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Mr. R. D. Center of the south Knox county, who has been in Texas the past three weeks through here Wednesday on his return home. We did not see him but are told that he said that he never before saw such a swarm of prospectors as are headed this way. He said it was very dry there (as we know from newspaper reports) and many people are having to haul water miles for their stock and to feed them from their fields, as there is but little grass, and hence, are forced to do the best they can.

## Fifth Sunday Meeting of the Stonewall Baptist Association.

The 5th Sunday meeting of the Stonewall association will be held with the Paint Creek Baptist church, Haskell Co., Texas, 9 miles south of Haskell on the Anson road, beginning on Friday at 11 o'clock before the 5th Sunday in Aug., 1897.

### PROGRAMME.

Introductory sermon by J. D. Reeves, Eld. J. V. Cunningham alternate.

Question: 1st. What is the mission of the Baptists? Bro. I. N. Alves and Bro. R. M. G. Eiland.

2nd. What is the duty of a church towards their Pastor? J. J. Horn and I. T. Farmer.

3rd. What is the duty of a Pastor to his church? Eld. Syler and R. D. Center.

4th. Who was the first hired minister and what was his wages, how paid and by whom? D. James and A. H. Johnson.

5th. What is the new testament plan of giving, and how much, and by what rule should we be governed in giving? Eld. Cunningham and W. F. P'Pool.

Exegesis of Math. 16 Chap., 18-19 ver. J. D. Reeves and Eld. Cunningham.

Arrangements will be made for Sunday services.

Committee: S. W. VERNON, L. P. LACKEY, J. B. JONES.

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## THE BOND VALIDATING AMENDMENT.

### Some Objections Noticed.

A fight is being made by individuals and corporations who own defective county bonds against the amendment which proposes to validate defective bonds in which a large amount of the public school fund has been invested from time to time. Their fight is based on the ground that to adopt the amendment as it stands will have the effect of repudiating the bonds owned by them and for which they have paid their money. They think that the amendment should have also included their bonds and, are afraid that if the validation of their bonds is left to a separate vote at some future time the people will not vote to validate them as they probably would do if coupled with the validation of the bonds in which the school fund is invested. For this reason they want to defeat the present amendment and force the joinder of the two propositions in one amendment or vote.

We agree with them that their bonds should be validated and that they should have been included in the present amendment, but we have a better opinion of the common and general honesty of the people in that we believe that whenever an amendment is submitted to them for the purpose of validating the defective bonds which have been purchased by individuals or corporations a large majority of them will vote to validate them. When they understand that there has been no fraud and that the bonds are invalid only because of the ignorance or neglect of various commissioners courts to enter proper orders in their court minutes at the time of issuing them they can not or will not, in our opinion, refuse to say by their votes that they shall be honestly paid.

For these reasons we see no good point in voting against the amendment as it now stands. On the other hand there are very strong reasons why every friend of honesty and of the public schools should vote for it. It is from the interest on the bonds in which the permanent school fund is invested that a large part of the money is derived for carrying on our public schools, and if the bonds are not made valid by the adoption of this amendment the state can not collect the interest and our schools will be greatly crippled, not only this, but a million or more, perhaps, of the principal sum invested in such bonds will be a total and permanent loss. The amendment therefore is a good thing as far as it goes. Let us vote for it and save the schools. Then let us deal out common honesty to the individuals who have invested in such bonds by instructing our member to the legislature to vote for the submission of another amendment to a vote of the people for the validation of all such bonds. The question will be thoroughly discussed and we believe that public sentiment will force the next legislature to submit such an amendment.

SENATOR CHILTON of Texas offered an amendment to the Dingley tariff bill which would have effectually choked off the trusts, as it prohibited the shipment from one state to another of any manufactured or other article controlled by a trust combination. Unfortunately for the country this amendment failed for lack of votes, the republicans voting solidly against it and the two populist Senators Stewart and Allen, refusing to vote. When this occurred Senator Chilton proceeded to put them in the hole badly. He arose and calling attention to populist fulminations against trusts in their platform and on the stump and in their newspapers, went over the vote as just recorded and showed that two more votes—those of Senators Allen and Stewart—would have adopted his amendment and killed the trusts. It is said that those gentlemen, not being able to deny the record and realizing their position, looked dumfounded and foolish and said nothing.

Now that the Dingley tariff bill is on the statute books what is to hold prosperity back. According to republican promises it should come in great waves rolling great high. Well it will, but it will be for the carnages, the Rockefeller's, the great manufacturers and the Wall street crowd.

## THE IRRIGATION AMENDMENT.

### An Erroneous Idea Exploded.

There are many erroneous ideas afloat in regard to the irrigation amendment to be voted on August 3rd. Some people have the idea that if the amendment is adopted any set of speculators can come in and lay off an irrigation district and have bonds issued on all the land within its lines and then make some sort of pretence of building a dam, etc., and go ahead collecting the tax and interest and close out the land owners without regard to whether the water for irrigation is actually furnished or the thing is a success or a failure. There could not be a more absurd idea than this. In the first place if the amendment is adopted at the election on Aug. 3rd it will have no more effect toward putting irrigation in operation or authorizing the establishment of an irrigation plant, except as the resident land owners in a particular neighborhood VOLUNTARILY determine to take advantage of the PERMISSION given by the amendment and lay off a district and decide by THEIR votes whether or not they will attempt to establish a plant, than the local option liquor law now on our statute books has in putting local option in effect until the people of a county or any designated portion of a county by their votes put it in operation.

The laws are alike in that one is a local option law in regard to the sale of liquors and the other is a local option law in regard to the establishment of irrigation districts. It will thus be seen that the "speculator" will have no voice or vote in the establishment of an irrigation district unless he is a RESIDENT land owner within the lines of the proposed district—and there are not many two or three hundred thousand dollar capitalists living in Western Texas anxiously awaiting an opportunity to put their money in an irrigation enterprise. Even if such a "speculator" lived in a town that happened to be included within the lines of a proposed district he could not vote, because the amendment expressly says that ONLY rural (country) land owners can vote in an election to establish a district. And to further realize the absurdity of this all deavouring speculator idea it is only necessary to reflect that the people who put \$15 per acre into schemes to irrigate \$3 per acre lands must get their profits and the original investment back out of the lands they irrigate, and to do this they must furnish ample water from year to year to make the land yield heavily. If they should fail to furnish the water and irrigation in their district proved a failure, the land would not be worth any more than it was before the attempt to irrigate was made, and if they were to then foreclose and take the land it would not pay them, or be worth to them, one fourth of the \$15 per acre invested by them in the irrigation plant, so that it is evident that it will be more to the interest of the money lenders to make the enterprise successful than to any particular land owner, for while the latter will have, say, \$3 per acre invested, the former's investment will be \$15 per acre. For these reasons no one need be afraid of being run over and gobbled up by an irrigation company whether or not. As a matter of fact after a set of land owners have laid off a district and decided to establish irrigation in it they will have to hunt up the men with money to do the work, and it is a well known fact that moneyed men are careful in their investments, so that instead of shutting their eyes and shoveling out the money and taking the bonds

they would employ experienced and competent civil engineers to make a topographical survey of the district and of the creek or river from which it was proposed to get the water, as well as to ascertain the area of the watershed or drainage into it to see that an ample supply of water would be obtainable, and they would have the water analyzed to see that it was fit for irrigating and would also carefully examine the soil as to its fertility and productiveness and be satisfied on all these points before putting a dollar into it. As before said, they would use all these precautions because they would well know that they must look to the success of the enterprise in making the lands yield large crops for their profits and reimbursement of the original outlay and not to foreclosing on the land itself after a failure, because it would not then pay them back a fourth of their investment. We think this effectually wipes out the wild idea about "speculators" gobbling up the country, and we regret that we haven't the space to take up some other equally erroneous ideas which we have heard advanced.

We believe that the amendment ought to be adopted so as to give those who want to try irrigation a chance to do so.

## CANAIGRE.

### The New Tanning Plant.

There has been a good deal said the past year or two about the adoption of canaigre, a plant which grows wild in portions of Western Texas and in Mexico and is rich in tannic acid, as a profitable crop in Western Texas, and the agricultural department has had the plant under investigation and has reported favorably as to its value. The following clipping from the West Texas Stockman of Colorado city contains, however, the first report of its cultivation and use in this section that we have seen. In fact we were not aware that there was a tannery at Sweetwater until we saw this item. Some of our farmers might strike a good thing by investigating canaigre a little. The Stockman says:

"G. H. Hodge, of Sweetwater, father of the Sweetwater Tannery which is now in successful operation, was here Friday, and is a pleasant and agreeable gentleman. The Sweetwater Tannery uses canaigre exclusively in its tanning operations and a representative of The Stockman asked Mr. Hodge for some information relative to this plant, which is a native growth all over this western country. Mr. Hodge said: "Answering your inquiry about canaigre as profitable growth in this section and its tanning properties. Will say that in my judgment, after considerable investigation, there is nothing that will grow in this climate to a better advantage. It is indigenous in this climate and really grows better and takes on more tannic acid of an ordinary dry year. It will produce from 10 to 20 tons per acre and is worth \$5 to \$6 per ton green. 3 tons of green root will make 1 ton of dry root and the dry root is worth in New York City \$70 per ton, in London England \$65 per ton. There is no danger of overproduction as the section of country is limited where it will grow profitably. The trouble now is that we have not a quantity sufficient to contract with large Eastern or European tanneries. There is a hungry market for every pound raised.

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—New Dry Goods at S. L. Robertson's.  
—Mr. Byron Glascock has gone to Seymour with his race stock to take in the sports.  
—Boys' knee pants at S. L. Robertson's.  
—J. V. Cunningham of Abilene, deputy U. S. marshal, was here this week on official business.  
—Fresh choice lemons and hams at S. L. Robertson's.  
—Mrs. W. E. Sherrill came up Friday of last week to spend a few weeks with Haskell friends.  
—We received a large bill of select family groceries to-day—come and get yourself something good to eat at T. G. Carney & Co's.  
—Mr. J. L. Baldwin has been quite sick this week with an attack of tonsillitis, but is improving now.  
—New flour—Albany Mills fancy patent just received at S. L. Robertson's.  
—Mr. Dan Couch arrived this week and will spend the remainder of his vacation with Haskell friends.  
—Mason's glass fruit jars only \$1 a dozen for half gallon size at McCullum & Wilbourn Co's. The cheapest they were ever sold at here.  
—Mr. John Vannoy left Friday for Seymour, where he will remain till the cowboys' reunion is over.  
—Another lot of that nice cheap syrup, also a new line of Louisiana sugar house molasses in cans, try it, it is nice and pure. T. G. Carney & Co's. is the place.  
—The young people were given an enjoyable social entertainment by Miss Mollie Whitman on Thursday night.  
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—A beautiful line of new glass ware, new styles and very cheap at McCullum & Wilbourn Co's.  
—Oscar Martin, Esq., was out a few miles east of town Wednesday on official business ("punching cattle") and was caught in a heavy rain, hail and wind, which did no further damage, however, than giving him a good wetting and a little scare.  
—Mr. A. W. Springer and family returned several days ago from a visit of several weeks among relatives at Preston and vicinity.  
—The notice given in a former issue of the Free Press of the Methodist protracted meeting on Paint creek, near Mr. Gardner's place stated the time of its commencement one week ahead of time. It should have stated that the meeting would begin yesterday, the 30th inst.  
—We will receive this week quite a large lot of flour of different grades from the Albany mill. For this flour we are exchanging wheat grown on our own farms and are hauling it with our own teams and wagons, hence we assure you that we can sell you flour cheaper than you can buy it elsewhere—come and see.  
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—On Friday night of last week Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Carney entertained a large gathering of friends at their home. Seats were arranged in the grassy yard and lanterns hung around to aid the stars in giving light and the evening ran into the early hours of morning while the crowd spent the time in merry jests and repartee and were entertained by the strains of music flowing from violins, guitar and organ. Tables were also set out and peaches, plums, grapes, water melons, musk melons, lemonade and cake were served in abundance. Messrs M. H. Lackey, Jno. Agnew, Capt. Carney and Elmer Robertson manipulated the violins and base violin while Dr. Annis and T. G. Carney fingered the guitar and Mrs. Connie Jones, Mrs. Carney and Miss Carney produced music from the organ. Some of the attendants pronounce it the social event of the season.

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—Remember that S. L. Robertson always makes lowest prices for cash.  
—The ice cream supper given by the ladies of the Cumberland Presbyterian church on Tuesday evening was a very pleasant affair and yielded the neat sum of \$20 above all expenses.  
—Two barrels of fine syrup and molasses in to-day at S. L. Robertson's. Also other fresh eatables.  
—Mr. S. W. Vernon was in town Thursday and gave us the figures on Mr. Dave Garren's wheat crop, which he threshed recently. Thirty acres, threshed separately, gave 28 bushels per acre, and the average of his entire crop of 70 acres was 25.77 bushels per acre.  
—Mr. Jim Albin and wife are up this week from Stephens county visiting their old friends. Like other Haskell people who have gone to try their fortunes elsewhere Mr. Albin is dissatisfied and will probably move back to this county this fall.  
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—Mr. Perry Miller and wife of Gorman, Texas, have been visiting the family of Dr. Lindsey this week. They are looking over this section with a view to locating, and we understand that both are well pleased with Haskell. Mr. Miller is a merchant at German.  
—Mr. Bob Edge who formerly lived here, but moved to the I. T. a year or so ago, was here this week arranging to move back to Haskell county. He says he regrets having left this county as he now realizes that it is the best country he knows of, not only for healthfulness, but for many other reasons.  
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—The fishing party composed of Mr. W. T. Hudson and family and Misses Minnie Lindsey and Ellen Isbell and Messrs Jim Fields, Walter Robertson, John Vannoy and Jule Winn, who went down on the Clear Fork the latter part of last week and spent several days fishing, report a splendid time. They caught more fish than they wanted and found two bee trees, from one of which they secured a fine lot of honey.  
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—Two men arrived here Thursday evening and erected a tent in which they put an exhibition what they claim to be the petrified body of the notorious outlaw, Bill Johnson, who flourished in central and southwestern Texas prior to 1858, and had thirty-odd murders charged to his account. It is claimed to be the body found in the bank of the Brazos river at Waco, Jan. 11th 1895, and identified by old citizens as that of Johnson, who was executed there by a mob in 1838. It has the appearance of a genuine petrification.  
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We understand that he says he found no better country than this, or any place where a man can get a hold easier than here or have more advantages than here—in short that his coming back proves what he thinks of Haskell county as compared to the much talked of coast country as well as the 400 miles of intervening country.

—Prepare for wet and cold weather! We are expecting at once a nice line of slickers; gentlemen's, ladies' and misses' mackintoshes with both single and double capes; extra quality ducking coats and vests and ducking overcoats, wagon sheets, etc. Watch our stock for what you want, get our prices and buy our goods and we guarantee to save you enough money to set your christmas dinner.

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Judge E. J. Simpkins of Corsicana in a lecture last Sunday in that city on "Modern Events in the Light of Prophecy" is reported by the Dallas News as holding that according to the most commonly accepted and popular computation of Bible time the period during which Jerusalem is to be trodden under foot by the gentiles is 1260 years, and as the Saracens captured the city in 637, (1260 years ago) the fall of Moslem power, the distress of nations and the second coming of the Saviour will be due in September 1897, and the farthest date he has seen fixed by any of the computations based on the Scriptures for these occurrences is Easter,

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