

# The Haskell Free Press.

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Haskell, Haskell County, Texas, Saturday, Feb. 4, 1893.

No.

## Directory.

**DISTRICT OFFICERS.**  
(5th Judicial Dist.)  
Judge, Hon. J. V. Cockrell.  
Dist. Attorney, Hon. W. W. Beall.

**COUNTY OFFICIALS.**  
County Judge, P. D. Sanders.  
County Attorney, F. P. Morgan.  
County & Dist. Clerk, J. L. Jones.  
Sheriff and Tax Collector, W. B. Anthony.  
County Treasurer, Jasper Hill.  
Tax Assessor, No. H. S. Post.  
County Surveyor, J. A. Fisher.

**COMMISSIONERS.**  
Precinct No. 1, J. S. Rike.  
Precinct No. 2, B. H. Owsley.  
Precinct No. 3, G. W. Lucas.  
Precinct No. 4, J. F. Adams.

**PRECINCT OFFICERS.**  
J. P. Frost, No. 1, J. S. Rike.  
Constable Prec. No. 1, T. D. Sages.

**CHURCHES.**  
Baptist, (Missionary) Every 1st and 3rd Sunday.  
Rev. W. G. Cuperton, Pastor.  
Presbyterian, (Cumberland) Every 2nd Sunday and 4th Sunday.  
Rev. W. B. Anthony, Pastor.  
Christian (Campbellite) Every 2nd Sunday and 4th Sunday before.  
Rev. W. B. Anthony, Pastor.  
Presbyterian, Every 2nd and 4th Sunday.  
Rev. W. B. Anthony, Pastor.  
Methodist (M. E. Church S.) Every Sunday and Sunday night, J. H. ...  
Rev. D. D. Pastor.  
Prayer meeting every Wednesday night.  
Sunday School every Sunday at 9:30 a. m.  
F. D. Sanders, Superintendent.  
Christian Sunday School every Sunday.  
W. E. Stanifer, Superintendent.  
Baptist Sunday School every Sunday.  
D. W. Courtwright, Superintendent.  
Presbyterian Sunday School every Sunday.  
N. E. Sherrill, Superintendent.  
Haskell Lodge No. 862, A. F. & A. M.  
Meet Saturday on or before each full moon.  
S. W. Scott, W. H. ...  
A. C. Foster, Sec'y.  
Haskell Chapter No. 101.  
Royal Arch Masons meet on the first Tuesday in each month.  
H. G. McConnell, High Priest.  
S. W. Scott, Sec'y.

## Professional Cards.

**J. E. LINDSEY, M. D.**  
PHYSICIAN & SURGEON.  
Haskell, Tex.  
Solely a share of your patronage.  
All bills due, must be paid on the first of the month.

**L. HAGARD, M. D.**  
Physician, Surgeon and ACCOUCHEUR.  
Office at Palace Drug Store.  
Haskell, Texas.  
J. F. Buckley, M. D.  
DRS. NEATHERY & BUNKLEY.  
Physicians and Surgeons.  
their services to the people of the town and country.  
Office Palace Drug Store during the day and residence at night.  
Haskell, Texas.  
Frank R. Brown, A. H. Weston.

**BROWN & WESTON,**  
DENTISTS  
(successors to F. N. Brown.)  
ESTABLISHED IN 1884 AT ABILENE TEX.  
Correspondence solicited from parties at a distance. Railroad fare returned to those coming from neighboring towns.

**OSCAR MARTIN,**  
Attorney & Counsellor-at-Law  
AND  
Notary Public.  
HASKELL, TEXAS.

**ARTHUR C. FOSTER,**  
LAND LAWYER.  
NOTARY PUBLIC AND CONVEYANCER.  
Land Business and Land Litigation specialties.  
HASKELL, TEXAS.  
Office one block west of Court House.

**S. W. SCOTT,**  
Attorney at Law and Land Agent  
Notary Public, Abstract of title to any land in Haskell county furnished on application.  
Office in Court House with County Surveyor.  
HASKELL, TEXAS.

**Deweese & Rath,**  
CONTRACTORS AND BUILDER.  
Estimates on Buildings; Furnished on Application.  
THEO. MORTON and HASKELL, TEXAS.

SEND 75 CTS. TO THE  
**Floyd County Times,**  
AND GET  
The Best all Home Print Paper Published on the Plains.  
Address Time, Floydada, Texas.

**A. R. BANGE,**  
DEALER IN  
**SADDLES & HARNESS,**  
To my friends in Haskell Co.—  
While in Seymour, call and examine my Prices on Saddlery and Harness Goods.  
A. R. BANGE,  
Main St. Seymour, Texas.

**FOR THE PEOPLE,**  
Western, Main, Indian and Miscellaneous, for  
BROWN'S IRON BITTERS.  
It cures quickly for all diseases of the stomach, and the general  
debility.

If you think Haskell is not a fast place, look at the town clock.  
MR. BLAINE'S will bestow all his property, estimated at \$800,000 upon his wife.

GET Haskell county settled with good energetic farmers and the town will take care of itself.

HASKELL will be "in it," not the soup, but the immigration boom, if we will pull together for that end.

The man with the hoe is what we need in Haskell county, and Haskell county dirt is what the man with the hoe needs to make him prosperous.

THE North Carolina legislature is now wrestling with the question of state banks of issue. Two bills to enauregate the system have been introduced.

A BILL has been introduced in the house to make train robbing a felony punishable by a life term in the penitentiary or by death. Let it pass, say we.

AN effort is being made by a few members of the house to have the state receive the \$40,000 sugar bounty due the state and appropriate it to the World's fair fund.

If the year 1893 keeps up the record made so far in the removal of men of note, there soon will be room at the top for aspiring youngsters to gain a foothold.

An exchange remarks that it is a billious time for the state down at Austin. Console yourself brother, the committee of the hole will dispose of most of them—they will be pigeon-holed.)

If you are planting an orchard this year try a few Concord, Taylor and Cynthia grapes. It is believed that they are the varieties surest to succeed in this section, and they are excellent sorts.

You get fifty-two issues of the Texas Live Stock and Farm Journal, a total of over three thousand columns of good substantial livestock and agricultural news for \$1.50. You can get the same and this paper for one year for \$2.00 cash! Isn't this a bargain? We take subscriptions.

In these latter days, times have changed; instead of the star of promise shining in the east as of yore, the wise men of all countries recognize in our bright Lone Star the hope and promise of future prosperity and they are bending their steps toward it.

Those members who went to the present legislature under promises to reduce taxation will have to abandon the idea if Comptroller McCall's estimate is correct. He estimates the expenditures for 1894 and 1895 at \$5,279,741.40, an excess over the last two years of \$294,569.20.

WHY do you stay where you have to put from \$4 to \$6 worth of fertilizers on your land every year to make it produce an ordinary crop? Do you know that you can come to Haskell county and buy land at from \$3 to \$5 per acre that will produce better crops without fertilizers than yours will with it? It's a fact.

THE editor of the FREE PRESS hasn't a foot of real estate for sale in Haskell county, hence, he can not be accused of trying to get people to come here to unload on. He is simply working for the development of the country, believing at the same time that those who come and help in the developing process will be benefited.

THE FREE PRESS is in receipt of a copy of the Texas railroad commissioners report for the year 1892. It is a book of 385 pages, besides 35 pages of introductory matter. It contains a great deal of information about our railroads; cost of construction, operating, their management, earnings, etc., and the work done by the commission, which latter we do not think has amounted to much public benefit.

ON receipt of the news of the election of Hon. John Martin to the U. S. Senate by the Kansas legislature, our legislature passed the following

resolution:  
"Resolved by the legislature of the state of Texas, the senate concurring, That greeting be extended the democracy and populists of Kansas, and the legislature of said state be congratulated on the election of a democrat to the national senate for the first time in the history of the state."

WHY do you stay back there where you can cultivate only 20 or 30 acres of poor, grubby, rooty land with walking plows, when you could come out to Haskell county, mount a "Solid Comfort" a "Sulky Cultivator" a "Riding Disk," etc., and cultivate 100 to 125 acres of the finest prairie land you ever saw!

THE Hon. James G. Blaine died on the 28th ultimo. In him another of America's greatest statesmen and leaders passed from the stage of action. He was one of those men who helped to make politics and political issues, as well as being a matchless advocate of them; a man who has left his impress on the age in which he lived. He was a better friend to the South than most men of his party and associations.

## A Juror Who Reads.

In the case of Ben Ashworth vs. State, decided yesterday by the court of criminal appeals in Dallas, Judge Simkins delivering the opinion says in effect that an objection to a juror sitting in the case, who had formed an opinion from reading newspaper accounts, would at this day disqualify the reading and intelligent portion of the community; that the statute of Texas wisely vests a large discretion in the judge to see that the opinion of the juror is not fixed and that he can give an impartial trial, and "we will not revise the exercise of discretion of the trial judge unless it is abused."—Dallas News.

THE above decision is in line with the advanced thought and enlightenment of the age in which we live. We are pleased also to note that a bill has been introduced in the legislature providing a change in the prevalent practice of our courts in line with the decision of Judge Simkins.

## Settle Haskell County.

It takes people to develop a country and build up a town. We have a county that needs settling up with farmers in order that the town may have the growth and business to which its excellent location naturally entitles it. Now, while it is a recognized and admitted fact, among people who are acquainted with it, that Haskell county is one of the very best counties in north-west Texas, that it is excelled by none and is superior to ninety per cent of all the others, that fact is known to but few persons who are looking out for or seeking new homes consequently, the fact does not help the country to get settled up. The above statement of the difficulty suggests the remedy. Means must be adopted to let people at a distance know what the country is and what they can expect to do here. If there is any faith to be put in the news that is reaching us from day to day, and we see no reason for doubting it, there are hundreds of people coming to Texas now and hundreds more proposing to come, but those people are going to sections of the country which they have seen advertised and to which they have been invited. This is true in almost every instance. We have had experience enough with immigration movements to know it. It is high time that we were at work. Read the article which we have reproduced from the Dallas News.

## Civil Damages for Murder.

Two law suits, new, we believe, to the jurisprudence of Texas, have been instituted recently in this state. They are the suits of Mrs. Randle of Dallas against Col. Randall, the slayer of her husband, for \$25,000 damages, and Mrs. Vial of Fort Worth, against Dr. Jones for similar cause, for \$30,000 damages. We can see no reason why such suits should not succeed in cases running as low down the scale of crime or guilt as negligent homicide and, surely, the deliberate murderer with malice aforethought should be made to compensate those dependent upon his

## BASS' PRAIRIE DOG POISON

Cooley Bros., of Jones County, Scalped 1866 dogs with \$5.00

Bass' Prairie Dog Poison. You can do as well.

## BASS BROS.

### R. E. MARTIN

(Successor to S. E. Frost.)

## Palace Drug Store.

DEALER IN  
Pure Drugs, Patent Medicines, Toilet Soap, Stationery, Perfumeries, Tube, Hair brushes, paint brushes, eye glasses, School books Inks, Slates, pencils, wall paper, Oils, paints etc. etc.

HASKELL TEXAS

## THE CITY MEAT MARKET,

DICKENSON BROS., Prop.

DEALERS IN  
ALL KINDS OF  
Fresh Meat.

HASKELL, TEXAS

## CALL ON W. W. FIELDS & BRO.

AT THEIR  
New Building on West Side of Square.

Where They Have a Full and Complete

## STAPLE and FANCY GROCERIES.

They propose to keep constantly stocked up with fresh and choicest goods, which they will sell as low as such goods can be had in this market.

They will buy all kinds of

## COUNTRY PRODUCE

and pay best market prices for same.

GIVE THEM A CALL.

## The "CHANCELLOR" BREWSTER SIDE BUGGY

It is No. 1 machine with full leather top and back on axle. A great improvement over the old style. Brewster fastener on back seat, Rubber Storm Apron, silver plated joints, silver plated brass axles, silver plated seat handles, silver plated Dash Rail, silver plated Hub bands, Patent Wheels bolted to every spoke, furnished with our patent tire wheel, by which the tire does not pass through the axle. In working and in that it can not be duplicated in the market and supplies a long felt want for a full trimmed buggy at a moderate price. We carry over 500 vehicles in stock of all kinds, and are constantly receiving for Harness. We also carry a full stock of Hay Forks, Basso Ties, Saws, Axes, Sulky Rakes, Shovels, Trusses, Tractor Engines, Boromum Mills and various articles. WRITE US FOR YOUR WANTS. Address: **PARLIN & ORENDORFF CO., DALLAS, TEXAS.**

Mr. C. F. Davis, editor of the Bloomfield Iowa, Farmer says: "I can recommend Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to all sufferers with colds and croup. I have used it in my family for the past two years and have found it the best I ever used for the purpose for which it is intended. 50 cent bottles for sale by A. P. McLemore."

Mr. Albert Favorit of Arkansas City, Kan., wishes to give our readers the benefit of his experience with colds. He says: "I contracted a cold early last spring that settled on my lungs, and had hardly recovered from it when I caught another that hung on all the summer and left me with a hacking cough which I thought I never would get rid of. I had used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy some fourteen years ago with much success, and concluded to try it again. When I had got through with one bottle my cough had left me, and I have not suffered with a cough or cold since. I have recommended it to others, and all speak well of it." 50 cent bottles for sale by A. P. McLemore.

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Editor and Proprietor.

Advertising rates made known on application.

Terms \$1.50 per annum, invariably cash in advance.

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Saturday Jan. 28, 1893.



### Texas Central Time Card.

Passenger train leaves Albany daily at 6:10 A. M.  
Arrives at Cisco 7:50 A. M.  
Dublin 10:15 A. M.  
Morgan 12:37 P. M.  
Waco 3:19 P. M.

Makes close connection with east bound trains at Dublin.

Texas Central Passenger leaves Waco daily at 7:50 A. M.  
Arrives at Morgan 9:55 A. M.  
Dublin 12:07 P. M.  
Cisco 2:00 P. M.  
Albany 4:10 P. M.

### SALUTATORY.

When we purchased the FREE PRESS, it was our intention to assume editorial charge and full management of the paper on the first of this month, but sickness in our family has delayed our doing so until this week. Henceforth the full responsibility for what the FREE PRESS says is upon our shoulders.

Editors entering a new field of work often start out with a string of glittering promises. We shall not do so as we might be compelled to break some of them, but say that we will give you a clean, newsy family paper, as enterprising and progressive as circumstances will permit it to be. And, we will say right here, that it takes money to make an enterprising and progressive newspaper, and the measure of your patronage and public spirit will, to a large extent, be the measure of the FREE PRESS'S enterprise and, consequently, of its value as a factor in assisting the development and upbuilding of your town and county.

That the people of Haskell are enterprising and progressive in spirit, and that they have built up a town and have a county of which they may well be proud, we confidently believe, otherwise we would not be here to-day casting our lot in with them, hoping to share in the prosperity which we believe is bound to be theirs under a wise and progressive direction and management of their interests. Nature has done her part well in spreading out tens upon tens of thousands of rich, level prairies within the boundaries of Haskell county, all ready to yield bountiful returns to the thrifty farmer and stock raiser, and it only remains, for those whose interest it is, to call the attention of the thousands, who are wanting just such homes as can be had here at nominal prices, to the facts to bring about such an era of prosperity and development as will astonish the most sanguine. Printers ink is the most efficacious agency to employ in doing this, and it is generally admitted that the local paper is the best channel through which to use it. Without doubt the FREE PRESS has been a potent factor in the past and present development of the town and county and, we hope to make it wield as great, if not greater one, in the future. Let us pull together for Haskell town and county.

Yours Truly,  
J. E. POOLE.

We are making arrangements to double the size of the FREE PRESS and furnish its readers with a quantity, quality and variety of reading matter that can not fail to please all, and which ought to result in doubling our subscription list in a few weeks.

If our calculations do not fail, the paper will appear in the enlarged form next week.

### LOCAL DOTS.

**McElree's Wine of Cardui** for female diseases.

—W. C. Gardner and lady were in town Monday.

—A. P. Daugherty was in town Monday and Tuesday.

—F. P. Morgan made a business trip to Abilene this week.

—Sir Bill, the fine stallion of A. G. Jones died Sunday evening.

—Bargains in all lines for next 30 days at F. G. Alex & Co's.

—Mrs. C. F. Hyde and Mrs. John Adams were in the city Monday.

—Capt. H. Donohoo and lady of Willow Point were in the city Monday.

—Mr. J. T. Bowman of Wild Horse prairie was in the city this week.

—J. W. Owens has moved into the house formerly occupied by W. H. Pearey.

—Bring your eggs to D. W. Courtwright. I will pay good price for produce.

—Judge P. D. Sanders visited some of the country schools this week.

—Fred Sanders has returned from a visit to his old home at Caldwell.

—K. C. Lomax and family have returned from a visit to relatives at Meridian.

—For groceries or hardware of any kind go to Collins & Son at Albany for bedrock prices.

—Born Jan. 22nd, 1893, to Mr. and Mrs. Ivey, of the Garren farm, a twelve pound boy.

—Mr. J. F. Bolander, one of our most successful farmers, was in the city this week.

—Presiding Elder Armstrong of Abilene preached at the M. E. church Sunday.

—Call on S. L. Robertson for Groceries, Boots, Shoes, Gents' Furnishing Goods etc.

—The committee of the south of the Relief Union have already found work for its members.

**McElree's Wine of Cardui** for Weak Nerves.

—Wat Middleton has returned from a trip to Chicago where he has been with a shipment of cattle.

—I don't make a leader of one article, but I make a leader of all my goods for cash. D. W. Courtwright.

—Miss Emma Craycroft returned to her home at Abilene Tuesday, after a brief visit to friends in this city.

—If you need any barbed wire ask Collins & son at Albany for prices as they have knocked the bottom out.

—Mr. Chas. Denson called Monday and deposited a little cash in our till and had his paper continued.

—If you want bargains in furniture this fall go to J. J. Nance, Seymour, Texas.

—Mr. Felix Jackson, a prominent merchant of Asperment, visited our city this week.

—Don't be a tattler. Tattlers are mischief-makers and sheol is full of them.

—Hamilton Brown Shoes for ladies to arrive in a few days at S. L. Robertson's.

—G. B. Stewart, a merchant, and M. P. Burnett, a stockman, of Benjamin were in the city this week.

**McElree's Wine of Cardui** and **THEO. FORD'S BLACK-DRAUGHT** are for sale by the following merchants in Haskell, Tex., A. P. McLemore, and R. E. Martin, Druggists.

—Everybody read the program of the next meeting of the Relief Union at the Presbyterian church Feb. 2d.

—For cash you can buy groceries from D. W. Courtwright cheaper than any other house in town.

—Mr. J. E. Glover left Monday for his old home in Kaufman county. His many friends regret very much to see him leave.

—On and after Jan. 1st we will sell Pork for 12 1/2 cts. per lb. Dickenson Bros.

**McElree's Wine of Cardui**, a Tonic for Women.

—Murray Caudle arrived Tuesday from Grayson county. Mr. Caudle owns a very fine farm on the Double Mountain fork of the Brazos in this county.

—Those indebted to F. G. Alex & Co. whose accounts are due will please come forward at once and settle up.

### Buy bulk garden seed at McLemore's.

—Mr. J. B. Rainbolt, one of our energetic farmers brought us a load of excellent firewood this week, with which he paid off old scores and had his time extended.

—Gardenseed just received. Now is the time to buy before the assortment is broken. S. L. Robertson.

With many thanks to the people of Haskell for their patronage and good will I bid you adieu with best wishes.

Respectfully,  
J. E. GLOVER.

—Dr. Lindsey is having the old fence around his residence on the west side replaced by a neat plank fence.

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—The FREE PRESS has heard it said that there are several boys, young men, in fact, nearing the estate of manhood, not a thousand miles from our peaceful little city, who are actually carrying pistols around in their pockets. We don't know who one of them is and hope they will quit it before we do. But we can't think that any of these boys are yet vicious, but presume they are taking it as the thing to sport a hip pocket arsenal. If they do they are making a sad mistake for those for whose respect and approbation they should care more will think less of them. We don't know you as yet, boys, but will ask you to quit it. It is a bad practice—bad for several reasons, some of which have been stated and among others that it is liable to get you into serious trouble and involve your parents and best friends in trouble through some act committed in a moment of passion or hot-headedness, and which you would not have done if the miserable pistol had not been at hand just at the wrong moment, and which you may regret in sorrow all your lives. Again, it is an infraction of a law of your state and, good citizens respect and uphold the laws of their country instead of violating them, even though they could violate them secretly.

—No farmer or any other owner of a home should delay till another season the planting of an orchard to include at least peaches, apricots, plums, grapes and blackberries. A few persons have demonstrated the fact that these things will succeed here, and none should be without them.

—J. F. Collins & Son at Albany want all the cow hides, coon hides, skunk hides, fox hides, wolf hides, opossum hides, sheep pelts, and such like in Haskell county and will pay fancy prices in cash for same.

**Buy Drugs and your Garden seed at McLemore's.**

—Capt. R. F. Hunter, one of Haskell county's most prosperous and progressive farmers, was a caller at the FREE PRESS office on Monday, prior to starting on a business trip to Alabama. He had his name enrolled on our subscription book—come thou and do likewise.

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—Mr. F. L. McGregor who was out looking after affairs about his farm was taken seriously ill with pneumonia on Tuesday. Mrs. McGregor and a physician went out to attend on him.

—The FREE PRESS is not just now making a good showing of the business of Haskell. We will call on the business men next week and see if we can't make an improvement in that direction. We must.

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RUFFIANS RUN DOWN.

HOW THEY TACKLE A BANK AND CLEAN IT OUT.

They Possess both Nerve and Courage and Understand the Business to Perfection—Caught the Border Robbers.

Tom Kinzie, George Zaehary and Cal Hale are three robbers bold who were run to earth in the mountains of Oregon by detectives. This trio of desperados are members of a gang of more than twenty-five outlaws who have held a veritable reign of terror in certain portions of Oregon and Washington for years.

Oh, these Oregon robbers are past masters from 'way back. They could ride up to a bank in broad daylight and stick their big guns under the noses of the president, cashier, teller, and everybody else around the shebang and make them hand out the contents of the safe.

On the afternoon of September 21, 1903, five men having the appearance of cowboys rode horseback into Kossay, Wash., according to Mr. Loneragan. Kossay is a small mining town of less than 1,000 souls that is situated in a silver district in Kitchikan county on the eastern slope of the Cascades. It is on a little branch of the Northern Pacific railroad which leaves the main line at Gold Bluffs.

The five cowboys rode quietly up to the private bank of Ben H. Sulpes & Co. One of the robbers entered the bank and quietly remained as Cashier Abernathy that he wanted to get some change. The only other person in the bank was Dr. J. H. Lyon, a surgeon for the mines and the Northern Pacific road.

Before anybody knew what was up, Cashier Abernathy was looking down the frosty barrel of a big revolver, and at the same time the second robber entered the bank and placed a similar weapon before the eyes of Dr. Lyon.

The third robber brushed past them and going behind the wire screen gently ordered Cashier Abernathy to open the safe. Without waiting for the order to be obeyed the robber knocked the cashier down with the butt end of his revolver. As the safe was already open the third robber proceeded to dump the contents into a big bag, while the other two robbers on the outside were still holding Dr. Lyon and the cashier under cover.

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NAPOLEON'S MOTHER.

Stories of the Woman Who Gave France Its Greatest General.

Baron Larrey has published in Paris the first volume of an important historical sketch called "Mme. Mere," the mother of Napoleon the Great. No one was better fitted to write this sketch than Baron Larrey, the son of Napoleon's great surgeon, and in writing he obeyed the wish of his father.

Baron Larrey has collected documents relating to Letitia Ramolino, mother of the emperor. In 1831 Baron Larrey went to Rome with his father. Napoleon's mother was then living in the Rinaucini palace, now Palazzo Bonaparte. In Rome the mother of Napoleon I. was known as "Madame," and all the letters, dictated by her, for she was blind, were signed with this name.

When Baron Larrey and his father arrived at the palace they were shown into a large room, the only window of which gave them a view of the capitol near this window was Napoleon's cradle bedstead, and on this bedstead they saw a woman almost eighty years old, her head supported by pillows. A nun-like hood enveloped the head, and the face denoted repose and meditation. Madame's eyes, once blue, were gray and opaque, because of a double cataract, but her cheeks were severely withered. In spite of her great age, the profile was that of a Roman empress, and she welcomed Baron Larrey and his father with most touching reference to her beloved son's great affection for the famous surgeon.

She was surrounded by busts of all her famous family, but the most conspicuous was that of Napoleon. Madame related to her visitors the way in which she spent her days. Awake very early she first received her regular who gave her the latest news. Then she breakfasted in bed on the same mahogany tablet used by Napoleon at St. Helena, afterward she was dressed for the day and always in the deepest mourning. Her favorite occupation was spinning, but she also knit, that allowed her to think and lament.

Madame's memory was unimpaired, and her judgment sound. She compared Baron Larrey's father about her own mother, but her age rendered a fair comparison. Her great sorrow was that she could not walk outside of a fastened log imperfectly set and badly covered for. Her only exercise was taken in a rolling chair, and she liked to be near the window because of the heat of the sun.

She herself said: "My life ended after the death of the emperor. Now I remember everything for ever."

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CAME BACK TO BE SHOT.

A Teaching Story of a Revolt of the French Communists.

The order had been issued in Paris in 1871 by the new republican authorities that communist insurgents who were taken with arms in their hands should be put to death immediately. The order was being religiously observed when, in the garden of the Elysee Palace, a detachment of republican troops came upon a small band of insurgents. Among them was a boy of 15 years, still in short trousers.

The band was conducted to a larger party of communists destined, for execution. In the way the 15-year-old broke out from among his companions and placed himself in front of the colonel who commanded the escort. Making the military salute with a good deal of grace, he said: "Mistier, you're going to shoot me. I suppose?"

"Certainly, my lad," said the colonel. "Take with arms in your hands to be put to death. This is the order."

"All right," said the boy, "but here, I live in Mironesul street, where my mother is confined in a house. She'd wait for me if I don't come home and she'd worry a great deal. I just want to go home and tell her that I'm all right. I'd like to give it to my mother, so she'll have as much as that anyway. Come colonel, let me go home a little while. I give you my word of honor. I'll come back to be shot!"

The colonel was struck with astonishment at the boy's demand. It also began to dawn upon him the meaning of the boy's words. "You give your word of honor, eh that's your nature in time to be executed?"

"My word of honor, mistier!" "Well, well," said the colonel, "this young man has wit as well as assurance. Another young rebel to shoot, too. But let's see your word of honor. You'll come back?"

The youth bowed and stepped on the ground. "The last we shall see of him," said the colonel.

Half an hour passed by; the colonel, who was now indoors in his headquarters, had forgotten in the press of his business, all about the boy, whom he regarded as having been duly put to rest. But all at once the door opened and the boy came in.

"Here I am, mistier," he exclaimed. "I saw mamma told her, gave her the watch and kissed her. Now I'm ready."

Then the colonel did what perhaps none but a rough soldier would have done. He rose, came over to the boy, seized him by both arms, led him into the jail and staked him out of it, exclaiming:

"Get out, you young rascal! Get back to your mother as quick as you can!"

With a real face the officer returned to his desk, muttering to his companions as he waved his hand toward a party of the discontented insurgents: "So they have their heroes, these 'dove' communists!"

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HIGH SCHOOL

are teaching school... One street... morning, as a rule... at home was neat.

Some are small and low... like that, and they... are my lesson there.

I pass that little door... like that, and they... are my lesson there.

Some, with simple white... coats of purple gold... is troubled sore to-night...

In mine, I saw the dress... some of the dress... me the way of dressiness...

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The spot and before he took his... picture he asked me to be his... He found me willing and with my... parent's consent we were married... in two days.

This night I did not return to my... mistress, nor for many months to... come. We began life together... surrounded on all sides by the congratulatory... of loving friends. The leaves... rustled over head whispering their... good wishes while our feathered... songsters accompanied them with... their gay trills. The sun, who is... ever gracious even to insignificant... creatures, seemed to concentrate his... rays on us. The stump of the old... oak tree in which we were married... was exquisitely decorated by nature... and surrounded by ferns and wild... flowers. After the ceremony we... returned to my father's home, where we... lived happily for a long time.

When our blessings were increased... by the advent of four little ones there... was much rejoicing. But happiness... cannot last to us. One wintry day... my husband came staggering in with... just life enough left to tell us that he... had been poisoned by a large rattlesnake... which had pounced upon him while... he was enjoying a nut. With that... that he fell at my feet dead. What... grief I endured no one can imagine. I... would have given up altogether, if... father had not reminded me that I... had much to live for in my children.

"Keep up courage, daughter, for you... little ones," he would say, when I... grew despondent.

"Oh! father," I'd cry, "you do... not know how hard it is. I miss you... so, and he was so good to me!"

In time I recovered slowly, and my... children were my delight and my... comfort. They grew as different as... could be. Scamp was mischievous... inclined to be a bully in the family... foremost in making pranks and often... led the others into schemes. He took... pleasure in teasing little Tintie, who... was often in tears through his... misbehavior. But Tintie and Becky were... sweet dispositions in her case.

My misbehavior often troubled me in... regard to my mistress. I felt that I... had ungratefully deserted her, and... thinking that it would please her to... behold me with my family, I resolved... to throw myself again on her hospitality.

So one bright autumn morning... I awoke my cheeks, saying that a... journey was to be on them. At first... they were wide awake and found that... they were going to a wonderful new... place they were delighted.

Of we started, and when we arrived... my mistress and her daughters were... at breakfast. I overheard one of them... say, "What could have become of... poor little Grayfur? She would have... surely come back to her home and... turned to her." "I fear the worst,"... sorrowfully answered my mistress.

The words had scarcely been uttered... when I started followed by my... four little ones. I crept up my children... and hid myself in her lap. "Oh, she... screamed. 'What is this? Why are... these my dear Grayfurs? And see... these little dears with her! You... pretty little dears with her! You... run about the house, and allowed me... to run about the house, and when... when coffee and dessert were served... she permitted me to jump upon the... table and help myself to anything I... fancied. A piece of sugar was my... favorite dish, so with a lump and a... jump I bounded on her shoulder...

On each of my heart's content and... times I was allowed a sip of coffee... from her spoon.

When the oldest daughter went to... school, she took me with her in her... pocket, and I would usually take a... delightful snooze on the way. My... visits afforded the girls much amusement... and they almost killed me with... kindness. They had a habit of making... daily trips to school, for the condition... of my health was feared, and it was... thought that so much teasing and... caresses would result in nervous prostration.

A wooden house was built for me... containing three rooms—my bed... dining and sitting room. My mistress... loved to watch me, and I would usually... bring water to wash my feet, though I... never let on I saw her. It seemed to... amuse her to see me take out my... blankets one at a time and shake them... vigorously in the doorway.

One chilly morning while taking... my usual exercise, the maid on which... my house was hung looked at me and... came a little frightened, and I... only, no previous bones were broken. The... door was thrown open by the fall... thus enabling me to escape. A faint... chair stood near on which I bounded...

And in a few minutes had recovered... my usual possession. When my mistress... addressed me she seemed delighted... that I had no intention of escaping... so that from that time on I was... allowed to run about the place and into... the woods close by.

The distinguished name of Grayfur... was given me, and I passed a year in... this delightful home. Then a trip to... the southern States suggested, and all... we started for Britain. The journey... was rather tedious, for such a little... squirrel I thought, and I was glad... when it was ended. The morning after... our arrival my mistress's oldest... daughter with her sister went for a... walk on the beach. I went too, but... oh! how frightened I was when I... beheld that terrible monster the sea... serpent, and I hid quickly in the girl's... little pocket when it came too near...

I had always prided myself on my... beauty, and one day my pride received... a severe shock. The youngest... daughter had a friend to visit her... who caught sight of my nose, but... was unable to get a glimpse of my... face.

"Oh!" she exclaimed, "how me... your pet rat."

"It is not a rat," indignantly answered... my little mistress.

"Then it's a little bear, isn't it?"

"No, it's a squirrel, you little... fool!"

"Oh! is that what you call a squirrel... in the country?"

I pined her for her ignorance. Besides... this little incident, nothing occurred... to mar my happy life.

One beautiful spring morning I had... a longing to visit my dear old father... who was now living with his second... wife. When I returned to him he... recognized me in no time. My step... mother was watching over her two... little darlings who were playing together... in their downy nest. I had not... been with them long when a visitor... appeared, a stranger to me, but evidently... a staunch friend of father's. He... was a fine young fellow of large... stature, with a long bushy tail and a... coat like velvet.

I was at once deeply impressed by... him and he seemed to be quite taken... with me. I was wooed and won on...

FAR ABOVE THE EARTH.

AWFUL ADVENTURE OF A GYMNAST IN ST. PAUL'S.

Hanging by a Rope Hundreds of Feet Above the Floor—Droves Slowly Up to the Peak of the Cathedral's Dome.

Coming over from Australia to a... six months' visit, one of the first... things I remarked myself was to see... St. Paul's. I felt it impossible to go... back and face my friends if I could... not say that I had seen the metropolitan... cathedral.

First one thing interested, and then... another until my last day in England... had been reached.

As I stood on the pavement looking... up at the giant dome, the clock struck... five.

The sun had set and high overhead... the golden ball and cross stood out... against the sky, still burnished by the... evening glow.

Presently I heard a door softly... close and a gray-haired old vagabond... opened the iron grille. With all the... eloquence of which I am master I... treated him to let me into the sacred... hall. He hesitated, and shook his... head.

"Very well," he said, "it is against... the rules, but as you say, it is a long... way from Australia. I'll let you in... if you don't mind stopping inside for an... hour. I shall return then, but I must... lock the door behind me. Do you... still wish to go inside?"

"Thanking him warmly," I said, "certainly yes."

I got under the great dome which... hung like a luminous cloud above full... of light, unobscured by a faint... circle of light filtering around the... huge piers—white figures gleaming... here and there in shadowy recesses... marble warriors, heroes and statesmen.

Looking upward a faint circle of... light marked the soaring vault, and... just above my head I saw a rope... hanging down from the vast height... above. Then I remembered the spider... webs I had seen outside above the... bell and cross, and as I stood and... listened I heard faint sounds of humming... and low knocking.

Men were at work hundreds of... feet above, lights shone here and... there twinkling like stars.

In years gone by I used to be a... famous gymnast, and the sight of the... rope hanging above me put me in... mind of my former prowess. How many... times I wondered, could I hang... on to that rope, could I draw my... chin up to my knickerbockers? I leaped... up and caught the rope.

Once twice thrice, drawing myself up... and down until I grew tired I stretched myself... expecting to reach the ground with my... toes. But I could not.

Glimping below me I saw with... horror that the flooring had vanished... from under me. I was swinging suspended... by my hands high up toward the dome!

If I had dropped at that moment I... might have been safe, but I hesitated... and was lost. Slowly and steadily... the rope was being wound up.

I shut my eyes. Was this a... ridiculous delusion? No, I looked down... the floor below me was almost out... of sight.

There I swung a tiny human speck... halfway between heaven and earth. My... muscles were weary with the load. I made... huge efforts to grasp the rope with... my feet also, but impossible.

I could not do it. I could therefore... only hold on. I was now on a level with... the plinth that surrounds the great apse... of the dome; the colossal fresco... figures seemed to mock my agon.

Must be half way up now—could I... hold on to the end? But to my despair... it gave me the feeling that the seeming... dome was a false one, and which... rose the real central roof another 100... feet or more, and that through a vast... round orifice, the sham dome, the... rope was to ascend to the uppermost... peak.

At that moment of torture I saw... that my fate was inevitable. My... muscles were now relaxing, my grasp... would fail, and I must fall and be... dashed to pieces.

Confused thoughts whirled through... my brain. Voices, I thought, were... calling me. I was slipping, slipping... and I fell.

How do you feel now, sir?" was... whispered close to my ear.

Was it possible? Was I still alive?... Yes, my brain was conscious. But my... frame? Shattered, no doubt; but a... mere human wreck. I only dared to... use my ears, and yet I had no feeling... of pain.

An old man was bending over me... the same one who had invited me; he... had a wine-glass in his hand. A... candle by his side formed a little... chamber of light above us.

"Am I kneaded all to pieces? Do... say?" I whispered.

"I don't think so, sir, you are not... hurt a bit. Bless you, sir, you only... fell about three feet."

I stretched out my arms, they... were all right, and my legs were... sound.

"How is this?" I said, sitting up... and looking about me. "I thought I... was carried up into the dome?"

"And so you were. You'd have... been a dead man by this, but just in... the nick of time I came back. I... don't suppose I should have noticed... you, because of the light, but I caught... sight of your body against the glowing... and then you gave a sort of moan."

"Says I, 'There's death here if I... don't think of something at once!'"

"Then I recollected hearing that... in the workmen's camp, while three... times when they want the rope... ordered, so I poked away and the rope... began to come down. I shouted to... you to hold on and keep your head... up, but you didn't seem to hear... nothing."

"When your feet came within a... yard of the floor you quivered and... fell in a dead faint. But when you... about to let them draw you up... like that?"

I explained my gymnastic feats.

"Oh, I see, you snook the rope... That's the signal to pull up and up... they pulled. The men are working... double shifts now and are in a hurry... to get finished!"

branches shakin' circle of 115 feet in... diameter. It has been a famous tree... for more than a century, and it was... no doubt a noble specimen in 1730... when a log church was built on the... ground where the present one now... stands.

HE MADE A BLUNDER.

Through an Optician, He Could Not See What He Was Doing.

A woman came to an optician's... shop, and the proprietor, seeing that... his clocks were all busy, stepped... forward to wait upon her.

"The glasses," she said, "don't... seem to fit me. I don't see clearly and... distinctly, and I have spitting headaches... half of the time."

The optician said never a word, but... he looked wise enough for an oculist.

He examined the glasses carefully... first on one side and then on the other, tested them with... his eyes and measured them with his... machine, tapped his forehead thoughtfully... and looked sharply at the patient... woman, who all this time had been... regarding him anxiously. Then he... made her sit down in front of a... white card that was covered with... black letters and rings and lines of... various lengths and shapes, and... ordered her to remain thus half an... hour and look at them through single... and double-barreled glasses. Finally... he said very solemnly:

"Your eyes are in very bad shape. Very bad, very bad, indeed. How long have you been wearing glasses?"

"About six years."

"I see. Well, malum the cornes... of the eyes have become so hard, and... of course necessarily, naturally, your... pupils are now too extravasated... and constricted."

I am not sure those are the words... he used, but that was the impression... I got. At any rate, he frightened... the woman and probably that was... what he wanted.

"The trouble is," he went on, just... as solemnly as ever, "the trouble is, you've... been buying cheap glasses, and... no—eyes—could—"

His voice died away, and instinctively... he retreated a step. For the woman's... injured eyes were flashing fire, and... her face was pale and she looked... as though she wasn't exactly pleased.

"Why," she said, "why every pair... of glasses I ever had in the world I... bought right here in this shop! They... were prescribed for me by people here, and... I never paid less than 50 cents a pair. Do you know what I think about you, sir?"

"Well, sir, I consider you a humbug... and an uneducated humbug, good morning, sir."

And she walked out and left the proprietor... and me alone together.

He associated the incident with... a young woman near Boston recently... organized a Sunday school class. Every... Sunday she gave to each pupil a... card on which was printed a verse that... was to be recited on the following... Sunday. One little fellow, after... getting the verse given him, said he... had another and recited the following:

"Your right foot is empty, Your left foot is empty, I'll be bound to find out."

"Why, Freddy, where did you learn that?"

"Oh, my Uncle Frank taught it to me. But Uncle Frank heard of it... from some of his meddlesome boys from... little listening ears.—Boston Budget.

THE WORLD'S DEATH RATE.

An eminent authority has calculated... that the death rate of the world is... estimated to be 67 per minute, 4,020... per hour, 96,720 per day, while the... rate of births slightly exceeding the... death rate is estimated to be 70 per... minute, 4,200 per hour, 100,800 per... day, 3,672,000 a year. The... estimated increase per annum is... therefore a little over 1,500,000.

OLD LADY—I want a watch that... won't tick so loud.

LOK—They all tick like this... machine, though's no other kind in... the world.

OLD LADY—She? I know better. I've... heard of them. Silent watches of the... night ever since I kin remember.—Black and White.

BANKS—Yes, a policeman got after... me last night for making so much... noise and when I reached home I... was all out of wind.

BROOKS—You got it again, I see... "Oh, yes, my wife blew me up... soon after I got there."

WILHELM—Ma, what's all those holes... in the Swiss cheese for?

MA—Oh, those are to let the smell... out.—Truth.

OPEN FOR REMARKS.

The paragon's window is the... commonest type of loan exhibition.

"Wanted, a young woman, who can... cook and dress the children." Poor... little dears!

Singers frequently get stuck on a... high note. We suppose this is owing... to the pitch.

The physician would be at... right if his name could be abbreviated... about 75 per cent.

AMUSEMENT NOTES.

A... (text partially obscured)

THE FARM AND HOME.

CONVENIENT AND SIMPLE. THE FUTURE BUT FOR MAKER—SHADE TREES. A GOOD CUT—FIRM—SOUND AND HOME BARK.

Scouting Troughs for Hogs.

An old farmer says: "I will give... you a description of a scouting trough... of my own manufacture, which I have... used with satisfactory results for... several years, and which any person... understanding the use of the saw and... hammer can put together in a few... hours, at a trifling expense. First... make the sides and ends of a trough... out of well-seasoned two-inch planks... of the following dimensions:

From six to eight feet long... according to the size of your hogs, two... and a half feet wide at the top, two... and a quarter foot at the bottom, and... about two and a half feet deep. The... end pieces should be grooved half an... inch into the side pieces, the frame... nailed together with twenty-penny... nails, and further secured by two iron... rods at each end, which should bolt... to small iron strips traversing the... ends of the side pieces. The bottom... of the trough should be of one quart... width, about four inches deep, and... about one inch and a quarter from the... outside of the sides and ends. A... further addition may be made by fastening... two iron rods across the trough, about... two or three feet apart. When in use... these can be dropped in and over the... trough, and by them a hog can readily... be turned or lifted. When completed...

The trough may be set on a cheap... which frames, or a small ditch may be... dug for the trough, which will answer... nearly as well. When not in use, the... trough should be first washed clean... put away in a dry place, and by proper... care it will last twenty years.

Another writer says: "The best... arrangement I ever saw was a trough... made of pine planks, sixteen inches... high, six and a half feet long, wider... at top than bottom, with a round iron... bolt set in the bottom, water tight... set in brick in the wall, with a... block of pine wood turned to fit the... inside of the bolt; a windlass worked... the front edge of the trough, with a... hook and rope, a crane with bars... and hooks to slide hogs off on, and a... stout beam for dressing. Fill the... trough with water, start a fire as... soon as the water is hot and lead... high one hook into the jaw and the... other into the shoulder, but over the... box and lower on the block, which... drives the water out of the kettle all... around the hog. When scalded and... raised out the block floats, and the... water goes back into the kettle again... for the next. I have never seen anything... so convenient and simple.—Farmers' Voice.

THE FUTURE BUTTER-MAKER.

An exchange says: "What is the... future of the average butter-maker? It... is hard to say, but the average... working man of any kind can only look... forward with the hope of obtaining... a fair living, and quite often this hope... does not materialize in the way he... expects. The average butter-maker is... being gradually crowded out and his... place taken by one who is above the... average. Some men make good... butter, but they have charge of a... well equipped creamery, as long as... everything runs smoothly, but let new... conditions confront him, let some of... the machinery get out of order, or the... milk come in with peculiar odors and... taints, the cream set a little different... than usual, the butter refuse to come... at the accustomed time, or something... of that kind happens, and the average... butter-maker is all at sea and his... good butter when they have learned to... do a task to go into a well managed... creamery and work a few months with... a man who understands the business... thoroughly and learn how to make... first class butter under those conditions. Any man of average intelligence... can do it, and as long as every... thing goes right, turn out the finest... product but let everything go wrong... and he is helpless. He has learned to... go through only a certain series of... operations, the mechanical work, he... does not know why he does this or... that, or what it would have if he... did something else. See he is not acquainted with any of the principles... which underlie the work, or any of... the other subjects that underlie it. A... man wants to learn how to feed steers... and goes to the store where he has... been very successful in that line. The... steers are in a yard where water is... at hand and where there is a comfortable... shed for them to run under when they... feel like it, and the farmer says... 'Give them so much corn, and so much... hay so many times a day, and had... had in lots of bedding.' The man... does his best, but the steers make... good gains. Does that man know how... to feed steers? Only under those... conditions and with those feeds and... steers of that age. So it is with butter-making. The... butter-maker of the future will... understand the principles which underlie... his practice; he will understand the... dairy cow, what she should be fed... and how she should be handled before... she gets it, as well as how to handle... it himself. He must understand... also, the chemical properties of... milk and its products, and the science... of bacteriology in its relations to... milk, cream, and butter-making. Men who... have knowledge of these things will... make 100 per cent better butter of the... future.—Journal of Agriculture.

SHADE TREES.

When the country was new everyone... wanted to get rid of shade trees, as... they were entirely too plenty, but as... population moved West and the prairie... countries were settled up the people... missed the woodland they had been... accustomed to seeing and began to... plant groves, and it is a fact that the... taste for growing trees has worked... from the West to the East and now in... all parts of the country there are those... who are inquiring what are the best... sorts of trees for shade on lawns and... along streets. Among our native trees... there is a large chance for choice, as... we have many beautiful ones. The soft... maple is a quick grower and free from... insect pests. Its habit of growth is... graceful, and its bright green leaves... with silvery under sides, are

JENNY LIND.

Why she left the stage at the height of her success.

One matter which must be of the... forest to every lover of dramatic art, and which has been an enigma to many... people is now for the first time... cleared up. Why Jenny Lind quit the... stage at the moment of her greatest... success, and many years before her... had begun to suffer and decay? Some... have perhaps reluctantly accepted the... wholly prevalent idea, that she had... come to regard the dramatic profession... as an unholy thing which no... pre-sentation woman could remain... in without contamination. Happily... this notion can be entertained no... longer, says the Century. Her intimate... friend Froben von Stedingk, with... reference to it says: "Many suppose... this resolution to be the result of... pietism. Jenny Lind is as God-fearing... as I am, but had piety had nothing to... do with her. Her dramatic profession... self had gone to the play, which she... declared she liked to do, to see others... get." The fact is that to appreciate... her motive for leaving the stage is to... understand the whole character of... the woman. Her distaste for it seems... to have begun with her first great... European success, and steadily grew... as her fame spread. In 1840 she had... lived for ten years a life of incessant... hard work on the stage, yet in the... following year she wrote from Paris, "Life... on the stage has in it something so... fascinating that I think, having... once tasted it, one can never feel truly... happy away from it." But in 1845, just... after her transcendent success in... Berlin, the idea of leaving the stage... had not merely occurred to her... mind, but had already become a fixed... determination. Among the dominant... notes of her character were love of... home and craving for domestic peace, this... craving was to a great extent... satisfied while she remained in Stockholm, and especially during the time... she lived with the Lindbladh family. 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## Its Resources and Advantages.

**HASKELL COUNTY** is situated in the southern part of the Panhandle of Texas, midway between the Fort Worth and Denver Railway and the Texas and Pacific Railway. Is 2000 feet above the sea level, and in a mild, healthy and invigorating climate. Malarial fever is unknown here.

### THE LAND

is nearly level, only rolling enough to drain the surface water off, and is part prairie and part timbered with mesquite, which furnishes firewood and posts for fencing, which is all that is needed.

Nine-tenths of the land in the county

#### Can Be Cultivated,

and the soil is rich and varied to suit the growth of all kinds of crops. Some is light and sandy, some is black-sandy, some is red, stiff marl, but most of the soil is a black marl and is sticky when wet. All of it is easily cultivated.

### ONE MAN

with a good team—four horses or mules, and good implements (improved machinery) can cultivate 100 to 150 acres. Some men cultivate 200 acres.

**Wheat Produces** from 15 to 35 bushels per acre, Oats 25 to 60 bushels, Corn 10 to 40 bushels, Cotton  $\frac{1}{4}$  to a bale per acre, Millet 2 to 3 tons per acre, Melons and all the vine crops grow almost spontaneously. All the cereals and

#### Fruits Grow Well Here.

Farmers who diversify their crops and work well, make money, and are in better financial condition than any other class of people.

## HASKELL COUNTY

is inhabited by about 2500 as intelligent, industrious, enterprising and clever people as can be found in any country. There are

### Ten Schools

in the county, 6 of which run from 6 to 8 months each year, and as the population increases, the other schools will run longer and more schools will be established. All the leading denominations have Churches and Sunday Schools here.

#### The Town of Haskell

is the county seat, and is near the center of the county, and has a population of 1000 and has four churches and a Free School in which five teachers are employed, two National Banks, two Drug Stores, five Dry Goods and Grocery stores, in short, all lines of business usually found in a country town are represented here and do well.

*The Water is Good* throughout the county and good wells are usually obtained at from 20 to 60 feet.

We can sell you *Good Farming Land* at from \$2 to \$5 per acre, according to the location in the county and quality of the land. The ruling price is \$3 to \$4 per acre. We have for sale now a number of tracts of good land at \$3 per acre. The terms are usually one-third of the price cash, and the balance in two equal annual payments, in one and two years with 10 per cent interest. We have a large amount of town and suburban property for sale on same terms. Residence lots run from \$60 to \$150 each, and 8 acre blocks in the edge of town run from \$25 to \$100 per acre, and we have 4000 acres in from 1 mile to 4 miles of town divided into 100 acre and 200 acre tracts at from \$2.50 to \$10 per acre. We also have a tract of 3500 acres 1 mile from town, good farming land, all fenced, 250 acres in cultivation, with plenty of good water on it, at \$6 per acre. *This is the Best Bargain* for investment in Northwest Texas. It will be worth from \$20 to \$100 per acre as soon as a Railroad is built to Haskell, which will be in the next two years.

*Our Advice to all* who desire to own land in this country is to buy now, for the reason land is cheaper now than it will ever be again. By the time you can come here and open a farm and make a crop, a railroad will be built into the county, which will furnish shipping facilities, and a market at home for produce, and the country will develop and become wealthy very rapidly, and the price of land will advance.

*We invite all to come* and see this country for themselves and learn whether this statement is true. We know when they see it they will be convinced.

**Your correspondence is solicited.**

## FOSTER & SANDERS.

### LAND AGENTS.

HASKELL,

TEXAS.

that it will need the closest inspection to show where it is. All woollens are pure based on jasper, or some other fiery sunset. St. John points to it in Revelation, and says: "The second around the world last night and today, out of cups costlier than amethyst, the ancient Hebrews were not,



MOLE, Ed. and Prop.

The Great Statesman from Maine, Passes Away After Months of Suffering.

She Gets Into a Pity, Goes to Waco and Starts to School.

What is Being Done by Our Law-Makers at the State Capitol.

Great Year for Convention—The German Population Preparing for a Grand Event.

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EDITOR, STATESMAN AND HISTORIAN.

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A Galveston Couple the Parents of Twenty Children—A New Telegraph Line.

On Their Way Down the Rio Grande to Mexico, the Soldiers of the Eighteenth Infantry, Republic of Mexico, in Command of Gen. Fernandez, who recently arrived in New Laredo from Tampico, has departed for the town of Mier, down the river, to relieve Gen. Lorenzo Garcia and his men, whom the bandits recently took by surprise by firing a volley at the column in which Gen. Garcia was wounded. It is learned that the ninth cavalry of Mexico is now on the march from Guadalupe to New Laredo, where they will be stationed. Lieut. Lowe, in command of the twenty Seminoles, arrived at Fort McIntosh, Laredo, from Fort Clark yesterday morning on a special train and will leave for the lower country soon.

What is Being Done by Our Law-Makers at the State Capitol.

THE HASKELL. A JERSEY girl recently shot a young man and then her lover. They were engaged. She loved very much, and doubtless took very almost harsh to save him being married to her. She thought he deserved a better fate. A creature of impulse she got a gun and shot him.

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JAMES G. BLAINE.

James G. Blaine was born in West Brownsville, Washington county, Pennsylvania, January 31, 1800. He entered college at Washington, Pa., in 1818; was graduated in 1821; married Harriet Swanwick in 1823; located in Augusta, Me., in 1825; was elected to congress in 1827; chosen speaker in 1830; in 1835, succeeded just previous to the convention at which he was defeated for the nomination for the presidency by Rutherford B. Hayes; was appointed United States senator the same year; in 1840 he was defeated for the presidential nomination by James A. Garfield; was made secretary of state but resigned on Garfield's death in 1881; was nominated for the presidency in 1884, but defeated by Grover Cleveland; became President Harrison's secretary of state in 1888.

His father Ephraim G. Blaine, was a man of rugged force of character, and from him Blaine undoubtedly inherited the great moral courage and political audacity which have been characteristic of his political career. From his mother he inherited that wonderful intuitive capacity which has enabled him in moments of great trial to act as though by inspiration. From her also he received that highly sensitive and emotional character, which has been conspicuous in his political life.

Of course Mr. Blaine would have developed wherever he located and in whatever calling he selected as a life career, but it was pure chance which made him the man from Maine. He made him a teacher in Kentucky; Miss Harriet Swanwick, who was also a teacher. They were mutually attracted, and just after he had passed his majority they were married. She was a Maine girl, and she induced her young husband to remove to her home and make it his abiding place.

While in Pennsylvania he was attracted to journalism. He has said that he discovered by pure chance that he had some facility with the pen, especially in a political discussion, but it could not have been pure chance. It must have been the impulse of the spirit that was in him. And acting upon this impulse, he became a part proprietor of the Journal, a weekly paper published in Augusta, Me. The profits were, if not computed, at least willing to accept employment as associate editor of the Portland Advertiser, a daily. The editor of that paper had detected Blaine's ability as a political writer, and offered him \$1200 a year, a large salary for that time and place. Blaine was not slow in discovering his strength and his value, and at the end of a year he asked for an increase of salary to \$1500, and for a contract covering a period of years.

The proprietor, however, felt that he could not afford to pay this money, and Blaine returned to Augusta, determined to associate politics with his editorial work. He revealed extraordinary political capacity at once, was elected a member of the legislature and a subse- quently speaker, became chairman of the committee of his party, and an emergency arose in the congressional district in which he lived. A candidate was to be put in nomination. The temptation was offered to him, he thought of the matter over night and on the next morning had come to a decision which determined his career. He was nominated on the first ballot and elected with but a feeble opposition.

Soon after Mr. Blaine was sworn in a friend called on him at his boarding house at Washington quite late in the evening. He found Blaine at his desk, his ruddy tinted hair so near the gas burner that it seemed as though it must be singed, a copy of the house rules before him, a volume of "Cushing's Manual" and a report of precedents which had been established by the rulings of various speakers.

the man who masters this," throwing his hand down upon the papers of the book of rules, "masters the house of representatives."

He made a superb speaker. When he was first elected he had hardly entered the prime of life. He was only 39 years of age. His hair and beard, by an inherited tendency, were already showing streaks of gray, but his complexion was pearly, his eyes as bright as a babe's and the mysterious and splendid fascination of his eyes seemed constantly to increase with political activity. He stood behind the speaker's desk a superb specimen of manly strength.

At the beginning of his third term as speaker he realized that if his grasp was not quite upon the presi- dency his hand could almost touch the much coveted office. He lost the presidential nomination in 1876 when it was almost his. Personal animosity unquestionably cost him that prize. The offense he had given to Conkling and anger which had caused to arise in the hearts of men who controlled other delega- tions led to a hasty combination, which resulted in a ballot that sent Mr. Blaine to the rear.

His political intuitions were illus- trated in another way at this time. He unquestionably suggested the ar- rangement by which Senator Morrill of his state was transferred from the senate chamber to Gen. Grant's cham- ber, and Blaine was appointed to Mor- rill's seat and afterward elected. He felt that his day of usefulness in the house was over. He had made his record, and he believed that in the comparative quiet of the senate cham- ber he would find some rest, and would also be able to carry on the politics which had the presidential nomination of 1880 in view.

While he did not enter upon the career for the presidential nomina- tion in 1880 in that dashing and in- spiring way which characterized him previous to 1876, yet he had the nomination in view, and knew that he was the choice of a large part of the political leaders and felt that he was of the masses of his party. He ad- vanced, but he did not dictate, and he let his political friends do the work of combination to a great extent. He would unquestionably have been nomi- nated had he not been compelled to face the enormous popularity of Gen. Grant. But though Blaine could not beat Gen. Grant in the convention himself, he could name the man who could beat him, and thus Gen. Garfield became the candidate.

Garfield could make no other choice than Blaine for secretary of state, but what Blaine's career as secretary and Garfield's as president would have been of course is a matter of surmise. Some time after the death of Presi- dent Garfield and the succession of Arthur to the presidency Mr. Blaine retired from the cabinet, but he could not be idle, and he decided therefore to take up the literary pen and describe political history as he was familiar with it. He rejoiced in the work. It was the first leisure of the literary and study which he had permitted himself since school days.

When men knew that Blaine was writing this history they said, "Now he will pay off grudges and now he will give us his opinion of men and events in his characteristic manner." In about two years the first volume was issued, and it caused amazement. Blaine the warrior was revealed as Blaine the true historian. He told his story in a simple literary style, with great lucidity and with such fairness that could only have been expected of an historian of a future generation. He wrote of his personal enemies as justly and as kindly as of his friends, and he made a contribution to political history which is invaluable.

"Twenty Years in Congress" was a great financial success. Resigning the high and responsible office of secretary of state under Mr. Harrison, he again quietly gave up public life, returning to that quietude and happiness that can only be found in the home where love reigns supreme, surrounded by an affection- ate wife and children—man's earthly paradise. He was a great man.

The title "professor" troubles Cam- bridge men little or not at all. "Mr." is the favorite title at Harvard, and even the president of the university is usually spoken of as Mr.—that is, when the speakers are not affecting archaic ways. Professors from other foreign universities are much surprised at this absence of profes- sional insistence when they come for special study to the university. It is said that "doctor" particularly troubles English LL. Ds. when it is applied to them. Professor Freeman was very verbose to Americans who tried to call him "doctor." Mr. Huxley says: "From the time I first en- countered a visiting card (a proud day with even a philosopher) it has borne Mr. T. H. Huxley, but I have no objection to the professor." The only thing I cannot stand is doctor."

An English comment upon this is: "He is doubtless right about the professor. In Scotland it is still thought a good deal of, but in England it is too closely associated with massage, ballooning and patent ointment but that he should object to doctor strikes one as a little hard upon the medical calling." It is particularly hard as Mr. Huxley won some of his first honors as M. D.

There are strange chamber-maids at Shepherd's hotel in Cairo. A lady declares that the one who waited on her room and attended to all the duties of the calling even to making the beds was a Frenchman, dressed as if for a dinner-party, with white waistcoat and dress-coat and having the air of a refined and educated gentleman. It was really embarrassing to accept his services in such a capacity. One lady, on arriving at the hotel, rang for the chamber-maid, and this gentleman presented himself. Supposing him to be the proprietor, at the very least she said, "I wish to see the chamber-maid." "Madam," said he politely, in the very best English he could muster, "Madam, she am!"—Argonaut.

A Dallas Girl's Freak

She Gets Into a Pity, Goes to Waco and Starts to School.

A MOST REMARKABLE GERMAN FAMILY.

A Galveston Couple the Parents of Twenty Children—A New Telegraph Line.

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lar of West and Florence streets yesterday evening. In the right temple was a pistol shot wound. Dr. Stevens, who examined the body, says the indications are that the lady was outraged. The little one-story cottage where the body was found has been unoccupied for ten days. A new occupant was to move in to-morrow and a negro was engaged to clean up the premises. The negro noticed that the frame closet standing in the backyard was nailed up. He removed the door by force in one corner the body of the woman was crushed. On the floor was a pool of blood not yet dry.

INFANTRYMEN

On Their Way Down the Rio Grande to Mexico, the Soldiers of the Eighteenth Infantry, Republic of Mexico, in Command of Gen. Fernandez, who recently arrived in New Laredo from Tampico, has departed for the town of Mier, down the river, to relieve Gen. Lorenzo Garcia and his men, whom the bandits recently took by surprise by firing a volley at the column in which Gen. Garcia was wounded. It is learned that the ninth cavalry of Mexico is now on the march from Guadalupe to New Laredo, where they will be stationed. Lieut. Lowe, in command of the twenty Seminoles, arrived at Fort McIntosh, Laredo, from Fort Clark yesterday morning on a special train and will leave for the lower country soon.

REVOLUTIONISTS CAPTURED.

HOUSTON, Tex., Jan. 27.—News has been received here from an authentic source that the capture of Capt. Hinton's command and Lieut. Walker of Capt. Chase's command, acting in concert with Capt. Joe Shely of this county and the state rangers under command of Capt. Brooks and Rogers, captured Gen. Francisco Benavides the chief in command of the remaining Garza forces, and Prudencio Gonzalez, the next in command, at the same place, near Julian Guerra's ranch in this county, about sixty miles west of here, and is the direct result of the plans laid for that purpose in the last few days by Capt. Shely and Sheriff Shely. As there were forty or more revolutionists assembled at the place, with the two whose capture is now known, other news of interest may be expected soon. It is now known that Benavides had assembled his forces with the intention of attacking Canan- go. Sheriff Shely will arrive here today with Gen. Benavides and more will then be known about the matter.

A Minister's Escape.

GAINESVILLE, Tex., Jan. 27.—Great excitement exists among the people of Dexter in the eastern portion of Cooke county, on account of the mys- terious disappearance of a prominent minister and the 17-year-old daughter of a prominent farmer. The reverend gentleman left home, telling his wife he was going to fill an appoint- ment. He then went to the farmer's, where he stated that his wife was very sick and asked that the young lady be allowed to go and wait on her. The young lady was anxious to go, and her parents assented. The reverend gentleman borrowed a buggy and a horse to work with his own from a farmer living near by and tak- ing the young lady in the buggy he drove to Whitesboro. There he put the buggy and team in a livery stable and they took the train for Denison. They have not since been heard from.

Star and Crescent Furnace.

WACO, Tex., Jan. 28.—The circuit court of the United States has or- dered the sale of the Star and Cres- cent furnace at the plant of the Cherokee Iron Manufacturing com- pany for \$10,000, which amount will be used in paying off the cred- itors of the concern. The affairs of this company were placed in the hands of a receiver last May and since then a great deal of litigation has ensued. The sale when consum- mated, will settle the bonded and other indebtedness. Parties are said to be already negotiating for the plant and it is likely that it will soon be put in operation.

Uttering Counterfeit Coin.

WACO, Tex., Jan. 27.—The busi- ness men of Waco are much annoyed with counterfeit coin, ranging from one cent to \$100 pieces



JUSTICE L. Q. C. LAMAR

Dead Very Suddenly at Macon, Ga., With Violent Pains About the Heart.

ANOTHER HORRIBLE TRAIN WRECK. The Little White House—Mr. Cleveland Has Killed Only Two Cabinet Ministers.

MACON, Ga., Jan. 24.—Justice Lucius Quintus Cincinnatus Lamar died here at 8 o'clock yesterday evening in a terrible shock to the community. His death was sudden in the extreme for although he had been ailing for some time he appeared gradually returning in health. He came from Washington to Macon about a month ago and has been visiting at the residence of W. H. Virginia in a suburb of this city.



He was visiting at the residence of W. H. Virginia in a suburb of this city. This afternoon Justice Lamar took his overcoat, intending to go to the city, but was met at the door by a friend, Dr. Lewellyn, with whom he returned to the sitting-room. At that time and all the afternoon he was in good spirits and at dinner this evening he seemed to have a good appetite. Dr. Lewellyn left the house about 8 o'clock and a few minutes later the justice was seized with violent pains at the heart and died at the hour mentioned.

Bank Robbers. WAVERLY, Kan., Jan. 28.—A raid after the most approved Dalton methods took place here yesterday afternoon in which two masked bandits, William Van Norman and Frank Lewis of Macon, Kan., robbed the bank of Waverly, killed one of their pursuers and were finally run down and arrested. The bank of Waverly was just preparing to close. Cashier Duval and Assistant Cashier Converse were the only persons in the bank and had started to balance up the cash for the day. Suddenly two masked men appeared at the front door. Laying revolvers at the two banks the robbers compelled them to hold up their hands and stand side by side. One robber covered both with a brace of revolvers, while the other ran behind the cage and proceeded to rob the cash drawer. They got less than \$25.

Bank President Arrested. LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 27.—The failure of the Capital National bank assumed a new phase yesterday, being made the subject of official investigation by the federal grand jury now in session here. The rumor that President Mosser went before the grand jury was confirmed yesterday. In the afternoon the sheriff arrested Mosser. A rumor says he confessed that he had manipulated the books of the bank for several years. The grand jury at its session yesterday returned an indictment and the district attorney said that he would be arrested at once.

Mexican Solidarity. SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Jan. 28.—Gonzales, the Mexican bandit or so-called revolutionist in jail here, and Benavides in jail at Rio Grande are objects of some solidarity to the Mexican government, which seeks to have them extradited so they make examples of them by shooting them. Benavides is a native of Mexico, but has lived on a ranch in Zavalla county many years. Gonzales says Garcia had nothing to do with the late raid and that the last revolutionists have disbanded.

Yellow Fever. PANAMA, Jan. 27.—Yellow fever has broken out in Ecuador and quarantine has been established against that country. The Ecuadorian government has suppressed El Tiempo, the leading opposition paper on account of an editorial article on the clergy. A financial crisis exists in Nicaragua. The Capital bank is in process of liquidation and its Greytown, Rivas, Masayon and Chinagoce branches have been closed.

Ohio River Overflows. CINCINNATI, O., Jan. 29.—The Ohio river is rising rapidly. The partial damming up of the river by a gorge caused the water to back up here and rise nearly seven feet in twenty-four hours. As a result the ice from above did some damage, chiefly at the mouth of the Little Miami river, where a number of barges were crushed, causing a loss of \$25,000.

Pacific Mail Steamer Overdue. SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 30.—The Pacific Mail steamer City of Peking, which left Yokohama January 10 for this port, is five days overdue. It is thought she is simply delayed by rough weather, and perhaps may have broken her shaft and will be found coming in under sail.

Train Wreck. KENT, Ill., Jan. 30.—Near here Saturday a Chicago and Great Western excursion train was derailed. Three coaches were thrown from the track. W. E. Ackers of Minneapolis was killed and thirty others were injured, none fatally.

Greenwood, Miss., Jan. 27.—The business portion of Toula City, Miss., was destroyed by fire. The hotel at the railway depot and every business house in the town were consumed. Loss \$100,000.

Newspaper Battle With Death. NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—The New York Recorder some time ago offered \$1000 for a cure for consumption.

TEXAS NEWS NOTES.

Choice Clusters of Crisp Cuttings Condensed from Daily Reports.

RACY ROUND-UPS RENE' RED READABLE.

Rare Brevari of Items of Interest Gathered from Every Portion of the Empire State.

Cuero wants electric lights.

Commerce is to have a new hotel.

San Augustine has been incorporated.

Celeste is talking about incorporating.

Tyler is to have fifty new electric lights.

San Angelo is in a prosperous condition.

Farmers in Waller county are flourishing.

Danda wants more dwelling houses.

A tannery is the latest project at Sherman.

The Sunday law is now enforced in Sherman.

What prospects around Alledo are excellent.

What prospects around Beeville are bright.

Cotton is still being marketed at Laredo.

A new bank has just been organized at Brown.

The houses of Laredo are to be numbered.

In Comal county they are still picking cotton.

The new hospital at Paris has been completed.

Waco county is attracting many immigrants.

The navigation of the Brazos is being improved.

The average in wheat around Quanah is large.

Corpus Christi is in need of more school houses.

An electric light plant is to be put in at Galt.

The flood county court house was burned recently.

It is proposed to build an opera house at Range.

Unincorporated local option by a vote of 100 to 25.

The farmers in the vicinity of Hope are making oats.

Stewart is to have a new bank and postoffice building.

Many new farms are being opened in Bexar county.

The wheat prospect is reported to be good at Harrell.

The real estate market at Gainesville is very active.

Paris has several new brick buildings under contract.

The new creamery at Houston is nearing completion.

Henrietta is to have a creamery. Loans are interested.

Heavy shipments of pecans are being made from Goliad.

The Grayson county jail contains twenty-eight prisoners.

There are sixteen applicants for postmaster of Marshall.

Two hundred pupils attend the public school at Straw.

A new school building will shortly be erected at Channing.

They are talking about organizing another bank at Vernon.

Houston had a \$25,000 fire recently. About \$10,000 insurance.

The postoffice at Skidmore has been made a money order office.

Work will shortly commence on the new \$100,000 jail at Lusk.

About 2000 acres have been planted in wheat in Donley county.

Work on the Corpus Christi waterworks system is progressing.

A large number of white families are settling in Waller county.

Fort Worth offers \$148,000 of 5 per cent. fifty-year bonds for sale.

Wheat and oat crops around Van Alstyne are in fine condition.

A large body of prospectors from Illinois visited Abilene recently.

Swedish immigrants from Nebraska are settling in Calhoun county.

Sealey has grown rapidly since the M. K. & T. reached that point.

Work has commenced on a new public school building at Chico.

A great deal of cotton remains in the fields in the vicinity of Hutto.

Work has commenced on the new waterworks system at Groesbeck.

tained the name of the negro who had procured the license for his friend, and the wedding was declared off.

Work is progressing rapidly on the new \$20,000 hotel building at Wichita Falls.

The Texas Central railway is to be extended immediately from Ross to Waco.

The broom factory at Paris is now shipping \$500 worth of its products weekly.

Forty immigrants from Tennessee have located at Mexia in Limestone county.

Cuero has raised her city taxes from 25 to 30 cents on the hundred dollars.

Every property owner in Terrell must build a sidewalk. The city requires it.

Waco wants to dam the Brazos and utilize its waters for manufacturing purposes.

The furniture factory that was recently consumed by fire at Tyler will be rebuilt.

A Polk county man has a violin that was made in 1700, hence is 192 years old.

A Cotton Belt train run over Ed Murphy, near Corsicana recently and killed him.

At New Braunfels a cotton seed oil mill is to be built in time to handle the next crop.

An election was held at Kosse to determine upon a suitable applicant for postmaster.

The wheat crops is very promising in Ford county, as well as throughout the Panhandle.

Lumber that is cut at Beaumont, Jefferson county, is being shipped by water to Mexico.

The Texas division of Confederate veterans will hold their reunion in Houston in April.

A train measuring eighteen inches in circumference was raised by Dr. Moore, near Haysport.

Washington county farmers are reported to be in better condition financially than for years.

It is estimated that it will take 1,500,000 tons of stone to build the north jetty at Bolivar Point.

Work has commenced on the new jail for Dickens county. The court house will soon be completed.

The Bankers' and Merchants' national bank of Dallas has closed its doors. Depositors are protected.

The sale of W. K. Evans & Co. of Mansfield, was cracked recently. He owes \$2000 and \$3000 was taken.

The Hutchinson Printing company of Fort Worth has been incorporated with a capital stock of \$10,000.

The West Texas Coal and Mining company of Eagle Pass, with a capital of \$25,000, has been granted a charter.

An attempt was made to assassinate Peter Meyer at Corpus recently. Four bullets took effect in the top of his head.

The deficiency bill, introduced by Mr. Wheeler in the house at Austin, calls for \$300,000, about half of which is estimated.

The Orange and Galveston Transportation company has been organized with a capital of \$25,000, all paid in except \$2500.

Henry Lyons, postmaster at Lyons, who was short \$385.63 in his accounts, has paid up and all charges have been dismissed.

Telephone service between Houston and Galveston has been restored, a number of poles having been burned down by a prairie fire.

J. L. Lee, student of Baylor University and a minor, \$75 fined \$25 in the city court at Waco for attempting to kiss a young lady.

The Galveston beach is being encroached upon to such an extent that an appropriation has been made to build levees for protection.

The Central Circle of King's Daughters of Dallas will make a determined effort to establish a rescue house for friendless women.

Larratt county is to have a new court house in keeping with the progress and importance of Fort Worth to cost not more than \$500,000.

United States Circuit Judge McCormick has ordered the removal of the offices of the Waco and Northwestern railway from Houston to Waco.

Cape Morgan, a colored farmer of Washington county, lost his kitchen and smoke house, together with his year's supply of meat by fire, recently.

The Galveston Quartette society propose to give concerts in Houston and Dallas, and turn over the proceeds to the charitable institutions of those cities.

Suit in the justice court, at San Antonio, to decide an election bet on the gubernatorial race, resulted in a judgment for the defendant. The case was appealed.

Waco is agitating the establishment of a union stock yard. A meeting of the railroad officials of the roads entering that city will be held February 14.

A. P. Gordon sold recently at Buffalo 361 bales of cotton, the remains of last year's crop, and 462 bales at Graubury, 9c for middling being the basis.

Four hundred dollars reward is offered for the apprehension and conviction of the incendiary that set the court house of Somerville county on fire. It was a total loss.

The formal transfer of the San Antonio and Aransas Pass railway to the Southern Pacific company occurred a few days since, with C. C. Gibbs as general manager.

During the month ending December 31, 1892, the total collection of duties at El Paso amounted to \$69,607.69, while the value of free importations amounted to \$1,540,969.

The report of the railroad commission shows freight earnings to be \$83,672, gross earnings from all sources, \$37,108, operating expenses, \$138,564, net earnings, \$398,003, total number of tons of freight hauled which yielded revenue, 1,052,858.

Total number of tons of freight (which yielded revenue) hauled one mile, 127,076,789.

THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

Important Happenings in the Various Departments of Government.

CONGRESSIONAL AND OTHER NEWS.

Hawaii Asks to be Annexed to the United States—Trusts to be Investigated.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—Mr. Mott Smith, Hawaiian minister, has received an official despatch to the effect that the Hawaiian government has been recognized and that commission from the new government are on their way to Washington from Honolulu to accept Hawaii as annexed to the United States. There is no doubt that Queen Liliuokalani has been overthrown. The news came to the United States government with an emphasis that precluded any doubts as to its authenticity.

Pension Reform. WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—It is understood that Mr. Cleveland now hopes to effect a complete reform in the methods of granting pensions and to purge the pension roll during the course of his administration of pensioners who are carried improperly and to cut down excessive pensions. In this connection a great deal of discussion was proffered at the capital yesterday by the speech of ex-Secretary Fairchild at Harwood Thursday evening, in which he told the Southern Democrats that they need not stand back and be afraid to deal with the pension question as it should be dealt with. There is no doubt that Cleveland intends to handle the question without gloves, with the purpose to reduce the annual payment for pensions to low as possible. The task of the pension office in the war department is said to grow out of the expectation that Col. Lamont will be at the head of that department.

Amendment to Anti-Trust Act. WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—Mr. Scott of Illinois offered in the house yesterday a bill amending the anti-trust act so as to require the attorney general upon the oath of any ten reputable citizens that a trust exists, to inquire into the matter and prosecute all persons party to the combination. In case a trust is found to exist in respect to any article upon which a duty is now levied the tariff on it is to be removed. Any property owned under such a trust in course of transportation is liable to seizure and forfeiture to the United States, and any person whose business or property is injured by a trust is authorized to sue therefor in the United States district court and receive threefold the damages sustained.

Noble Wants Commission. WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—Secretary Noble says that in his opinion federal service requires a continuance of the Cherokee commission. There are, he says, several Indian tribes on land formerly belonging to the Cherokee outlet with whom negotiations should still be carried on for the purchase of their surplus lands, the time having come when the Indian tribes, whether civilized or uncivilized, should be required to take an amount of land which each individual can profitably hold for cultivation or grazing and dispose of the remainder.

The Whisky Trust. WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—A resolution was introduced in the house yesterday which was adopted, instructing the judiciary committee to inquire into the workings of the whisky and other trusts, and report by bill or otherwise. Also a resolution by which if any money was expended by the Panama canal company to prevent opposition or to secure favors in this country.

More Money Wanted. WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—The subcommittee of the federal legislative committee of the World's Columbian exposition will appear before the senate appropriations committee the latter part of this week and urge an appropriation to carry the national commission through the fair. The exact amount it is thought will be about \$90,000.

An Increased Appropriation. WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—The house committee on postoffice and post-roads completed the postoffice appropriation bill for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1894. The bill agreed upon carried an appropriation of \$83,869,357, an increase of \$3,538,081 over the appropriation for the current fiscal year.

After the Sugar Trust. WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—Mr. Hopkins of Pennsylvania introduced in the house yesterday a resolution directing the attorney general to inform that body why the persons originating and controlling the American sugar refining company or sugar trust are not proceeded against as other persons charged with crime.

The Pension Bill. WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—The appropriations committee agreed upon the pension appropriation bill yesterday. As agreed upon the bill carries an appropriation of \$168,400,000, being \$20,662,650 over the appropriation of the current fiscal year and \$431,350 less than the estimates.

The Silver Bill. WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—By mutual agreement between the free silver and anti-silver Democrats there will be consideration in the house on February 9 and 10 of the silver question, with the Andrew-Cate and the Sherman bullion repeal bill as the basis of consideration.

Deed to Pass. WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—The deed for the Choctaw and Chickasaw lands, which were purchased for the government, went to the interior department Saturday for approval and doubtless the whole matter will be concluded soon.

Another State. WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—A bill was introduced in the senate yesterday to admit Utah as a state.

Haskell County.

For Resources, Advantages, Progress and Future Prospects.

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 thirty miles square and contains 575,000 acres of land. It was created in 1858 from a part of Fannin and Miami counties, and named in honor of Charles Haskell, a young Tennessean, who fell at the massacre at Goliad in 1836.

It remained unsettled until 1873, when there was one or two ranches established. Other ranchmen followed, and in 1880 the county could boast of fifteen or twenty inhabitants. There was no further development until early in 1888, 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 fifty-seven 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 "ole 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 acreage in farms has increased so at least 30,000.

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 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 good quality, some of which is unsurpassed by that of any section in the state for purity and temperature.

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 drains in the rainfall 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 misma.

It is these 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 gently 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.

INDIAN CORN AND PRICE OF FARM PRODUCTS. The average yield of Indian corn per acre is about 30 bushels and the price varies from 50 cts 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 200 bushels

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There is one road built from Fort Worth, Central will extend in from Albany and Haskell is as originally surveyed.

The land men of Austin have organized a company to build a road to this section of the state, they control nearly all the land of the principal members own acres in this and Knox counties, he owns the large addition to of Haskell on the south.

Haskell is 22 miles north of the P. R. R., and 90 miles south of the W. & D. R. R., and is situated on direct line of the cattle trail over the Rock Island and G. C. & S. E. R. R. to extend their lines.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS. Our school fund is perhaps the best any country in the northwest. In addition to the amount received from state, about \$5.50 per capita, our commissioners' year have wisely executed lease for ten years of our four league school land, situated in the Panhandle, the revenue from which, added to amount received from the state, give us a fund amply sufficient to run several schools of the county ten months in the year.

MAIL FACILITIES. There is a daily mail service 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, 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.

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 942 years old, and has a population of 182. 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 cannot 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 are loaded with dynamite and shooting irons, that our conversation are collections of curse words and Mulhattan mixtures, but rather that we are a people reared among the same surroundings, that we have received the benefit of the same advantage, that we have availed ourselves of the same educational privileges, that we have had the same Christian instructors 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 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 of scene—all who want good and cheap lands. We have them, and want you for neighbors and friends.

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