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Haskell, Haskell County, Texas, Saturday, March 8, 1890.

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Directory.

DISTRICT OFFICERS.
(9th Judicial Dist.)
Dist. Judge, Hon. J. V. Cockrell.
Dist. Attorney, J. F. Cunningham.

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County Judge, P. D. Sanders.
County Attorney, J. E. Wilfong.
County At-Law, C. D. Long.
Sheriff and Tax Collector, A. D. Tucker.
County Treasurer, S. J. Preston.
Tax Assessor, W. J. Sowell.
County Surveyor, G. R. Couch.
Sheep Inspector, W. R. Stauffer.

COMMISSIONERS.
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Precinct No. 2, H. H. Owsley.
Precinct No. 3, J. S. Post.
Precinct No. 4, W. D. Garren.

PRECINCT OFFICERS.
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Constable

CHURCHES.
Baptist (Missionary) Every 1st Sunday and Saturday before, Rev. S. H. Blair, Pastor.
Presbyterian (Cumberland) Every 2nd Sunday and Saturday before, No Pastor.
Christian (Campbellite) Every 3rd Sunday and Saturday before, Elder Pleas Taylor Pastor.
Methodist (M. E. Church S.) Every 2d and 4th Sunday, Rev. J. N. Snow, Pastor.
Union Sunday School every Sunday, P. D. Sanders, Superintendent.
Haskell Lodge No. 682, A. F. & A. M., Meet Saturday on or after each full moon, R. W. Scott, W. M., A. C. Foster, Secy.
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Reya Arch masons, meet Saturday before each full moon.
A. C. Foster, High Priest.
J. L. Jones, Secy.

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attention to any Business
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All Work Guaranteed.
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Call at office or write to us.
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A TEST CASE

Will Probably be Made Out of the Unseating of Pendleton.

Lanham's Bill For a Rio Grande Dam Near El Paso Reported to the House—Its Provisions.

ANOTHER DEMOCRAT OUSTED, WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—The house to-day increased its Republican majority by unseating Mr. Pendleton of West Virginia, though the debate was spirited, the contest making a very strong and ringing speech in his own behalf. The galleries were filled with people, and upon the vote passed Atkinson, yeas 162, nays 0, the Democrats refusing to vote, loud applause was heard. This caused commotion, and the speaker stated that he would clear the galleries if order was not maintained. This contest and the seating of Atkinson will probably be taken to the supreme court by Mr. Pendleton upon the grounds that a minority expelled him from his seat without authority.

RIO GRANDE DAM.

Mr. Lanham reported to-day for the committee on arid lands his bill providing for the construction of a dam on the Rio Grande river at or near El Paso. This measure is of great interest to Texas and has been carefully considered by the committee. The senate committee has already passed a bill similar in terms to Mr. Lanham's. The house report reviews the history of the Rio Grande river and the damage sustained by its overflow from the earliest times. The report states that the question is an international one and that congress has entire power over it. It is proposed to construct a reservoir with immense storage capacity to provide for the proper irrigation for the lands. Signor Garfias, a Mexican engineer of considerable reputation, favors the plan proposed, as does Maj. Powell, director of the geological survey. The report says that the El Paso valley is from four to ten miles wide, and that it embraces a population of fifty thousand people; equally divided as citizens of Mexico and the United States.

THE REMEDY
for the water overflow and the consequent ruin of the inhabitants for the Rio Grande valley, says the report, "must be found in storage reservoirs in the canon opposite Taos and the other in the canon near and at the north of El Paso, below Presidio del Norte. The river has been changing for forty years and it is impossible to determine to which country the land belongs. Mr. Lanham's bill will open the way for a thoroughly international conference concerning the whole matter, the results of which cannot in any sense be injurious.

SEYMOUR JUBILANT.

The People Rejoicing Over the Prospect of Securing Three Railroads.

SEYMOUR, Tex. Feb. 27.—Our city was honored last Saturday and Sunday by the presence of John Bacon of Dallas, right of way agent for the Missouri, Kansas and Texas railroad company, and Maj. Watson chief engineer for said railroad company. They were here for the purpose of interviewing our people with a view to extending said Missouri, Kansas and Texas railroad from Henrietta to this place. Said gentlemen were met by a committee who grew very enthusiastic over the prospects of having said railroad build to our city.

Under the direction of Judge Newton, a railroad mass meeting was held in the courthouse on the 26th, which demonstrated beyond a doubt that our people were wide

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awake to their interests, and will do all in their power to procure said railroad.
Mr. G. P. Meade of Fort Worth is at the Commercial now, and will doubtless close the contract with the people to build the Wichita Valley road to this place, as the necessary arrangements to procure said road have been about consummated. Both of said railroads propose to run trains to Seymour by the 1st of September; then as Seymour is directly on the line of the Survey of the Cattle Trail railroad running north and south across the state, where is the town in the west that has a better chance to become a railroad center than Seymour? In view of these facts and the fact that Baylor county is one of the finest agricultural counties in the state, we can readily account for our town and county being flooded with enterprising men, and men of capital all the time.

Long Lost Child Found.

New York, Feb. 28.—With whatever anxiety and heaviness of heart William Schmidt and wife in their distant Texas home have turned their thoughts from time to time, to the little daughter they lost thirteen years ago in the city of New York, it is all comfort and joy. The child has been found grown to womanhood, kind and honest, and the thousand of horrowing doubts, with which the parents have thought upon the perilous career of their lost little one in the pitiless throng of the great city, have all been set at rest. When leaving New York thirteen years ago, Mr. and Mrs. Schmidt gave their little daughter in care to an old woman, who could never be found again. It was thought that she purposely sequestered the child and after a diligent search with the aid of the police the parents abandoned hope of finding the child. A few days ago Mr. Schmidt returned from Texas, and on the street by chance met an old woman who had known the missing guardian of his child. That woman had died soon after Mr. Schmidt left for Texas, and the girl was committed to the care of a Catholic school. Then she was easily traced. She had grown up in the school a modle young girl, had gone to work in a big store, and only a few days before had married a worthy man from Massachusetts, where the overjoyed father found her.

THE RAILROADS.

What is Being Done on the Albuquerque and What it will Result in.

Yesterday was a hard day on railroad gangs working on the grade, but notwithstanding the blue norther that blew fast and ferocious the dirt continued to fly on the main track of the Fort Worth and Albuquerque road. John Hurley's gang are working near the bridge south of the cemetery, while the large force of Hurley, Tierney and Lynch are massing further up the river, and if nothing prevents will be at work to-day at different points along the line.
The only thing that now stands

in the way of a general onward movement is about five pieces of right of way in this county, which is not in extent over five miles, if that much. Some of this will be acquired to-day, and if terms cannot be made as to the other, condemnation proceedings will be instituted. The company does not wish to go into court for any piece of right of way in Tarrant county, but would greatly prefer to have an amicable understanding with the owners of the land through which the line will run. Some of these owners cannot be induced to name a price for the right of way. They will talk about it and say, "Well, I don't want to be hard on you fellows, but I will have to think about it a little." Some men who have been giving the Albuquerque management fits for not building the road now decline to name the price for the right of way through land owned by them near the city. They are simply obstructionists in the way of this important enterprise.

Vice-President Zook and Mr. J. P. Woods have returned from their work along the route of the road as far as the county road, and report that they had no trouble in securing the right of way from all parties seen by them.
"It is all right," said Mr. Zook to a Gazette reporter yesterday afternoon, except a few miles of right of way at this end of the line. We will try and make this end all right to-morrow and then it will be clear sailing."—Ft. Worth Gazette.

WHAT IT WILL DO.

The Building of the Albuquerque Will Put a Quietus on the Dallas Scheme.

"Well, it looks as if the Albuquerque was going to be built this time," remarked a well-known railroad man to a gentleman he was conversing with last evening.
"Yes, they are massing men, teams and scrapers on the north side of the river and the work is going to be pushed ahead."
"This will be a death blow to the Dallas road to the northwest."
"How is that?"
"It is just this way. There is considerable track of the Dallas road graded, ready for the ties and rails, but money cannot be raised to buy them by those who are at the head of the scheme. If the Albuquerque road from Fort Worth goes ahead the Dallas people cannot raise a dollar on the work they have already. You see it was the hopes of the Dallas crowd that the grading of this road would bluff the Fort Worth crowd off and cause them to weaken on the Albuquerque road. Had they succeeded, there would have been no difficulty in floating bonds sufficient to equip their road and start it to running. Fort Worth, however, didn't weaken, but kept up the Albuquerque talk, and capitalists would not touch the bonds of the Dallas road until it was settled which road would certainly be built.

"Now that it appears that the Albuquerque means business and will build, it will be much harder, if not impossible, for bonds of the Dallas road to be floated. I look upon the money spent on the Dallas road as so much wealth thrown away. Fort Worth is master of the situation to-day if she will only hold it. The building of the Albuquerque is a sine qua non to her future prosperity. With it she kills a proposed line that would have been almost ruin to the city; a failure to build it will certainly result in new life being thrown into the Dallas road. That is the situation without any bark on it."—Ft. Worth Gazette.

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J. G. LOWDON, Cashier.

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Announcement Column.

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

COUNTY OFFICERS.

FOR SHERIFF AND TAX COLLECTOR.

W. B. ANTHONY.

FOR TAX ASSESSOR.

W. R. STANFORD.

The air is filled with railroad talk.

J. T. Montgomery of Seymour would make this District a good representative at the next Legislature.

EVERYBODY has turned land speculator and as a consequence town property is changing hands at an advance of 150 percent on prices of two months ago.

JUDGE COCKRELL has been a good officer, and the good people of Haskell want Baylor county to help elect him again.

Chicago, the Queen city of the west has secured the world's fair of 1892. Let all the west rejoice.

Chicago should have had the unanimous support of the Texas delegation in congress.

Let the south and west stand together in a solid phalanx and teach the antiradical east a lesson.

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Don't you think it is time that the commissioners court should act upon this question... Don't you think it is time that the commissioners court should act upon this question...

Is the above, Cow-Boy tries to dodge the issue, and appeals to prejudices and sentiment.

The proposition of the Free West parties was with reference to the manner of being paid for removing the bodies.

Cow-Boy suggests that the bodies that are buried in the present cemetery should be allowed to remain.

Those who oppose may delay removal but they will not be able to prevent it.

We give space to Cow-Boy's article with great reluctance.

The article published in the Free Press favoring removal have been conservative, and their tone show a full appreciation of the importance of the matter.

You are right brother Me. We have been slapped on the shoulder by many a friend of law and order since we took a stand for Cockrell.

The best salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions.

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WE HAVE OPENED A Lumber Yard, AND WILL KEEP Building Material Generally.

Will be pleased to see you or receive orders for anything in our line.

Will endeavor to deal honestly with all who favor us with purchases.

Refer to Capt. C. P. Kidlough,

HASKELL TEXAS.

W. H. COOKE & Co.

ABILENE TEXAS.

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DICKENSON BROS. PROPRIETORS.

You Will Always Find us Prepared to Furnish you With Beef and Pork

As we will Butcher every evening.

S. E. Corner of the Public Sq. HASKELL TEXAS.

Cockrell will succeed himself.

About two weeks ago the Seymour paper contained a little squib to the effect that Baylor county proposes to furnish the next district judge.

Judge Cockrell has made the district a good judge, and from the record he has made is entitled to a tenure in office for some time yet.

There is additional authority for the statement that the Texas Central will at an early date extend from Albany to Haskell.

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Saturday, March 8, 1890.

LOCAL DOTS.

—W. R. Moor of Albany was in the city this week.
—Capt. Donohoo is having his residence painted.
—Note the change of Ed. S. Hughes & Co's. "ad."
—Mr. Sherrill went to Abilene yesterday on business.
—McLemore can sell you Wall Paper cheaper than Abilene.
—Prof. Massey of Della Plains was in the city this week.
—Mr. Kootz and family of Camp Texas have moved to Haskell.
—Borne to Mr. and Mrs. Dillworth a fine girl on the 6 inst.
—W. J. Sowell has returned from an extended visit to friends at Buffalo Gap.
—Rev. Mr. Burns' little infant died Wednesday from croup.
—Don't fail to see the beautiful line of Wall Paper at McLemore's.
—Come at once and buy for cash at reduced prices. Johnson Bros.
—For Fresh Drugs and Medicines call on F. E. Turner N. W. corner square.
—J. B. Burghler of Fort Worth was in the city this week trying to buy land.
—Don't forget that McLemore carries a full line of show case goods for the ladies.
—Johnson Bros are selling at the lowest prices ever known in Haskell.
—Mr. Barr of Fort Worth has been in Haskell several days seeking investment.
—WANTED Five-Hundred Watches and Clocks for repair, by J. E. Glover, at New Drug Store.
—Lots on the Square that sold for \$250, two months ago are in demand now at \$500.
—MONKEY TO LOAN—
At the HASKELL COUNTY BANK on unincumbered real estate.
—G. H. Tucker has returned from Buffalo Gap, where he has been attending school.
—To day is the day appointed for the railroad meeting let every body turn out at 2 o'clock p. m.
—We are closing out for Spring Stock and will sell at cost for cash. Johnson Bros.
—Mrs. S. C. Hammons arrived home Saturday. She had been to Barnett on an extended visit.
—Mesdames Paris and Reynolds Fashionable Dress-makers request the patronage of ladies wishing sewing done.
—Don't forget to bring your Watches and Clocks at once to Glover and have them repaired correctly or no pay asked at Turner's N. W. corner square.
—Ed J. Hamner Esq., S. H. Johnson, Bob Marr and H. R. Jones Esq. made a business trip to Abilene this week.
—Mr. Price of Fort Worth was in Haskell this week and has bought one or two tracts of land.
—J. A. Glenn of West, Texas has moved to Haskell and will build a residence and business house.
—For genuine "Spencer Pat horse collars" also Team Collars, of our own make call on N. Porter Abilene Tex. 3-1 Ct.
—Dirt is lying on the Fort Worth and Albuquerque, Haskell on the direct line of this road and will be sure to get it.

Groceries! Groceries!

To the People of Haskell County

We are again before you as a candidate for your trade during 1890. We sold lots of Groceries in your county during 1889, but we still want to increase our trade with you.
NOW THAT THE SNOW AND RAINS HAVE COME, WE ARE ALL HAPPY and THE FARMER IS READY TO PLANT.
We offer you the largest stock of Bulk Garden and Field Seed ever brought to the Abilene Country.
OUR SEED POTATOES ARE DIRECT FROM THE GROUND AND TRUE TO NAME.
Our Stock of Groceries is Complete and the Largest in the City, and prices as low as the lowest.
COME AND SEE US. WE ARE HERE TO PLEASE AND ACCOMMODATE YOU.

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—We have the Deeppoint blasting powder 20 cents per lb. Water Proof Fuse 2 cents per foot.
W. B. Anthony & Co.
—When in Haskell call on F. E. Turner N. W. cor., of square and buy your Drugs. He has a complete Stock and will sell as cheap as you can buy elsewhere.
—The place to buy the different kind of Dogpoisons is at Bass Bro. Abilene, Texas. Be sure to see them before buying.
—S. Beavers sold a ten acre block of land near town the other day that he purchased about two months ago. He realized a handsome profit.
—J. W. Collins has purchased the interest of Dr. R. A. Anderson in the mercantile firm of Gass & Anderson.
—S. C. Hammons has been arrested and taken to Dallas by U. S. authority, to stand examination on a charge of robbery.
Go to McLemore's for anything you want in the Drug line, he carries every thing in that line and will make it to your interest to trade with him.
N. PORTER, Abilene, Tex.,—

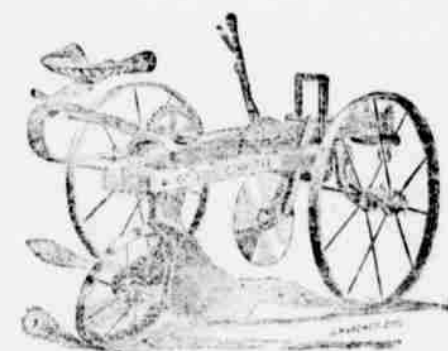
—FOR—
CHEYENNE SADDLES, Prices \$17.00, \$20.00, \$25.00 and \$30.00
—Mrs. Frank McGregor was in the city Tuesday shopping and in company with Mrs. S. M. Hammons gave the Free Press a pleasant call.
—Window Glass Ware, Paper and School Books are sold very low by the Druggist Bass Bros. Abilene, Tex. And we would advise all to call and see them.
—J. T. Houser of the firm of Ed. S. Hughes & Co. of Abilene was in the city Monday accompanied by J. L. Ide of South Bend Ind. who is the agent of the Manufacturing company of the noted Solid Comfort plow. Mr. Houser wants to form the acquaintance of farmers with a view of furnishing them with farm machinery.
—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.
—The advertisement of the town of Lockney will reappear in the next issue. Owing to lack of space we had omitted it for several issues.

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STORE,
(SHERRILL BROS. & CO.)
HARDWARE,
PLOW,
SOLID COMFORT SUKIES
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PLANTERS,
BINDERS,
HARNESS,
STOVES,
TINWARE,
CUTLERY,
WIRE and
WAGONS.

We are putting in a stock that is intended to meet the wants of the country, and we want the trade of Haskell, Knox and Stonewall counties.
—In an other column will be found the announcement of W. R. Standefer for the office of tax assessor. Mr. Standefer is one of the first citizens of Haskell county he having built the first house in 1883. Upon organization of the county he was elected to the office of county surveyor, and he served the people in that capacity for one term. We bespeak for him the careful consideration of the people.
The town of Lockney is growing rapidly, and a good merchant of means has moved from Della Plaine a rival town to Lockney and another one is going to move. Mr. Lockney the originator of the town has many friends in Haskell who wish him success in his enterprise.
—In an other column will be found the announcement of W. B. Anthony for the office of sheriff and tax collector. Mr. Anthony is a pioneer citizen of Haskell county and is known by all as a man of sterling worth and possessing all the qualities necessary to fit him for the proper execution of a public trust. We can conscientiously commend him to the voters of Haskell county as being worthy of their confidence.

Ed. S. HUGHES & CO.

Have Received their 3rd Car of SOLID COMFORT Sulky Plows since Aug. 1st, Last, making their total purchases to date one hundred and eighty-six Plows.
There is enough of them in use in Haskell County to show their superior merits, and convince every progressive farmer in the county that he should have one on his farm.



They are sole agents of real Glidden and real Baker wire and carry a full stock of Hardware, Stoves &c.

CALL AND SEE US.
Respectfully Yours,
ED. S. HUGHES & Co, ABILENE TEX,
SHERRILL BROS, HASKELL TEX.

D. W. WRISTEN,
DEALER IN
GROCERIES, PROVISIONS &
Country Produce.
Fine St. ABILENE TEXAS
Call and See us before buying elsewhere.
All goods guaranteed to be as represented.

NOTICE.
The following letter to our senior will explain it self.
Benjamin Tex. March 2 1890.
Oscar Martin Esq.
Dear Sir:
Please give notice through your paper that the Teepe City Stock association will meet at Benjamin Texas on March 15, for the purpose of arranging cow work of 1890. All are respectfully requested to attend.

T. J. Chenoweth, Pres.
R. L. Penic, Sec.
LADIES
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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 570,000 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 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 pure water.

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

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

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

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

Except mesquite grubs and stumps, which are easily extracted, there are no obstructions to 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 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, 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 bushel and the price varies from 50c to 1.25 per bushel; the wheat yield for the year 1888—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 for 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 30 miles south of the Ft. W. & D. R. R. and is situated on the direct line of the cattle trail over which the Rock Hand, 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 \$5.50 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. 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, Christian, Old School and Cumberland Presbyterians each have organized churches in the town of Haskell, and have preaching on Sundays, also preaching at other points in the county. We have a good Union Sunday School, and weekly prayer meeting that are well attended.

HASKELL.
The town of Haskell is the county site of, and is situated one and one-half mile south of the center of Haskell county, on a beautiful table land, and is five 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, one gin and mill. Also has four drug stores one hardware one notion one hotel and one restaurant, both first class; two blacksmith shops; two cabinet and wood shops; one lumber yard one exchange bank, one barber shop; one silver smith shop one saddlery shop, one boot and shoe shop; one meat market; two livery stables; four doctors; 19 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.

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.

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