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## Directory.

**OFFICERS 10th JUDICIAL DISTRICT.**  
District Judge, Hon. C. P. Woodruff.  
District Attorney, W. W. Beall.

**COUNTY OFFICIALS.**  
County Judge, F. D. Sanders.  
County Attorney, F. P. Morgan.  
County Clerk, J. L. Jones.  
Sheriff and Tax Collector, W. B. Anthony.  
County Treasurer, Jasper Millhollon.  
Tax Assessor, H. S. Post.  
County Surveyor, J. A. Fisher.

**COMMISSIONERS.**  
District No. 1, J. S. Rike.  
District No. 2, B. H. Owsley.  
District No. 3, C. W. Lucas.  
District No. 4, J. B. Adams.

**PROTINCT OFFICERS.**  
J. P. Fret, No. 1, J. S. Rike.  
Constable Fret, No. 1, T. D. Suggs.

**CHURCHES.**  
Baptist, (Missionary) Every 1st and 3rd Sunday.  
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## How the Jester act is Eating into the Permanent School Fund.

Dallas News.  
AUSTIN, Tex., Dec. 22.—[Special correspondence.]—An examination of the school land accounts in the state treasurer's office discloses 5700 purchasers in default upon interest payments. The purpose of this examination was to procure data upon which suits are to be filed against the purchasers. It appears the forfeitures embrace over 3,500,000 acres. The land was sold at \$2 per acre the greater portion on thirty years time. Failure to pay installments of principle does not operate forfeiture. Cause of forfeiture consists of failure to pay interest. Here there is an aggregate debt of about \$7,000,000, upon which there is probably \$1,500,000 interest due. The total debt to the school fund upon land sales was estimated at some \$15,000,000 by the state school board in estimating the permanent school fund for the purpose of levying upon it the one percent tax imposed upon that fund annually, under the Jester act. Near about one-half of the school land purchases made since 1881 appear from these statements to have been abandoned on account of the inability of purchasers to pay 1/3 to 8 per cent interest.

There must be an excessively thriftless class of purchasers of school lands or else purchasers of other lands on credit are contributing their payment of interest and principal to private vendors with no prospect of securing the lands. While there is a hardship upon purchasers the permanent school fund loses most heavily. The school board sets apart annually 1 per cent of the face value of these land notes for expenditure in support of the schools. The 1 per cent comes out of principal. It was for instance, for this term estimated on a total of \$15,000,000 in land notes, which I am informed at the treasury includes all land sales accounts which have not been closed by payment in full of the principal, and which have not been closed by judgment of recovery. As the default list shows up about \$7,000,000, represented by accounts not closed up, it appears 1 percent has been taken from the permanent fund on that amount of forfeited sales. Instead then of taking \$150,000 on the \$15,000,000 the board ought to have set apart only \$30,000 which is 1 per cent on the \$15,000,000 after deducting the forfeited sales.

Under the sanction of a constitutional amendment, which was adopted by a fourth of the voters, 1 per cent of the capital is expended for schools annually and now, as was expected, excessive estimates are made to serve the purpose of nearly doubling the constitutional limit of the tax upon the permanent fund. BONDS, TOO. One per cent upon the bonds held by the permanent fund is also scooped in and the estimate of the bonds held by this fund is also believed to be excessive. In the list of bonds in the estimate I find \$1,753,317 railroad bonds, but in the comptroller's last report, page 36, in a note the above is given as the face value of the bonds and the amount actually due after deducting payments on principal is given at \$1,488,474. If the 1 per cent levy was limited to the \$1,488,474 there was more taken even than the law intended. The following is the comptroller's statement of the railroad debts: Galveston, Harrisburg and San Antonio Ry. \$418,249.80 Houston & Texas Central 422,404.36 Texas & New Orleans 418,424.42 Texas & Pacific 142,740.20 Washington county 86,655.90

Total \$1,488,474.68 In another place the comptroller refers to the last item in the above statement, and says the Washington county railroad company defaulted November 1, 1878, and has made no payment on principal or interest since, as shown by his books. Governors Roberts, Ireland, Ross and Hogg have allowed this road to defy the state now over fourteen years. There is so much political capital in using a railroad that this challenge would long since have been accepted if there was any money due on

## Haskell THE BEST County.

Ring Your Biggest Bells!  
Blow Your Cannon Inside Out.  
An Easy Winner in the Texas Farm and Ranch Voting Contest for the Best County in Texas. Arkansas, Oklahoma or Louisiana.  
Thursdays mail brought a letter from the publishers of Texas Farm and Ranch announcing that the voting contest which has been pending since last September among the subscribers to that Journal as to which was the Best county and offered the greatest inducements to immigrants in Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma or Texas, closed at 6 p. m. on Christmas day with Haskell county the winner.

As is generally known to our readers, this entitles our county to the prize descriptive write-up in that most excellent agricultural, horticultural and livestock journal, Texas Farm and Ranch, whose more than 20,000 subscribers, many of them in the older states, have been watching for the outcome of this contest with eager interest for the purpose of securing reliable information to guide them in the selection of a new home in some rich and prosperous new country. We have long felt the need of something like this to attract the attention of the outside world to the many advantages and resources possessed by our county, and we feel confident that the result will be very gratifying, as well to us who are here and want more people to help develop the country as to those who may be induced to come.

## Wedding Bells.

For once Madam Rumor was right. The Wedding bells did chime out with the Christmas bells and we have three wedding to chronicle this week: MILLHOLLON-GRAGG. On Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, Mr. J. N. Millhollon and Miss Agnes Gragg were married at the residence of Mr. Jas. Keller in this place, Judge P. D. Sanders pronouncing the ceremony. Mr. Millhollon is a prosperous and industrious young man of excellent character and is a son of our county treasurer, Mr. Jasper Millhollon. The bride is a most worthy and accomplished young lady who has been teaching in the public schools of this county for some time, and now holds a position in the Haskell public school. She is a daughter of Rev. O. F. Gragg of Hill county. Both parties have many friends here to wish them a prosperous future.

## REPORT OF THE CONDITION

Of the Haskell National Bank at Haskell, in the State of Texas, at the close of Business Dec. 19, 1893.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$44,928.85
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	2,917.87
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	12,500.00
Premium on U. S. Bonds	2,700.00
Banking-house, furniture and fixtures	12,208.32
Other real estate	3,724.12
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)	6,307.57
Due from State Banks and Bankers	1,117.07
Due from approved reserve agents	1,814.03
Notes and other cash items	5.00
Notes of other National Banks	75.00
Fractional paper currency, tickets and cents	18.87
Legal Money Reserve in Bank, via:	
Specie	1,500.00
Legal-tender notes	5,073.50
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer, 5 per cent of circulation	807.00
Total	\$67,764.53

LIABILITIES.  
Capital Stock paid in \$20,000.00  
Surplus fund \$9,000.00  
Undivided profits \$1,253.54  
National Bank notes outstanding \$1,500.00  
Due to other National Banks 717.31  
Due to State Banks and Bankers 11.30  
Individual deposits 1,138.18  
Time certificates of deposit 200.00  
Total \$33,810.23

Texas, County of Haskell, ss: I, J. L. Jones, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
J. L. Jones, Cashier.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of Dec. 1893.  
H. E. Jones, Notary Public, H. Co. Tex.  
G. C. Foster, Attorney.

## FRUIT TREES.

Do You Want to Plant an Orchard?  
Now is your time. Trees at hard times prices!  
I have all the standard fruit trees, such as:  
Apple, Peach, Pear, Apricot, Plum, Cherry, Almond, Quince etc.  
Also Blackberries, Raspberries, Strawberries, etc.  
Also a fine collection of Roses, Flowering Shrubs, Shade and ornamental trees. All propagated and tested in my nursery at Cisco, Texas, and known to be the varieties best adapted to growth in Western Texas. My trees are all guaranteed true to name and good, healthy stock, prices very low. Address WILLARD ROBISON, Cisco, Texas.

STATE OF TEXAS, )  
Haskell County, ) By virtue of an order of sale issued out of the District court of Travis county Texas on November 6th, 1893, by the clerk thereof in the case of the First National Bank of Austin vs. I. W. Maddox et al, No. 10, 892, and to me as sheriff directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell within the hours prescribed by law for sheriff's sales on the first Tuesday in January, A. D. 1894, it being the 2nd day of said month, before the court house door of said Haskell county, in the town of Haskell, the following described property, to wit: 134.19 acres of land situated in Haskell county Texas, patented to John W. Maddox, F. M. Maddox and C. E. Anderson, assignees of Day Land and Cattle Co., unlocated balance certificate No. 27-151, by letters patent No. 370, Vol. 7, dated November 28th 1890, levied on as the property of John W. Maddox, F. M. Maddox and C. E. Anderson to satisfy a judgement in favor of the First National Bank of Austin for \$2903 and \$150 costs, there being a credit on said indebtedness of \$89.75 dated Oct. 3rd 1893. Witness my hand this 9th day of December, A. D. 1893.

W. B. ANTHONY,  
Sheriff Haskell Co. Tex.

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Loans and Discounts	\$75,928.85
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	2,917.87
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	12,500.00
Premium on U. S. Bonds	2,700.00
Banking-house, furniture and fixtures	12,208.32
Other real estate	3,724.12
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)	6,307.57
Due from State Banks and Bankers	1,117.07
Due from approved reserve agents	1,814.03
Notes and other cash items	5.00
Notes of other National Banks	75.00
Fractional paper currency, tickets and cents	18.87
Legal Money Reserve in Bank, via:	
Specie	1,500.00
Legal-tender notes	5,073.50
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer, 5 per cent of circulation	807.00
Total	\$109,943.13

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Texas, County of Haskell, ss: I, J. L. Jones, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
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## THE CITY MEAT MARKET.

DICKENSON BROS., Prop.  
DEALERS IN ALL KINDS OF Fresh Meat.  
CALL ON W. W. FIELDS & BRO. New Building on West Side of Square. Where They Have a Full and Complete Stock of STAPLE and FANCY GROCERIES. They propose to keep constantly stocked up with fresh and choice goods, which they will sell as low as such goods can be sold in this market. They will buy all kinds of COUNTRY PRODUCE and pay best market prices for same. GIVE THEM A CALL.

Hill's Double Chloride of Gold Tablets will destroy the desire for tobacco, morphine or liquor in from 3 to 5 days. All first-class druggists keep them. Our Texas congressmen refuse to accept the double mileage that congress voted to its members. It does look as if a salary of \$2000 a year, 20 cents a mile for going to Washington on a dead head pass, and \$400 or \$500 allowance for stationary which is never used, ought to be good pay for a congressman, without doubling the mileage allowance. Some day we will find that body voting itself extra pay for extra exertions in eating and drinking during the Christmas holidays.—Gazette

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## BALD HEADS!

What is the condition of yours? Is your hair dry, harsh, brittle? Does it split at the ends? Has it a lifeless appearance? Does it fall out when combed or brushed? Is it full of dandruff? Does your scalp itch? Is it dry or in a heated condition? If these are some of your symptoms be warned in time or you will become bald. Is what you need. Its production is not an accident, but the result of careful research. Knowledge of the structure of the hair and scalp led to the discovery of how to treat them. "Skookum" contains neither alcohol nor oils. It is not a dye, but a delightfully cooling and refreshing tonic, by stimulating the follicles, it stops falling hair, cures dandruff, and grows hair on bald heads. "Skookum" keeps the scalp clean, healthy, and free from irritating eruptions, by the use of Skookum, the scalp is healthy, and the hair grows fast and strong. If your druggist cannot supply you send direct to us, and we will forward promptly, on receipt of price. Grover, 624 1/2 Broadway, New York, N. Y. THE SKOOKUM ROOT HAIR GROWER CO., 57 South Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

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THE HASKELL NATIONAL BANK, HASKELL, TEXAS. A General Banking Business Transacted. Collections made and Promptly Remitted. Exchange Drawn on all principal Cities of the United States. DIRECTORS:—M. S. Pierson, A. C. Foster, J. L. Jones, L. P. Pierson, S. H. Johnson, J. F. Pierson, P. D. Sanders.

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MARK TWAIN has written two novels as the product of his European trip. A famous man has to run away from his notoriety in order to do work to keep up his fame...

WHAT an admirable place for the chevaliers of industry of all kinds must Tunis be! A lady having had a dream there that whoever drank of the water in her cistern would escape cholera...

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How well the Astor girls have been drilled in the hard lesson that it doesn't pay to be a girl in the Astor family, and yet Mrs. William Astor has four of them and only one boy...

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THE Smithsonian institute gives up the job of accounting for the Saunders, coal black on the under side, which were recently caught in Rhode Island waters. Possibly they may have straggled over from Africa...

A Comprehensive Edition of Serious and Sensational Settings Carefully Condensed from All the Leading Dailies for the Past Week.

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The Rand Drill works, the Silver shoe factory and the Smith Pottery works of Tarrytown, N. Y., have resumed work on full time and with a full force of men.

At Burbanks, S. D., recently, while sleighing Misses Dolly Hemphill and Kate Stephens were shot and instantly killed by their escort, "Shorty" Babcock.

At Wilmington, Dela., recently one of the powder mills of the Dupont powder works exploded, and Edward Gallagher, aged 63, was instantly killed.

During the first six months of this year Argentine exported \$13,900,496 worth of products to Great Britain and only \$2,279,075 to the United States.

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The robbers were not amateurs, as shown by their cool and intrepid manner of operation. They rode up behind the buggy and one passed and caught the horse, while the other presented his pistol and demanded that they "shell out," which was done without delay.

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13:45 yesterday morning a fire started here, which almost swept away the entire principal business square in the town. The fire raged furiously until 8 a. m. when it was checked.

The following is a list of the firms burned out: Citizens National bank; St. Louis clothing store; N. Brown, dry goods; Lancaster & Matthews, drug and stationery; Devenport & Sons, jewelry and millinery; J. C. Woodleaf, jewelry; Lewis Bros., saloon; Rocket & Penn, groceries; Galther & Spencer, groceries; J. P. Kennedy, buggies and carriages; Wells-Fargo express office; M. Portner, millinery; D. Knoech, racket store; McCoy and Sons, 2 cent and 10 cent store.

A great many offices were located in the upper stories of the building, occupied by lawyers, doctors and other professional men, who lost their books and instruments. The loss is estimated at from \$150,000 to \$200,000, with a total insurance of \$90,000.

The fire originated in the Simm's building, occupied by D. M. Howard as a millinery store. It is generally believed to be the work of an incendiary. Very little goods were saved from the burned buildings and the loss of stock was generally complete.

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INTERESTING CULLINGS FROM THE DAILY PRESS.

A Crisp and Complete Directory of Heavy Brand-Tips Carefully Selected and Hand-drawn Readable from Every Portion of the Empire State.

A few days since John Gardner of Lamar county, while in the Choctaw nation buying hogs, became involved in a difficulty with Harmon Bohannon, an Indian. In the fight Gardner shot Bohannon through the arm.

Charles L. McKay, president, and Henry D. Kone, cashier of a national bank at Belton, have been convicted of violating the laws governing national banks, in the federal court at Waco, and sentenced to fifteen years each in the penitentiary.

A few nights ago some of the young people were assembled for an evening's enjoyment, near Burnet. On going to their homes to return to their homes they found that sixteen of the animals had been deprived of the hair on their tails, and worse than this three had their ears cut off.

The board of directors of the business agency of the Navarro County Alliance is discussing the feasibility of opening business houses in all the towns in the county. Blomington Grove offered a good building free of rent for a year if a branch house is given that point.

Miss Mary Watkins of Ennis, Ellis county, has been appointed to a scholarship at the Peabody normal college in Nashville, Tenn. She will be required to remain there two years and the appointment is worth \$100 a year, with traveling expenses to and from Nashville.

Bronson, Wallace, Shelton and Deacon, the four train robbers, who robbed the International near Austin, recently, have pleaded guilty in seven cases each, in which the penalty is five years in each case, making thirty-five years' service in the penitentiary.

Fred Aaron, an elderly man, was held up by a highwayman recently three miles west of Waxahachie and robbed of \$40. Aaron was walking to his farm in the country and the highwayman stepped out of the brush and covered him with a Winchester.

John Sewall and wife of Sunset, Montague county, 87 years of age, have 212 descendants. They are the parents of fifteen children; eleven are living and have families. They have 127 grandchildren and seventy great-grandchildren.

The prickly pear is being used in Bee county as stock feed. One firm is fattening 400 beavers near Beville on a mixture of the pear and cotton seed. They have five men employed in hauling and burning the thorns from the pear.

A fatal accident occurred at Bards-town, in Lamar county, a few days since. The clothing of J. W. Saunders, while standing before a fire, became ignited, and he was burned so badly that it is believed he cannot recover.

Frank Smolek, a Bohemian, aged 45, suicided by shooting himself recently at Hallettsville. One bullet passed through his body and went through a wardrobe. His young wife had left him which was the cause.

A lady at Galveston recently, without knowing it, shut her favorite cat up in the stove and made a fire. When the stove began to get hot Tom began to yell, and hearing him she let him out. The cat died.

At Gainesville recently Tom Faircloth was held up and robbed of a finger ring and some silver change. He filed complaint against a man named Brazzell, who is in jail, charging him with robbery.

An iron draw-bridge is being built over the San Bernard river, a few miles above its mouth, that will open direct communication between Velasco and Quintana and eastern and central Matagorda.

Jacob Steinhilber, alias the Dutch Kid, has been arrested at Galveston, charged with the murder of Ben Jenks, who has just died from a wound received at the hands of Steinhilber.

H. C. Ferguson, Dan Griffin, Dock Gibbs and Sid McManis have been jailed at Richmond, Fort Bend county, charged with the murder of Ed Gibbs a few days since. They are all colored.

Twenty-one persons were reported as the result of a recent epidemic of diphtheria in Kansas county.

The recent butterfly Dallas for the benefit of the home noted \$672, of which Travis, manager, received 10 per cent.

In a difficulty at Commerce county, a few days since J. T. K. shot Ed Cameron twice in the chest and an appearance bond was released.

Gustave Carroll was shot and killed while in the act of burglarizing a store at Whitesburg, Grayson county, recently, by William Erberhart, town marshal.

The Guadalupe Valley Agricultural and Live Stock association will hold its first annual meeting at Center Point, Kerr county, on January 8, 1894.

A brute by the name of Mose Miller, in Austin county, recently beat his wife and killed her father and brother, who came to protect her.

L. H. Thomas, charged with murder, has been removed from Corsicana to Groesbeck, Limestone county, jail for safe keeping.

An unknown white man was struck and killed by an excursion train on the Southern Pacific near Richmond, a few days since.

Among the many strange cases may be mentioned that of a family in Texas.

One farmer of Brazoria county has finished up his cane crop and has 275,000 pounds of sugar, besides molasses.

Rabbits have destroyed the bark on about seventy-five fruit trees in the orchard of Mrs. Dreyfoos near Denison.

Mrs. O. B. Sawyer, who was shot twice by her husband at Palestine some time ago, is recovering.

Oysters in large quantities and of fine quality are being obtained from the Sabine Pass oyster beds.

Dallas and Fort Worth have snup houses established by contributions for the benefit of the poor.

Lee Walton, colored, tried to board a moving train near Calvert recently and was instantly killed.

A new postoffice established in Brazoria county near Arcola Junction has been named Pearlman.

Some heartless wretch robbed a saloon at Corsicana of \$31 in cash a few nights since.

Two drummers, stopping over in La Grange a few Sundays since, tended church.

Mrs. Ed. German of Dallas county recently gave birth to triplets, two girls and a boy. Congress will grant further time to complete the work on the harbor at Aransas Pass. The butchers of Galveston will celebrate New Year's day by a grand street parade. A brick yard with a capacity of 500 per day recently opened at Denison, Brazoria county. It is not unusual for marriage licenses to be issued in one day in Dallas county. Two lawyers fought at Dallas in a justice court recently. A regular fist-a-cuff affair. Paris expects railroad connection direct with Little Rock, Ark., in the near future. W. L. Lawrence received a majority of all the votes cast for postmaster at Llanos. Richard Cary has been appointed branch pilot at Sabine Pass by the governor. A bridge to span the Colorado river between San Saba and Goldthwaite is talked of. There are, near Flatonia, Fayette county, 2500 beavers being fattened for market. Whitewright, Grayson county, has issued \$13,000 of bonds to build school houses. It is said that many stock will die in San Saba county if the winter is severe. The liquor sellers of Fort Worth are raising money to help feed the poor. Near Angleton, Brazoria county, recently, a 450 pound bear was killed. The water works company of Laredo have completed a new standpipe. The acreage of wheat is being largely increased in San Saba county. Anna, Collin county, has adopted local option by a vote of 64 to 30. The Barry-Connor Dallas mayoralty contest case is still in the courts. Dudley Whitney an attorney of Waco is charged with insanity. La grippe is reported as prevalent in many sections of the state. Farmers have begun plowing at Elkhart, Anderson county. The Houston Schutavaria recently had a shoot for turkeys. Laredo will have a free delivery postal system January 1. A new school building is nearing completion at Graham. Work has begun on the new jail in Armstrong county. Dague has attacked the natives at Hallettsville. Sim Bohannon recently fell dead at Gainesville. Cotton is about all picked in Stone-wall county. The east Texas lumber market is very quiet. A \$6000 school building will be built at Liberty. Hempstead is again overrun with burglars. Waco now has a lodge of the order of Elks. Outlets are looking well in Frio county. Beasley wants a system of water-works. Palestine has an amateur dramatic club. Cattle are fat in Bushell county.

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COMMITTEE PRACTICALLY DEFUNCT.

Members of Congress Have Gone to the Country and Those Who Did Not Go Are Voting for the Office for Friends—Not for the Office—Stump Contest.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—When the New Mexico and Oklahoma bills are passed by congress the committee on territories of both houses will be practically defunct. If a bill is presented for the admission of the Indian territory it will, so doubt, come before the committee on territories, but a usual thing all matters in reference to the Indians of that section would naturally be considered by the committee on Indian affairs. There will be more or less business for the committee on territories to consider with reference to Alaska, as it is believed that Alaska will not be admitted for many years. So far there have been no Alaska propositions considered by the committee, but it is said that as soon as the present territorial bills are through the house that the matter of a delegate to represent Alaska in the house of representatives may be taken up. A similar proposition regarding the Indian territory will also be introduced. It is somewhat doubtful whether the Oklahoma bill will be pushed through all of the tariff bill, although its friends will make an effort in that direction so as to clear the house of all territorial bills.

A Back Salary Grab.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The house went into committee of the whole for the further consideration of the urgency deficiency bill. Some very exciting scenes were enacted before it was finally passed. The item appropriating \$200,000 for special examiners was amended so as to prevent the suspension of any pension without giving the pensioner notice with opportunity to furnish testimony in rebuttal. Amendments were also adopted appropriating \$180,000 for mileage for members and senators, \$46,000 for stationery and about \$20,000 to pay employees of the house and senate an extra month's pay. The most bitter opposition existed to each of these propositions, the first of which was denominated on the floor a proceeding whose scandalous character had not been approached since the days of the infamous back salary grab. Bland and Holmes led the fight against these propositions with a view of placing the members on record with eye and nose vote, but they were not numerically strong enough. During the debate Mr. Wilson of the ways and means committee, posed informally to receive the bill and report. After this the deficiency bill was again considered, but no further amendments were adopted. The committee reported the bill and pending amendments to the house. The row was then resumed. A separate vote was demanded on the mileage and extra month's pay clauses. Bland explained that all he wanted was a record-making vote, but the house would not agree and Bland went on making filibustering motions. Meantime the speaker retired from the chair and the rules committee held a meeting. A special order was prepared invoking the gag. It was immediately reported and adopted. The mileage and extra month's pay amendments were adopted.

Quite a Lively Time.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The fight over the Hawaiian matter in the house followed fast and furious on the heels of the reading of the message, which was delayed until 3:30 yesterday. The first skirmish occurred over the question of reading the instructions to Mr. Willis, which was insisted upon by Mr. Boutelle of Maine. The house finally agreed to this and immediately after the conclusion of the reading Mr. Boutelle renewed the assault by bringing forward a resolution declaring the administration's policy inconsistent with the spirit of the constitution and the traditions of the government. Great excitement reigned. Mr. Boutelle failed to follow up his parliamentary advantage and was ruled out of order. A resolution by Mr. Cochran for the appointment of a committee of seven to investigate the alleged invasion of territorial integrity by the United States by the last administration also went down under the retaliatory objection of Mr. Boutelle. The confusion was so great that the sergeant-at-arms was called on to preserve order. An adjournment was caused by the lack of a quorum on motion to go into committee of the whole. Party feeling was very high at the close of the session and there is no doubt the struggle will be continued as soon as the opportunity offers.

Graciously Yielded.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The debate expected in the senate yesterday on the Hawaiian message was averted. Mr. Hoar, whose motion to refer the message and accompanying documents to the committee on foreign relations was the pending order, yielded to Mr. Berry of Arkansas, and Mr. Fetter of Kansas. The former addressed the senate in advocacy of the bill to repeal the federal election law, and the latter spoke favoring the bill introduced by him appropriating money for immediate use in relieving the want and distress prevailing in the country. Mr. Berry in his argument said that if there ever had been any cause for the passage of the federal election law, that cause was now removed. The south is now in the union and the country is ready to fight for it.

Gene Home.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The congressmen living within 800 or 400 miles of Washington have gone home for the holidays, and as a consequence nothing is being done. Those who remain are "working" the departments for offices. There will be no appointments made requiring confirmation of the senate till after the holidays, and in fact the cabinet will be reconstituted.

of the minority of the members of the ways and means committee on the tariff bill was submitted to the house yesterday. The report begins by saying the most surprising thing about the bill is the fact that this proposition to raise revenue will lower the revenue \$74,000,000 below the revenue of 1898, which was only \$2,000,000 above expenses. This fact and the other fact that by this bill the larger part of the burden of taxation is transferred from foreigners and brought to our own citizens should always be kept in mind during the discussion. It then goes on to say that the majority has not only a tariff for revenue only bill and therefore the measure is not a mainly attempt to carry out pledges. After some space devoted to argument upon the basis of the party platform, the report gives as an instance of inconsistency that boards placed, tongued and grooved, saying that although lumber passes in the work of men who manage saws the work of men who manage saws are unprotected like the work of men who run planing mills. The plan, the report says, also involves a new method of encouraging manufacturers by giving them "free raw materials," so that what goes into the mills pays no taxes and what goes into consumption pays all the taxes. Then, too, wool, coal and iron are not put on the free list with any reference direct or indirect to raising revenue, but to encourage manufacturers who will be thus compensated for any loss from the struggle with the cheaper labor of the old world. All the objections so often urged by the dominant party against the existing system, the report repeats lie against this bill. The difference is only one of degree. If, as averred, 70,000,000 American people have been taxed for the benefit of a few hundred thousand favored individuals, why should the taxation be continued even in a diminished ratio. This bill pretends to be a revenue bill and does not raise revenue. It pretends to give protection, but destroys it in every way.

Italiane Win Again. NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 20.—A verdict in the second of the suits brought against the city of New Orleans on account of the lynching of the Italians at the parish prison on March 14, 1891, was rendered yesterday. It awards \$5000 damages to young Marchese himself, alias Grimandi, whose father was murdered on that day. Young Marchese himself was accused of being implicated in the murder and it was charged that he gave the whistle which announced the approach of Chief Hennessey, whereupon the members of the Mafia opened fire on him. When the mob broke into the prison some of them wished to lynch the boy, but some kind-hearted member of the mob, taking pity on the boy's tender years, hid him between two mattresses and he escaped. He was very much unnerved by the narrow escape and could scarcely speak for days. The Italian consul took charge of him and the Italian government placed him in an asylum in Italy. The suit was conducted in the name of that asylum. It is probable that similar verdicts will be rendered in all the other cases.

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Imagine a narrow stream flowing placidly between its rather low banks, and gradually been gathering volume from little contributions that a dozen of fifteen tributaries have supplied. The channel is quite deep, though not wide. Nearer and nearer the water approaches a mountain pass to the north, which at a distance appears to have no passage through. Suddenly the water rushes into a rift in these hills, and for many a mile it tumbles along, zigzagging between two gigantic, perpendicular walls of solid rock. Sometimes it falls headlong as a cataract, and then again it is merely a rapid, with a speed five times as great as that with which it enters the hills.

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ENTRANCE TO THE GORGE OF THE LUALABA.

The walls rise nearly perpendicular in every part, and are formed of bare crystalline rock. Here and there in some crevice a little soil has formed, just enough for a tuft of grass or a puny tree to take root.

At the level of the stream one can see only a little ribbon of the sky above, for at that great height the top of the walls seem almost to touch one another, and the trees at the top overhang the edge and shut out nearly every glimpse of daylight. At the bottom of the narrow gorge the little river glides swiftly, sometimes almost with an unbroken surface, and then again is lashed into foam by thousands of rocks, whose tops rise above the surface, and then again the water pours tumultuously over the edge of a delirium, and then plunges on a series of rapids.

In a distance of forty-three miles the river drops 1,500 feet, and then it plunges on the plain, and forgetting its mad career, it flows placidly along with the Lualaba river, and at the junction of the two rivers the true Congo or even the great river itself, here it tumbles along in rapids for 15 miles, presents a spectacle so savage and so violent.

See Victoria's Interesting Statistics. In connection with the recent announcement of the birth of Queen Victoria's seventeenth grandchild, it is said that purely family occurrences of this kind are kept written up from day to day in a vast album. This is systematically examined in order that the interchange of affectionate messages, which is a tradition with the royal family, may not be overlooked. In her own childhood the queen was very generous in recognizing the birth anniversary and other such festive days in the life of her uncle, George IV., and she still possesses under lock and key at Windsor the last birthday present she made to him. In recent years she has come to prize very highly any such intimations of affection that reach her from the second and third generation of her own descendants.

Making Cigarettes. The details of the manufacture of cigarettes are kept secret by the manufacturers, such of whom has his own peculiar combination of tobacco. None of the brands on the market are composed of one kind only. The original mixture is only a basis for artificial flavoring.

The City of Benares, on the Ganges, is to the Hindus the holiest place on earth.

THE NEW CHAPLAIN.

Rev. E. B. Bagby, Who Takes Prayers for the Congressmen. Rev. E. B. Bagby, the chaplain of the house of representatives, is only 28 years of age and looks even younger. He is a member of the Christian church, to which Mr. Garfield belonged. He was born in King and Queen county, Virginia, and grew to manhood in Richmond. He graduated at Kentucky University and received the degree of bachelor of divinity at Yale. His first charge was in the mountains of West Virginia, where he preached for three small churches. He was stationed for a short time at Newport News, Va., and was engaged in evangelistic work for more than a year. In this he was very successful, securing a large number of converts to the churches he visited. In 1891 the Vermont Avenue Christian church of Washington built a mission chapel at the corner of Ninth and D streets northeast. Mr. Bagby dedicated this chapel and held a series of revival meetings resulting in more than 100 additions. He was unanimously called to the pastorate of the church, which has grown until now it numbers more than 400 members. Mr. Bagby is especially successful in his work among the people. His Christian-



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LONG HAIR THE RAGE.

THE FOOTBALL PLAYERS HAVE SET THE FASHION.

Use of a Shock of Hair to the Rushers of the Gridiron. If the New Fad in Kept Up Long Barbers Will Go Hungry.

AN EPIDEMIC of long hair is upon us. On the streets, in the theaters, in cafes and everywhere people gather together may be seen flowing locks adorning the heads of men of all kinds. This capillary profusion is particularly noticeable in the cases of young men. At first sight one might suppose that the rising generation was universally suffering from unrequited love or afflicted with the divine afflatus. But it isn't pious or passion that is responsible; it is football.

It must not be supposed that all these hirsute individuals are football players, any more than that every man who wears a bucking cap knows the bow-sprit of a boat from its keel, remarks the New York Sun. Many of them have never seen a football out-

side of the windows of a sporting goods store; but the football man with his flowing locks is the hero of the hour, and so every young man must needs let his hair grow in the hope of making people think that he, too, is a leader on the gridiron field of mud and glory. The real football men who are primarily responsible for the new fashion have a good reason for their capillary luxuriance, as will be seen on consideration.

All other parts of the body except the head are protected by artificial means from injury. The canvas jacket worn over a heavy jersey protects the body and arms. Heavily padded canvas breeches cover the lower part of the body to below the knees, and stiff guards keep the feet of opposing players from the shins. The face of a full-rigged football player is a study in perverted physiognomy. Not only does he hold in his teeth a rubber mouth-piece and wear over his nasal organ a false nose of hardened rubber which reaches up to the forehead, but even his ears are strapped down to prevent some enthusiastic foe from yanking them off. So all has been provided for but the head. A well-known rusher of past years once had a head guard made of metal pointed in front to fit over his head like a wig. The first time he wore this in a game he had lots of fun clipping pieces out of his opponent's head with the sharp point. When the opponent had been hit scalped he became tired of this playful performance, and appealed to the umpire, who ruled the head piece out of the game. Since then hair has been the only protection.

When a candidate for one of the college teams leaves college at the end of the spring term he turns his attention to raising a crop of hair. By the time he returns in the fall he is generally ornamented with a luxuriant growth.

The Last of the Mentschikoffs. The last representative of the famous Russian family of Mentschikoff died a short time ago in Baden Baden. The founder of the family was Prince Alexander Danilovitch Mentschikoff, who was the son of a nobleman and the apprentice of a baker. The boy attracted the attention of Gen. Le fort, who introduced him to Peter the Great. Owing to his extraordinary PRINCE ALEXAN-



AS WORN BY HIM. A certain latitude is allowed to personal taste in this matter. A player may keep his neck mowed close, letting the hair on top of his head grow long and hang over in a protecting mat. This is the style that Newell of Harvard affects. Or, like Phil King, the Princeton quarter back, he may let it grow all over his head. The value of this was seen in a recent game when the field was very muddy. King, being tackled about five yards from the goal line, plunged forward on his head and gracefully slid over for a touch down. But for his chrysanthemum capillary crop he would now probably be under medical treatment for gravel on the brain.

For a rush-line player the aggressive pompadour style is popular. It not only looks savage, but it is useful to poke into the eyes of the other team. Capt. Henkey of Yale is fixed in this way. His hair looks as if he could impale a man on it, but Yale men deny the rumor that he intends to brand it into horns with which to destroy the eyesight of his opponents. Whether it be of the chrysanthemum, mop or wire-brush variety, every football player must have his hair long, and a field on which two teams are gamboling and shaking their manes at each other is truly a remarkable sight. After witnessing a game a lady recently remarked that there was at least one point of difference between a football player and a prize fighter, and, being asked what it was, replied: "About two and a half pounds of hair per capita."

It would be all very well if this hirsute peculiarity were confined to the bone side players but it isn't. The successful pigskin pursuer being the hero of the day, the less stalwart of his race and sex must needs imitate him, so all the chappies are discussing hair tonics and the barber shops are going into bankruptcy.

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PHRASES ACCREDITED TO GENTLEMAN IN UNION SQUARE AND REMARKED: "I say, ol' gent'man, I do know what team you play on, but ain't it pretty near time y' got ol' the field an' gaver yer grea' gran' children a chance at th' ball?"

Even the schoolboys are in the clutch of the epidemic of capillomania. A 15-year-old lad who attends one of the Brooklyn academies could not be prevailed upon to get his hair cut. Finally his father ordered him sternly to go at once to the barber shop, and gave him a quarter with which to pay the barber. The boy went forth, and returned still with his hair unshorn, to the wrath of his father.

"Didn't I tell you to go to the barber?" he demanded. "Yes, sir," said the young hopeful. "I've been there."

"Humph! Can't see any sign of it. Did he refuse to mow that crop at ordinary rates?" "No, sir; the quarter was enough."

"What did you do with the quarter, then?" The lad dived down into a pocket and held up a bottle of hair tonic, which he held up to the gaze of his astonished parent.

"A feller isn't any good with his hair cut," he explained. "What you going to do when you go down on your head and get pushed along in the mud for five yards if you ain't got any hair?"

"Huh!" was all the astonished parent could find beneath to say. "Yes, sir," said the young fellow, "down you get kicked in the head, where are you then? How'd you suppose a feller with his hair clipped would look after three or four other fellers had been walking 'round on his head?"

"Good gracious!" ejaculated the father. "Do you expect to become a victim of mob violence, or are you fearing an attack from highwaymen?" "No, sir," said the young fellow, "I'm wearing my hair long 'cause some time you might get on the football team, and then where'd you be without any hair?"

So the fad has reached the proportions of a fashion and extends to all classes. Hair tonics are at a premium; there is a financial stringency in the tonorial line, and the man of fashion who is bald has a chance of wearing a long wig or going into seclusion until the football season is past.

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DER. He obtained great influence over the czar and soon advanced to the highest places in the empire. In time he became the most important and most feared man of Russia. In 1777, however, he fell suddenly into disfavour and was banished to Siberia, his immense fortune being confiscated by the crown. He became insane there from brooding over his fall and losses and died in 1790. His son was restored to favour, however, and the family quickly regained its prominence. The fortune of the last Mentschikoff, running into the millions, will go to a distant relative, Prince Sagaria.

A Gigantic Cargo Boat. The new White Star liner Cevic is a very fine vessel, 500 feet long, 80 feet beam, and has a speed of a registered tonnage of 8,315. Her total cargo hold is 14,000 tons; this is the largest cargo steamer in the world. She will

LAUREST CARGO STEAMER IN THE WORLD. be provided with accommodation for 800 head of cattle on upper decks, with permanent stalls for twenty horses in the center, besides having room in holds for a big cargo of other freight. The Cevic is built of steel throughout to Lloyd's highest class and will be propelled by two screws with manganese bronze blades, driven by two complete sets of triple expansion engines, and will be lighted throughout by electricity. The scheme for ventilation on board will be an unusual complication, as possible. The Cevic has been built by the Harland and Wolff for the White Star line for carrying cargo and live stock between New York and Liverpool. The grandest feat was launched at Belfast the other day, and is being prepared for work as quickly as possible.

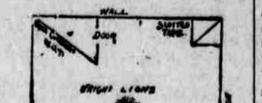
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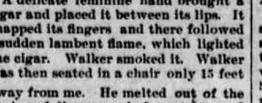
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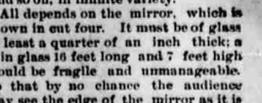
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CUT 3—THE SLOTTED TABLE.

A—The slot into which the mirror slides. B—Back of mirror. C—The auditorium. D—Part of table where tables may be put. Hidden from the audience by the mirror visible from the auditorium. Behind this screen burns a dim light, and behind it the great sliding mirror, of graduated opacity, slides diagonally across the stage. A sliding panel in the wall admits this mirror, which may thus be removed at will, out of danger of detection, into an entirely different apartment, through a wall apparently solid. The two curtained recesses are exactly alike, and when the mirror reaches the center of the stage the spectator sees only the front recess, and its reflection instantly takes the place of the rear recess which he saw up to that moment, but which is now hidden from view by the mirror.

In the first illusion, in which Mr. Walker seemed to have his face mysteriously mottled, and to change into a woman, he is standing in full view of the audience near the door of the rear recess. His young female assistant is standing, out of view, near the door of the front recess, and at a point exactly corresponding to that on which he is standing in distance from wall and corner.

Why? So that when the sliding mirror comes on their images may be blended imperceptibly. Their positions are shown in cut No. 2. But how does this mirror blend the two? It is sixteen feet long and seven feet high. The front few feet of its expanse are plain glass, and, of course, mirrors the woman only faintly, while the outlines of the man are as faintly seen through it. This principle that plain glass, without a back, is a faint mirror, explains the apparent merging of the two forms.

But as soon as that portion of the glass which has a back cuts off the man entirely from the view of the audience, the woman's form is at once seen, perfectly reflected, and so the man appears to have changed into the girl.

This girl now seems to be metamorphosed into Mephisto. Thus, as soon as the mirror has covered him from the view of the audience, the man at the rear recess takes off his outer suit and reveals a Mephisto costume. He stands in exactly the same spot where the man stood when he appeared to merge into the dancing girl, and now,

Another Illusion. Mrs. Dooley (proudly)—Mrs. Haggerty, th' wife av' th' rich contractor, called an mephisto. Mrs. Casey (jealous)—Ah, yis! O' did hear thot th' praste made her de planed; but O'f'd no idea 't was as bad as that.

Another Illusion. Wife—The doctor says I need a change of climate. Husband—Well, the sky looks as if we'd have it in a few hours.

No Place for Escapes. First Little Boy—Has you folks got a piano lamp? Second Little Boy—No. First Little Boy—'Tat do you do w'en you wants to climb?

A Brother's Theory. Little Dot—In'n' papa rich? Little Dick—Yes, everybody says so. Little Dot—Then why does he say he wants me to learn how to earn my own living when I grow up? Little Dick—So some one will marry you, I guess.

Faithfully Healthy. Eastern Man (in the Rockies)—This is a good healthy country, isn't it? Western Man—Y'es, it's healthy enough, ef yeh don't put on too many airs.

An American Heroine. Modiste—Haf you look of'er see new fashion plates I send you? Lady—Yes, very carefully. "And vat you decidder?" "I have made a composite photograph of them all, and I wish you to make my dress look as much unlike it as possible."

The Best Revenge. Mother—Oh, you naughty, bad, wicked boy! Why did you kill that pretty bird? Small Son—I—I thought you might like it for your own, in place of the old one you are wearing.

Proposed for Enjoyment. Mr. Schurwig—Vater, also poor. Vat wouldst thou say? Walter—Vogner. Mr. Schurwig—Nicht wahr? Walter—Nicht wahr.

Have You Any? New Boy—Turkish tobacco? "Yes, haven't you ever heard of Turkish tobacco?" "I've heard a good deal about it, but I've never had any."

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60 or 90 days, for I will be compelled to  
refuse you, I must have the money.

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### LOCAL DOTS.

Misses Mayes of the Mesquite  
in town this week.

McLemore's.

Miss Annie Cook  
spent Christmas with her family.

Start on the New Year right by  
subscribing for your paper.

Go to Dodson & Halsey for  
your Christmas candies.

Miss Fannie Hudson came home  
from school to spend Christmas  
with the home folks.

BLACK-DRAUGHT tea cures Constipation.

For a real fine Christmas present  
go to McCollum and Wilbourn.

Mr. Percy Lindsey came up from  
Abilene and spent a portion of the  
holidays with his Haskell friends.

Nice new lot of fruits and nuts for  
Holiday trade just in at Dodson  
& Halsey's.

Pour oil on the troubled waters  
don't stir them with the paddle of  
discontent.

Don't fail to call and see the  
Christmas goods at McLemore's.  
He is selling very cheap for cash.

BLACK-DRAUGHT tea cures Dyspepsia.

Rev. O. F. Gragg of Hill county  
arrived on Saturday on a visit to his  
son.

You can get a nice Christmas  
present for your sweetheart at Mc-  
Lemore's.

Mrs. English entertained some  
of the young folks on Tuesday night.

Go see those nice Xmas goods  
to be opened up Monday at Ladies  
Emporium.

The little folks enjoyed them-  
selves on Monday night at a party  
at Mr. W. T. Hudson's.

Miss Allie and Maud Coffey  
spent a few days with the family of  
Mr. W. T. Hudson this week.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Lemmon  
gave an entertainment to quite a  
number of their friends on Christ-  
mas night.

Only a few ladies cloaks left at  
F. G. Alexander & Co's, and they  
are going to close them out. You  
can get one nearly at your own price.

WINE OF CARDUI, a Tonic for Women.

Mr. and Mrs. Marr of Knox  
county are visiting their daughter  
Mrs. J. S. Keister of this place.

Great bargains in boys' over-  
coats and children's cloaks at F. G.  
Alexander & Co's the next few  
days. Now is the time to get cheap  
wraps for your children.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Jones of  
Stephens county, took their Christ-  
mas with the old folks and other kins-  
men in Haskell.

McElree's Wine of Cardui  
and THEODORE'S BLACK-DRAUGHT are  
for sale by the following merchants in  
Haskell.

Remember, it is the part of good  
citizenship to seek to allay local or  
neighborhood disturbance rather  
than to add to them.

There was a family reunion on  
Christmas day at Mr. W. C. Jones',  
all their children and grandchildren  
spending the day with them for the  
first time in a number of years.

Mr. Ed. Martin was down from  
Seymour this week to see his Haskell  
folks. He says Seymour is agreeing  
with him financially and otherwise  
pretty well.

Boys and youths overcoats at  
Dodson & Halsey's.

Let one of your New Year's reso-  
lutions be that you will become a  
subscriber to the Free Press—if not  
now, don't delay putting it into effect.

Misses Millsap and Terrell,  
young ladies from Jones county,  
spent Christmas with the family of  
Prof. T. D. Lemons.

McLemore expects the cash for  
Christmas goods, but then he has  
marked them very low.

Mr. Sam King and Miss Nellie  
Goff, Mr. J. B. Armstrong and Miss  
Lelia Titus and Messrs. P. F. Goff,  
Frank Allen and Rafoed Marlin were  
visitors from Throckmorton to the  
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See our California Apperated  
fruits. They are out of sight.  
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Year's present to some friend at a  
distance would be a year's subscrip-  
tion to the Free Press. Your friend  
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fifty-two times during the year.

Santa Clause has established  
his headquarters at Mr. A. P. Mc-  
Lemore's drug store.

WINE OF CARDUI for Weak Nerves.

The ladies of Rayner have ar-  
ranged for a grand concert to be  
given at the court house at that  
place on the night of January 2nd, for  
the benefit of their Sunday school.

Program, as published in  
this issue, covering forty-four scenes  
of the most interesting and interest-  
ing nature. Admission will be 25 and to  
children 10.

In future we will sell groceries  
strictly for cash, but we will make  
prices so low that it will pay you to  
trade with us. Call and see.  
Respectfully,  
W. W. Fields & Bro.

In the form of government or  
organization, society the individual  
must subordinate his opinions and  
often his private interests for the  
good of the whole.

It is a fact that the world  
has been crystallized into a political  
maxim. It applies as well to community affairs as  
in the solution of governmental prob-  
lems.

To the patrons of the Haskell  
school: School will open again Tues-  
day January 2nd, 1894. In addition  
to the rules already in force, the  
following is adopted: No pupil at-  
tending the Haskell school will be  
permitted to attend parties of any  
kind at any time, unless this rule  
is suspended.

J. D. WARREN, Principal.  
F. G. Alexander, } Trustees.  
A. C. Foster. }

The ball at the Opera house on  
the night of the 22nd was the most  
successful and pleasant social event  
of the kind had in Haskell for a long  
time. The large and spacious room  
was filled with lovely girls, hand-  
some ladies and brave gallants, in-  
cluding quite a number of visitors  
present from neighboring towns and  
surrounding country, all on pleasure  
trip. The music by the string band  
was excellent, the floor was smooth  
and the "light fantastic toe" tripped  
it through the mazes of the cotillion,  
the waltz, the schottische and the  
polka until the hours grew small,  
only pausing long enough to do jus-  
tice to the excellent supper by "mine  
host" of the City hotel.

Part Eight of the BOOK OF THE  
FAIR is to hand and to say of it, that  
it is fully up with the standard of  
the preceding parts, is the highest  
of praise. Assuming to portray by  
pen and picture in enduring form  
the highest achievements of mankind  
in the arts and sciences, it is itself  
the highest production of the printers'  
and engravers' art. It is profusely  
illuminated by the photographic pro-  
cess of engraving, which brings out  
and preserves every detail of the  
most beautiful building or most com-  
plicated piece of machinery as dis-  
tinctly as the photograph itself can  
do. Nothing is left to the imagination;  
the individual exhibits, the exhibits  
of every nation and every scene about  
the buildings and grounds is faith-  
fully pictured and described. Per-  
sons desiring to secure this most  
beautiful and valuable work should  
address the Bancroft Company, Au-  
ditorium Building, Chicago Ill., for  
price, etc.

Owing to some little friction in  
the public school the trustees met on  
Tuesday and decided to make some  
changes among the teachers, as to  
grades, as they claimed the right to  
do under the contract entered into  
between themselves and the teachers  
at the beginning. The teachers were  
notified to meet them and did so.  
After talking the matter over, Prof.  
J. D. Warren was assigned to the  
first grade, it being thought he would  
have better control over a few re-  
fractory spirits in that grade, this  
also carrying the principalship with  
it. Prof. T. D. Lemons was then  
placed in charge of the second grade.

The teachers agreed to, and ex-  
pressed themselves as satisfied with,  
the new arrangement, and the meet-  
ing adjourned without any other  
changes being made. The trustees  
were somewhat surprised, however,  
the next morning at receiving a com-  
munication from Prof. Lemons in  
which he stated that he had re-  
considered the matter and had come  
to the conclusion that he could not  
in justice to himself accept the po-  
sition to which he had been assigned  
and, tendered his resignation, which  
was accepted. The position was  
then tendered to Mrs. E. H. Mor-  
rison, nee Miss Gillie Rice, who  
had taught that grade the two  
preceding terms. The above are  
the facts as learned from one of the  
trustees.

Instead of a tree, the Methodist  
and Presbyterian Sunday Schools de-  
cided to use a pyramid, on which to  
exhibit their presents.

Space being limited, eight feet  
square was as large as could be  
made, and on the base eight  
shelves were constructed, form-  
ing the ascending steps of the py-  
ramid. On either side of the py-  
ramid were placed the presents of the  
Methodist and Presbyterian Sunday  
schools.

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kell county, in obedience to a peti-  
tion of 243 citizens of the county,  
have agreed to heretofore order paid  
for the same.

The regular annual election of  
seven directors of the First National  
Bank of Haskell will be held on  
Tuesday, January 9th, 1894, at the  
banking house.

J. V. W. HOLMES,  
Cashier.  
Dec. 9th, 1893.

The Training of Children

New York Ledger.

If people would only realize how  
very easy it is to teach children good  
manners when they are little, it  
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lect to attend to it. The youngster  
is allowed to go his own way, to vi-  
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which it has heretofore been per-  
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comes angered, sullen, unsettled and  
irritable, and if it has a strong sense  
of justice—which by the way, is more  
common in children than people, as  
a rule give them credit for—it feels  
outraged and abused and becomes  
unmanageable and rebellious. The  
best school of manners for a child is  
the parent's example and home train-  
ing.

—The school entertainment on  
Wednesday evening was a success,  
gratifying to the teachers, the pupils  
and the visitors alike.

The Christmas tree, or rather  
there were two of them, one on either  
side of the pulpit, at the Baptist  
church, was a very pleasant and suc-  
cessful affair. The trees were cedar  
and their boughs were bent with the  
precious tokens of affection, many of  
them being beautiful and costly.

Some of the wee tots were dispo-  
sed to take fright at old Santa Claus on  
his first appearance, but their fears  
were soon allayed and they became  
all smiles, when their names began  
to be called and the dolls, tin kit-  
chens, toy pistols and other things dear  
to the childish heart were being car-  
ried to them.

The program gone through prior to  
the appearance of Santa Claus was  
well arranged. "The tablet," Simp-  
ly to my cross I cling" by Miss Ed-  
na Hudson, illuminated by pin-  
lights, as also the tableau representing  
the persecution of John A. Arden as  
an angel of peace, by Miss M. J. Fields  
as John A. Arden, and the sis-  
ters, Misses Maggie and Alice  
Massey as the angels, were beauti-  
ful, they could not have been  
executed in artistic arrangement  
and pose of the figures. The recita-  
tion by Miss Mabel Whitman and  
Florence Fields, and recitation by  
Miss Robbie Lindsey were particu-  
larly good, and the tableaux showing  
Santa Claus' arrival and departure  
through the chimney top took the  
little folks.

All young married people de-  
cided to start right in the school sub-  
scribe for the paper.

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