such  
other and further general and spe-  
cial relief be granted plaintiff in their  
cause as to the court may seem  
proper.

Herein Fail Not but have you  
then and there before said Court  
this writ, with your return thereon  
showing how you have executed  
the same.

WITNESS, C. D. Long Clerk of  
the District Court of Haskell  
County.

Given under my hand  
and the seal of said Court,  
in Haskell this 6th day  
of August A. D. 1889.

C. D. Long, Clerk District  
Court Haskell Co. Texas.

By L. S. Long, Deputy.  
(INDORSED.)

In District Court Haskell County  
Texas.

No. 59.  
State of Texas  
vs.  
Clara Kauffman.

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1889.

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- No. 1. 137 acres, about 10 miles northeast of town, mostly prairie, but some timber, dry, dark red loam, price \$1.50 cash, \$2.00 to cut, 1/2 cash, balance 1 and 2 years, 10 per cent interest.
  - No. 2. 640 acres 15 miles west of town, near Double Mountain Fork of the Brazos river, fine land, price \$2.50 per acre, 1/2 cash, balance 1 and 2 years.
  - No. 3. 800 acres 9 miles southwest of town, high open ridge land, rich, level and nice, some timber, no surface water but very productive black sandy land. \$2.50 cash, \$2.75 to cut and on partial payments.
  - No. 4. 160 acres 5 miles north of town on Benjamin and Haskell road, close black land, level and rich, near Lake creek, some timber, good grass, price \$3.50 per acre.
  - No. 5. 213 1/2 acres 16 miles southwest of town, fine red loam, mesquite land, good grass and good land \$2.50 per acre cash.
  - No. 6. 304 acres of as fine land as in the county on Lake creek 17 north of town, good mesquite timber, price \$3.00, 1/2 cash, balance 1 year.
  - No. 7. 1,000 acres 4 miles southeast of town, fine dark red loam, mesquite timber and good water, \$3.00 per acre.
  - No. 8. 320 acres 12 miles southwest of town, on waters of Paint creek good land and good grass, \$1.50, 1/2 cash. (Vining.)
  - No. 9. 1280 acres 14 miles southwest of town on Paint creek, fine red loam, farming or pasture land, lays well, \$2.00 per acre, 1/2 cash balance 1 and 2 years.
  - No. 10. 640 acres 7 miles northwest of town, as fine black land, with good mesquite timber as in the county on head of Lake creek, \$3.00 per acre, terms easy.
  - No. 11. 2763 acres 10 miles southwest of Haskell in 921 acre blocks, mostly prairie, on Willow Point, \$2.00 per acre, will sell a portion or all in a body.
  - No. 12. 320 acres about 15 miles southwest of town, a splendid little piece of dirt for a farm, only \$2.00 cash.
  - No. 13. 640 acres 16 miles north of town on Lake creek. This is a magnificent body of farming or pasture land, has water, timber, grasses and good land all combined, making it one of the most desirable tracts in the county.
  - No. 14. 545 acres on Miller creek, very fine level land, will make a splendid farm, \$2.50 per acre cash.
  - No. 15. 320 acres on Paint creek 10 miles south of town, all good level land with good mesquite timber, \$2.50, 1/2 cash.
  - No. 16. 640 acres 12 miles east of town, Paint runs through it, about 1/2 good land, balance suitable for pasture, good timber and grass and protection for stock, a magnificent place for stock ranch.
  - No. 17. 320 acres 10 miles north of town, very fine level land with good grass and timber, only \$3.00 per acre cash.
  - No. 18. 320 acres 7 miles southeast of town on Buffalo creek, plenty of stock water, grass, timber and splendid land all combined, makes this one of the most desirable tracts in the county, only \$3.00 per acre, on easy terms.
  - No. 19. 640 acres 16 miles northeast of town, fine level prairie farming land, \$2.50 per acre, 1/2 cash, balance on easy terms.
  - No. 20. 1476 acres 7 miles east of town on Red creek, about 1/2 good farming land, balance good pasture, creek runs through survey, timber, water and grass combined, makes this suitable for a stock farm, price \$2.00 cash, \$2.25, 1/2 cash.
  - No. 21. 320 acres on Brazos river 16 miles west of town, good land, price \$3.00 per acre, 1/2 cash.
  - No. 22. 388 acres about 9 miles east of town on Red creek, splendid red land, price \$1.50 cash.
  - No. 23. 640 acres 14 miles west of town, fronting the Brazos river, good farming and pasture land, \$2.50, 1/2 cash or \$2.25, 1/2 cash balance on easy terms.
  - No. 24. 960 acres 12 miles north of town, good land, timber, water and grass, a splendid place for stock farm, \$2.50, 1/2 cash.
  - No. 25. 424 acres on Brazos river 18 miles northwest of town, as fine land as in the county, only \$3.00 per acre.
  - No. 26. 960 acres 10 miles northeast of town, level, red loam land, some timber but dry, only \$2.00 per acre, 1/2 cash.
  - No. 27. 430 acres 10 miles north of town on Lake creek, no better land in the county, good grass and timber, \$3.00, 1/2 cash down.
  - No. 28. 640 acres on same survey as No. 27, same quality of land, timber and grass, \$3.00 per acre, terms easy.
  - No. 29. 320 acres 6 miles north of town on Benjamin road, fine level black sandy land, good timber and grass, on Lake creek, only \$3.00 per acre, 1/2 cash.
  - No. 30. 3 sections (640 acres each) on Brazos river. This is as good land as in the west, lays well, \$2.00 per acre by the section, will sell either section or the whole in a body.
  - No. 31. 640 acres 11 miles northeast of town, very good red loam prairie land, only \$2.00 per acre cash or \$2.25, 1/2 cash.
  - No. 32. 640 acres 8 miles east of town on Haskell and Throckmorton road, splendid land at \$2.00 per acre, 1/2 cash.
  - No. 33. 3400 acres 20 miles north of town in the edge of Knox county on Brazos river, no better land in the state, lays well, \$3.00 per acre, will sell in a body or out to suit the purchaser.
  - No. 34. 300 acres 7 miles south of town on Mule creek, \$2.50 cash or \$2.75, 1/2 cash.
  - No. 35. 500 acres on Miller creek, all fenced with good house, two rooms, very fine land, grass, water and timber. Price and terms upon application.
  - No. 36. 320 acres 9 miles southeast of town, good land, water, grass with some mesquite timber, Horse creek passes through it, only \$2.25 per acre. A splendid ranch.
- The above are only a portion of the splendid bargains we now offer to the home-seekers, and now is the time to purchase.  
We also offer for sale some nice 80 acre blocks on the Peter Allen survey adjoining town, also many choice vacant and improved town lots, cheap for cash, and on easy terms to the actual settler. For further information concerning lands in Haskell county, call on or address us. We also have a good farm of 160 acres in Stonewall Co. 60 acres in cultivation, good improvements, will sell cheap for cash. For particulars address us, Office in court house with county Surveyor and Treasurer.



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Saturday, Aug. 17, 1889.

### LOCAL DOTS.

—J. A. Fisher was in town Thursday.

—J. M. Sherman was in town Thursday.

—Mr. Boon was in the city Thursday.

—Have your Sewing machine repaired by W. H. Parsons.

—Grain Sacks at Johnson Bros.

—The town has been full of prospectors this week.

—W. R. Hampton and family were in the city Sunday.

—Capt. C. P. Killough left last Saturday for Brenham.

—BOYS: To Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Lomax on last Saturday night, a ten pound girl.

—For an easy quick shave call on W. H. Parsons, only 10 cents, and a neat hair-cut 25 cents.

—J. F. Lockney and family left Tuesday for Buffalo Gap where they go to visit relatives.

—B. F. Jackson of Coldwell is in Haskell and he is going to buy some dirt before he leaves.

—Mr. Armstead Mason has returned. He brought two fine buggies, two sulkeys and a good hack to be used in his livery stable.

### General Repair Shop.

—Saddles, Harness, Sewing Machines, Boots and Shoes repaired to order by W. H. Parsons.

—Mr. Minnow Hunt of Taylor county, who was here a few days has returned home.

—\$2.50 reward for the best peck of wheat raised in Haskell county. 7-17-4t LOMAX & JONES

—The general cow work will begin on the 20th, and all the cowboys will leave town.

—For a list of premiums offered by the Abilene District Fair call on Messrs Morgan & Scott.

—Miss Minnie Duke of Milam county, is visiting her sister Mrs. E. Y. Hildreth at this place.

—N. PORTER, Abilene, Tex., —

—FOR—

CHEYENNE SADDLES, Prices \$17.00, \$20.00, \$25.00 and \$30.00

—\$2.50 reward for a bundle of the best Millet raised in Haskell county. 7-17-4t LOMAX & JONES.

—Mr. Lane has worked up quite an interest in religion since he came to Haskell.

—See here—when in Abilene we would advise you to go to Bass Bros Druggists and price their Blanks Books, Memorandum, Writing Paper, Inks & C—They have on hand a large stock and will sell lower than any one,—try them.

—The meeting that has been in progress at the court house for the past few days have been regularly attended by the young men and ladies.

—Rev. Alexander Mason of Greenville, one of the leading baptist of the old school, has been in Haskell this week, and has preached in nearly all the neighborhoods in the county.

—See here—One of the best places in the west to buy Oil for painting, and for machinery is a Bass Bros. Abilene—They have a large stock and will sell by the gallon or barrel—try them.

—The country is improving, A. B. Eli has opened up a Blacksmith and Wood Shop. He is a first class workman and will guarantee all work. He makes a Specialty of horse shoeing.

—Mr. Hampton brought a load of melons to town the other day that average 40 lbs each and one weighed 62 lbs. He also brought some corn to feed on that was as fine as we every saw. The ears were very long and well filled, and clear of smut.

—W. F. Rupe received a letter from P. O. McCreary at Tascosa the other day requesting him to send some pictures he had left at the City Hotel. He also stated he was in jail on a charge of robbery.

—Bring in specimens of your crop and deliver them to Messrs Morgan & Scott, who will label them with your name and send them to the Abilene District fair.

—The Albany Milling Company will pay the highest market price in cash for good milling wheat.

N. H. BURNS, Gen. Mgr.

—Mess E. Y. Hildreth, G. R. Couch, S. W. Vernon, A. C. Foster Esq., H. R. Jones Esq., and Oscar Martin Esq., viewed the Stone-wall road last Tuesday.

—Parson Lane's meeting have been well attended. Mr. Lane is an earnest speaker and his sermons are very practical. He is thoroughly familiar with western life and every thing he says is concise and to the point.

—When an animal dies in town it should be carried far enough that it could not interfere with the comfort of any citizen. It seems that it has become a habit to carry dead animals south of the city, where the south wind will blow the odor of the decaying body toward town. This should be stopped.

—N. PORTER, Abilene, Tex., —

—FOR—

—SINGLE BUGGY HARNESS—\$10.00—\$12.00 and \$15.00. Full

NICKLE HARNESS \$16.50 and \$18.00. Team Harness \$12—\$15—\$18—\$20—\$25.

—I have 640 acres of improved school land for sale. All under fence, fifty acres in cultivation, good carrolls and tank of lasting water. Forty head of improved stook cattle and about \$300 worth of grain and forage. Call on me if you want to buy.

Respectfully,  
OSCAR MARTIN.

—Mr. C. E. Pratt of Pratt Bros. of Abilene and T. A. Ingham of White & Ingham the largest sheep owners of Crockett Co. have been with us the last 10 days and have bought 2000 head of the finest mutton sheep in this section which they paid good prices for. We hope these gentlemen will come again and leave some more cash with our brother sheepmen.

—I will be in Haskell about the 16 or 17 and remain for 4 or 5 days, and I would like to trade for 3 or 4 head of horses or mares. I will also have a lot of fine GOLD and SILVER WATCHES that I will give some rare bargains in, call on me at Johnson Bros. Store.

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### RACING.

The five mile trotting race last Saturday way won by Bob Marr's horse. This was one of the most exciting race of the season. Marr's horse only broke once in five mile heat. Baldwin's horse broke on the start and gave the other horse the inside track. When he would come down and trot he could gain on Marr's horse but he would not go far without breaking, and he always lost time when he broke.

### \$10.00 Reward.

Lost at the McKinsey crossing on Double Mountain Fork. One Dun Mare mule about 15 hands high, branded (S with a bar through it) on left shoulder. \$10.00 Reward will be given for any information leading to the discover of the above described animal.

Address, C. King,  
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### THE PREHISTORIC RACE.

Well-Preserved Remains Found in a Cave at the Bottom of a Mine.

DENVER, Col., Aug. 12.—A most remarkable story reached here yesterday from Aspen, Col., regarding an unexpected find in one of the principal mines on the Aspen mountains. Last Thursday night, as the story goes, the night shift in the Minnie mines, Messrs. Donnelly, Mackey, Taylor and Gildillan, put in two 30-inch holes on the blast of a 600-foot level and fired the blast just before leaving for the surface. On returning to the mine it was found that two shots had broken into a cave, the extent of which they proceeded to explore. Going in a few feet they found the walls covered with crystallized lime and lead that glittered like diamonds. Here and there little stalactites hung from the ceiling. The lime formation resembled lace and irize work of wonderful beauty. The cave has a decent of about 20 degrees. The explorers found rooms and chambers, grand beyond description. They had entered about 200 feet when they found a flint ax. A little further was a pool of fresh water and a strong current of fresh air was also felt. Father on the chamber was discovered covered with brownish muck that was sticky. Gildillan, who was in the lead, suddenly stopped and said, "There sits a boy."

Sure enough there sat a human form. His head resting on his knees and his arms were drawn around his legs, Indian fashion. A stone bowl and ax were found beside the boy. The body was well preserved, but in trying to lift it one arm was broken off. Other bodies in different attitudes were found in the chamber, but when disturbed they crumbled. One stone man was brought out with the loss of arms and feet. The discovery has caused great excitement in Aspen, as the bodies do not seem to be those of Indians.

### The Verdict Unanimous.

W. D. Sult, Druggist Bippus, Ind., testifies: "I can recommend Electric Bitters as the very best remedy. Every bottle sold has given relief in every case. One man took six bottles, and was cured of Rheumatism of 10 years' standing." Abraham Hare, druggist, Ohio, affirms: "The best selling medicine I have ever handled in my 20 years' experience, is Electric bitters." Thousands of others have added their testimony so that the verdict is unanimous that Electric Bitters do cure all diseases of the Liver, Kidneys or Blood. Only a half dollar a bottle at Johnson Bros Druggists.

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### THE ELIXIR.

A Life preserver, if not a Cure-All.

DETROIT, Mich., Aug. 12.—Dr. John W. Palmer, a prominent physician of Detroit has been experimenting with the "elixir of life," and with remarkable results. His patients were 60 and 70 years old, respectively. The elder man was decrepit, and had been in failing health for years. The first injection seemed to put new life in him, and with the second administration the effect was remarkable.

He walks erect, has the appearance of a long life ahead of him, and says he feels stronger than for years. The younger man did not indicate such pronounced results on the first trial, but with the second showed the rejuvenating effects, and it is his belief that the new remedy is a life preserver, if not a cure-all.

"I do not know what the discovery may result in," said Dr. Palmer. "This I do know, its immediate effect, is to exhilarate and tone up, and I believe that in many cases it may save life in bridging over a crisis. The preparation is in no sense dangerous, for an antiseptic enters into its composition, and its base is from the healthiest of animals."

### A Woman's Discover.

"Another wonderful discovery has been made and that too by a lady in this county. Disease fastened its clutches upon her and for seven years she withstood its severest tests, but her vital organs were undermined and death seemed imminent. For three months she coughed incessantly and could not sleep. She bought a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption and was so much relieved on taking first dose that she slept all night and with one bottle has been miraculously cured. Her name is Mrs. Luter Lutz." Thus writes W. C. Hamrick & Co. of Shelby, N. C.—Get a free trial bottle at Johnson Bros' Druggists.

Express Messenger Found Dead on the Floor of his Car.

RICHMOND, Tex., Aug. 10.—This morning when the 4 o'clock west bound Southern Pacific train pulled into Rosenberg the door of the express car was closed and no one was in sight. Upon breaking the door open Express Messenger Gorman was found dead on the floor with a bullet hole through his head and a revolver lying by his side with one empty chamber. It is supposed he shot himself accidentally as nothing was found on his body giving any cause for the rash act.

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Cisco is to have another gin this fall, which will make three for that town.

A LITTLE boy near Cisco was bitten by a spider the other day and the great antidote, whiskey was used with effect. He drank a pint before it had any effect on him.

It is understood that the farmers' recently by letter or through a committee sounded Attorney General Hogg on the legality of their organizing against jute bagging, and that attorney general informed them that they could only do so at the risk of going to the penitentiary.

The August number of The Old Homestead, published at Savannah, Ga. By Davis Bros., the fourth since its inception, is an indication that the purposes of the projectors have been carried out. Its aim was to encourage southern literature, to develop southern talent, and to stimulate those domestic virtues that inherently and inseparably belong to southern homes.

No trace has yet been found of the Thompson springs, Utah, train robbers. Both the Rio Grande railway and the express company will offer larger rewards for the capture of the outlaws and several organized parties have left Grand Junction and Green river in pursuit. It is the opinion of the officers that the robbers are the same gang who some months ago successfully held up the Tullerville, Colorado national bank for \$10,000.

### NO CONFESSION.

So Far Martin Burke has Failed to Throw Light on the Cronin Murder.

#### A CRONIN CONSPIRATOR.

MONTREAL P. Q., Aug. 8.—Detective Keller left for Chicago last night. He says Montreal has been a hotbed of Cronin conspirators, one of whom he has been shadowing for months. He declares the man will be arrested in forty-eight hours but declines to give any further information.

#### BURKE DELIVERED TO THE SHERIFF.

CHICAGO, ILL., Aug. 8.—Officer Collins, who acted as extradition messenger of the president of the United States in bringing the Cronin suspect Martin Burke from Winnipeg, delivered his prisoner to the sheriff this morning and Burke was locked up in the boys' department of the common jail and a guard placed in the corridor to prevent anyone from seeing him. This action relieved Officer Collins of the necessity of producing his prisoner in court under the habeas corpus proceedings before Judge Baker, and as it satisfied the contention of Lawyer Kennedy by placing the prisoner where his attorney could communicate with him, the habeas corpus proceeding was dropped. States Attorney Longenecker denies the truth of the statement that Burke has made a confession.

#### BURKE MADE NO CONFESSION.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., Aug. 8.—The Journal's Winnipeg special says: Chief of Police McRea gives a denial of the report that Burke made any confession to him, but he admits that Chief Hubbard wants him as a witness in the case. This indicates that Burke made damning admissions while here. Chief Hubbard intimated it was Alexander Sullivan who had sent Lawyer Kennedy to Winnipeg with a view of closing Burke's mouth.

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## HE SCARED UP THE WRONG WOMAN.

One Who Proved to Be a Tartar.

SULPHUR SPRINGS, Tex., 9.—Last night the city marshal, J. R. Houston, went in to the Baerwald restaurant, of which Mrs. Lelia Davis is proprietor, and while eating made some remarks at which Mrs. Davis became offended. She picked up a cup of hot coffee and dashed it into the face of the marshal. The marshal grabbed her and a rough and tumble fight ensued. Parties interfered and all was thought to be quiet, but in the course of an hour the marshal stepped into the saloon which adjoins the restaurant, when he was fired upon from the door of the partition that separates the saloon from the restaurant by Mrs. Davis. The marshal advanced and disarmed her. Pichers, cups and saucers played a prominent part before the irate woman madam was reconciled. The shot missed the marks and no damage was done other than a few scratches and bruises and the absence of hair.

### TRAIN HELD UP

The Solitary Highwayman Does the Wisconsin Central—A Small Haul.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Aug. 8.—The Wisconsin Central passenger train from Chicago which passed Chippewa Falls, Wis., at 4 o'clock this morning was held up and robbed by a single man between Chippewa Falls and Abbotsford, a half hour before. At the hour named entered one of the sleeping cars, commanded the conductor and porter to throw up their hands and then proceeded to go through them, taking all they had. One passenger was also robbed. A shot or two was fired at the porter, but no one was hurt. The robber pulled the bell rope as soon as he had committed the robbery, and when the train came to a stop he jumped off and escaped. No attempt was made to follow him. The man is described as having the appearance of a woodsman. He wore a slouch hat and carried a pistol and big knife in his belt. He took from the conductor \$30 and a silver watch and from the porter a gold watch and a small amount of money and from a passenger some money and a watch.

### Charged with Horse Theft.

ARLINGTON, Tex., Aug. 8.—Constable Hood arrested Henry Bowlin last night at his home on Fish creek, six or seven miles south of Arlington, on a charge of horse stealing and brought him here this morning to take the train to Fort Worth to place him in the county jail. The accused is a young man about 22 or 23 years of age and has borne a very good reputation in the community prior to this occurrence. His connections are very good. His father, while not a rich man, is a well-to-do farmer and respected in the neighborhood for honesty and uprightness, and his mother is said to be a good christian woman. The charge with which he stands accused is stealing Wednesday night, out of Jim Abbott's pasture on Fish creek, a horse belonging to Morris Putnam and taking the horse to Dallas Thursday morning and selling it for \$15. It seems that he then came to Arlington and paid off some accounts he owed the next day, Friday, which latter incidents led to suspicion being directed toward him and finally to his arrest. While here this morning he acknowledged amid many tears his guilt and asked quite a number of his old friends to help him out. He gave as his excuse for the deed the urgent need of money, and said he must have been crazy. He seemed to lament it more on his mother's account than any thing else, and said while crying he knew it would nearly kill her. Much sympathy is expressed for the mother and father but very little for the young man.

## Haskell County.

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

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

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

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

In 1886 and 1887 the entire west, from Dakota to Mexico suffered from seasons of unprecedented dryness, but the faith of the few farmers of Haskell county, kept green and in the fall of 1887 farming begun in dead earnest, and the crop of 1888 far surpassed all anticipation, corn made 25 bushels per acre; oats made from 60 to 100, wheat from 15 to 25, rye 20, and cotton, one-third to one-half bale per acre, and sorghum, hay and millet was so bountiful it was hardly considered as a part of the general crop and there was no demand for it in the local market. The acreage in farms have been increased to at least 10,000 acres.

### TOPOGRAPHY.

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

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

### WATER.

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

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

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

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

### SOIL.

The soil is an alluvial loam of great depth and fertility, varying in color from a red to a dark

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

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

### PRODUCTS.

Indian corn, wheat, oats, barley, rye, 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 50c to 1.25 per bushel; the wheat yield for the year '88—a dry year—ranged from 18 to 30 bushels—averaging 25 bushels per acre, and sold in the home market for 90 cents to \$1.00 per bushel; oats yield 60 to 100 bushels per acre, and usually sell at 25 cents per bushel; cotton yields a half to three quarters of a bale per acre, but owing to the great distance to market its cultivation is not engaged in to a great extent. Other crops make good yields and command corresponding prices. Home made pork is usually worth 6 to 8 cents per pound; fresh beef 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 45 miles southeast, on the Texas Central Railroad, but not so much as to Abilene, because of rougher wagon roads.

### RAILROADS.

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

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

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

### PUBLIC SCHOOL.

Our school fund is perhaps the best of any county in the north-west. In addition to the amount received from the state, about \$5,500 per capita, our commissioners court have wisely executed a lease for 10 years of four 4 leagues of school land, situated in the Panhandle, the revenue from which added to the amount received from the state

gives us a fund amply sufficient to run the several schools of the county ten months in the year. This fund can also be drawn upon to build school houses in any organized school community of the county.

### MAIL FACILITIES.

There is only one post office in Haskell. It has a daily mail, over the 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 Sundays, also preaching at other points in the county. We have a good Union Sunday School, and weekly prayer meeting that are well attended.

### HASKELL.

The town of Haskell is the county site of, and is situated one and one-half miles south of the center of Haskell county, on a beautiful table land, and is 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 drygood and grocery stores that sell goods at prices as low as can be had in railroad towns, with 50 cents per hundred pounds for freight added, and drygoods and groceries as cheap as can be bought any where. Also has two drug stores one notion one hotel and one restaurant, both first class; one blacksmith shop; two cabinet and wood shops; one exchange bank, one barber shop; one silver smith shop one saddlery shop, one boot and shoe shop; one meat market; two livery stables; three doctors; 10 lawyers and land agents; one first class county newspaper and job office, and only one saloon, all doing a very good business. The town of Haskell with her natural advantages, of location, climate, good water and fertility of soil is destined in the near future to be the queen city of Northwest Texas, and railroad connection for Haskell is all that is needed to accomplish these things.

### ADVANTAGES AND RESOURCES.

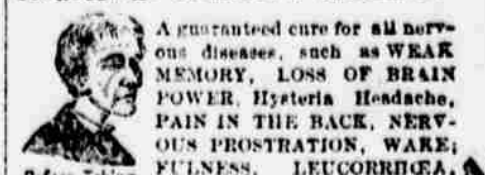
In almost every neighborhood of the older states and the thickly settled portion of our own state there are many of its citizens who are contemplating a removal or a change of residence for many reasons. Some to restore lost health, some to make their beginning in the world, others to repair financial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

To such we would say you are just the people we want. Come and see us, and you will find a broad field of occupation and investment to choose from, with chances greatly in your favor. In coming to Haskell do not imagine we are a people wild and woolly indigenous to these "western wilds," that we are loaded with dynamite and shooting irons, that our conversations are collections of cuss words and Mulhattan mixtures, but rather that we are a people reared among the same surroundings, that we have received the benefit of the same 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.

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