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COMPARATIVE STATEMENT

OF THE HASKELL NATIONAL BANK.

Condensed from Reports to the Comptroller of the Currency.

	JUNE 30th, 1904	MAY 31st, 1905
Loans and Discounts	\$126,323.98	\$135,586.60
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DECISION ON POSTAGE.

Law Does Not Allow County Officer Help for Expediency or Necessity Unless Specifically Provided.

Austin, Tex., Sept. 16.—Attorney General R. V. Davidson has rendered the following opinion:

Sept. 12, 1905

Hon. W. W. Wiggins, County Auditor, San Antonio, Tex.: Dear Sir—I have carefully considered the questions presented in your letter of the 9th inst., and reply as follows:

1. Your first question is: "It appears that no provision is made for some of the county officers, such as the Tax Collector, the County Attorney and the Constables, not even offices, office furniture, books or stationery. The custom has been in this county to allow such things, including postage, to these as well as all other officers. Is there any law or authority for same?"

In the 18th section of Art. VI of the Constitution it is provided that the Commissioners' Court "shall exercise such powers and jurisdiction over all county business as is conferred by this constitution and the laws of the State, or as may be hereafter prescribed."

Constructing this provision of the Constitution, Chief Justice Gaines, for the court, in the case of Mills County vs. Lampasas County, 90 Texas, 606, said:

"In our opinion, it is not true, as counsel for appellant county insists in his elaborately written argument, that the Constitution confers upon the Commissioners' Court any general authority over the county business, but (it) merely gives them such powers and jurisdiction over all county business as is or as might be hereafter prescribed. (Art. VI, Sec. 18.) We had occasion to construe this question in the case of Bland vs. Orr, ante, p. 492 (395 S. W., p. 558), and reached the conclusion that such courts exercise only such powers as the Constitution itself or the Legislature had specifically conferred upon them."

I take it that such courts had also such implied powers as are "incidental and necessary" to the execution of the expressed powers and the performance of the duties enjoined upon (7 American and English Encyclopedia of Law, pp. 989, 991), but none other. They have not the "general control over the finances of a county, such as ordinarily conferred upon the directors of a private corporation." (Bland vs. Orr, 90 Texas, 496.)

Unless the court is expressly or by necessary implication, authorized to make the provision referred to for the officers named, I am of the opinion that it has not the authority to do so.

As to offices and office furniture: Under Art. 918 of the Revised Statutes it is the duty of the Commissioners' Court to provide for the county officers named in Art. 921, namely, the County Judge, Sheriff, Clerks of the District and County Courts, County Treasurer, Assessor of Taxes and Collector of Taxes, County Surveyor and County Attorney. (Reynolds vs. Tarrant County, 78 Texas, 291.)

Justices of the Peace and Constables are not "county officers" within the meaning of that term as used in Art. 918, and are not entitled to have a room supplied at the expense of the county. (Reynolds vs. Tarrant County, supra.)

But though the court is required to provide offices for all the officers named in Art. 921, only the County Judge, the Clerks of the District and County Courts, the Sheriff and the County Treasurer are entitled to have their offices furnished at the expense of the county. (Art. 2475.) I have found no statute which expressly, or by implication, authorizes the court to supply any officer not named in Art. 2475 his necessary furniture at the expense of the county.

Art. 2475 of the Revised Statutes of 1895 is Art. 2411 of Revised Statutes of 1879 as amended by act of 1885. The basis of Art. 2411 of Revised Statutes of 1869 was chapter CLXIV of the acts of 1876, an act entitled "An act to fix and regulate the fees of all officers of the State of Texas, and the several counties thereof."

Sec. 6, fixing the fees of the County Judge concludes:

There shall be allowed to the County Judge such books, stationery and office furniture as may be necessary for him in the discharge of the duties of his office and the same shall be paid for out of the county treasury on the order of the County Commissioners' Court."

A similar provision was made for the District Clerk (Sec. 8) and County Clerks (Sec. 9), but none for the Coun-

ty Attorney (Sec. 7), Sheriff (Sec. 11), Justices of the Peace (Sec. 12), Constables (Sec. 13), County Treasurer (Sec. 15) Surveyor (Sec. 16), hide and animal inspectors (Sec. 17), or notaries public (Sec. 18).

It is evident that the Legislature intended the allowance to the County Judge, District Clerk and County Clerk as a perquisite in addition to the prescribed fees, and equally that the Legislature did not intend that any other county officer should receive such an allowance.

By Art. 2411 of the Revised Statutes of 1879, Sheriffs and County Treasurers were likewise allowed such "office furniture as may be necessary for their offices," and by the act of 1885, Art. 2411 was amended to make a like provision for Justices of the Peace.

I do not find that the Legislature has authorized a similar provision for the Assessor and Collector of Taxes, County Attorney or County Surveyor, or Constable, and therefore conclude that the Commissioners' Court is without authority to make it.

As to books and stationery: It follows from what I have said that the Commissioners' Court is not authorized to furnish books and stationery to any county officer for whom the Legislature has not provided such an allowance.

It is the duty of the county to allow such books and stationery "as may be necessary for their offices" to the County Judge, District Clerk, County Clerk, Sheriff, County Treasurer and Justices of the Peace (Art. 2475), to the Assessor (Art. 5109) and to the Auditor (Sec. 5 of County Auditor law). Under Art. 4075 the court must furnish to the County Surveyor "the necessary books and record pertaining thereto."

I have not undertaken to collate all of the statutory provisions requiring the court to supply the officers of the county with all or part of the books and stationery, or either, needed by them in the discharge of their duties. Besides the general provisions referred to, there are doubtless specific provisions upon particular subjects, for example, the court is required by the election law to furnish certain supplies to designated officers. It is the duty of the Auditor to determine in such case, as it arises, if the proposed expenditure is authorized by law. My opinion is that an expenditure for books, stationery, or either, for a county officer is proper only if authorized expressly by law, or if the authority is necessarily to be implied from some duty imposed, or power conferred upon the courts.

As to postage: When one is elected or appointed to and accepts a public office he assumes and must perform all of the duties which the law attaches to that office. If the law allows an inadequate compensation—and I do not use "compensation" as synonymous with "salary," but as including the sum intended for the officer's personal services and also any allowance intended for clerk hire, stationery, expenses, etc.—or none at all, the services must none the less be performed. Relief "must be had through the Legislature and not the judicial department." (Hallman vs. Campbell, 57 Texas, 54.)

The general rule in the United States is "that the rendition of services of a public officer is to be deemed gratuitous unless a compensation therefor is fixed by statute." (Throop on Public Officers, Sec. 446.)

Sec. 44 of Art. III of the Constitution provides: "The Legislature shall provide by law for the compensation of all the officers, servants, agents and public contractors not provided for in the Constitution." "A failure of the Legislature to exercise the power thus conferred can not clothe the courts with it" (State vs. Moore, 57 Tex., 320; also see Wharton County vs. Ahidag, 84 Tex., 15). The "duties, perquisites and fees of office" of the County Clerk, for example, shall be prescribed by the Legislature. (Sec. 20, Art. V of the Constitution.)

Therefore I am of the opinion that unless there can be found a statute entitling a county officer to an allowance for the expenses which he incurs in discharging the duties imposed upon him by law it must be presumed that the Legislature intended that his statutory fees should constitute his entire compensation therefor. Merely because it is expedient or even necessary to an efficient discharge of those duties a county officer would not, I am convinced, be entitled to an allowance for clerk hire in the absence of legislative provision therefor. There is no difference in principle between an allowance for clerk hire and one for postage stamps.

I have already advised you that I do not understand the word "stationery," as used in Art. 2475 and in Sec.

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5 of the County Auditor law, to include "postage." A "stationer" is defined by Webster as "one who sells paper, pens, quills, ink, stamps, pencils, blank books and other articles used in writing," and "stationery" as "the articles usually sold by stationers, as paper, pens, ink, quills, blank books, etc." This definition of stationery was approved in the case of Harris County vs. Clarke and Courts, Fourteenth Texas, 1301 App. page 58. I do not understand the definition to include postage stamps.

Some stationers do, I presume, sell postage stamps. So do druggists, but they are not, I imagine, for that reason to be classed as "drugs."

If you will refer to the appropriation bills passed by the Fifteenth Legislature (which enacted the fee bill of 1876), the Sixteenth Legislature (which adopted the Revised Statutes of 1879), the Nineteenth Legislature (which amended Art. 2411 of the Revised Statutes of 1879), the Twenty-fourth Legislature (which adopted the Revised Statutes of 1895) and the Twenty-ninth Legislature (which passed the County Auditor's Law) you will find that these Legislatures made provision for postage stamps for the various departments of Government either by a specific appropriation therefor or by an appropriation for stationery and postage.

Subdivision 2 of Sec. 37 of the school law of 1893 (page 102 of General Laws), after fixing the salary of the County Judge, who serve as an ex-officio County Superintendent of Public Instruction, provided that "10 per cent on the salary thus allowed shall be added for postage, stationery and printing expenses connected with the administration of the school law."

This is no longer the law, but I refer to it as showing that the Legislature understands postage to be something different from stationery and not included within the meaning of that word.

Also as no similar provision was made for the County Superintendent and as the provision for the ex-officio County Superintendent has been repealed (Sec. 10, Chap. 5, special session of 1897; Sec. 44, Chap. 124, regular session 1905), the Legislature manifestly intended that the County Superintendent should not be entitled to an allowance for any of these purposes and that the County Judge and ex-officio County Superintendent should no longer receive the allowance made by the act of 1893.

I find, therefore, no express authority to the court to allow postage to county officers, nor do I find any duty imposed or power conferred upon the court to the execution or performance of which it is so necessary to allow postage to the county officers, as such, as that the authority to do so may be implied.

It may frequently occur that the court in the discharge of its own duties may need to use postage. For example, county bonds must be submitted to the Attorney General for his examination and approval. The court may send them by mail or express, and clearly the postage in the one case or the express charges in the other would be a proper charge against the county. But I am convinced that this implied power is restricted to the necessities of the court as a court in discharging its duties or performing its powers.

Take, for example, the case of the County Clerk. He is required to perform numerous duties, in the discharge of some of which he needs to use the mails. He must make certain reports to the Attorney General, to the Department of Public Health and vital statistics, etc. But I can find no duty imposed upon the Commissioners' court in such matters. Consequently, the postage is not necessary to the discharge of any duty resting upon the court, but is required by the clerk to enable him to perform a duty personal to himself. The Leg-

islature having made no allowance to the clerk for postage other than his prescribed fees, the Commissioners' Court cannot do so. It would be equivalent to allowing him a compensation in excess of that provided by law. The court clearly can not do this.

If it should be held that the Commissioners' Court has the implied power (for no express power exists) to allow, in its discretion, in the Tax collector, for example, stamps for the delivery through the mails of 500 tax notices, then if the collector should elect to deliver the notices throughout the county by messenger, it would follow that the court, in its discretion, could pay the wages of the messenger and his expenses of conveyance, etc. I am sure that no Commissioners' Court in Texas would hesitate in declining to authorize or pay for such service.

Your second question is: "Is the Commissioners' Court authorized to compensate the committee appointed by the County Judge under Art. 4934 to examine animals reported to be diseased?"

I think not. Art. 4934 provides for the compensation of the owner of the animals condemned and to the Sheriff or constable killing, burning or burying same, but as I find no provision for compensation to the committee, I conclude they are not entitled to any.

3. You ask "what an autopsy is in the meaning of the law?" Autopsy is defined in 4 Cyc., 1075, as: "The dissection of a dead body for the purpose of inquiring into the cause of death." I quote from Suddath vs. Travelers' Insurance Company, 106 Federal Reporter, 823: "'Autopsy' is defined to be an examination of a dead body by dissection. 'Dissection' is the cutting apart of a dead body, or the cutting of it into pieces."

4. I have no doubt of the authority of the court to remove dead animals from the county roads and pay the expenses necessarily incurred in so doing.

5. The reports required by Art. 840, R. S., 1895, must be made to the Commissioners' Court, and after being entered on the financial ledger "shall be filed in the County Clerk's office." The article is quite plain and I find nothing in the County Auditor law changing these provisions of the article.

Sec. 6 of the County Auditor law requires the Auditor to examine and report on these reports. The Auditor "shall relieve the County Clerk of keeping the financial ledger." (Sec. 9.)

6. Sec. 15 of the County Auditor law requires that "all claims, bills and accounts against the county must be filed in ample time for the Auditor to examine and approve same before the meetings of the Commissioners' Court." The section does not require the claim to be filed with the Auditor. They should be presented to the Commissioners' Court by filing them with the County Clerk, who is ex-officio clerk of that court. I do not find that the Auditor has anything to do with the claims, bills, etc., after they have been paid by the court.

7. Sec. 15 concludes: "If deemed necessary all such accounts must be verified by affidavit touching the correctness of same before some person authorized to administer oaths and the Auditor is hereby authorized to administer oaths."

The Auditor is therefore authorized to administer all oaths which any officer "authorized to administer oaths" can administer.

I note that you will send a copy of this law to each of the other Auditors. I hope you will do so.

I herewith return clippings you sent me.
Yours truly,
R. V. DAVIDSON,
Attorney General.

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Peace, however, was worth some sacrifices. Hold on to your Japanese bonds.

Maudie Gonne has secured her divorce. We have forgotten the gentleman's name.

Naturally the druggists' convention did not think much of the various faith-cure methods.

Chicago theatrical managers report a scarcity of chorus girls. Have the mill-honaires married them all?

If robbers keep on holding up women the latter will have to secure a new brand of repeating hairpins.

However, the czar is not the first man who has made a hit for a while by standing pat on a pair of deuces.

Mrs. Fleming of the Harvard observatory, who has just discovered a new star, is a star astronomer herself.

Some of these days feel as though the weather man were in a hurry to ring up the curtain for Indian summer.

The author of "Little Citizens," Miss Myra Kelly, has been married and will continue her work in an improved form.

Seeing an automobile stop short and refuse to budge reminds one that the non-automatist has joys that the automatist knows not of.

For years some persons have earnestly practiced the theory that the "vegetable juices" of corn are a cure for almost everything.

The United States produces a barrel of salt for every four inhabitants every year. And yet we all know a lot of people who are altogether too fresh.

Another ridiculous thing about monarchies is that the King is a man who if he were turned nose on his own back to make a living would starve to death.

Lord Curzon, a gentleman of much experience in a managerial capacity, particularly in eastern countries, is open to a lucrative engagement. Address, etc.

New York state reports a shortage in the schoolman crop, but it is not likely that serious hardships will follow. Massachusetts stands ready to help out.

A rejected lover in St. Louis is now suing the girl to get his presents back. Still, there are persons who pretend to believe that the age of romance is dead.

The fact that 4,600 Smiths gathered in remembrance in New Jersey the other day is a reminder that the Young family once expected to be the biggest in the world—but it was interfered with.

Blushing may be a sign of genius, as one of these "knowledgeable" writers aver, but are you not personally acquainted with many people who can blush, yet exhibit no other signs of genius?

From New York comes a hint to those who have the instincts of highwaymen without the courage. Get a few lives of bees and install them on the roof of some house near a candy factory.

A Chicago physician has told the school board that he has a method by which poor spellers can be cured. He has noticed in his practice that when people have bad spells they go to the doctor.

Science is doing the best it can in New Orleans, but the inhabitants can't help asking the watchman on the tower if he sees anything of a solitary horseman approaching who looks like Jack Frost.

A Pennsylvania man but 40 years old is the father of twenty-three children. He is now a section boss, but as soon as the President hears about it probably he will be invited to take a seat in the cabinet.

The profits of play writing are so great that nearly all the successful novel writers are deserting to the drama. Will this give some of the embryo novelists a chance? Let us prepare for the worst.

Why doesn't George Ade buy the Standard Oil company if he has so much money as all that? He could give away a fable with each gallon of oil and thus make the people happy while he was collecting tribute.

Somebody has made the interesting discovery that blushing is a sign of genius. If one blushes and is bald-headed and has an inclination to do absurd things there can be no room for doubt, for even if one never accomplishes anything for the world's profit or amusement.

It is announced that the dowager empress of China will issue a decree for the establishment of a parliament twelve years hence. She seems to think that China will be different twelve years from now.

COTTON INSURANCE WAR.

Rate Slashing is Predicted.

Jackson, Miss., Sept. 19.—A big fight is to be launched between the domestic fire insurance companies operating in the South and the marine companies for the control of the cotton insurance business. Edward Yerger, of Jackson, president of the Mississippi Fire Underwriters' association, and a member of the special committee of five members appointed at the recent National Association of Fire Insurance Underwriters held at Denver to consider this subject and devise a plan of action. The committee will meet in New York on October 15 to map out a plan of battle, and present indications are that the meeting will be the beginning of some very lively rate slashing between the domestic and marine companies. The trouble is of long standing, and it is claimed results from the marine companies gobbling up shore and cotton insurance risks.

New Orleans Fever Report is Considered Light.

New Orleans, La., Sept. 19.—Official report to 6 p. m., Sunday:

New cases	24
Total cases to date	2,571
Deaths	2
Total deaths	335
New febrile	6
Under treatment	323
Cases discharged	1,913

The Sunday reports are usually lighter than the week-day reports, but it was not expected that the report would run as low as it did. This leads to the hope that the reports next week will be much lighter than they were last week.

The heavy last week is attributed to the fact that every twelve days there is a marked increase in the number of new cases—showing a recrudescence of fever from fever which was not originally known. This is fortunate in that it enables the authorities to trace the cases to the original focus in the locality and by thorough fumigating eradicate the source of infection. The success in wiping out nests of infection in certain localities, after the original focus in that locality has been discovered and properly treated, has been the source of a renewal of confidence in the ultimate outcome.

CROWDS SEE SCENE OF WRECK.

San Antonio, Tex.: No arrest has been made in connection with the wrecking of the eastbound Davy Crockett at the Fair Grounds Saturday night. The cause of the wreck was the placing of three U bolts on the track. The U bolt is a device used to support steel bridges. It was ascertained today by Sheriff Tobin that the bolts were stolen from the Southern Pacific round house in this city. These bolts are unusual instruments. They weigh sixty-seven pounds each and are forty-three inches long.

German town, Tenn.: As a result of a clash between Contable Scott, assisted by several other white men, and a crowd of negroes at the Wolf River race track, in which a negro was killed, Scott and a Deputy wounded and three negroes shot, Abe Bynum, the colored proprietor of the race track, and his brother, John, are concealed in a cane brake around which has been thrown a posse of white men and an encounter is expected. Excitement is running high here and a lynching is looked for if the Bynum brothers are taken alive.

Judge Creates Sensation.

Waco, Tex., Sept. 19.—In his charge to the grand jury, Judge Sam R. Scott, of the fifty-fourth district court, referred to the fact that in a recent divorce case in Waco a divorce had been granted on the admission of adultery by the man, who is prominent. He instructed the grand jury to investigate and return a bill against the man for adultery, saying the tendency of society was to protect persons high in social life and that society needed to be directed the other way. The matter created a sensation.

Mason, Tex.: While with a party on the Llano River, near the mouth of Cress Creek, Mrs. Marvin found a very handsome pearl, quite large and perfect. She sold it a few days later to Max Martin, cashier of the Commercial Bank, for \$200. A number of beautiful pearls have been found in the Llano River recently.

Suicides in Jail.

Houston, Tex., Sept. 19.—August Brecker, aged sixty-five, arrested on a charge of forgery, suicided in the police jail with morphine, which was concealed on his person. He was sent to the penitentiary two years ago and then committed suicide, but the poison was pumped out of his stomach. He was pardoned on the belief of his innocence. Rather than face new charges which might send him back he took his life.

APPOINTMENTS ANNOUNCED.

Hawkins is Named.

Austin, Tex., Sept. 19.—Governor Lanham appointed Associate Justice W. H. Gill, of the First court of civil appeals to be chief justice, to succeed Chief Justice Garrett, resigned. He then appointed Judge T. S. Reese, as heretofore announced, to be associate justice of this court, to succeed Judge Gill. Both qualified and received their commissions. Attorney General Davidson then officially announced the appointment of W. E. Hawkins of Dallas to succeed Judge Reese as first assistant attorney general. The appointment of Mr. Hawkins is effective at once, and it is expected he will be here shortly.

Tragedy in Hell's Kitchen.

New York, Sept. 19.—In the discovery of the body of a woman huddled underneath the rear steps of a big tenement in West Thirty-second street on Sept. 18, the police believe they have evidence of another murder. The victim, whose name is unknown, is about 30 years old and was evidently in poor circumstances. When the lady was lifted the head moved so easily as to indicate that the woman's neck had been broken. The front of her waist was stained with blood. The section of the city where the body was found is known as "Hell's Kitchen," and is the stamping ground of some tough characters.

Held on Serious Charge.

Waxahatchie, Tex., Sept. 19.—Wesley Tume was arrested and lodged in the county jail, where he will be held pending further investigation into the death of an infant found buried under an old stump near Oxilla, Saturday. A post mortem examination indicated that the child had been murdered immediately after birth. In an investigation made by the fact was developed that the crime was committed last Thursday. The officers are now looking for the woman in the case.

Heart Removed While Alive.

Philadelphia, Pa.: The removal of a man's beating heart from his body and its replacement after a bullet had been extracted from the region adjacent to the pulsating organ is the remarkable achievement of medical science just accomplished by the physicians at the Germantown Hospital to the unusual operation to save his life is Frank Robinson, 25 years old, who is known as the "hard man" of Germantown because of his powerful physique.

Wreck on the Iron Mountain.

St. Louis, Mo.: The fast passenger train for the Southwest, which left St. Louis last night over the Iron Mountain route, was wrecked. According to reports received two trainmen were killed and fifteen passengers injured. The wreck was caused, it is stated, by the train, which was unusually long and heavy, leaving the rails on a sharp curve, the engine turning over down an embankment. Three of the forward cars left the rails, but only one of these was badly damaged.

Marshall, Tex., James Wilson, a negro, fell from an elevator landing three stories high here yesterday and landed head first on a pile of brick, seriously injuring himself. Wilson who was employed as a laborer on the remodeling of the Rosborough building, was thrown off by the breaking of the cable which drew up the elevators. He is still alive.

Taft Starts for Home.

Yokohama: Secretary of War Taft and his party sailed at 3 o'clock this afternoon for San Francisco on the steamer Korea, amid Japanese enthusiasm. Before sailing Secretary Taft said he thought that reports of the Japanese anti-peace demonstrations had been greatly exaggerated in America. He and his party had traveled all through Japan and had found no trace of any anti-foreign or anti-American feeling.

Youth and Old Age.

Pony, Mont., Sept. 19.—W. S. Crews, an old and prominent resident of this place, shot and killed his wife, then turned the gun on himself, put a bullet into his own head and died an hour afterward. On their marriage Crews signed over to his wife all of his property and the management of his former possessions has been one cause of the family troubles.

Lumber Yard Ablaze.

Houston, Tex.: This afternoon fire broke out in the southeast corner of the yard of the Central Lumber Company in the Fifth Ward. The office was a complete loss and the loss of lumber was about one-third of the amount in the yard, or between \$12,000 and \$15,000.

Dayton, Tex.: Another shallow well drilled by the Paraffine Company, came in last night, doing between 600 and 1,000 barrels of the high grade oil.

TUGO'S FLAGSHIP BURNS AND GOES TO BOTTOM.

A First-Class Battleship and 699 Men Lost.

Tokio, Sept. 13.—The Japanese battleship Mikasa, which was the flagship of Vice Admiral Togo during the battle of the Sea of Japan, caught fire and sank at 2:30 a. m. Sunday.

The Mikasa was a first-class battleship of 15,200 tons displacement. She was built in England and launched in 1902. The battleship was 400 feet long and had a speed of over eighteen knots and carried four 12-inch guns fourteen 6-inch guns, twenty 12-pounders and a number of rapid fire guns. She had four submerged torpedo tubes.

The loss of life by the sinking of the battleship Mikasa totals 599 officers and men, including detachments from other warships which went to the rescue of the vessel.

The fire started from an unknown cause at midnight on the night of Sept. 10. Before the officers could be rescued the fire reached the aft magazine, which exploded, blowing a hole in the port side of the vessel below the water line and causing the ship to sink.

An investigation is now being held to determine the cause of the fire.

Candidate Colquitt Talks.

Austin, Tex., Sept. 13.—Railroad Commissioner Colquitt has outlined his platform in his race for governor, in answer to a letter from N. H. Graham, of Gonzales county.

The proposed platform is red hot. He favors abolishing the office of state purchasing agent and abolishing the office of county treasurer.

He devises a plan whereby the levying of an occupation tax will not be necessary.

He opposes professional lobbying and favors an amendment to the constitution prescribing the qualifications of members of the legislature and restricting corporation lawyers from becoming members.

He favors taking the educational institutions out of legislative politics and favors a law which prohibits nepotism.

He opposes the abuse of the free pass system by railroads during the legislative session.

Touching on prohibition, he says that he does not believe the law can make good men, but laws that are made should be enforced.

He believes the public acts of officials should be subject to legitimate inquiry and investigation.

These are some parts of his platform.

The seven year old son of Mr. Lester, keeper of Exall lake, was attacked by a vicious cow this morning and both bones in the forearm of his right arm were broken and he was gored in the left groin very badly.

Benjamin Davis, an attorney and ranchman of Texas, has been appointed special counsel for the government in the packers' case, which will go to trial this fall.

Defending her sister from an attack made by the latter's husband, Mrs. Josephine Maze, of Edwardsville, Ill., shot and mortally wounded Henry Seitz, her brother-in-law.

Ex-Queen Liliuokalani celebrated her sixty-seventh birthday on Sept. 2. A reception, attended by natives, was held at her home in Honolulu.

At Jonesboro, Ark., Sam Burroughs shot and killed a woman, known as Jessie Williams, mortally wounded William Elder and then blew out his own brains.

Died at His Post of Duty.

Honolulu: A dead man held the wheel of the schooner Chas. Levi Woodbury during several hours of the night of Aug. 8, on her trip from Laysan island. He was a Japanese member of the crew and died clutching the wheel. He was found still holding it and the vessel, though greatly damaged by a hurricane, which is supposed to have caused his death from over exertion, reached port in safety.

Want Palma Again.

Havana: The national convention of the Moderate party adopted its platform without discussion, unanimously renominated President Palma to serve another four years and chose the leader of the Moderate party, Mendez Capote, for vice president of the republic. The convention was held in the assembly room of the new national headquarters, which was packed with delegates and spectators.

Ginners May Get into Trouble.

Hillsboro: The special agent of the government, appointed for the purpose of gathering statistics of ginners' receipts of cotton in this county, is having trouble in his work on account of the disinclination of ginners to furnish the data. Those refusing appear to be ignorant of the fact that the Federal statute imposes a penalty for refusing to answer the necessary questions.

Choate Enjoying Himself.

Although Joseph Choate, the former ambassador to England, has been home only seven months, he has had occasion to refuse flattering offers for legal services which would have netted him thousands of dollars. He declined to mix in the Philadelphia affair a few months ago and recently he wrote a positive letter saying that he would not possibly be persuaded into the Equitable business. Choate is in demand from many quarters, but he has steadfastly refused to entertain proposals. His excuse is "pressure of personal business." For a man worth less than a million, this seems strange to many New Yorkers.

Preserving the Gaelic Tongue.

Dr. Douglas Hyde of French Park, Ireland, the distinguished scholar and poet, who is coming here this fall on a lecturing tour, is president of the Gaelic League, a body which has done much to preserve the Irish language as a spoken tongue and to create a new literature in Irish.

Time teaches many lessons, but the student body is too often inattentive.

You must know yourself first: then you can be natural. When you are natural, then you will be consistent.

Could Get No Rest.

Freeborn, Minn., Sept. 18th (Special)—Mr. R. E. Goward, a well-known man here is rejoicing in the relief from suffering he has obtained through using Dodd's Kidney Pills. His experience is well worth repeating, as it should point the road to health to many another in a similar condition.

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Calm Age of Literature.

Justin McCarthy, whose own activities as a writer have extended over more than half a century, does not agree with the despondent note often heard in the discussion of English literature. "It is true," says he, "that we have had not the old giants with us. We have much fine talent, but not, perhaps, much real genius. It is the quiet sea that after the billows. What I mean is that in literary history you have times of great minds and then again times of merely gifted minds. The present time is of high average talent rather than one of genius. The average quality of English literature has never, perhaps, been higher, and then people are reading more. When the next flight of great geniuses come along there will be a public such as even Thackeray or Dickens did not have."

In Kaiser's Wine Cellar.

In the German Emperor's wine cellar there are brands from all parts of the globe. Each brand has its separate inclosure, shut in by iron railings, with a tablet affixed, giving name, age, price and number of bottles. No flasks or decanters are ever placed on the imperial table, the wine being served by the attendants from the original bottles.

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WAR IS NOW ENDED.

Armistice between Russia and Japan is Signed.

Gunshu Pass, Manchuria: After nine hours of negotiations, the armistice between Russia and Japan was signed at 7 o'clock last evening. It takes effect Sept. 16.

The conference began yesterday morning in the plain near Shabotzu. Gen. Ovanovsky represented Linc-yitch. Gen. Fukushima represented Field Marshal Oyama and was accompanied by Col. Tanaka and Capt. Tanaka two professors of international law, Arika and Soyzi, and a guard of fifty men.

Ovanovsky and Kukushima at 10 o'clock began the discussion of the conditions of the armistice, frequently retiring for the purpose of consultation. All the houses on the spot having been destroyed, the conference was held in the open, the officers sitting on the grass.

The armistice agrees to the abolition of all hostile or inimical acts, establishes a neutral zone of four kilometers wide between the two armies, of which Shabotzu, on the railway, is the center.

Maps showing the zone are to be exchanged. Civilians will be allowed within the territory and communication between the two armies is to be only by the Shabotzu road.

Special naval envoys are to meet near Vladivostok, with one ship for each nation, to confer and establish an armistice and a neutral zone at sea.

An armistice on the borders of Korea is to be arranged by separate negotiations between the local commanders and on terms similar to those agreed upon in Manchuria.

Entertained at Peking.

Pekin, Sept. 16, noon.—Miss Alice Roosevelt, Mrs. Rockhill, wife of the American Minister; Mrs. Newlands, wife of United States Senator Newlands, and other ladies of Miss Roosevelt's party went to the summer palace Wednesday and spent the night, yesterday they were received in formal audience by the Dowager Empress. Mrs. Rockhill, who was first presented to the Empress, introduced Miss Roosevelt first and afterward the elder ladies of the party.

The Empress moved among the visitors, chatting informally and presenting them with handsome gifts of bracelets and rings. This was followed by an inspection of the grounds of the summer palace. The whole visit was remarkable on account of the absence of formality.

Cloudburst in Kansas.

Kansas City, Mo.—An unusually heavy rainstorm amounting to almost a cloudburst in proportions and accompanied by a high wind in Western Missouri and Eastern Kansas caused serious damage to property and the loss of at least four lives. An average of four inches of water fell. All streams are rising rapidly, but no great damage from this source is feared.

At Maxon, Kansas, a woman and her three children, names not known, were drowned in the destruction of the railroad camp. A man and another child of the same family were forced to spend the night in a tree, from which they were rescued today.

Little Rock, Ark.: Hiram Sigler, a hostler 64 years old, attempted to kill his wife and daughter and then committed suicide by swallowing carbolic acid.

Auditor of Indiana Arrested.

Indianapolis, Ind., Sept. 16.—David E. Sherrick, ex-Auditor of State, was slated at the police court today charged with embezzlement of the State's funds. He waived examination and was bound over to the Grand Jury under heavy bond.

This afternoon Sherrick reappeared before Judge Whallon, who held him to await the action of the Grand Jury and fixed his bond at \$15,000. Sherrick's bond was signed by fourteen individuals and one trust company. He was immediately released and left the courtroom with several friends.

At St. Louis, Mo., a deal was concluded whereby the old Grant farm in St. Louis County, a short distance west of the city limits, for many years the home of President Ulysses S. Grant, will be converted into an amusement park next year. The tract comprises about 440 acres, and the purchase price was \$113,000.

Accidentally Shot.

Jewett, Tex.: A. E. Johnson, a farmer living three miles from here, was out hunting. In trying to get through a wire fence his gun was accidentally discharged and the load passed through his head, killing him instantly. He did not return at supper and his wife became alarmed and sent her little boy out to hunt him and the boy found his dead body astride the fence. He leaves a wife and several children.

JUDGE GARRETT DEAD.

At His Home in Brenham, From a Stroke of Paralysis.

Brenham, Tex., Sept. 16.—At his home in the southern part of the city, surrounded by all his family and many of his warm friends and associates, Judge Columbus Garrett crossed from the time side into eternity at 7:40 Friday morning, from the effects of paralysis, with which he was stricken some time ago, but from the effects of which he was not confined to his bed until a few days ago. Judge F. A. Williams of the Supreme Court, formerly with him on the Court of Civil Appeals and Judge W. H. Gill of the Court of Civil Appeals were at his bedside at the time of his demise, as was Justice Seth Shepherd of Washington, D.

It was thought that he was dying Thursday afternoon and the attending physicians were of the opinion that he would survive but a few hours, but he lingered all night and fell asleep at the hour previously named this morning.

District Court adjourned for the remainder of the week out of respect to him, and the funeral will take place from the family residence in the southern part of the city, at 4 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, with interment at Prairie Lea Cemetery.

Drummer Killed.

Palestine, Tex., Sept. 16.—R. J. Hiatt, a musical instrument drummer, traveling for a piano house, was fatally shot about 6:30 o'clock by an officer endeavoring to arrest him, after he had shot A. P. Henderson, manager of the local telephone exchange, breaking Henderson's thigh. From best information obtainable, Mr. Hiatt had a difference with Henderson over telephone service in which Henderson with a blow of the fist broke Hiatt's nose. This occurred at noon, or just at dinner time. About 6:30 Hiatt, meeting Henderson in the Ruby saloon, opened fire. He fired three shots, one of which shattered Henderson's thigh. Policeman Otis Rogers caught Hiatt and disarmed him, when he broke and ran into the corridor of the Landell hotel and up the stairs, where he was overtaken by both Policemen Rogers and Watts, and in a scuffle ensuing was shot through the bowels. Doctors were immediately summoned and everything possible done to relieve the suffering of the wounded man, but after thirty minutes of terrible agony death came to his relief.

Bidding for Cotton.

Temple, Tex.: There has been a miniature ginners' war carried on here for the past several days between one of the prominent square bale gins and the round bale plant. The latter has been making an aggressive bid for cotton and conditions have arrived at a point where ginning by these two concerns is being done practically free. Reports from the country confirm the forecast of a very spotted crop. In some sections of Bell County gins are running only a portion of each day, while in other parts they are crowded to capacity.

Austin, Tex.—The Seaboard Drilling Company of Beaumont, which was one of the oil companies that instituted injunction proceedings in the District Court here to restrain the State authorities from enforcing the Kennedy gross receipts tax law, today paid the tax due under the law, amounting to \$15, and gave notice in its letter of transmission to the Controller that it would dismiss the suit that is now pending in court.

Texas Oat Movement.

Sherman: The movement of Texas oats into Georgia, which state has removed its quarantine against the same, have begun in earnest. Owing to the lateness of the season the shipments have not been heavy so far, but the indications are that the shipment of oats for spring planting in Georgia and other reopened districts will be very heavy. At that time the benefits from the lifting of the Georgia quarantine will be evidenced by better prices, it is thought, will be more apparent.

Near Conway, Ark., a negro assaulted Mrs. Lawrence, a white woman and killed her eldest son to prevent his giving the alarm, and badly cut her 3-year old boy with a knife.

Buenos Ayres: The Chamber of Deputies voted 10,000 pesos gold for the victims of the earthquake in Sicily and Calabria.

Storm in Nebraska.

Omaha, Neb.: Western Iowa and Eastern Nebraska were visited by the worst windstorm and rainstorm of the year. In Omaha and Council Bluffs extensive damage was done and the loss by wind and flooded basements will be extensive, reaching many thousands of dollars. The storm reached the proportion of a tornado at Burwell, Neb., where one person was killed, six injured and \$50,000 damage done to property.

HOLY WAR RAGING

Thousands of Armenians Are Slaughtered.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 13.—A holy war has been proclaimed in the Caucasus district of Zangezur and Jerral, where Tartars are massacring Armenians without distinction of either sex or age. The country is swarming with bands of Tartars under the leadership of their chiefs. Many thousands of Tartar horsemen have crossed the Perso-Russian frontier and joined the insurgents in destroying Armenian villages.

At the village of Minkend 300 Armenians were slaughtered. Dispatches say mutilated children were thrown to the dogs and few survivors were forced to embrace Islamism in order to save their lives.

Naptha firms have cut off from delivery oil fuel to shipping companies which are now confronted with the necessity of suspending the railroad services and discharging the employees which will result in leaving thousands with no means of subsistence. The salt works at Baskunchak have been obliged to close owing to the scarcity of fuel and this will paralyze the fishing industry.

Progress Changes Brazos Farms.

Waco: Quietly but surely and certainly, there has been a great change going on in farming methods in the Brazos bottom during the past five years, and it looks as though the big areas of rich land which have been producing nothing but weeds will in the near future be yielding rich crops year by year; in fact, a good deal of the land is already doing that. The slipshod methods of working lazy negroes are playing out. A negro who secures work from most of the land owners must either be a hustler or he does not hold out long. In the days past a number of negroes had secured small tracts of land in the bottoms, especially near Downsville, but it is said that these are being weeded out and men with means and modern methods are taking hold, plowing with steam, and using all other up-to-date farming machinery. The old methods are being relegated to the rear.

Baptist State Convention.

Dallas: A meeting of the executive board of Baptist General convention was held, at which it was decided to change the dates of holding the convention from Nov. 9 to 16. This change in the dates for the holding of the convention was made necessary by the postponement of the Fair. At a meeting of the executive committee held in this city some time ago it was decided to hold the next convention in Dallas.

M. A. Carleton, from the department of agriculture at Washington, and A. S. Leidigh, in charge of the government experiment station at Channing, are at Amarillo to push work on the Amarillo station. The seed and tool house are under construction.

Mr. Wm. B. Cottrell, an employe of a Dallas printing house, had the misfortune to get both thumbs cut off and a finger so badly crushed that it will have to be amputated, in a paper cutter.

The Barnum & Bailey show has abandoned its Southern tour on account of the fear of being quarantined, and the enormous expense attached thereto, in the event that they did come and would have to quit performing.

Miss Lula Baugh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Baugh of Aspermont, shot herself through the bowels with a 44-calibre Colt's pistol, and the wound is thought to be certainly fatal.

Rev. Frank Hunt, a native of New Orleans and long a resident of the City of Mexico, where he has been distinguished by his philanthropy, has been made a monsignor by order of the vatican.

At a meeting of the executive committee of the Texas Implement and Hardware Dealers' association, a programme was arranged for the state meeting of the association, which is to be held in Dallas on Jan. 23.

An unknown Mexican died in the county jail at Waco. He was found near South Bosque Saturday, lying on the bank of Harris creek with his feet dangling in the water, and was unconscious.

Man is an open book—only some women never learn their letters.

Desperate Deed of Dementia.

Cincinnati: As his wife sat by his bedside, Eulass Morgan, a rich farmer, living three miles from Corinth, Ky., suddenly seized a razor and cut her throat. Almost immediately, Morgan drew a razor across his own throat. Physicians have said it is impossible for either to recover. Morgan had been ill for eight weeks with typhoid fever and grew desperate believing recovery was impossible.

The Wind and the Valley

A wild wind roamed the world,
Rebellious, strong, and free;
It howled its discord long and loud,
O'er mountain, plain, and sea.

Through spaces vast it swept,
Nor paused as on it flew,
And chaos dire e'er marked its track,
But still it onward blew.

A valley sweet it found,
With peaceful sunshine filled,
It swept between the circling slopes,
With joy its heart was thrilled.

The valley spurned it not,
But loving greeting gave,
No longer wild, rebellious, sweeps
That wild o'er land and wave.

The valley sweet art thou,
Who greeting gave to me,
The wild wind: now no longer wild—
Content to rest in thee.

—Ethel L. Frobie, in Sunset Magazine.

THE WAYS OF FATE

BY LULU J. POWERS

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"Ten o'clock," said Emogene Gray, glancing at her watch as she impatiently walked up and down the little platform in front of the dingy country station. "What perverse fate sent me here to this out of the way place anyhow? This extension cuts off forty miles, but then it would have been better to have gone around, as the trains are so irregular that one is liable to come at any moment or it might not come until night. In that case I shall miss the connection and be too late for the wedding." She looked at the track which wound down a sandy bottom and up a hill slope and lost itself among the green of the pines, and then at the straggling village houses, turning at length with a sigh of impatience and entered the bare little waiting room. The only other passengers was a deaf old minister and his partly blind wife.

The former sat upon one of the long benches which were tacked to the wall, his hands folded before him, the picture of patience while his old wife dozed in the corner. Everything was still and quiet, and at length the old minister spread his handkerchief over his bald head and was soon snoring lustily.

Emogene went outside and walked up and down. After a time she sat down upon the edge of the platform, and had just given herself up to reflection when a firm step upon the platform aroused her and she looked up. The tall handsome man who had just stepped up on the platform was in the act of opening a letter, as their eyes met; he crumpled the letter and pushed it into his pocket.

"Emogene!—Can it be possible!" he exclaimed, going up to her and taking her hand in his. A flood of crimson swept over her face and left it pale. "Why, Robert!" she exclaimed, a glad light leaping into her eyes. For an instant they were both silent. It has been said that people forget—that hearts grow cold—even love to hate; but when kindred soul meets soul, no matter how deep the gulf between the wild sweet joy of the heart springs to the eye. "Your husband!" he at length found voice to ask, "where is he?"

"Dead," drawing her hand from his and turning her eyes away. He took her hand and drew it through his arm as they strolled out under the trees which overshadowed the road. The old minister who had roused from his nap and looked out the door. "Humph!" he muttered, "a meeting of old lovers—but it is the way of youth," and humming the air of an old love song he went and sat beside his wife, and drawing her white head over upon his shoulder kissed her.

"Your coming into my life, Emogene was an inspiration—a vista of joy, followed by deep misery and anguish. We cannot guide our hearts; they spring from us without our will or consent. I knew from the first that you were the promised wife of another, and yet my heart went out to you, and I fancied at times that you cared for me also. My uncle and aunt had no tenderness in their natures, and cared for little but making money. I had been left an orphan upon their

on, even though I knew that you were dead to me. A year ago both my aunt and uncle died and as they could not take their money with them they willed it to me. Now, sweetheart, tell me of yourself."

"You know," she said sadly, "that I too was an orphan and owed everything to my husband—that man I married. He was years older than I, but he was a noble man. Two years after we married he had some financial reverses and the worry preyed upon him and in less than a year he left me, and since that time I have acted as governess in numerous families. Now I am on my way to attend the marriage of an old school friend."

"Quite a coincidence," he said, his face growing white. "I too am on my way to attend a marriage."

"Well, that is singular," she said.



"You must marry me at once." "What worries me, though, is that if I am not in time I shall offend an old friend. Sarah wanted me to come last week, and if this train makes me lose my connection she will hardly forgive me. I must confess, however, that I am a little curious to know who the bridegroom will be, as she writes me such strange letters, and has never told me the name of the chosen one yet, although she has written a lot about him. But then Sarah Ashton is always somewhat frivolous, though always good-hearted."

"Sarah Ashton!" exclaimed Robert Halladay, trembling so that he caught the post of a fence to steady himself. "Good God, Emogene! I am the expected bridegroom!" he groaned. "I can never keep my vows now that I know you are free. Until this hour I thought you were dead to me—another man's wife. Now you shall be mine!" He caught her hand in his.

She pushed him away from her, her face as white as his own. "Your honor and duty demand that you keep your word, that you hasten to Sarah Ashton and make her your wife."

"Darling, can you send me from you when I love you so," holding out his arms to her, "when I long for you—dream of you and want you always?"

"Good-bye!" though her face was trembling and her very heart bursting, she turned away from him and walked over to the hotel. She could not continue her journey, her soul would not bear it; she must have rest.

Half an hour passed. Alone in the seclusion of the little dingy room she gave vent to her feelings and great bursting sobs shook her frame. After a time she grew calmer and sank upon her knees. "Great God!" she prayed, "give me strength to do my duty, and help me to forget this day."

Just then a rap sounded upon the door.

Emogene arose and bathed her face before she opened the door. As she opened it Robert Halladay stepped into the room and took her in his arms. "Good news, darling," he said, kissing her again and again. "Read this," holding a letter before her astonished eyes.

It was but a few lines in Sarah Ashton's irregular, well known scrawly hand as follows:

Dear Friend:—Doubtless you will be greatly surprised, but I hope not greatly grieved when you learn that I have eloped and am happily married this morning to Mr. Smith. We were engaged and loved each other years ago, but paternal authority separated us, etc. etc. Yours in friendship, SARAH SMITH.

"Now, sweetheart, as I cannot be a fitted lover, you must marry me at once."

"Why! How—"
He stopped her mouth. Half an hour

later the old minister performed the ceremony in the hotel parlor, and when the delayed train pulled out from the platform it bore two happy, satisfied hearts away upon their bridal tour.

HIS EDITORIAL QUICKLY READY.

New York Paper Tells Good Story on Southern Journalist.

A certain editorial writer of the staff of a Southern newspaper was inclined to dilatoriness during certain periods of conviviality, and caused thereby much concern in the breast of the foreman of the composing room just prior to the moment when the forms must go to press. But the writer was a part owner of the paper and could not well be discharged, since he occupied the position of managing editor. Many times the editorials were late and the paper delayed in going to press, but the delinquent writer always made good after a fashion. Finally he hit upon a scheme when he was called upon at the last moment for "copy" that may, in all justice to expediency, be called the art of genius.

The hour was very late and no leading editorial had gone to the composing room. In frantic haste the foreman sent for the editorial writer, and only after half an hour was he located—in a nearby saloon and much the worse for his dalliance there. He grasped the intelligence that he had forgotten his leading column, and made his way as fast as he could to his office. Snatching a piece of copy paper in one hand, he caught up a copy of the New York Times with the other, and from it clipped a leading editorial, which he pasted on the paper. Then he wrote:

"We cannot agree with the New York Times when it says:"

The editorial of the Times was copied, the paper went to press, and the editor back to the saloon.—New York Times.

Cheat the Elephants.

"Billiardists who have been afraid the scarcity of ivory would kill the game have another guess coming," said an old player, as he chalked his cue the other day. "I've been playing with billiard balls made of artificial ivory, which was so nearly like the kind the elephants furnish that you would not notice the difference. Elephants are getting pretty scarce, you know, and elephant tusks are now almost as rare as genuine Navajo blankets. You know it is only the choicest of tusk ivory that can be used for billiard balls. One year ago regulation two and three-eighth inch ivory balls could be purchased for \$8. Now they cost \$16 apiece. The advance in the price of ivory was simultaneous with and strikingly similar to the constantly growing value of diamonds. Billiardists have maintained that only with ivory balls could the delights of the game be realized. This meant that within a few years only millionaires, kings, or princes could hope to indulge in the game which dates back to the time of the Pharaohs.

"Yes, sir, they are now making ivory balls that won't catch cold, and they are practically indestructible. They are celluloid and bone and hard rubber and are then sandpapered and polished."

Where Oil Was Needed. He was dying, so the schoolbook says, dying in Algiers; There was lack of antiseptics and dearth of woman's tears; But a Red Cross man approached him and he murmured soft and low That up upon his cistern some oil would have to go. Now, this soldier of the legion knew English words a few; And to him the sound of "cistern" was not exactly new. Still the word conveyed but little to his unresponsive mind; And he asked in simple language for a plain reply in kind. Then they spoke in accents soothing, how this oil the germs would kill. And the wicked stegomyia would become the same as all. But still they had to tell him and make it to him plain. That he had been mistaken and that no one who was sane Could ever think that "cistern" the same as "system" meant— That never oil—excepting cod—was on the "system" spent. And so he died a peaceful death and never was dismayed. When ward clubs came in his back yard and ketones was sprayed. —New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Copper Exported to China.

More than 22,000 tons of copper have been exported to China from America this year. The unusual quantity has excited attention, and inquiries of the trade have elicited two explanations. One is that a new coinage is necessary in China, because the old has been gradually melted down for the manufacture of cartridges. The other is that the process of smelting the metal is so imperfect that the smelted copper contains small quantities of gold, and this the astute Chinese contrive to extract. Vast quantities of copper disappear constantly in China from one cause or another.

Distinguished College President.

Rev. David H. Buel, the new president of Georgetown University, is a son of Col. David H. Buel, U. S. A. He was graduated from Yale in 1883 and has been successively instructor in classics at Holy Cross college, classics and higher mathematics at St. Francis Xavier college, professor of physics at St. John's college and of physics and mechanics at Georgetown university.

Suspicious.

The following item appeared in the Bacon Ridge Banner: "One night last June the editor heard someone prowling about in his chicken coop. Not having any shot handy he loaded the gun with quinine pills and blazed away. The intruder was peppered, but managed to crawl away. As there is only one man in the village who has not had the ague this season we have our 'suspicious.'"

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DEMOCRATIC POLICY VINDICATED

The Democratic party in convention assembled at St. Louis cut out the fallacies of the Chicago platform which the News opposed in 1896 and thus affirmed the soundness of the News contention. The party now stands fully committed to policies for which the News stood in 1896, and the alleged "organs" that pretend to make imitations over the News' opposition to free silver have since swallowed the News' medicine and abused others for not doing so. The News is not blowing here and there by every puff of an air that comes out of a politician's mouth. It sticks to something, and even those who oppose it esteem and honor it.—Dallas News.

To crow over the opposition to "free silver" in 1896 is to make a very hollow sound, and to felicitate ones self on the action of the Democratic party at St. Louis in cutting out the fallacies of the Chicago platform is to consort with the assassins of the party. Not the rank and file but the hungry politicians were in control at St. Louis, and their action buried the party. An analysis and comparison of the vote by states with the vote at previous elections leaves no doubt of it—but the rank and file will take charge again in 1908.

As to free silver, it is not proposed to show that it was a policy that should have been made prominent in the St. Louis platform nor that it is desirable now. But if ever the principle involved in a proposition has been vindicated by subsequent events it has been done as to the free silver proposition as put forward by the Democratic platform of 1896. Its purpose was to give the country a larger circulating medium of self-bottomed—business—money. The Democrats properly claimed that more money was absolutely required to promote the industrial and commercial prosperity of the country. That all of the gold was being coined as fast as it was discovered of mine and it was not sufficient. That the only way to get more money without having the additional circulating medium based wholly on government debt—gold bonds—or a straight fiat currency, was to coin all silver on an unequal footing with gold. The Republicans and "gold bugs" opposed free silver, as the term was understood, and denied that a larger volume of money was needed. This is a brief but correct statement of the opposing contentions.

What is the sequel. At that time neither Democrat, Republican, gold bug, or what not, foresaw or had the faintest premonition that we were upon the eve of enormous gold discoveries. But the gold was found and came to the mint by the millions and it filled the place, to a measurable extent, if not entirely, which the Democrats proposed that silver should fill and it, with a little increase from bank notes, has almost doubled our circulating medium since 1896. The result of this increase has been what the Democrats said it would be, increasing and prospering industries and increasing commerce. No Republican or gold bug now denies that the increase in money is most largely responsible for it. They said then that we did not need more money. But if it had not been for the fortunate fact of the gold discoveries—with free silver defeated—what would have been the result? Every logical reason and conclusion points inevitably to the fact that the Democratic forebodings of industrial, financial and commercial depression would have settled upon the country and that the

masses would have been ground under the heel of the owners of the small stock of basic money—gold. The financiers wanted but little money, believing that they could manipulate it more to their profit. Under the light of the times the Democrats offered the best safeguard against their designs, they could not see the coming stream of gold, but it came, saved the situation and vindicated the claim that more basic money was necessary.

It is evident that State Treasurer Robbins thought Land Comr. Terrell over officious in calling public attention to that crooked clerk in the treasury department and would have preferred to have been let alone to attend to the matter in his own time and way. But we are of the opinion that Mr. Robbins was taking too much time and, in fact, that it is doubtful if the public would have heard of the matter if Mr. Terrell had not forced his hand. The act of the clerk was little short of theft and in withholding his name Mr. Robbins has not given the public all the information it is entitled to.

There is probably not a farm in West Texas which does not afford a spot where a reservoir could be built that would catch sufficient water to irrigate from one to five, ten or more acres. One acre properly irrigated, fertilized and intensively cultivated will produce all of the potatoes, garden vegetables and fruits in great variety that an average family can consume the year around, in fact it will come very near producing the family's living, and an infinitely better and more wholesome living than one in a hundred have without the irrigation. Surely here is incentive enough to cause every home owner to make strenuous efforts to provide irrigation for one or a few acres.

Mr. J. S. Barnet, a farmer residing several miles west of town, was in town Thursday and said that he dug thirty-two rattlesnakes out of a prairie dog hole a few days before and killed them. This is the biggest snake story we have ever heard in this country, but there is no reason to doubt Mr. Barnet's statement as he is a reliable man.

Wagons loaded with crude Beaumont oil Mr. W. A. Earnest of Munday passed up the road Wednesday. Mr. Earnest uses the oil for fuel in running his gin.

Mrs. S. R. Rike has returned from a visit to relatives at Sweetwater.

Raymond Stuart was trying to drive a cartridge into a target rifle the other day when the cartridge exploded and the bullet passed through the arm of his little sister who was standing near. Fortunately an artery was not cut and the wound was not very serious. Firearms are dangerous things in the hands of children.

Mr. S. L. Robertson has returned from his purchasing trip in the Eastern markets.

Mr. C. A. Mayes of Munday is here on a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Isbell.

Messrs. G. R. Couch and J. S. Boone made a shipment of cattle to Fort Worth this week.

Mr. J. W. Davis of the Sagerton neighborhood was in town Thursday. Mr. Davis is an enthusiastic socialist, one of the few in this section, and had some circulars printed announcing speaking at several places by Rev. M. A. Smith, D. D. His date for Haskell is Tuesday 26 at 7:30 p. m.

Mr. L. D. Courtney was in town Friday and favored us with some cash—a thing we always appreciate.

Mr. Tom Ryan called in yesterday and favored us with a cash subscription for M. W. J. Ryan of Montague.

Mrs. J. A. Couch Jr. is visiting the family of Mr. J. A. Couch, Sr., at Munday.

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WICHITA VALLEY LINE.

Reports Say It Will Be Absorbed by Colorado Southern.

Fort Worth, Tex., Sept. 18.—There is every reason to believe that the Colorado and Southern will absorb the Wichita Valley line and that the road will be extended from Seymour south to Stamford or Abilene, and built from the northern connect to Ardmore, in Indian Territory, where Santa Fe and the Missouri, Kansas and Texas line will be touched. It is confidently believed that Benjamin F. Yoakum, Edwin Hawley, General Granville M. Dodge and Colonel Morgan Jones are interested along with Mr. Walters of the Atlantic Coast Line in this new enterprise.

As a matter of fact Colonel Morgan Jones has been in the section of country between Seymour and Stamford for some days closing up the details in the matter of bonuses. There appears to be a complication to the extent that Major J. D. Beardsley of Gustown, Ia., has closed a deal for the construction of a line from Abilene north for a bonus of \$123,000, but it is understood here that Colonel Morgan Jones, Mr. Yoakum and associates interested in the Wichita Valley extension are going right ahead with their enterprise and are securing bonuses and now have a surveying corps running the line between Seymour and Stamford. With the completion of these extensions, the Wichita Valley will be something like 250 miles in length.

It is believed here that carrying out the extensive plans of Mr. Yoakum for Texas, formed some time since, that the line will be built on to Brownwood, where connection with the Fort Worth and Rio Grande will be made and from Brady on an air line to Kerrville, the end of the San Antonio and Aransas Pass, a property which Mr. Yoakum is very familiar with, or for a San Antonio connection, a direct line from San Antonio from Brady.

The FREE PRESS will add to the above that Mr. Jones has had several conferences with the Haskell railroad committee relative to building the Wichita Valley road via Haskell and we understand at this time that a satisfactory arrangement is about to be made. It is not known just what effect the extension of the Wichita Valley will have on Major Beardsley's project, but he is in the field with his engineering corps. It may be that a deal will be made between Major Beardsley and the Valley people. Haskell is in a position to feel confident of one or other of the roads, if not both of them.

Cured of Lame Back After 15 Years of Suffering.

I had been troubled with lame back for fifteen years and I found a complete recovery in the use of Chamberlain's Pain Balm," says John G. Bishop, Gullam, Ind. This liniment is also without an equal for sprains and bruises. It is for sale at Terrell's Drug Store.

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The West Texas Fair to be held at Abilene Sept. 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30, is a West Texas proposition and all West Texas people are cordially invited to co-operate with the people of Abilene to make it a great success.

The indications now are that it is going to be very much the best entertainment of the kind ever seen in our section of the state.

Nearly every county in West Texas will be represented in the agricultural and live stock departments, and that will mean a great big advertisement along the proper lines of the resources of this part of Texas.

Lovers of fast horses have a rich treat in store, as about forty of the best horses in the South and West are booked to be on hand, and the Fair directors promise that every race shall be clean and honest.

Wednesday the 27th will be Farmers' Union and Labor Union Day, and speeches on the ground will be made by distinguished officers of the State Farmers' Union, such as President Calhoun, State Organizer Montgomery, and State Lecturer Neill among some of the strongest Labor Union speakers of Texas.

Thursday the 28th will be Abilene Day, when all business in the city will be suspended. During the day U. S. Senator Bailey and all the Democratic candidates for governor in 1906 will be expected to make talks. These with other noted speakers will make it a day of interest.

Sept. 19th will be Fraternal Order Day and many distinguished orators have been invited and will be present to talk to and with their fraternal associates, and all Fraternities will attend the Fair in crowds that day to greet their respective speakers.

President Weaver wishes everybody to understand that the general admission fee will be only 25 cents, and that the railroads have announced special low rates to and from Abilene.

GEN. CUSTER'S SLAYER.
Chief Rain-in-the-Face Dies at Standing Rock.

Aberdeen, S. D., Sept. 18.—Rain-in-the-Face, one of the leading chiefs in the Custer massacre and who is said personally to have killed Col. Custer, died at the Standing Rock reservation Sept. 12. He was 62 years old.

Mr. J. L. Turbow returned the other day from a trip to Fort Worth. We are informed that he purchased a farm in Tarrant county.

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Mr. J. H. Hallmark sold cotton in Haskell this week.

School books at Colliers, for cash only.

Mr. Whit Williams sold cotton in Haskell this week.

Mr. J. B. Hash made a business trip to Albany this week.

Full-blood, single comb Brown Leghorn chickens for sale. Call at J. B. Hash's store Sept. 15. E. I. Chatwell.

Mr. J. T. Hallmark heads the list in the number of bales of new cotton sold by one farmer this season. Up to date he has marketed eight bales.

Mr. W. A. Bettis of Walnut Springs, who has considerable interests in this county, has come out to spend some time on his place in the northern portion of the county.

In calling at Williams' you will find a new and select stock of groceries and choice confectioneries.

Messrs. A. W. Dunn and E. A. Kincaid of Lampasas were prospecting in Haskell this week. While here they met and were pleased to see their old time friend, Mr. Wm. Oglesby.

If you are going to have to buy feed in any quantity, be sure to see us before buying. We will carry a full line of feed stuffs and make you very close prices. W. W. Fields & Bro.

Mr. J. M. McReynolds of the northwest part of the county was in town Thursday. He is wanting to buy some good mares.

Mr. Lon Post of Fort Worth was here Thursday.

Mr. J. F. Albin of the Marcy country was in town Wednesday doing some trading.

Messrs. T. J. Lemmon, C. R. Peters and Alvy Couch went to Fort Worth Wednesday with a shipment of cattle.

We have a more complete stock of new fall and winter goods than in any former season. Having added many new and standard makes of superior quality, enables us this season to give those who buy goods of us the best quality for the least possible price. Come and see our goods; you will find the quality in them, as well as low prices.—The Stamford Dry Goods Co.

See W. H. Parsons for watches, clocks and jewelry. Repairing a specialty.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Hunt visited the town of Carney Sunday.

Messrs. Dick Pogue, J. D. Roberts and son Vontress, returned this week on a trip to Terry county. We understand that Mr. Pogue purchased a ranch out there.

The quarterly union meeting of the ladies' aid societies of the several churches in Haskell will be held Thursday, Sept. 28. The members will assemble at the Christian church at 2:30 p. m. and the meeting will be in the form of an outdoor entertainment.

In receiving and putting out goods at Williams' it is hard to get in and out of the store for the stock of goods. There is quantity and variety for all—call and see for yourself. Southeast corner of square. He gives no "next week" promises but does it right now.

Mr. M. E. Mixon of the Marcy neighborhood was in town Monday. He told the FREE PRESS that there was considerable cotton in his neighborhood that good judges say will make three quarters of a bale per acre. That is about the best we have heard of this fall.

Mr. W. W. Powell of Cliff was in Haskell Wednesday.

Mr. W. M. Webb of the Cliff country was in the city Thursday.

Mr. W. F. Oakley of the Pinkerton neighborhood brought in Wednesday and sold a wagon load of new crop corn.

Messrs. T. E. Ballard, A. D. English and Ross Hemphill made a shipment of beef cattle to Fort Worth this week.

Mr. W. R. Moore of Ardmore, I. T., who owns a ranch in Knox county, was in Haskell this week.

Mr. J. S. Barnett of the Rule neighborhood was in town Thursday. He says that cotton is putting on fruit right along and if frost is late in coming a fairly good crop will be made.

I will duplicate Sears & Roebuck's or any other catalogue prices on clocks, watches and jewelry. Call and bring your catalogue with you for comparison. W. H. PARSONS, Jeweler and Optician.

Mr. O. H. Partridge of Knox county was doing business in Haskell the early part of the week.

Mr. J. A. Logan made a business trip to Stamford this week.

Mr. G. F. Mashon of the north side was in town trading Thursday.

KILLING OF A RANGER.

Capt. Rogers Tells of the Death of Private Goff.

DALLAS NEWS.

Austin, Tex., Sept. 18.—Adj. Gen. Hulen has received the following official report on the killing of Private Goff of the Ranger force, which occurred in the Brewster county mining district:

"On the evening of the 15th Private Goff arrested at Big Bend Austin Garcia for creating a disturbance in a saloon and trying to fight. In the absence of any calaboose at the mine Private Goff was taking his prisoner to camp, was on horseback and had the prisoner walking in front of him. There is a steep mountain to go up and in going to camp the prisoner wanted to go a different trail and Goff turned his horse to get around him and make him go the way he wanted him to go, and his horse fell on him on the brink of the mountain. His Winchester was in the scabbard on the horse, and when the horse fell on Goff the prisoner grabbed the rifle out of the scabbard and fired at Goff, missed him the first shot and fired a second shot, which struck Goff in the spinal column. Goff had struggled to his feet and stood up and grabbed for his pistol, but was too late and he was struck with a bullet from a 30-40 rifle. At the second shot Goff fell and rolled down the mountain thirty feet. He lived about twenty-four to thirty hours and died.

"Immediately upon receiving a wire of the tragedy I took Privates Bailey and McGhee with their horses and my hack and Dr. Berkeley of Alpine and started for the scene of the trouble. At Mr. Nevill's ranch, some twenty-seven miles distant, I received a phone message of Goff's death and that his body would be started to Alpine, so I waited on the roadside so as to receive the body with my fresh team and hasten into Alpine, which I did, arriving at Alpine about 7:15 in the evening of the 15th. I sent Privates Bailey and McGhee on to Big Bend to join the Deputy Sheriff and citizens in that vicinity, with instructions to do everything possible to apprehend and capture his slayer.

It is thought by some he will not cross the Rio Grande. If he does not, we have great hope of effecting his capture within a week or two. Should he cross, however, I would feel very much discouraged, as I am told by the officers in this country that it is almost impossible to get a prisoner from Mexico under the operations of the present treaty.

"We are very much grieved over the death of Private Goff. In addition to being a very brave and courageous officer, he seemed personally very much attached to me, having served with me some time, some twelve years ago, since which we have continually been good friends. Inclosed find letter from the manager of the mines showing the esteem and regard in which Private Goff was held. Even mere acquaintances, to say nothing of intimate friends, recognized in Goff a man of ability and extraordinary courage. He was one of the quickest men with arms and the best shot I have ever known in the service. He was industrious, well informed and, indeed, a very capable man. Respectfully submitted,

"J. H. ROGERS,
"Captain Company C. Ranger Force."
Tom Goff, the man killed was an old resident of Throckmorton, where his parents resided for many years, and where his sister, Mrs. M. L. McCabe and other relatives still reside. He was also a brother of Mr. Frank Goff of this place. His remains were shipped to Throckmorton, being accompanied by Capt. Rogers, where they were buried Tuesday, 19th inst.

Like Finding Money.

Finding health is like finding money—so think those who are sick. When you have a cough, cold, sore throat or chest irritation, better act promptly like W. C. Barber, of Sandy Level, Va. He says: "I had a terrible chest trouble, caused by smoke and coal dust on my lungs; but after finding no relief in other remedies, I was cured by Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds." Greatest sale of any cough or cold medicine in the world. At Terrell's Drug Store; 50c and \$1.00; guaranteed. Trial bottle free.

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Mr. W. M. Speck of Carney was in town Thursday soliciting subscriptions to aid in building a Baptist church at that place.

Mr. T. J. Head visited the county capital Wednesday.

OUR 15th ANNUAL ANNOUNCEMENT

With a good, liberal trade in view for the fall season, we have secured the largest and most desirable stock of general merchandise ever brought to Haskell, our aim being to meet every demand of the increasing trade of this section, and we invite you to an inspection of it with full confidence that we can supply the wishes of all with goods that will meet their approval as to

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Both men, boys and children is complete, if you price them you are sure to buy.

Boots and Shoes
We handle the Tenment shoe, the shoe that was awarded the only gold medal at the World's Fair on Saint Louis made shoes.

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Our buyer while in the eastern markets picked carefully only for the latest, newest weaves and colors to be had and our price puts them in reach of all.

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is a line we give our special attention you will find Mrs. E. J. Hunt and Mrs. H. E. Fields in charge of this line. With their 18 years of past experience of buying and trimming are considered artist of this profession and you will always find styles quality and our prices unequalled.

We invite our many friends and customers and the general public to call and see us.

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NOTICE.

We desire to say to the public that we have purchased the cold drink and confectionery business of C. M. Porter and will continue to dispense cold drinks at the Arctic.

We will also run a restaurant in connection with the business and serve at all times ham and eggs, fish, oysters and steak with the usual accompaniments.

SIMMONS BROS.

NEW BARBER SHOP. I have opened up a barber shop on the east side of the square, in the photographic gallery, and will appreciate any trade that will come to me.

R. G. MERRITT.

Cause of Insomnia.

Indigestion nearly always disturbs the sleep more or less and is often the cause of insomnia. Many cases have been permanently cured by Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. For sale at Terrell's Drug Store.

Cheese, macaroni, green and dried apples, shredded wheat and all kinds of canned goods and the best flour on earth, at G. E. Ballews.

Capt. A. H. O'Keefe of the Paint creek neighborhood was in town yesterday and gave it as his opinion that the cotton in his section would make only a light yield.

Got Off Cheap.

He may well think he has got off cheap, who, after having contracted constipation or indigestion, is still able to perfectly restore his health. Nothing will do this but Dr. King's New Life Pills. A quick, pleasant and certain cure for headache, constipation, etc. 25c at Terrell's drug store, guaranteed.

Delegates representing the Farmers' Union in this district held a called meeting here yesterday and today.

Mr. G. F. Atchison of the east side was in Wednesday with a bale of cotton. He says his cotton will make a third of a bale per acre.

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Mr. M. E. Park fell off a haystack Wednesday, striking the ground with his head. The shock rendered him unconscious for about an hour, but we learn that he has recovered from its effects.

U. S. SENATOR TOWNE

Credits Doan's Kidney Pills with a Gratifying Cure.

Hon. Charles A. Towne, ex-U. S. Senator from Minnesota, brilliant orator, clever business man, brainy lawyer, whose national prominence made him a formidable candidate for the presidential nomination in 1904, writes us the following:

Gentlemen: I am glad to endorse Doan's Kidney Pills. The remedy was recommended to me a few months ago when I was feeling miserable; had severe pains in the back; was restless and languid; had a dull headache and neuralgic pains in the limbs and was otherwise distressed. A few boxes of the pills effectually routed my ailment and I am glad to acknowledge the benefit I derived.

(Signed) CHARLES A. TOWNE. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y. For sale by all dealers. Price, 50 cents per box.

Woman Suffrage Movement.

Victoria is the last of the Australasian states to give full suffrage to women. New Zealand leading off in 1893. The municipal vote was given to women in England in 1869 and in 1881 it was extended to Scotland, and in 1898 with practically no opposition, the women of Ireland were allowed to vote for all officers except those of parliament. Wyoming was the first state in America to give full suffrage to women, and her example led other states in proximity to offer it, but the right of franchise is confined to women of this particular part of the country.

A Popular Diplomat.

Sir Edmund Monson, who has arrived on a visit to America and who retired last year from the post of ambassador to France, declined a peerage offered him by King Edward, was the right-hand man of Lord Lyons at Washington during the civil war. He became a great favorite with President Lincoln, and still recalls a number of the later's characteristic stories. Sir Edmund enjoys the distinction of having had two emperors—Alexander II of Russia and Emperor Francis Joseph—simultaneously request of the British Government his appointment to their respective capitals. He was sent to the Austrian court. While ambassador at Paris he averted war between England and France over the Fashoda incident—a case almost parallel to the successful adjudication of the Trent controversy.

Fine sensibilities are like wood-bines—delightful luxuries of beauty to twine around solid, upright stem of understanding; but very poor things, if unsubstantiated by strength, they are left to creep along the ground.—John Foster.

Unless a woman likes the way a man trims his beard you can never get her to admit he has any brains.

A man can get a fine reputation by attending to his own business, and attending to it well.

It's curious, but the average man feels silly when he hears himself referred to as "good."

There is something wrong with the woman who declares that there isn't a spark of jealousy in her make-up.

HONEST PHYSICIAN.

Works with Himself First.

It is a mistake to assume that physicians are always skeptical as to the curative properties of anything else than drugs.

Indeed, the best doctors are those who seek to heal with as little use of drugs as possible and by the use of correct food and drink. A physician writes from Calif. to tell how he made a well man of himself with Nature's remedy:

"Before I came from Europe, where I was born," he says, "it was my custom to take coffee with milk (cafe au lait) with my morning meal, a small cup (cafe noir) after my dinner and two or three additional small cups at my club during the evening.

"In time nervous symptoms developed, with pains in the cardiac region, and accompanied by great depression of spirits, despondency—in brief, 'the blues.' I at first tried medicines, but got no relief and at last realized that all my troubles were caused by coffee. I thereupon quit its use forthwith, substituting English Breakfast Tea.

"The tea seemed to help me at first, but in time the old distressing symptoms returned, and I quit it also, and tried to use milk for my table beverage. This I was compelled however to abandon speedily, for, while it relieved the nervousness somewhat, it brought on constipation. Then by a happy inspiration I was led to try Postum Food Coffee. This was some months ago and I still use it. I am no longer nervous, nor do I suffer from the pains about the heart, while my 'blues' have left me and life is bright to me once more. I know that leaving off coffee and using Postum healed me, and I make it a rule to advise my patients to use it." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

—There's a reason.

NEWS IN NUTSHELLS

A special meeting of the State Board of Embalming Examiners will be held at Dallas November 13.

The Orient Railway is now laying track at five different places on the line, and is employing every man it can get in Texas.

The strained relations between Norway and Sweden are about to end in the signing of a modus vivendi that is agreeable to both governments.

It has now been decided that if a State encampment is held that it will be about the first week in December, as the weather is generally fine about that time.

A German chemist of Deuison is endeavoring to instil capital in an artificial stone plant to be put into operation in that city. If he has what he thinks he has in the way of artificial stone, he should have no difficulty in getting all the capital he may want.

The trial of five packing companies and seventeen individuals, at the instance of the beef trust investigating committee, were commenced in Chicago Monday.

In an explosion of the Climax Fuse works at Avon, Conn., one day last week, ten persons were either killed outright or so badly wounded that they soon died from the injuries.

A regular race war broke out at a negro horse race at Germantown, Tennessee, in which whites and blacks took about fifty fancy shots at each other. The negroes won the fight, driving the whites away.

According to advices received from the Terlingue quicksilver district, in Brewster county, there has been a large amount of developing work done during the past summer.

The superintendent of the State Deaf and Dumb institute says that he has had to refuse admission to more than 100 deaf and dumb children on account of lack of accommodations at the institution.

Elijah Conn was killed at Rush Mill, six miles south of Bronson. He fell from a log wagon and the wheels ran over him. Mr. Conn was forty years old and leaves a wife and four children.

An epidemic of typhoid fever prevails at Krum, Denton county. Some thirty-six cases have developed within the past few days, six of which have been fatal.

The new flour mill and light plant is now in operation at Roysse. The mill has a capacity of 200 barrels a day. The building is quite an addition to Roysse from an architectural point, as well as a business point of view.

By an explosion alleged to be from a defective boiler in the stove mill of Edward Jennings at Pinconning, five men were killed and eight or ten injured, two of them so seriously that they will probably die.

The official bulletin issued Sunday announces that three fresh cholera cases and one death occurred during the twenty-four hours ending at noon, in Berlin, Germany, making a total of 190 cases and 69 deaths.

The work of making awards to the bidders on state lands under the new law is progressing slowly. There is a large amount of clerical labor necessary on each bid before the point of final action is reached.

A. L. Jones, a negro, shot and killed his father-in-law, Wesley Smith, three miles from Gonzales. Jones went to town and surrendered and is now in jail awaiting trial.

Nan Patterson, who was twice tried in New York for the murder of Cesar Young, the book maker, has been remarried to her former divorced husband, Leon G. Martin.

The Gregg county reunion held at Longview was a great success in every way. About 150 veterans were present and several thousand people partook of an excellent dinner on the court house campus.

A railroad was chartered at Guthrie last week under the name of the Pauls Valley Railroad, and will extend from the coal fields of the Choctaw Nation to Wichita Falls, Texas, distance of 180 miles. It is believed the Missouri, Kansas & Texas, of Texas, is the real promoter.

Actual work of sinking the first test hole for oil on the leases of the Dallas Oil and Fuel Company south of Dallas began Monday. A contract to drill a well to a depth of 2,500 has been made.

Capt. A. J. Ross, a pioneer of Texas is dead at his home on Ross Avenue Heights, Dallas. Capt. Ross, or Capt. "Andy," as he was familiarly known by his friends, was born seventy years ago in Putnam county, Georgia. He came to Texas in 1854.

Except Getting Salaries Raised. The successful business man's motto: Never allow any of your employees to put off till tomorrow what they can do to-day.—Somerville Journal.

Gloves for Sleeping Car Men. The German department of roads and communities has ordered the attendants on sleeping cars to wear gloves while on duty.

Rules for British Sailors. British sailors are not allowed to carry umbrellas or sticks. An officer in uniform is permitted to carry a stick ashore.

Famous Haddon Hall. The world-renowned Haddon hall, the finest baronial hall in England, is in the vicinity of Bakewell, Derbyshire.

When some men meet a creditor they either tear up the street or turn down an alley.

The best laundry work is done by the use of Red Cross Bag Blue. The grocers. Get the genuine.

There is no hope for a man who wastes his time arguing with women and babies.

The Bethesda Bath House and Infirmary is right by the famous hot well in Marlin, Texas, and has every equipment for the cure of such chronic diseases as Rheumatism, Catarrh, Eczema, Constipation, and other blood and skin diseases. Write for booklet free. Address CAM L. FANNIN, Marlin, Texas.

One great trouble in life is that the paths for going wrong are planted so prettily with flowers at the beginning.

Ask Your Dealer for Allen's Foot-Ease. A powder. It rests the feet. Cures Swollen, Sore, H. T. Callous, Aching, Sweating Feet and Ingrowing Nails. At all Druggists and Shoe Stores, 25 cents. Accept no substitute. Sample mailed FREE. Address, Allen S. Olmsted, LeRoy, N. Y.

If you have a horseshoe nail over your door and it doesn't fall on your head you are very lucky.

Do you know where the deepest and hottest artesian well in the world is? It is at Marlin, Texas. Better than Hot Springs. Similar to the famous Carlsbad in composition. Hotel and bathing facilities unsurpassed in the south. Write now for a free booklet telling all about it. Address CAM L. FANNIN, Marlin, Texas.

To indulge in the things we can't afford is the average man's idea of pleasure.

Don't waste your time disputing figures. They seldom lie—except in gas meters.

I am sure Piso's Cure for Consumption saved my life three years ago.—Mrs. THOS. ROBINSON, Maple Street, Norwich, N. Y., Feb. 7, 1904.

Americans are smart; why does not one of them invent something that will make cats stay at home?

When Your Grocer Says he does not have Defiance Starch, you may be sure he is afraid to keep it until his stock of 12 oz. packages are sold. Defiance Starch is not only better than any other Cold Water Starch, but contains 16 oz. to the package and sells for same money as 12 oz. brands.

Many a musical conductor couldn't get a job on a trolley car.

Are your clothes faded? Use Red Cross Bag Blue and make them white again. Your grocer sells it.

A dollar in your hand is worth two in the other chap's pocket.

If You Should.

If you should have a Burn, a Bruise, a Pain or Ache, No nauseous, noxious nostrums should you take.

If you should have a Sprain, a Cut, a Bite or Sting, Don't get alarmed and take just anything.

But use the King of Cures for just such woes.

Its name is Hunt's Lightning Oil.

REMEDIES USED BY MILLIONS

Truth About the Popular "Proprietary Medicines."

The recent campaign against the use of proprietary medicines, conducted in the columns of The Ladies' Home Journal and Collier's Weekly, has evoked an answer from the Committee on Legislation of the Proprietary Association. The committee says:

"In considering the question raised by recent attacks upon proprietary medicines, every reasonable man will admit that there is a wide and legitimate field for the manufacture and sale of medicines already prepared for general use and easily obtainable at all times and everywhere.

As a matter of fact these medicines are not patented at all, and the popular use of the word 'patent' in connection with them is a misnomer. Any pharmacist will tell you that practically the only 'patent' medicines in use to-day are those which are manufactured either by foreign or domestic pharmaceutical houses, and which are now almost exclusively dispensed by physicians or designated by them in their prescriptions.

"The medicines which are now the subject of wholesale attack by Mr. Bok and Editor Haggood are the old-fashioned family remedies properly described as 'proprietary medicines.' They are the favorite remedies among millions of people all over the country; and, notwithstanding the constant effort of some physicians to create prejudice against them, no one ever yet heard of any of the millions of users of such remedies asking for legislation or other action adverse to them."

A man without a purpose is a sheath without a sword.—Bacon.

A man could have just as much fun drinking soda water if it was against against it.

DISFIGURING HUMOR.

Brushed Scales from Face Like Powder—Doctor Said Lady Would Be Disfigured for Life—Cuticura Works Wonders.

"I suffered with eczema all over my body. My face was covered; my eyebrows came out. I had tried three doctors, but did not get any better. I then went to another doctor. He thought my face would be marked for life, but my brother-in-law told me to get Cuticura. I washed with Cuticura Soap, applied Cuticura Ointment, and took Cuticura Resolvent as directed. I could brush the scales off my face like powder. Now my face is just as clean as it ever was.—Mrs. Emma White, 641 Cherrier Place, Camden, N. J., April 25, '05."

The power to do great things generally arises from the willingness to do small things.—Emerson.

Don't Be Irritable. "An irritated skin makes an irritable person, and an irritable person gathers much trouble unto himself or herself, as the case may be. Moral. Use Hunt's Cure, one box of which is absolutely and unqualifiedly guaranteed to cure any form of skin trouble. Any kind of itching known is relieved at once and one box cures."

In Sensible Switzerland. Whenever the temperature reaches a certain point in Switzerland the schools are dismissed. This is on the theory that after a certain degree of sufferings has been reached by both teachers and pupils the one cannot impart nor the other absorb instruction that would be of any value, and so the time spent in attempting it is wasted.

A pretty girl hardly ever is as pretty as she thanks the Lord for making her.

GOOD BLOOD FOR BAD

Rheumatism and Other Blood Diseases are Cured by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

"In the lead mines I was at work on my knees with my elbows pressed against rock walls, in dampness and extremes of cold," said Mr. J. G. Meukel, of 233 Jackson avenue, Dubuque, Iowa, in describing his experience to a reporter, "and it is not surprising that I contracted rheumatism. For three years I had attacks affecting the joints of my ankles, knees and elbows. My ankles and knees became so swollen I could scarcely walk on uneven ground and a little pressure from a stone under my feet would cause me so much pain that I would nearly sink down. I was often obliged to lie in bed for several days at a time. My friends who were similarly troubled were getting no relief from doctors and I did not feel encouraged to throw money away for nothing. By chance I read the story of Robert Yates, of the Klausner Manufacturing Co., of Dubuque, who had a very bad case of rheumatism. I decided to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, the remedy he had used. In three or four weeks after beginning to use the pills, I was much better and in three months I was well. The swelling of the joints and the tenderness disappeared. I could work steadily and for eight years I have had no return of the trouble. My whole family believe in Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Both my sons use them. We consider them a household remedy that we are sure about."

What Dr. Williams' Pink Pills did for Mr. Meukel they are doing for hundreds of others. Every dose sends galling through the veins, pure, strong, rich, red blood that strikes straight at the cause of all ill health. The new blood restores regularity, and braces all the organs for their special tasks. Get the genuine Dr. Williams' Pink Pills at your druggist's or direct from the Dr. Williams Medicine Co., Schenectady, N. Y.

PUTNAM FADELESS DYES

Color more goods brighter and faster colors than any other dye. One 10c package colors silk, wool and cotton equally well and is guaranteed to give perfect results. Ask dealer or we will send post paid at 10c a package. Write for free booklet—How to Dye, Bleach and Mix Colors. MONROE DYE CO., Unionville, Missouri.

LEWIS'S SINGLE BINDER

STRAIGHT 5-CIGAR ANNUAL \$3,000,000 Your jobber, or direct from factory, Peoria, Ill.

Try me just once and I am sure to come again. Defiance Starch.

A woman's idea of good luck is to find a pair of socks in the pile that doesn't need darning.

It Gets Them. It's the Chill Tonic that sold by the carload twenty years ago when the country was full of malaria. It's just the same now; not so many chills, but it gets what it's sent after. We speak of Cheatham's Chill Tonic. One bottle guaranteed to cure any one case.

Why the man who runs the corner grocery declines to credit your good intentions?

To the housewife who has not yet become acquainted with the new things of everyday use in the market and who is reasonably satisfied with the old, we would suggest that a trial of Defiance Cold Water Starch be made at once. Not alone because it is guaranteed by the manufacturers to be superior to any other brand, but because each 10c package contains 16 ozs., while all the other kinds contain but 12 ozs. It is safe to say that the lady who once uses Defiance Starch will use no other. Quality and quantity must win.

Why a man loses interest in a subject the minute his argument is exhausted?

The Home of the Wave Circle is the home where good cooking is loved, where the family enjoy the finest of biscuits, doughnuts, cakes, and pies and other good things every day. The baking is always delicious and wholesome because K C Baking Powder—the baking powder of the wave circle, is used. Get K C to-day! 25 ounces for 25c. If it isn't all that we claim, your grocer refunds your money. Send for "Book of Presents." JAKUES MFG. CO. Chicago.

Shirt Waist Suit Defiance Starch gives that finish to the clothes that all ladies desire and should obtain. It is the delight of the experienced laundress. Once tried they will use no other. It is pure and is guaranteed not to injure the most delicate fabric. It is sold by the best grocers at 10c a package. Each package contains 16 ounces. Other starches, not nearly so good, sell at the same price per package, but they contain only 12 ounces of starch. Compare your own interests. Ask for DEFIANC STARCH, get it, and we know you will never use any other.

"DAY" MALARIA CURE CALIFORNIA REMEDY Stops Chills at Once Cures Malaria, Ague, and Chills and Fever in three days. First dose relieves. A powerful but harmless tonic. Gives an appetite. 75c. Francis S. Ott, Sacramento, Cal. Sold by all Druggists

PAXTINE TOILET ANTISEPTIC FOR WOMEN troubled with ill peculiar to their sex, used as a douche is marvellously successful. Thoroughly cleanses, kills disease germs, stops discharges, heals inflammation and local soreness. Paxtine is in powder form to be dissolved in pure water, and is far more cleansing, healing, germicidal, and economical than liquid antiseptics for all. TOILET AND WOMEN'S SPECIAL USES. For sale at druggists, 50 cents a box. Trial Box and Book of Instructions Free. THE R. PAXTON COMPANY BOSTON, MASS.

Tyler College 800 students the past year from 20 different states. We teach Telegraphy, the Famous Morse Simplified Shorthand and Practical Bookkeeping. Save your money, give you the best. Write for large illustrated free catalogue. Tyler Commercial College, Department K, Tyler, Texas.

Decision in Cotton Cotton will be moving rapidly from now on, and you will have to decide quickly what to do with each lot, according to the circumstances of the moment. Our services and our facilities are at your command, and you will make no mistake by shipping to us. Wm. D. Cleveland & Sons, Houston, Texas

Manhattan Brand Pommel Slicker The latest improved Slicker—absolutely waterproof, and does not stick. It covers the rider completely and keeps both rider and saddle perfectly dry in the hardest rain. Changing the top and bottom on the back makes it a comfortable walking coat. The Manhattan Brand Pommel Slicker has been adopted by the U. S. Government for mounted and unmounted troops. If your dealer will not supply you, do not accept another brand, but write to us. STANDARD OILED CLOTHING COMPANY East 122d Street, New York

Putnam Chill Cure is Guaranteed To cure, or money refunded by your merchant; so why not try it? Price 50c.

MY TRIP TO SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA.

The Colera and Cimarron ranges of the Rockies shut in the lower western sky as our train whirled along southward from Raton to Las Vegas. En route we passed Springer, whence stages run to the Red River mines. We passed Wagon Mound, a former Mexican frontier custom house and a picturesque point on our route, and Watrous at the head of Mora Canyon, near old Fort Union. Watrous is composed principally of saloons, Catholic churches and adobe buildings. This is largely true of most of these Mexican villages. Mora Canyon is fifty miles long, a rather small affair, compared with Apache Canyon and the greater gorges of Arizona, but typical of this land of deeply cutting streams.

The city of Las Vegas (fertile fields) is situated in the midst of meadows and plains and is the commercial metropolis of northern New Mexico and is the second city in size and importance in the Territory. It is the headquarters of the New Mexican division of the Santa Fe system and has 8,000 inhabitants, also important wool-shipping interests. This city, with its large stores, banks, offices, hotels and town life its attractive climate with varied forms of entertainments is quite popular as a resort.

Traveling from Las Vegas to Albuquerque the Gloria range of the Rockies was crossed by our train through Gloria pass (altitude 7,450 feet). The apellimb took us near Starvation Peak, best seen from Chapelle station. A miserable Mexican village of dilapidated adobe buildings. One legend says that a large band of Spaniards was surrounded here by Navajos in 1800 and starved to death, another story ascribes the cross on summit to the Brotherhood of Penitents. However the name may have originated, the peak itself is a prominent landmark. It stands out solitary and alone, bleak and desolate with its head lifted far above the surrounding mountains.

Our train rushed downward through Apache Canyon, where in 1847, noted battles were fought between Kearney's army of the West and the Mexicans and in 1862 between Federal and Confederate forces. Our train continued along the tortuous Gaiantes River to the Rio Grande del Norte at Thornton and down that sluggish stream of the sand bars to Albuquerque the commercial metropolis of central New Mexico. Albuquerque is the point of junction of three lines of the Santa Fe system—that from the East, that from the Pacific Ocean and that to the Mexican boundary. We spent two hours viewing this city which lies at an altitude of 4,865 feet above sea level, on a sunny slope of a broad plain, amply protected against sudden storms by the neighboring high mountain ranges. The ancient settlement dates back to the Spanish invasion, while the new town, with a population of 10,000 Americans and all the improvements of a young city, had its beginning with the advent of the Santa Fe Railway. The Mexican quarter—the old town—still sleeps in the sun as it did a century—two centuries ago. And all about it are the dwellings of the most conservative people, the Pueblos of the Rio Grande valley, living as their fathers lived before the first invader came.

Our train stopped next at Laguna ("the lake"). This village was founded in 1699 by refugees from nearby Indian towns. It is a typical Indian village of some 300 inhabitants who live now for the most part as did their forebears centuries ago. We saw these simple minded children of the forest cooking in their huge stone ovens and washing cloths in holes made in stones. We saw these Indians "weaving their snawles" and painted as in days of the long ago. We saw an Indian who claimed to be more than 100 years old who had on his "war paint" and was carrying his bows and arrows. These strange children of the desert live within the dark, shadowy past. We studied them with a feeling of sadness mingled with pity. It made us really glad when our train moved on.

Today the Apache is decimated and harmless, and, with the Pueblo Indian and the Mexican, forms a romantic background to a thriving Anglo-Saxon civilization. It is this background that gives New Mexico its peculiar charm to the thoughtful tourist. Not alone its tremendous mountain ranges, its extensive uplands, its fruitful valleys or its unsurpassed equability of climate. Its population includes 9,500 Pueblo Indians, 4,000 Navajos and 1,500 Apaches. In my next I shall speak of Arizona.

J. H. SHEPARD.

A Remedy Without a Peer.

"I find Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets more beneficial than any other remedy I ever used for stomach trouble," says J. P. Klote, of Edina, Mo. For any disorder of the stomach, biliousness or constipation, these tablets are without a peer. For sale at Terrell's Drug Store.

APPEAL TO FARMERS.

BY FARMERS' UNION OFFICIALS TO HOLD COTTON FOR ELEVEN CENTS.

After fully considering the cotton situation from every standpoint, your State officers and executive committee agreed that the minimum is a fair price for cotton, below which it should not be sold by any one able to hold it, and we have made arrangements to help you hold and carry it. This reasonable price of 11c has been accepted by the unions of Georgia, Louisiana, Alabama, Arkansas, North Carolina and Oklahoma, and by the Southern Cotton Growers' Association at their Asheville meeting, and we and they are now pledged to stand by each other, and we must not fail.

Concert of action will bring you this price and more if you choose to ask it and hold for it. We know the crop is going to be a small one; that trade conditions are better than ever known and that goods are high. Wool has advanced more than 100 per cent in the last three years, and the woolen goods market is no better than the cotton goods market.

Those of us that you have elected to look after your business interests have bestowed much time and thought in making arrangements to carry out the plans we recommend. A selling agency has been provided, and for almost the first time in our history we are having some say as to the price at which we will sell our cotton. This agency has outlet direct to spinners and expect that a good deal of your cotton will be sold without the help of two or three of a dozen intermediaries. A member of this agency is now on his way to Europe, after having visited the principal spinning districts of New England.

All our plans are intended to guard your interests. Your cotton will not be sold until you say so, and the price, after deducting the charges of our selling agents, must be equal to or greater than can be obtained in your local market.

We have made arrangements to help those who are willing to hold and are compelled to borrow some money against their cotton. Details about these matters will be sent you next week.

We don't recommend you to store and insure any cotton except what you wish to hold for some future months. We don't recommend borrowing any money at all unless absolutely necessary, but borrowing money at 5 per cent is more business like than selling at a sacrifice and storage and insurance are much cheaper than country damage.

Do all your business through agents. Never sell on a falling market. Protect your cotton against damage, work harmoniously together, and millions of dollars will come into your homes from Europe which you will never see if you follow the old rut. We won the praise of the South last year. Let us not lose our prestige and our great advantage this year.

Work for reputation, so that the bates of the Farmers' Union shall be known throughout the world for good grades, best ginning, fair weights and freedom from mixes and false packs. Show this to your neighbors who are not members of the union and ask for their co-operation in the good cause.

F. W. DAVIS, Chm. Ex. Com.
E. A. CALVIN, Pres. State Union.
B. F. CHAPMAN, Sec. Tr. State U.
JOHN T. GARNER, State Bus. Agt.

Attacked By A Mob

and beaten, in a labor riot until covered with sores, a Chicago street car conductor applied Bucklen's Arnica Salve, and was soon sound and well. "I use it in my family," writes G. J. Welch, of Tekonsha, Mich., "and find it perfect." Simply great for cuts and burns. Only 25c at Terrell's Drug Store.

ROAD NOTICE TO NON-RESIDENT LAND OWNERS.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Haskell.

We the undersigned Jury of Freeholders, citizens of said Haskell county, Texas, duly appointed by the Commissioners' Court of Haskell county, Texas, at its August term, 1905, to view and establish a second class road from the southwest corner of W. W. Overton's land and to intersect the third class road, running to the Haskell and Stamford road, and having been duly sworn that as the law directs, hereby give notice that we will on the 21st days of October, 1905, assemble at the residence of W. K. Perry and thence proceed to survey, locate, view, mark out and establish said road, beginning at the S. W. cor. of W. W. Overton's land and to intersect the third-class road running north and south on the west side of said Overton's land; thence east on the division line between said Overton's land and the I. P. Wallace survey to said Overton's S. E. cor.; thence south on division line of Bill Wards land and said I. P. Wallace survey to the S. W. cor. of said Wards land; thence east on the division line of

said Wards land and Sid Post to Haskell and Stamford public road.

And we do hereby notify W. M. Ward and any and all persons owning lands through which said road may run, that we will at the same time proceed to assess the damages incidental to the opening and establishment of said road, when they may, either in person or by agent or attorney, present to us a written statement of the amount of damages, if any, claimed by them.

Witness our hands this 16th day of September A. D. 1905.

W. W. OVERTON
E. D. JEFFERSON
S. E. KENNISON
Jurors of View.

A LASTING EFFECT.

This Evidence Should Prove Every Claim Made for Doran's Kidney Pills.

Relief from the pains and aches of a bad back is always welcome to every backache sufferer; but to cure a lame, weak or aching back is what's wanted. Cure it so it will stay cured. It can be done. Here's the strongest evidence to prove it:

Judge James Moreland, of 1018 West Woodard street, Denison, Texas, says: "Anyone who is annoyed with disorders of the kidney secretions, particularly frequent irregular passages can depend upon it his kidneys are either weakened or over-excited. Either this condition fails to respond to the use of the ordinary medicines of cathartic nature, or those which act directly on the kidneys, he can be certain that it is high time to at least check the cause or graver results will ensue. Some time ago my kidneys and the renal area required a medicine and I selected Doan's Kidney Pills, after reading considerable about the claims made for them. One box produced such marked results that I bought a second and a third. The continued treatment brought such results that I unhesitatingly recommend the remedy to my friends and fellow citizens. When a medicine acts just as represented, it should be made known to every one so that they may know how and when to use it."

For sale by all dealers. Price, 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agent of the United States.

Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.



We are offering some good bargains for homes or investment, to buyers of real estate, on easy terms. We want some small farms for quick sales. We can sell your land for cash. Come and see us.
**SANDERS & WILSON,
HASKELL, TEXAS.**

SCHOOL NOTICE.

We fondly hope and confidently expect to begin school in the new building on Monday, October 2nd. There are four cloak rooms to be finished and a little plastering in the auditorium yet to be done. If the unexpected does not come to pass, we will not disappoint you on the above date. However, if a change is made you will be given due notice in next week's issue of the FREE PRESS.
T. L. Morrow, Prin.

Several Hundred Now in Attendance

Tyler Commercial College has had another flourishing fall opening. Several new students are enrolled each day, coming from all parts of Texas and adjoining states. More than 1,000 students will enroll in this school this year. It is prepared however, for all who may come; it has the largest commercial school building (40,000 sq. ft. of floor space), and the strongest faculty of expert teachers (15) to be found in the South, and it has built up its employment department, with branch offices in two of our larger Southern cities, to where it can secure positions for every worthy student that it is possible for it to graduate in its courses of bookkeeping, business training, shorthand, typewriting, telegraphy and pen art.

It does not have to boast a \$30,000 capital stock, 17 bankers on board of directors, free scholarships, positions guaranteed, pay for tuition after graduating, etc., in order to secure patronage; but secures it solely upon the merits of its thorough, practical courses of study, the success of its former graduates, and its honest and modern business methods. Write for large illustrated catalogue free, asking any questions you may desire regarding the work and what the school can do for you, should you take a course. Address Tyler Commercial College, Dept. W, Tyler, Texas.

Messrs. S. R. Rike, E. F. Springer, Charley Cummings and Al Cousins returned several days ago from their prospecting trip in the far west, beyond the Pecos.



Buggies ARE Moving
at our store these days.
HERE'S THE REASON:

BECAUSE we are handling the best—a fact which the people are learning to appreciate. It has been well demonstrated that in buggies, as in most other things, the best is the cheapest. If you want a buggy, a hack or a surrey, let us sell you

The Admitted Best Make.

Superior Disk Drill

This is another case in which we handle the best, as many farmers in this country will testify. If you have wheat, oats, sorghum and maize to plant you will make no mistake in getting a SUPERIOR DISK DRILL with which to do the job.



THREE JURORS CURED.

Of Cholera Morbus with one Small Bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy.

Mr. G. W. Fowler of Hightower, Ala., relates an experience he had while serving on a petit jury in a murder case at Edwardsville, county seat of Cleburne county, Alabama. He says: "While there I ate some fresh meat and some souse meat and it gave me cholera morbus in a very severe form. I was never sicker in my life and sent to the drug store for a certain cholera mixture, but the druggist sent me a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea remedy instead, saying that he had what I sent for, but that this medicine was so much better he would rather send it to me in the fix I was in. I took one dose of it and was better in five minutes. Two fellow jurors were afflicted in the same manner and one small bottle cured all three of us." For sale at Terrell's Drug Store.

Estray Notice.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Haskell.
Taken up by R. E. DeBard and Estrayed before J. T. Knowles Justice of the Peace Precinct No. 1, Haskell county: One bay mare mule 15 or 16 years old, branded J T on left thigh. Appraised at twenty-five dollars. The owner of said stock is requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges, and take the same away, or it will be dealt with as the law directs. Given under my hand and seal of office, this 7th day of Sept. 1905. C. D. LONG, Clerk County Court Haskell County.

Are You Engaged?

Engaged people should remember that, after marriage, many quarrels can be avoided by keeping their digestions in good condition with Electric Bitters. S. A. Brown, of Bennettsville, S. C., says: "For years, my wife suffered intensely from dyspepsia, complicated with a torpid liver, until she lost her strength and vigor, and became a mere wreck of her former self. Then she tried Electric Bitters, which helped her at once, and finally made her entirely well. She is now strong and healthy." C. E. Terrell, druggist, sells and guarantees them, at 50c a bottle.

LEAGUE PROGRAM, SEPT. 24.

Leader—Miss Kate Lemmon.
Song.
Scripture lesson by leader.
Prayer.
Song.
Power of Personal Influence in winning Men for Christ—S. W. Scott.
Personal contract for personal influence—Miss Lookie Sprowls.
Open church methods of enlisting sympathy and establishing contact—P. D. Sanders.
Song.
Remarks by leaguers.
Doxology and benediction.

Williams is almost daily receiving fresh goods. Nothing old. When you want something good and fresh, don't forget phone No. 9.

LAND BARGAINS

FOR SALE BY

S. W. SCOTT,

LAWYER, REAL ESTATE AND INSURANCE AGENT.

Haskell, Texas.

Look over the list and see if you don't think it will be to your advantage to buy some of this land. From \$1.00 to \$5.00 per acre has not been added to the price by bonus hunters and land speculators. I represent about one hundred non-resident land owners, and the following list of lands is only a part of the most desirable special bargains. All interest on deferred payments will be 8 per cent, unless otherwise stated. Distances and directions are from town of Haskell, and the price is per acre:

- 2072 acres, west part J. G. Pitts survey 10 miles E., \$3.00, 5 payments.
- 40 acres up to any quantity desired out of James Scott league and labor survey, 1 1/2 miles N. E. of Haskell. Price \$6 to \$25 and terms to suit.
- 424 acres G. G. Alford survey, 15 miles N. W. 44, Abst. 6, \$6, in 3 payments.
- 522 acres, section 1, G. H. & H. Ry., 12 miles E., at \$1.00, 3 payments.
- 320 acres, Sur. 3, G. H. & H. Ry, 14 miles S. E. at \$3.00, 3 payments.
- 320 acres, W. P. Gaines survey, 12 miles S., at \$3.50, in 5 payments.
- Sections 1, 2 and 5, E. T. Ry. Co., 15 to 16 miles S. E., at \$5.00, in easy payments.
- 640 acres, N. R. Brister survey, 7 miles S. E., at \$4.00, in 3 payments.
- 488 acres, John Campbell survey, 7 miles N. E. at \$4.00, in 5 payments.
- 1470 acres, South 1-3 Robertson league, 8 miles E. of Stamford on California creek, at \$10 per acre in 3 equal payments.
- 1476 acres, J. E. Ellis sur., 5 miles E., at \$7, in 3 payments.
- Lots 3, 4, 5 and 6 Block 42, Haskell, for \$250.
- 640 acres, James Gray survey, 16 miles S. E., at \$5.
- 1470 acres, Chas. Callcott survey 10 miles N. (East Abbott pasture) \$10.50 per acre, on easy terms. Will cut in 200 acre lots from either end.
- 505 acres, S. T. Blakeley survey, 15 miles S. E., at \$5, in 3 payments.
- 500 acres Hays Covington sur., 15 miles S. E., at \$3.00 in 3 payments.
- 900 acres G. W. Brooks sur. 9 miles N. E. \$4 in 4 payments.
- 1500 acres 8 to 12 miles north on Benjamin road The Masterson lands in 300 acre blocks at \$12 in 4 payments. No better land in West Texas.
- Lots 15 and 14 blk 2, Kirby Ad. for \$150 in 5 payments.
- 320 acres of Jas. Cooper section, 14 miles S. E., \$4.00, in 5 payments.

Have many other lots and acre blocks in different parts of town too numerous to name here. Call on me, or write, for full information.

**S. W. SCOTT,
Haskell Texas.**

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