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Directory.

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 Prayer meeting every Wednesday night.
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 P. D. Sanders, Superintendent.
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Affidavit of Commissioners' Court to Treasurer's Quarterly Report.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY FINANCES IN THE HANDS OF J. E. MURFEE, Treasurer of Haskell County, Texas.

COMMISSIONERS' COURT Haskell County, Texas, In Regular Quarterly Session, November Term, 1899.

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, as County Commissioners within and for said Haskell County, and the Hon. H. R. Jones, County Judge of said Haskell County, constituting the entire Commissioners' Court of said county, and each one of us, do hereby certify that on this, the 14 day of Nov. A. D. 1899, at a regular quarterly term of our said Court, we have compared and examined the quarterly report of J. E. Murfee, Treasurer of Haskell County, Texas, for the quarter beginning on the 1st day of Aug. A. D. 1899, and ending on the 31 day of Oct. A. D. 1899, and finding the same correct have caused an order to be entered upon the minutes of the Commissioners' Court of Haskell County, stating the approval of said Treasurer's Report by our said Court, which said order recites separately the amount received and paid out of each fund by said County Treasurer since his last report to this Court, and for and during the time covered by his present report, and the balance of each fund remaining in said Treasurer's hands on the said 31 day of Oct. A. D. 1899, and have ordered the proper credits to be made in the accounts of the said County Treasurer, in accordance with said order as required by Article 867, Chapter 1, Title XXV, of the Revised Statutes of Texas, as amended by an Act of the Twenty-fifth Legislature of Texas, at its regular session, approved March 20, 1897.

And we, and each of us, further certify that we have actually and fully inspected and counted all the actual cash and assets in hands of the said Treasurer belonging to Haskell County at the close of the examination of said Treasurer's Report, on this the 14 day of Nov. A. D. 1899, and find the same to be as follows, to wit:

JURY FUND	Dr.	Cr.
Balance on hand as shown by Treasurer's Report on the 1st day of Aug 1899	11.96	
To amount received since said date	14.27	
By amount disbursed since said date		27.00
By amount to balance	00.77	
Total	27.00	27.00
Balance to credit of said JURY FUND as actually counted by us on the 14th day of Nov. A. D. 1899, and including the amount balance on hand by said Treasurer at the date of the filing of his report on the 14 day of Nov. A. D. 1899, and the balance between receipts and disbursements since that day, making a total balance of		.77

ROAD and BRIDGE FUND	Dr.	Cr.
Balance on hand as shown by Treasurer's report on the 1st day of Aug. 1899	163.22	
To amount received since said date	104.66	
By amount disbursed since said date		121.58
By amount to balance	146.30	
Total	267.88	267.88
Balance to credit of said ROAD and BRIDGE FUND as actually counted by us on the 14 day of Nov. A. D. 1899, and including the amount balance on hand by said Treasurer at the date of the filing of his report on the 14 day of Nov. A. D. 1899, and the balance between receipts and disbursements since that day, making a total balance of		224.08

GENERAL FUND	Dr.	Cr.
Balance on hand as shown by Treasurer's Report on the 1st day of Aug. 1899	822.46	
To amount received since said date	168.71	
By amount disbursed since said date		747.44
By amount to balance	243.73	
Total	991.17	991.17
Balance to credit of said GENERAL FUND as actually counted by us on the 14 day of Nov. A. D. 1899, and including the amount balance on hand by said Treasurer at the date of the filing of his report on the 14 day of Nov. A. D. 1899, and the balance between receipts and disbursements since that day, making a total balance of		365.39

COURT HOUSE FUND	Dr.	Cr.
Balance on hand as shown by Treasurer's Report on the 1st day of Aug. 1899	615.74	
To amount received since said date	168.71	
By amount disbursed since said date		204.63
By amount to balance	579.82	
Total	784.45	784.45
Balance to credit of said COURT HOUSE FUND as actually counted by us on the 14 day of Nov. A. D. 1899, and including the amount balance on hand by said Treasurer at the date of the filing of his report on the 14 day of Nov. A. D. 1899, and the balance between receipts and disbursements since that day, making a total balance of		699.48

DATE	RECAPITULATION	AMOUNT
Nov. 1 1899	Balance to credit of Jury Fund on this day	.77
" "	Bal. to credit of Road & Bridge Fund on this day	146.30
" "	Balance to credit of General Fund on this day	243.73
" "	Balance to credit of Court House Fund on this day	579.82
	Total	969.85
	Total cash on hand belonging to Haskell county in the hands of said Treasurer as actually counted by us	983.95

WITNESS OUR HANDS, officially, this 14 day of Nov. A. D. 1899
 H. R. JONES County Judge.
 J. W. JOHNSON Comr. Pre. No. 1.
 R. G. M. EILAND Comr. Pre. No. 2.
 W. K. PERRY Comr. Pre. No. 3.
 J. E. CARTER Comr. Pre. No. 4.

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me, by H. R. Jones Co. Judge, and J. W. Johnson and R. G. M. Eiland and W. K. Perry and J. E. Carter County Commissioners of said Haskell county, each respectively, on this, the 14th day of Nov. A. D. 1899.
 G. R. COUCH, Clerk
 Co. Court, Haskell Co. Texas.

To Cure La Grippe in Two Days.
 It is stated that the large dry goods firm of H. B. Claflin company of New York, have a corner on several important lines of cotton goods, having placed very large orders with all the leading mills that will take up the output for some time. Of course they will advance the prices on these lines.

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PS—Mr. Bud Smith of Haskell is with us and will be pleased to see and wait upon his Haskell county friends.

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For sale by A. P. McLemore, Haskell, Texas.

Used by British Soldiers in Africa.
 Capt. C. G. Dennison is well known all over Africa as commander of the forces that captured the famous rebel Ghalibe. Under date of Nov. 4, 1897, from Vryburg, Bechuanaland, he writes: "Before starting on the last campaign I bought a quantity of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, which I used myself when troubled with bowel complaint, and had given to my men, and in every case it proved most beneficial." For sale by J. B. Baker druggist. 47

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Haskell Free Press.

J. E. POOLE, Publisher.

HASKELL, - - - TEXAS.

All the world's a stage and all the people thereon would rather play than work.

The well-read man isn't always the plink of perfection.

Too many people perform their work after the style of machines.

If you can't get what you want be satisfied with what you can get.

Poverty may be useful at times, but it is never in the ornamental class.

Clothes do not make the man, but they sometimes make a monkey of him.

Men sometimes denounce gossip, but not until they have listened to every word of it.

It matters little if you are ignorant, for you will meet people daily who know it all.

The average girl never turns up her nose at the man who knows enough to turn down the gas.

An elaborate tombstone and a contested will is about the only notoriety wealth brings to some men.

The feathers do not make the song bird, but many a man has made a goose of himself with a single quill.

An epigram is a lot of words fitted together in such a peculiar manner that their lack of meaning is concealed by the brilliant effect produced.

The opening of the school year has been attended by few reports of hazing, the barbarous method of welcoming freshmen that long prevailed in many leading colleges and universities.

"Electricity as we know it" is just a hundred years old. In 1793, the Italian scientist Volta gave definite form to the method of producing the current, and it is from his name that we have the term "volt-meter" to describe the instrument which measures the force of the current, and "volt" as the unit of that measurement. We know several persons who would like to wait around and see what developments along this line may be reached by the end of another century.

American commercial alertness seems to have taken away the breath of those British merchants and commercial bodies that have been watching the progress of the Philadelphia commercial congress. The complete collection of foreign samples gathered for the use of the home manufacturers has filled their minds with astonishment, and they are now urging the British board of trade to adopt similar measures. The British merchant must exhibit more activity and less indifference than he hitherto has done if he expects to regain any of the business taken away from him by the United States through superior enterprise.

According to telegraphic reports from Austin, Tex., at no time in its history has Texas ever had so many drouths as during the past summer and this fall. Every section of the state from the Panhandle to the Gulf has been visited by a drouth. The outlook in most of the larger cities of central Texas is anything but promising. Dallas, Fort Worth, Waco, Austin and one or two other larger cities of the state are at present in the throes of a water famine. From points along the Missouri, Kansas & Texas railroad from the Indian Territory down to Bastrop comes the announcement that there is a distressing scarcity of water. Reports from the ranges say that cattle are dying for want of water and as there is little promise of any heavy rains before December the situation is grave.

Before the passengers of the stranded steamer "Paris" separated, last spring, they presented to the officers and crew resolutions of thanks for the wonderful discipline, courage and unflinching gallantry they had shown. After this had been voted, Baron Openheim, rose to his feet. The resolutions, he observed, included the captain, the under-officers, the stewards, cooks and crew; but of the one to whom each directly owed his safety—of God—he had heard no mention. They were folk of many beliefs, gathered there. He would not even call for a spoken prayer, but he suggested that they bow their heads there in silent thanksgiving to the common Protector of them all. One is forcibly reminded of another shipwreck, nearly nineteen hundred years ago, when a Hebrew of the Hebrews, one Paul by name, gathered the Gentile soldiers and sailors about him to give thanks to the Ruler of the seas.

A census "family" means the number of people who are fed from the same pantry. A hotel, a boarding-school or a prison is a family in the eye of the census. Domestic servants are always counted as a part of the "household" of which they are living. This use of the term makes the average size of the family in a town which happens to have a great institution unusually large, but in the long run it works out about even, since actual families must be reduced in number by those inordinately large families.

L. Kayatayama, the imperial architect of Japan, has recently placed an order in Pittsburgh for three thousand tons of structural iron to be used in building a palace for the crown prince at Tokyo. Although covering a large area, this building will be only three stories in height, and will be constructed with particular reference to withstanding earthquakes. This architect has been here for some time, studying our building methods, and especially their adaptation to Japan's needs.

FOR HOME AND WOMEN

ITEMS OF INTEREST FOR MAIDS AND MATRONS.

Blue Figured Foulard—The Married Women's Carelessness—The Correct Figure—Color Schemes—A Housewife's Soft Hands.

A Woman's Thought
I am a woman—therefore, I may not call to him, cry to him, fly to him, Bid him delay not!

Then when he comes to me I must sit quiet. Still as a stone— All silent and cold If my heart riot— Crush and defy it! Should I grow bold, In my own mind to him, All my life fling to him, Cling to him— What to atone Is enough for my sinning? This were the most to me, This were my winning— That he was lost to me.

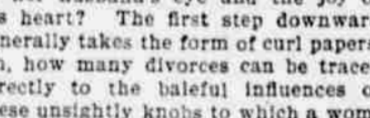
Not a lover. At least if he part from me, Tearing my heart from me, Hurt beyond cure— Calm and demure, Then must I hold me, In myself fold me, Lest he discover: Showing no sign to him, Bid him go and let him. What he has been to me, How my heart turns to him— Follows him, yearns to him, Prays him to love me, Pity me, lean to me, Thou God above me!

Married Women's Carelessness. Philadelphia Times: A man would infinitely prefer to be disappointed in his wife's intellect than in her personal appearance, if he has to be disillusioned on either one point or the other after marriage, and yet how many women take chances with their marital happiness by drifting into slovenly or careless ways, which are sure to disgust a man, no matter how much in love he may be.

Phyllis: I have seen a girl who, with her husband's eye and the joy of his heart? The first step downward generally takes the form of curl papers. Ah, how many divorces can be traced directly to the baleful influences of these unsightly knobs to which a woman, in so soon endeavors to accustom her husband, but when, if she only knew, are the thin edge of the wedge that opens the gap between them. Then she acquires the wrapper habit and thinks nothing of wearing this same nondescript and unbecoming garment from morning until night. Little by little she neglects to take her hair out of curl papers, reserving this process for specially important occasions, until her husband hardly recognizes her in her holiday hair, minus the disgusting paper wads that have produced the waves and curls, which he, poor, deluded mortal, once thought were natural. Her footwear resolves itself into chronic slippers, as a rule badly run down at the heel, and before she is aware of the fact herself, she has become absolutely unsightly rather than the attractive woman a little care would make her.

Do not think that men fail to appreciate all the little personal graces of the toilet as much after marriage as before it. The money that is expended on delicate sachet powder, pretty shoes and dainty stockings, a fetching little house costume or for the services of manicle or hair-dresser may be condemned as awful extravagances, but they are condoned much more quickly than the neglect of personal appearance that may save expenditure of both time and money, but which wastes the best possession of a married woman—the sincere admiration of her own husband.

A Swell Walking Costume. With yoke and front of white satin, trimmed with design of gold thread; blue satin bands. Blue velvet hat, with green satin bow.



can they get a corset fit to wear under the new gowns. There is some justice in the big prices that are charged, for the best whalebone has to be used, and the most careful fitting and workmanship are required. The latest corsets now have two garter straps, one in front and one on the side, more to keep the corset well down in place than to hold the stockings up. The chemise is, of course, taboed, and a well fitting corset cover protects the corset. A dainty little garment for this purpose is made of strips of colored silk and white lace, and is called a petticoat or nightie. It is doubtfully if many petticoats, beyond a short, thin undershirt, are worn now, but with the autumn, thicker undershirts will be a necessity. At a place on the rue de la Paix, they are making these of satin, as close as possible to the figure, and trimmed with one shaped ruffle, narrow in front and quite deep in the back. Over these the skirts hang beautifully, and, as it is not the fashion to lift the dress now, the plainness of a petticoat makes no difference. At this shop they also show "knickers" of satin, made dainty with silk ruffles.

A Housewife's Soft Hands. A certain little housekeeper who does all her own work and yet has the lily-white hand that one reads about, tells this how she keeps her hands in so good condition: "Tomatoes will take off any stain. You know paring apples makes your hands frightfully black. I discovered that the tomato can be used to take off this stain, and since I have found it out I keep one on my kitchen table and apply it always after paring fruit. In winter I use canned tomatoes. Rather a queer cosmetic, isn't it? Then I am careful to wear gloves whenever it is possible. The rubber kind when I am washing dishes, and loose old kid gloves when I sweep. I think, with proper care, any woman can keep her hands soft and white, even if she does housework."

Color Schemes. The study of colors and their effects in combination is a very curious one, which many women would do well to give some heed to, especially when the house is being thoroughly renovated. There are some colors that are cheerful, refreshing, that give an expansive effect. Others are depressing and give a cramped-up appearance to a room. A room is large and it is desired to make it appear smaller and more cozy it can be done by having the ceiling and walls decorated in a dark shade and the draperies in harmony. If blue be the predominating tone of a room it will have the effect of making the room look larger than it is and it can be introduced in some degree in a small room for that purpose. It must be used judiciously, however, for if it will give a room a cold, cheerless appearance. Red makes no difference in regard to size, but it always gives the idea of warmth and comfort. It will always accentuate any tint of green that lurks in the other colors employed. Red in some tone or another might be used to advantage in a room that was not lighted from without, or

When He Smoked. Several ladies sat in their club a few evenings ago discussing the virtues of their husbands. "Mr. Singleton," said one of them, referring to her life partner, "never drinks, never swears; indeed, he has no bad habits."

Tight as a Bottle. "It seems to me," remarked the prospective tenant as he noted four inches of water in the basement, "that this cellar leaks."

A Real Banker. Larry—Phoy is O'Grady carryin' his head so high? Hos somebody told him his veins flow wid royal blood?

Still More Hopeless. From the Detroit Free Press: "Out on my wheel the other day I lost my diamond scarf-pin."

That Is the Place. From the Pittsburgh Chronicle, "The yacht races ought to be held at Chicago," said Mr. Northside to Mr. Shadydale.

Spill Your Looks. "Are you ready to face the enemy?" shouted the corporal at Calicut.

With yoke and front of white satin, trimmed with design of gold thread; blue satin bands. Blue velvet hat, with green satin bow.

BLUE FIGURED FOULARD.



With yoke and front of white satin, trimmed with design of gold thread; blue satin bands. Blue velvet hat, with green satin bow.

in one that had a north light. On the other hand green should never be used under such conditions, but only where a room is powerfully lighted or a flood of sunshine penetrates. This serves to light up the yellow tint that would be otherwise unappreciable and gives a cheerful color tone. Much can be done to promote health and a happy, cheerful disposition, by a proper regard to the tone in which the rooms of a house are furnished.

Simplicity of Food. A "sick headache" is often caused by eating too much and too often rich food, and taking too little exercise. Substitute a simple, plain meal and a dessert of fruit for too much meat and too many rich dishes, and earn what you eat "by the sweat of your brow."

Immense Radishes. Radishes three feet in height may be considered rather large for breakfast varieties; but they are nevertheless raised and moreover are eaten cooked, like turnips. The department of agriculture has secured from the secretary of the Japanese legation at Washington some seed of a very choice and carefully selected winter radish, extensively used for food in Japan.

Feeding Young Pigs. Prof. Thomas Shaw recommends the following supplemental feed for young pigs where they do not get feed enough from the sow. If there is skim milk on hand partition off a place in the pen where the dam is, if necessary, but which she cannot reach, and there,

FARM AND GARDEN.

MATTERS OF INTEREST TO AGRICULTURISTS.

Some Up-to-Date Hints About Cultivation of the Soil and Yields Thereof—Horticulture, Viticulture and Floriculture.

Tobacco Growing. A contributor to National Stockman gives the following brief instructions for tobacco growing: Preparation of the soil should be thorough, the disk or cutaway is probably the favorite instrument, and the soil is worked until it is in perfect condition.

Fertilizers.—In nearly all extensive producing sections the supply of stable manure is far short of the needs of our crop, and "plant food in a bag" is used quite extensively. Generally speaking, these goods are bought without a proper knowledge of the needs of the crop, and usually the sale is made by the agent with the slickest tongue.

Distance of Planting.—For sugar leaf, where a fine wrapper is desired, the crop is often planted as close as 12 by 32 inches, and the distance varies from this—very close planting—to the Miami valley plan of 16 or 18 by 36 inches for cigar leaf. For White Burley the usual distance is 25 or 30 by 44 inches, excepting on hillside, where it is planted 32 by 48 inches.

Wire Fences and Vines. It is very gratifying to note that the old hedge-row is fast going, on the approach of the wire fence, and I am inclined to think that the later makes of such fence are going to be much more lasting than the first were, which often present a sorry sight now—wires broken and seldom repaired.

Pumpkins for Swine. You need not have any fear in regard to the feeding of pumpkins, either to your shoats or to your old hogs if they are fed judiciously, says a writer in an exchange. I have fed them each season for the last thirty years with the best results, but of late years I have been feeding squash instead. We feed them after this manner: If we are feeding fifty hogs, we throw them into three or four parts with a spade and are given them twice a day. They are also fed corn. We find that the pumpkins keep our hogs in a healthy and thrifty condition, and that we make more live weight gain out of our corn. But they must be fed judiciously.

Killing the Wild Onion. The wild onion has become such a troublesome weed here that, on some farms, it has become almost impossible to make good butter or use the milk, especially in the spring, says an Orange county, N. Y., contributor to Rural New Yorker. To plow and harrow as in ordinary farm work scatter the onions and makes them more numerous. I was told of a very effective way to exterminate them by an old English gardener, the way they do it in England. He kills, put on gas lime, and that will kill them outright. Having a piece badly infested with them, I had, about Sept. 15, one load of gas lime put on as an experiment. To my surprise, it killed them entirely. That was about eight or nine years ago; it also made the grass grow much better and for years I could see just how far the gas lime extended. I believe about the middle of September is the proper time to use it, as the heat of the summer is about over, and the wild onions are in a weak state about that time. Another experiment with gas lime was on my garden, but here it appeared to do an injury, and I do not want any more on the garden. Gas lime can be had for nothing, except the cartage; gas makers are glad to get it drawn away. In using the lime, which has been exposed to the weather long enough to expel the smell of gas, and is bleached white, is best; new lime may kill the grass.

"He That Any Good Would Win"

Should have good health. Pure, rich blood is the first requisite. Hood's Sarsaparilla, by giving good blood and good health, has helped many a man to success, besides giving strength and courage to women who, before taking it, could not even see any good in life to win.

Hood's Sarsaparilla Never Disappoints

An Antiquated Maiden. "I really believe Miss Blumber would be willing to run for president, she's so ambitious."

JASON CROW, OSCARVILLE, GA. Writes us, May 31, 1899: "I feel it my duty to write and let you know what your medicine, '5 Drops,' has done for me. I have had rheumatism about eighteen years, but was able to be up most of the time until a year ago last May, when I was taken down and not able to move about. About six weeks ago I saw your advertisement and wrote for a sample bottle. After taking a few doses it did me so much good that I ordered some more for myself and friends, and in every case it has done wonders and given perfect satisfaction."

Dr. Woodliff, my family physician, who has had rheumatism for fifteen years, is taking the '5 Drops,' and says it is the most efficient rheumatic medicine he has ever used."

"5 Drops" is the most powerful and perfectly harmless. It is a perfect cure for Rheumatism, Sciatica, Neuralgia, Dyspepsia, Backache, Asthma, Catarrh, La Grippe, Neuritic Headache, etc. If you or any of your friends are suffering, do not delay, but send for a bottle of '5 Drops.' Large-sized bottles (300 doses), \$1.00. Smaller-sized thirty-day doses, \$1.00. I will mail a 25-cent sample bottle for 10 cents. SWANSON RHEUMATIC CURE CO., 160 to 164 E. Lake Street, Chicago, Ill.

Cure for Feasitism. "Is there no cure for peasitism?" wailed the social student, who, he it known, was still in the gloomy days of youth.

"In my mind," said his father, "they most always used blue mass and quinine."

Used His Brains. Sometime ago a brakeman on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad used his brains and saved a passenger train from running into two derailed cars.

Special Rates Via H. & T. C. Railroad. Agents Ennis to Denison and Lancaster inclusive will sell round-trip tickets to McKinney, Nov. 30 and Dec. 1, at double the child's fare. Limit Dec. 1; this account of the State Convention Daughters of Confederacy at Austin. Rates as follows: From points where one-way rate is less than \$2.00, make round-trip rate double the child's fare; from points where one-way rate is more than \$2.25 and less than \$3.05, make round-trip rate \$3.00; from points where one-way rate is more than \$3.05, make round-trip rate one fare.

Buckwheat cakes go nice these cool mornings.

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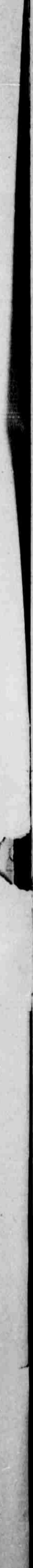
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QUEER CHINESE CEREMONY.
 Strange Rites at the Graves in Mount Olivet Cemetery.

A delegation of Chinamen visited Mount Olivet cemetery recently and in the presence of a crowd of onlookers performed a number of rites over the graves of their countrymen buried there, says the Baltimore Sun. They also visited the cemetery on the previous Sunday and went through the same ceremonies. Usually they visit the graves twice during the year, but this year seem remarkably solicitous as to the welfare of their deceased brethren. When the Chinamen reached the Chinese lot, which is in the northwestern part of the cemetery, they began to spread edibles of all kinds on the graves. There were chickens, pork, bananas and oranges. A fire was built in a sheetiron oven, which rested in the roadway not far from the lot. When the fire began to blaze high the Chinamen gathered around it and started to throw into the flames huge bundles of papers, on each of which had been inscribed different characters. These papers are supposed to bear misleading directions to the evil spirit and enable the deceased to cross in safety the river Styx. As the fire burned fiercely, some of the Chinamen hurried around to the different graves and close to each headstone planted a thin stick, on the end of which was incense. The incense was then lighted, but its perfume was in part deadened by the smell of the smoke, which by this time had become almost blinding. When all these preparations had been completed, the celestials started to perform the more important ceremonies. They swayed their bodies to and fro over the graves, all the time holding their hands together and muttering unintelligible words, but which were no doubt prayers in the Chinese language. Next they knelt at the sides of the graves, still continuing their mutterings. After a few minutes they arose, and to the surprise of every one about, gathered up the edibles which they had brought out and placed them in their carriages. Usually at the funerals of Chinamen the food is allowed to remain on the graves, so that the deceased would not starve on the journey to the Chinese heaven. Another feature in which the ceremonies differed from the funeral services was that cups of tea were poured over the graves of the Chinamen. Some irreverent persons ventured the opinion that the Chinamen believed their deceased brethren were thirsty and had accordingly parched the liquid to quench their parched palates. A number of boys were present at the ceremony, and at the departure of the Chinamen unconsciously carried off the incense sticks to a spot under a shady tree, where they proceeded to enjoy themselves watching the sticks burn out.

MY MOST NOTABLE THANKSGIVING
 BY FRANK R. STOCKTON

It was Thanksgiving time, nearly thirty years ago. To the ordinary inhabitant of that portion of this country where I then dwelt the season was very much like other seasons of autumnal fruition; there was nothing in the earth, the skies, or the waters that gave to this period any peculiarity which would distinguish it from the similar period of any other year, past or to come.

But there was something that made this Thanksgiving season very peculiar in my eyes. For some time the whole world had seemed to me to be permeated by the knowledge that something was about to happen which had never happened before, and which could not, by any possibility, happen again.

I had always loved the Thanksgiving season. To be sure, much of the brightness and color in which the landscape reveled in October was lost, but the rich browns of the oaks, the heavy greens of the pines and the cedars, lighted up here and there by some late hanging sumac leaves or reddening ivy, with hill and dale gently softened by the mists of Indian summer, made a picture in which I delighted as much as I did in the beauties of any other season.

But in this year the late autumn foliage was much finer than I had ever known it before. Van Dyke never dreamed of such browns as I now saw, and the curtains of distant mist seemed ever about to rise upon visions of even greater beauty than those which then entranced me.

I had always liked the first keen winds which had come to us as the vernal couriers of winter, making it delightful to walk and be out of doors, and also agreeable and satisfactory to go into the house. But this year there was a sparkling spice in the air which it would have been impossible for other people to understand, even if they had perceived it. I knew it was there, I understood its origin, and I did not care a snap of my fingers whether or not anybody else knew anything about it.

who were in the habit of migrating to the south in the late autumn delayed their journey this year, those of them who did remain made themselves very conspicuous and agreeable. It was a great year for rabbits. In earlier days I had given much attention to trapping these little creatures, but seldom took much interest in the sport until the snow had covered the earth, and thereby induced game creatures of various kinds to cast their eyes upon the delicate morsels exposed in traps by men and boys. But now, although I did not care to trap the rabbits, I was charmed to gaze upon them as they skipped about on the edge of the woods, wagging their little tails and sitting up looking from side to side, with their little noses nervously trembling, while their long ears waved in the breeze. The rabbits' fur seemed very long and fine that year, and I am sure that its color



MY FIRST BOOK.

must have been extraordinarily well adapted for the adornment of human youth and beauty. I do not know that there were great crops of corn that year, or that the pumpkins had gilded to a greater extent than usual the brown, denuded fields, but I felt the farmers ought to be very happy people.

To me the country was pervaded with an atmosphere of richness and unsurpassed fulfillment. I knew that the apple crop had been very good; at least I knew that the trees had borne some remarkably good fruit, because I had tried a good deal of it, and it had never possessed to a greater extent the juiciness and sub-acid flavor of which I was so fond.

It was also a great year for chestnuts, and a very poor one for squirrels. I do not wish it to be supposed that I was not, and am not, fond of squirrels. I like them better now than I used to in my earlier days, although they are as active competitors in the business of chestnut gathering as when I was younger. But in this Thanksgiving season of which I speak the squirrels must have been fewer or lazier, for I made no complaints about the scarcity of chestnuts.

so, I do not remember quarreling with a living soul during the whole of that November. It seems as though my intercourse with my fellow beings was unusually genial. In regard to social progress and the steady betterment of the human race, I was an ardent optimist. Even people I knew as not being very pleasant of manner or intelligent of speech seemed then good company.

Politics did not trouble me at all. I suppose a good many people voted for the wrong men, but I paid no attention to their misguided actions. It was scarcely possible there could be any candidates for office who did not possess some virtues, and a strong disposition in the direction of general altruism made me wish well to all good people who had been selected to administer the affairs of township, county or state.

There was truly something exceptional in this Thanksgiving season. Other people may not have noticed it, but it impressed itself most forcibly upon me. How could it be otherwise? It was a time that my first book was published.

Mrs. Astor's Thanksgiving Dinner.
 What Mrs. William Astor's Thanksgiving dinner this year will be cannot be told in detail, but judging from former occasions, it should be about as in the accompanying menu:

- Little Neck Clams.
- Plain Consomme.
- Sweetbread.
- Artichokes, White Sauce.
- Roast Turkey, Cranberry Sauce.
- Spinach.
- Mayonnaise.
- Roman Punch.
- Celery.
- Chocolate Ice-cream.
- Roquefort Cheese.
- Terrapin.
- Souffle.
- Salad.
- Fancy Cakes.
- Hot-house Fruits.
- Coffee.

Last Thanksgiving Mrs. Astor had her table in yellow. An enormous mass of costly chrysanthemums filled to the brim the huge golden bowl, the centerpiece of her renowned gold service, the handsomest in America. Yellow bows of ribbon were laid flat on the white cloth, and maidenhair fern completed the decoration. Beside each plate was a bunch of the same chrysanthemums, tied with yellow ribbon.

The Astor gold service is costly almost beyond estimate. Its acanthus pattern is copied from an old English set. It includes even gold knives, forks and spoons.

Only on state occasions is this gold service brought out. It never fails to appear on Thanksgiving day.—New York World.



At a fashionable Thanksgiving dinner the butler brings in the turkey. It is then removed and carved in the butler's pantry.

Fig Pudding.
 Half a pound of bread crumbs, 1-1/2 lb. of figs, 6 ozs. of suet, 6 ozs. of soft sugar, 3 eggs, a little nutmeg, a teaspoonful of milk. The figs and suet are to be chopped very fine, and all well mixed together. Boll in a mold or cloth for three or four hours. This pudding can be made with half the quantities.

QUICKSANDS OF ARIZONA.

Masked Pitfalls Are Frequently Found in the Desert.
 Curious but dangerous freaks of nature frequently found in the desert of Arizona are called *quicksands* by the Mexicans and Indians. They are masked pitfalls of quicksand that occur in the dry plains and are covered with a treacherous crust of clay that has been spread over them in fine particles by the wind and baked dry by the sun. The peculiar properties of the soil retain all the moisture drained into them after the infrequent rains, and allow it to be filtered to unknown depths, so that a man or a horse or a cow or a sheep that once steps upon that deceptive crust instantly sinks out of sight beyond hope of rescue. The *quicksands* are on a level with the surface of the desert. There is no danger signal to mark them, and their surface cannot be distinguished by the ordinary eye from the hard clay that surrounds them. They occur most frequently in the alkali-covered flats, and are often fifteen or twenty feet in diameter. Sometimes they are only little pockets or wells that a man can leap across, but the longest pole has never found their bottom. A stone thrown through the crust sinks to unknown depths, and no man who ever fell into one of them was rescued. They account for the mysterious disappearance of many men and cattle.

A Japanese Geisha Girl.
 A geisha must be highly accomplished, because her chief duty is to amuse. While not by any means a musician, she must be able to perform on the *samisen*, *koto*, *truzumi* (a drum) and other musical instruments. She dances, sings, and talks on the lightest subjects, and always holds herself in readiness to entertain her guests according to their mood. A witty geisha, one who is a good talker, pretty and graceful, will not lack for employment at any time, and generally makes a very good living. While it is not at all necessary for her to arouse mirth, her object must be to beguile the time that is irksome to her guests. Thus it often happens that one feeling depressed will send for a geisha girl. The geisha is a natural actress and her taste in dress is exquisite, her movements incomparable in grace.—Otoyo Watanabe, in the November Woman's Home Companion.

Defined with Exactness.
 C. S. Batterman, one of the best-known mining men in the Rocky mountain states, was on the stand as an expert in an important mining case in Nevada and was under cross-examination by a rather young and "smart" attorney. The question relating to the form that the ore was found in, generally described as "kidney lumps." "Now, Mr. Batterman," said the attorney, "how large are these lumps—you say they are oblong—are they as long as my head?" "Yes," replied Mr. Batterman, "but not as thick." "The attorney subsided, and even the judge could not help smiling.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

Delicate Creature.
 Jennie—Herbie, it says here another octogenarian's dead. What is an octogenarian? Herbie—Well, I don't just know what they are, but they must be awfully sickly creatures. You never hear of 'em but they're dying.—Brooklyn Life.

INCIPIT OF MARGUERITE LILBOURNE
 BY ROBIN GREY

CHAPTER III.—(Continued.)
 Mr. Martineau had moved his chair a little, so that his face was entirely in the shade. The daylight in the room was not very strong, so that his expression was difficult to fathom. At this point he broke in with—
 "What kind of a man was this who spoke to you?"
 She smiled a little, then dolefully shook her head.
 "I can tell you only two things about him. He was young, and he was not dark—that is, his hair was not black. I should think he was several years older than I."
 "You would not know him again if you saw him?"
 "I am afraid not. You see I saw him only just then."
 "Oh—that was the only time you saw him?"
 "I think so, but he may have seen me afterward without my knowing it."
 "Please explain."
 "Well, that evening as I was in my room, crying my eyes out, my uncle sent a message to say I was to come down into the drawing-room. He had never said such a thing before. I sent back word that I would not come. He came up to my room in a towering passion. I was terribly frightened of him, but I was now thoroughly roused, and I still said I would not come. He beat me then—struck me several cruel blows, shook me and flung me to the ground. After that he went out, locking the door behind him.
 "I had quite made up my mind by that time. I meant to run away. My beating had frightened me and shaken me—there was a sharp pain in my head. Terror and pride alike urged me to flee. If I stayed he would strike me again. I tied up as many things as I thought I could carry in a towel, opened my window, and dropped them down on the turf below. My room was on the most secluded side of the house, shaded by big trees. None of the kitchen windows looked out upon it. I fastened my sheets together, and knotted the top one securely to the iron ring of my window shutter. I was a very good hand at climbing—I



"I GOT ON THE SILL, LAID HOLD FIRMLY, AND LET MYSELF GO."

had been up nearly every tree in the grounds. I got on to the sill, laid hold firmly, and let myself go. At the same instant something in my head seemed to snap; everything swayed before my eyes; there was an awful sensation of numbness and sickness; my fingers relaxed their hold, and I fell heavily.
 "I cannot tell you what happened afterwards," Marguerite went on after a short pause, "because I don't know. The last thing which I distinctly remember doing was getting out of that window. After that comes a blank which I—do, so they tell me, a year ago more. Dr. Stelling says it was the result of being struck on the head."
 "Who is Dr. Stelling?" asked Mr. Martineau.
 "My old friend. I should have died but for him."
 "Well—what more? What is the next thing you remember?"
 "The next thing that I remember is walking up and down by the sea—up and down—with a woman. I was not strong. I leaned on her arm. I cannot recollect more than that."

CHAPTER IV.
 Mr. Martineau pushed his chair more closely to hers, asking with great interest—
 "No more?"
 "No more, till the strangest part of all."
 A sudden movement of the junior partner's hand sent a bundle of papers to the ground. He stooped after them, and slowly replaced them.
 "The strangest part of all?" he said.
 "Yes. One morning I went for a drive. I cannot tell why I should remember this, but I do. There were three other people with me, I think—or two—I was not alone, but I cannot tell you now in the least who they were. We went to a church. I stood by the altar, and, as far as I can recall, was married. I don't think I objected. I don't think I understood. I was like a person in a dream. I was told afterwards to write my name, and I did. I knew my name then. I don't remember anything more about it. I can't recall who was with me, or anything. I remember at last waking up in a strange room, beautifully clean, but very small, and seeing some one bending over me."
 "Who are you?" he said.
 "All right, my dear," she responded; "you're with friends."
 "It was a very strange, gradual com-

her. The doctor next put in an advertisement 'To Parish Clerks and Others,' offering a small reward for certificate of Marguerite Lilbourne's marriage, on or about a given date. A person unknown at a place unknown. Still there was no result. One day, when I was able to walk about, clinging tightly to Mary Stelling's arm, we took a walk, intending to go to the new public gardens just opened near where we lived. As we passed a row of squalid looking houses a nun came out and passed us swiftly. The sight touched a chord in my memory. Past events came back; I was able to tell them all I have told you to-day, but from the time of my falling out of the window to the time I awoke in the Stelling's house all was a blank. I could tell them nothing; indeed, so vague and indistinct was this idea of my marriage that I should have been satisfied that it was a delusion had it not been for one thing."
 "Yes. What was the one thing?"
 "This."
 She laid a wedding ring on the table before her.
 Mr. Martineau drew a long breath. "That seems tangible," he said.
 "Dreadfully tangible!" she exclaimed, with a shudder. "Can you wonder that I feel I must know all? Heaven knows that I would sooner die than return to my uncle—that I must and will bear the rights of this disgraceful fraud! It is a mystery, is it not?"
 "It is the strangest thing I ever heard, and the most pitiful!"
 "The Stelling are very badly off," went on Marguerite. "When they found me I had only a few coppers in my pocket—I had evidently spent whatever I possessed on my railway ticket. I could not bear to live on their kindness. I did fancy needlework for a time, managing to contribute my mite toward the housekeeping till I was quite strong. One day, in an inspired moment, I painted some little cards for ball programmes, and sent them to a large West End shop. They caught the public taste. Soon I had as many orders as I could execute, and I began to work hard. I not only kept myself—I put by a little; and in our happy, busy life we almost forgot that I was married."
 (To be continued.)

WHAT VISITORS SEE.

Remarkable Experiences of Hosts When They Visit the Metropolis.
 It is sometimes entertaining to learn from outside sources facts about New York life of which persons who have lived here all their lives are in ignorance, says the New York Sun. Much of this information could never be acquired even by those who are most closely acquainted with the facts of existence in New York in all its phases. The wonder is how even the most observant strangers with the freshness of perception that comes from unfamiliarity are able to discover so much that does not exist. One recent instance of this faculty exhibited its effects as applied to a study of New York's greatest hotel. "I was shown suites of rooms," writes this observer, "in the Waldorf-Astoria that cost \$200 a day. Cigars are 50 cents each, whiskey is the same price, wine is \$10 a bottle, and to tip a waiter with less than a one-spot brands you as a jay." Guests who live up to that standard of magnificence at the hotel must be few indeed and the cautious heroine of the following paragraph must be equally exceptional. "The safe in the Waldorf-Astoria constantly holds valuables belonging to the guests to the value of from two to ten million dollars, and I was told of a lady guest who sends down to the office at 2 o'clock each morning a garter studded with pearls that are insured for \$40,000. The garter is put in the safe and reposes there until the next morning at 10, when a detective restores it to its place of utility." One can learn some surprising things about New York life, provided that it is studied from long range. The longer the range the more interesting the results are likely to be.

STOLE PURSE BUT LEFT A RING

Exchanged an \$800 Diamond for a Shopper's Change.
 From the Boston Herald: A droll story of a mishap to a pickpocket is going about town that I hope is true, but, like all too good stories, one is inclined to doubt its veraciousness. It seems, however, that a suburbanite who had been in town doing her spring shopping on a very limited means finally took the electric for home with precisely \$2.63 in her possession. After paying her fare she tucked the purse in her pocket—wonderful woman, she had a pocket!—and thought no more about it. The car started crowded, but after a while the passengers thinned out, and when the lady reached her destination she was nearly alone. On arriving at her home she made the discovery that her purse was gone. The pocket had been picked, and she remembered that, in one of the various jolts and shakings up, a man leaned heavily on her side, had apologized, and shortly after pushed out of the car. Well, there was less than \$3 gone, if the pocketbook was new and pretty. The next day the lady had occasion to feel in that pocket of hers, when, lo and behold! she picked out a diamond ring of great brilliancy! There was but one conclusion regarding its presence there. The ring had slipped from the finger of the thief who had picked her purse. To be brief, this unexpected booty has been carried to a well-known jeweler, who appraised its worth at \$800. Now the question is, where did the pickpocket get it, and what lurid expression did justice to the occasion when he discovered the loss of such a gem to gain a paltry \$2.57?

Nature's Influence on Man.
 From the Chicago News: "Nature exercises a wonderful and mysterious influence over men. Certain plants are poisonous to some folks and medicinal to others." "Yes, and my husband is always troubled with rheumatism when the grass begins to get tall upon our lawn."
 Never tell your wife because of her social activities. But for them the chances are she wouldn't have married you.

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LOCAL DOTS.

—Messrs Major Smith and Solon Smith went to Albany this week.
—Mrs. J. S. Keister arrived home Sunday from Arkadelphia, Ark
—I am still in the grocery business. Everything nice and fresh.

T. G. CARNEY.
—Mr. J. S. Keister got in Monday with 104 head of cattle from Arkansas.
—Geo. Makeig says his tools are always sharp and he knows how to use them.

—Mr. B. J. Gloyer, one of the Circle ranch boys, was down trading with our merchants this week.
—New crop Louisiana molasses, fresh and good, just received at Fields & Bro's.

—Judge McConnell carried his mother to Abilene Thursday on her return home to Crockett.
—The prettiest Dress Calicoes in town, only 5 cents a yard at S. L. Robertson's.

—Mrs. W. P. Whitman returned home last Saturday from a visit of a month with relatives in Collin county.
—Everything in Groceries, fresh and best quality and at lowest prices at S. L. Robertson's.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Draper have another boy at their house, reported to us by Dr. Gilbert as arriving on Friday 17th inst.
—Lost—a nice lap robe on Friday, 17th, in Haskell. The finder will please return it to my stable.

J. L. BALDWIN.
—If you owe me please don't wait for me to dun you, I need the money and need it now.
S. L. ROBERTSON.

—Mr. J. D. Ewing and family of the northeast part of the county left Monday for Cook county to visit relatives and friends there.
—If I cannot cut prices so as to suit the times you need not try the other fellows.

T. G. CARNEY.
—Miss Laura Hale returned a few days ago from Seymour accompanied by her niece, Miss Donna Yearly of Farmersville, who has come out on a visit to Dr. Neathery's family.
—If you want to get the most goods for the least money, take your cash around to R. H. McKee & Co's.

—Mr. George Maloney and sons came in this week and, we understand that, Mrs. Maloney and the rest of the family are to follow soon and again make their home in Haskell.
—If you have to buy a heating stove this fall, you ought to get one of those Wilson Improved Air-tight heaters for sale by McCollum & Wilbourn Co. The makers guarantee that you will get more comfort, more heat and more satisfaction, at less expense, from this stove than from any other stove made.

This firm also have on hand a full line of Bridge, Beach & Co's standard cook stoves and box and ornamental or parlor heaters.
—Beginning Friday night of last week we had two or three days and nights of rainy weather, the rainfall during the time amounting to nearly three inches. This with the heavy rains the last of October and first of November has given the earth a thorough saturation to a great depth and makes the outlook for a wheat crop better than it has been for two or three years.

Another considerable rain fell Thursday night and up to noon yesterday.
—We learn from the press reports and from Mr. Alexander that the Northwest Texas Methodist conference at Cleburn has appointed Rev. J. H. Wiseman of Vernon presiding elder of this (the Vernon) district. Rev. Wiseman is well known to our older citizens, as it was he that organized the Methodist church at this place and preached here for about four years as a missionary. The conference has appointed Rev. J. T. Bloodworth to the Haskell church for the ensuing year and sent the retiring pastor, Rev. M. L. Moody to Valley Mills in the Gatesville district. The former presiding elder, Rev. C. W. Daniels, goes to Waco as pastor of the 5th Street church.

—My daughters having returned I have resumed full charge of the business at the Meadors hotel and will be pleased to have my old patrons and as many new ones as will come. Terms always reasonable.
Respectfully,
MRS. T. D. CARNEY.

—Mr. J. B. Wadlington returned Wednesday from a trip to Cook county. He says a good deal of wheat has been sown there and is up and growing nicely, but the cotton crop was very short, running from 5 to 10 acres to the bale, which would give an average of seven and one-half acres to the bale and is a poorer yield than this section had.

—Miss Una Foster is filling the position of assistant county clerk this week.
—Bring all your hides to the City Meat Market. We will give you the highest cash price for them.
MCCRARY & ELLIS.
—Mr. W. A. Wyatt and bride, whose marriage was announced week before last, left for Cook county Monday to visit Mr. Wyatt's relatives.
—Glance through our local columns and see what S. L. Robertson has in stock, then call and see his goods and learn the prices.
—We understand that Mr. F. E. Turner and Mr. Carl Ferguson will start Monday with their herds of sheep for the Devil's River country, where they will winter.
—Mrs. B. L. Frost gave a children's party Friday night of last week and the youngsters were having a jolly time until the approach of rain dispersed them.
—Mr. T. J. Smith of Stonewall came in Thursday with his daughter, Miss Mary, enroute to Galveston, where she is to attend school, but they were delayed here by the rain.
—Your best girl and all the other girls are always pleased to see you, young man, after Geo. Makeig has fixed you up with a stylish hair cut, shave or shampoo.
—Mr. Harvey Crabtree has sold his farm to Mr. S. L. Kelley from Coryell county. We understand it is not Mr. Crabtree's intention to leave the county.
—Our district court will convene on Monday. There are eleven civil cases on the docket and no criminal case. There are, however, some criminal matters awaiting the action of the grand jury.
—Rev. Farmer is conducting a protracted meeting at the Baptist church, assisted by Rev. J. H. Edmonds of Anson, who conducts the singing and is noted as the best vocalist in this part of the state.
—Mr. Tom Deal, who is just recovering from a severe and protracted spell of slow fever, left this week with his brother, who came for him, for their home in Brown county, where he will spend some time recuperating.
—New stock of clothing; Gent's Undershirts and Overshirts; Ladies underwear; Arctic and Rubber shoes for men, boys, women and misses; men's and boys' Hats, Caps and Gloves. Also a full line of Shoes, Boots and Blankets, all fresh, new stock and selling at lowest prices at S. L. Robertson's.
—The remains of Mr. G. H. Bryan, which were brought over from Rayner, where he died on Saturday, the 18th inst., were entered in the Haskell cemetery last Sunday. He was afflicted with consumption and had but recently come out from Georgia hoping to benefit his health, and was residing with his brother-in-law, Mr. John Taylor at Rayner, when he died.
—If you have to buy a heating stove this fall, you ought to get one of those Wilson Improved Air-tight heaters for sale by McCollum & Wilbourn Co. The makers guarantee that you will get more comfort, more heat and more satisfaction, at less expense, from this stove than from any other stove made.
This firm also have on hand a full line of Bridge, Beach & Co's standard cook stoves and box and ornamental or parlor heaters.
—Beginning Friday night of last week we had two or three days and nights of rainy weather, the rainfall during the time amounting to nearly three inches. This with the heavy rains the last of October and first of November has given the earth a thorough saturation to a great depth and makes the outlook for a wheat crop better than it has been for two or three years.
Another considerable rain fell Thursday night and up to noon yesterday.
—We learn from the press reports and from Mr. Alexander that the Northwest Texas Methodist conference at Cleburn has appointed Rev. J. H. Wiseman of Vernon presiding elder of this (the Vernon) district. Rev. Wiseman is well known to our older citizens, as it was he that organized the Methodist church at this place and preached here for about four years as a missionary. The conference has appointed Rev. J. T. Bloodworth to the Haskell church for the ensuing year and sent the retiring pastor, Rev. M. L. Moody to Valley Mills in the Gatesville district. The former presiding elder, Rev. C. W. Daniels, goes to Waco as pastor of the 5th Street church.

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800 Acres of Land

In Haskell county, Texas, known as the William Taylor survey. Price, three dollars per acre; one third cash, balance on time, with interest at six per centum, and secured by mortgage on the premises.
Correspondence solicited.
ANDREW GRIMES, Att'y
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Important Notices

The time of year is here to pay up and I must ask each and every one that owes me either by note or account to come in and settle at once. Don't wait for me to ask you for it.
Respectfully,
A. P. McLEMORE.

Notices

All parties owing the firm of Meadors & Ellis are requested to make satisfactory settlement by Dec. 10, 1899, with
J. H. MEADORS, collector.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES.

Special Program for Thursday, Nov. 30th, 1899.

The churches have all united to make Thanksgiving a glorious day in Haskell. The business men have all agreed to close their places of business from 10 till 12 o'clock in order to let every one attend the special services.
Opening Song.
Prayer by Rev. R. E. L. Farmer.
THANKSGIVING DAY—Origin and history and what we have to be thankful for by Rev. C. C. Anderson.
Quartette—Mr. and Mrs. Will Sherrill, C. C. Anderson and Mrs. J. B. Baker.
How to show our gratitude, by R. E. L. Farmer.
Quartette—Messrs Percy Lindsey and C. C. Anderson and Misses Georgia Johnson and May Fields.
Open remarks.
Closing prayer—Rev. C. C. Anderson.

An invitation is extended to every one to attend these services.
R. E. SHERRILL
JNO. A. COUCH } Committee on
F. G. ALEXANDER } Arrangement
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It will not be a surprise to any who are at all familiar with the good qualities of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, to know that people everywhere take pleasure in relating their experience in the use of that splendid medicine and in telling of the benefit they have received from it, of bad colds it has cured, of threatened attacks of pneumonia it has averted and of the children it has saved from attacks of croup and whooping cough. It is a grand, good medicine. For sale by J. B. Baker druggist.

Teachers' Institute.

The committee on Program suggest the following for the Teachers' Institute to be held at the School house at Haskell on 8th and 9th days of Dec. 1899, to begin at 7 o'clock p. m., Friday.
SUBJECTS FOR DISCUSSION.

1. The Specific Object to be Held in View in Teaching Mathematics, Prof. T. G. Marks leader.
2. Culture Epochs in Student's Life—Prof. A. E. Bilibrey leader.
3. Recitations by Misses Edna Ellis and Bernice Fairbairn.

SATURDAY MORNING.

4. How to Teach Algebra to Beginners—Prof. D. J. Brookreson leader.
5. The Methods of Punishment—Miss Eliza Robinson leader.
6. Resolved, That General History as a Substitute for Mental and Moral Science is a Profitable Change—Prof. A. O. Johnstone and Tom Griffin, affirmative; Prof. C. H. Bivins and E. R. Davis, negative.

All teachers are requested to be present and are expected to take part in the discussions. Those named are to lead in the discussion of the subject to which they are assigned, but this in no wise exempts those not named.
H. R. JONES,
Co. ex-Officio Supt.

Editor sees Wonders

Editor W. V. Barry of Lexington, Tenn., in exploring Mammoth Cave, contracted a severe case of Piles. His quick cure through using Bucklen's Arnica Salve convinced him it is another world's wonder. Cures Piles, Injuries, Inflammation and all bodily eruptions. Only 50c at J. B. Baker's drug store.

—The C. T. and M. railroad running from Haskell to Llano was chartered last week.
—Mr. J. F. Pinkerton came in last Saturday. We understand he is arranging to move back to Haskell with his family.
—Mr. Lee Pierson came home Monday.

Stray Notice.

Taken up by W. B. Roberts living about 14 miles east of Haskell (on Parks place) and estrayed before J. W. Evans J. P. Precinct No. 1, Haskell county, Texas, one black, pony mare about 14 hands high, four years old, branded J on left shoulder and NF connected on left thigh. Pony is gentle to ride.
To certify which I hereto sign my name and affix the seal of the County Court, this Nov. 3rd, 1899.
G. R. COUCH, Clerk
[SEAL] Co. Ct. Haskell Co. Tex.

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What suffering from itching of the womb, white, painful or irregular periods, or any disease of the distinctly female organs is, a man may sympathize or pity but he can not know the agonies she goes through—the terrible burning so patiently borne, which robs her of beauty, hope and happiness. Yet this suffering really is needless.

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will banish it. This medicine cures all "female diseases" quickly and permanently. It does away with humiliating physical examinations. The treatment may be taken at home. There is no continual expense and trouble. The sufferer is cured and stays cured. Wine of Cardui is becoming the leading remedy for all troubles of this class. It costs but \$1 from any druggist.

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When you will need to feed your stock condition powder and for the next

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We will make you special prices. Come and buy your winter's supply

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New goods ordered and received every week to keep our stock complete.

Our trade has been very satisfactory so far. But we have still

Lots of Goods

To move between now and Xmas and if prices will move them they will all go, for we will make

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Just in. We are anxious on this line and will clear them out at very close prices. The Ladies should see the

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Attention

Money! Money!!

That is what WE want now! It was Goods! Goods!! you wanted, and you would pay for them this fall. Well, you got them with the understanding and if your account is not yet paid we want the money, because the time is about here when WE HAVE TO PAY WHAT WE OWE. We knew when our pay day was coming and we sold our goods so as to meet it and we cannot allow accounts to run over time. With this explanation you see why we are so urgent about settlements. So please come up and keep peace in the family by doing unto us as you agreed to do. Don't wait for further notice.

We are now selling goods on account to be paid for on or before Dec. 24, 1899, so don't ask us to charge anything that you can't pay for by that date.

Respectfully
F. G. Alexander & Co.



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There is a suggestion in the above article from which many a farmer throughout this country could profit. Nearly any farmer could handle from 25 to 100 or more sheep on his farm at very little expense for feed or labor. In fact they would eat and destroy a great many noxious weeds and other stuff that is never touched by other stock and after a little training any child or member of the family could drive them into a pen at night for protection from wolves, and

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