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## LOWEST PRICES FOR CASH! COME AND SEE!

Seeing all the stores in this section unusually depleted in stocks of seasonable goods, I went to Market and purchased a complete stock of

### Late Winter and Early Spring Dry Goods.

These goods are now opened up and ready for business. I found the market just on the eve of a decided advance in the price of all cotton goods on account of the rising price of cotton. Buying just ahead of the main advance I am able to sell all cotton fabrics at a very slight advance on old prices. As cotton has continued to advance heavily, I can give my customers prices that can not be met on staple goods by those who did not buy ahead of the advance. You can save money by buying from this stock, as cotton and cotton goods are bound to go still higher.

RELIABLE STAR BRAND SHOES!



You may have worn others.

Star Brand Shoes ARE BETTER!



.....S. L. ROBERTSON.....

**J. L. ODELL,**  
PROPRIETOR  
**LIVERY and**  
**...FEED STABLE.**  
**...PASSENGER AND EXPRESS LINE...**  
Meets Passenger Trains at Stamford.  
GOOD HACKS and TEAMS. Quick Service.  
OPPOSITE THE LANDEL HOTEL.

**J. C. BELL,**  
MANUFACTURER AND DEALER IN  
**Saddles and Harness.**  
Full Stock on Hand. Work Promptly Executed.  
Repairing done neatly and substantially. Prices reasonable and satisfaction with goods and work guaranteed.  
YOUR TRADE SOLICITED.

**..Prospectors Hotel..**  
Best \$1.00 a Day House in the City.  
CLEAN BEDS. + + + GOOD TABLES.  
SAMPLE ROOM.  
**J. S. GLENN, Proprietor.**  
Northeast Corner Square. STAMFORD, TEXAS.

**Haskell Telephone Company.**  
Has Long Distance Connection with All Points, and Direct Lines to the following local places.  
Ample, Aspermont, Broach Ranch, Shinnery Lake, Marey, Brazos River, McDaniel Ranch, Pinkerton, Cliff, Irby Ranch, Throckmorton, Stamford, Rayner, Oriant, Gatlin, Munday, Seymour.  
Local Exchanges at Haskell, Aspermont and Munday. Telegraph messages received and transmitted.  
J. F. POSEY, Manager, Haskell, Texas.

**Herford Bulls.**  
Ranch Five Miles North of Haskell.  
We have eight High Grade Herford Bulls for sale. Nothing under 31-32 and most of them 63-64.  
**J. W. Johnson & Son,**  
Haskell, Texas.

**Helpful Reading**  
Some newspapers print matter to fill up space. Much of this is really harmful reading. It is the aim of *The Semi-Weekly News* to give helpful reading. Thousands will testify to its helpfulness to them. Ask your neighbor.

**The Farmers' Department**  
Has helped many. It is not the theory of farming written by college professors and others up North on conditions that don't exist in Texas. It is the actual experience of farmers here at home who have turned over the soil.

**Special Offer**  
If you are not taking *The Free Press* you should be. It is helpful to the best interests of your town and county. For \$1.75, cash in advance, we will mail you *The Free Press* and *The Galveston* or *The Dallas Semi-Weekly News* for twelve months. The *News* stops when your time is out.

**Five Bulls For Sale.**  
I have for sale five good, young bulls. One is Herford and Durham mixed, one is 15-16 Durham and three are 7-8 Durham. All the Durhams are deep red color.  
J. S. McCAN,  
711 Ample, Texas.  
If you want something that is all in pairs or odd, go to Robertson's drug store—he will save you money.

### THE LIQUOR LICENSE QUESTION

Correspondence Between Tax Collector and Attorney General.

Haskell, Tex., Feb. 23, 1904.  
EDITORS FREE PRESS.  
Sirs:—As there is considerable discussion or contention going on in regard to local option in this County, I herewith hand you for publication the correspondence between myself and the Attorney General in regard to issuing Liquor Dealer's license in this County, which is as follows:

Attorney General's Department, Austin, February 8, 1904.  
Mr. J. W. BELL,  
Haskell, Texas.  
Dear Sir:—I have your letter of the 5th inst. You say that it is claimed that under the decision of the Court of Criminal Appeals in the Cook County case, ex-parte Heyman, that the election in your County which resulted in favor of local option is void.

You do not explain the circumstances under which this election was held. In the Cook County case the election was held void because the Commissioner's Court did not have authority to designate two or more political subdivisions of the County as the territory in which the election was to be held. I understand that this decision is final, but I do not understand whether these were the conditions which prevailed in your County.

I have had the question submitted to me by several different tax collectors in the last few days as to whether, when the election for prohibition was void, under the decision of the Court of Criminal Appeals, a license should be granted for the sale of liquor, and my advice has been that if the election was held under circumstances exactly similar to those which prevailed in the Cook County election, that a license should be granted, but I am not informed from your letter with sufficient accuracy as to what the conditions were in your County to enable me to express any opinion or to give any advice with reference to it. If you will write me and give me a more detailed statement of the conditions, I will be glad to advise you promptly.

Very respectfully,  
C. K. BELL,  
Attorney General.

Haskell, Texas, Feb. 10, 1904.  
HON. C. K. BELL,  
Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:—In reply to your favor of 5th instant, in which you answer my inquiries as to whether I should issue liquor dealer's license in Haskell County, and in which you call for fuller information before advising me, I beg to hand you herewith the court's conclusions of law and fact, and the mandate of Court of Civil Appeals at Fort Worth, Texas, holding the election valid in this county in the contest case arising therefrom. I also hand you printed copy of the orders of commissioners' court ordering the election. You will please return these papers when through with them as two of them are file papers of the district court of this county.

The election in this county was held for Commissioners' Precincts Nos. 1, 3 and 4 of the county. These precincts were created by orders of the commissioners' court passed in 1892, defining the boundaries of each of the precincts. In the petition for the election and in the order for the election, the outer boundaries of these three precincts combined were set out by metes and bounds as required by that part of Article 3384, Revised Statutes, which says: "Or any two or more of any such political subdivisions of a county as may be designated by the commissioners' court of said county," etc. If this provision of the statute, allowing a combination of two or more subdivisions of the county to be combined and designated as a territory for the holding of an election at one time, instead of requiring three separate orders and elections in the three commissioners' precincts, is not in violation of Section 20 of Article 16 of the State Constitution which provides for the holding of elections in certain named subdivisions of the county (or such subdivision of a county as may be designated by the commissioners' court of said county) then it would appear that Haskell county has had a valid election and that local option is in force. If, however, the article of the statute above quoted is unconstitutional, wherein it licenses the holding of elections in a subdivision of the county embracing two or more political subdivisions heretofore created by the orders of the court, then it would appear that said election was invalid and that we have no prohibition in force.

Unless I am advised by your department to issue the license on application I felt constrained in view of the fact that the Fort worth court had passed favorably on the validity of the election to refuse to accept the money and issue license until I was required by order of some competent court to do so. If the liquor dealer in question should resort to mandamus to compel me to issue him license it would give either side losing in the mandamus proceedings an opportunity to appeal in a civil suit and eventually to get a construction by the Supreme Court at Austin of that part of Article 3384 which is claimed to be in violation of Section 20 of Article 16 of the State Constitution.

Awaiting your advice to me as an official who does not know how to proceed in a difficult situation, I am,  
Respectfully yours,  
J. W. BELL,  
Tax Collector Haskell County, Texas.

**TERRELL'S**  
When you hear your neighbor say  
"It's best by far in every way,"  
You may be sure without delay,  
It's Terrell's.  
When passing up or down the street,  
You see a Drug Store, clean and neat,  
In every detail quite complete,  
It's Terrell's.  
When imitations' faults reveal,  
And vexed and tired with Drugs you feel,  
Then come at once for a "square deal"  
To Terrell's.  
The Only Second Class Drug Store in the World.

Attorney General's Department, Austin, February 12, 1904.  
Mr. J. W. BELL,  
Haskell, Texas.

Dear Sir:—I have your letter of the 10th instant, and I have also this morning received a telegram from you, asking me to wire you with reference to the matter to which your letter relates. I have not answered by telegram for two reasons. In the first place, I have written a letter to the County Judge of your County, which I have no doubt will have reached him before this time, on the same subject as that to which your letter relates; and besides, I could not frame a reply by telegram which I think would be of any service to you.

I have examined the papers which you enclose, and which I herewith return. It is no part of my province to express any opinion as to which of the Courts is correct in their holding; that is, as to whether the Court of Criminal Appeals or the Court of Civil Appeals is right.

My conclusion was that as an appeal for a violation of the local option law would have to go to the Court of Criminal Appeals, that their conclusion should be accepted as a finality. I note what you say with reference to the mandamus proceeding. Of course I can give no advice on that subject. I do not feel authorized to say anything more with reference to whether you should receive the money tendered you in payment for a license for pursuing the occupation of a retail liquor dealer in the territory in your County in which the local option election was held than I have already said.

Very respectfully,  
C. K. BELL,  
Attorney General.

Since this last letter was received the money was tendered to me for occupation tax, which I refused. I understand the same party has opened a saloon near Stamford. A complaint was filed against him on or about 18th of February and on that day a warrant was issued and delivered to me by the County Clerk and on Friday evening, February 19th, the County Clerk came to my office and asked me to return the warrant to him as there was some change to make in it. Since that time I have not seen or heard what has become of the warrant. Trusting this will give those not familiar with the case a clear understanding in regard to it, I am,  
Respectfully yours,  
J. W. BELL,  
Tax Collector.

**WEAK AND LOW-SPIRITED.**  
A Correspondent Thus Describes His Experience.  
"I can strongly recommend Herbine as a medicine of remarkable efficacy for indigestion, loss of appetite, sour taste in the mouth, palpitation, headache, drowsiness after meals with distressing mental depression and low spirits. Herbine must be a unique preparation for cases such as mine, for a few doses entirely removed my complaint. I wonder at people going on suffering or spending their money on worthless things, when Herbine is procurable, and so cheap." 50 cents a bottle at Jno. E. Robertson's Drug Store, Haskell, Texas.

**TO TAXPAYERS.**  
After March 5th, 1904, I will by virtue of the Tax rolls in my hands proceed to levy on all personal property that can be found belonging to those whose tax remains unpaid. If you don't want to pay any extra costs and have your property sold, come in and settle up promptly.  
Respectfully,  
J. W. BELL,  
Tax Collector.

**Fruit Trees.**  
I have a considerable lot of fruit trees consisting of peaches, early, medium and late varieties; Japan plums, several standard kinds. Several varieties of apples, blackberries and dewberries. I will sell cheaper than you can order from a nursery. Where trees are properly handled and watered when set it will be safe to plant for two or three weeks yet.  
W. T. JONES.

### SAGERTON-FAIRVIEW ITEMS.

Mr. W. W. Kitley has five cases of measles at his house.

Our school is getting along all right, with a full attendance.

Mr. Bailey Elmore went to the Brazos Valley community on a visit the first of the week.

Mr. Will Smith and family were visiting the family of Mr. W. H. Scott Saturday and Sunday.

Our postmaster went to see his frow and daughter last Saturday, who still reside in Stonewall county.

Mr. W. H. Woods went to Stamford Monday to carry a shipment of eggs and to stock up his home supplies.

The farmers are about all up with their work and ready for a big rain, which we need, as it is getting close to corn planting time.

There is quite a difference in the price of farming here now and that practiced eight or ten years ago. Then when it was dry we would all sit around or go to town and foot about waiting for it to rain so we could go to work, and when it did rain everybody was behind with their work and would have to make another trip to town to get their plows sharpened and then haul a load of wood before going to plowing, but now we, or the most of us, some few of the old timers excepted, get up and push on the plow handles and lines so that the field will be in good shape for receiving the rain and, also, to kill the winter weeds instead of allowing them to get a big start of us and sap the ground heavily when spring opens up.

February 24. WEST SIDER.

**Cured Consumption.**  
Mrs. B. W. Evans, Clearwater, Kansas, writes: "My husband lay sick for three months; the doctors stated he had quick consumption. We procured a bottle of Ballard's Horehound Syrup and it cured him. This was six years ago, and since then we always kept a bottle in the house. We cannot do without it. For coughs and colds, it has no equal." 25 cents, 50 cents and \$1.00 a bottle at Jno. E. Robertson's Drug Store, Haskell, Texas.

With free grass, free transportation, free telegrams and free meals all cut off, the average shipper now feels that he has been run up against a situation that has left him nothing but a hollow mockery of other days.—Stockman-Journal.

**Cancer Cured!!**  
Mr. W. W. Prickett, Smithfield, Illinois, writes, September 10th, 1901: "I had been suffering several years with a cancer on my face, which gave me great annoyance and unbearable itching. I was using Ballard's Snow Lintment for a sore leg, and through an accident I rubbed some of the lintment on the cancer, and as it gave me almost instant relief, I decided to continue to use the lintment on the cancer. In a short time the cancer came out, my face healed up and there is not the slightest scar left. I have implicit faith in the merits of this preparation, and it cannot be too highly recommended." 25 cents, 50 cents and \$1.00. For sale by Jno. E. Robertson, Druggist, Haskell, Texas.

As soon as the car can arrive I will have and handle the Peace Maker brand of flour, the finest in the land. I bought before the big rise in flour—save your orders for me. T. G. Carney.

Ask our customers how long it took us to get their loans through, we can get you the money in less time than any other loan agents in this part of the state, West Texas Development Company.

I will have quite a large shipment of shoes next week—see me for low prices and good shoes. T. G. Carney.

ALL OVER TEXAS.

The Trinity and Brazos Valley Railroad has moved its headquarters to Cleburne.

W. E. Best, a prominent grocery man of Dallas died of pneumonia Wednesday.

While crazed by liquor J. L. Hopkins, a white city prisoner at Beaumont cut his throat with a pocket knife Wednesday morning. He will probably die.

The Continental Bank and Trust Company of Fort Worth, together with the citizens of Irrel and community organized a bank there to be formally opened March 10.

Sam Brock, who was bitten by a mad dog near Taylor, Brazos county, last Tuesday, left Saturday for New Orleans to be treated in a Pasteur institute.

D. J. Woodward of San Antonio has about concluded the purchase of the large mill works in Monterey, and will run a large carriage factory in connection with the mill works.

Work was commenced last week on the two-story brick building of Poe & Poe at Carbon. This building when completed will be occupied by the Carbon Bank.

Sam Clenden, a Dallas negro man about 25 years of age, was shot and seriously wounded Saturday night. The affair occurred at the corner of Main and Portland streets.

Dan C. Crenshaw and Van Peavy are in jail at Palestine, having been remanded without bond at the examining trial. The charge is the killing of Sam Bickerstaff near Elkhart last month.

The 4-year-old son of Solomon Woodring of Barnes, in Woods county, Ok., was burned to death Friday. He climbed out of bed while other members of the family slept, attempted to start a fire and was burned almost to death before the family knew of the accident.

Fire Tuesday afternoon totally destroyed the Grayson College building, at Whitewright, entailing a loss of \$60,000, with an insurance of but \$17,000. Prof. J. F. Anderson states that the school will be continued without interruption, all arrangements having been made for the housing of the pupils.

The Tripoline Manufacturing Company of Beaumont has decided to start in earnest in the manufacture of soap and has purchased three acres of ground, upon which it will erect a \$15,000 plant and in which will be installed the latest and most improved machinery.

Detectives Cornwell and Price of Dallas arrested a man who had in his possession three suits of clothes, a pair of silver shears and silverware valued at about \$250. The plunder was identified as belonging to Capt. Lloyd of Fort Worth, whose house was entered by burglars Sunday night.

In the death of Jas. M. Hall in Austin, aged 86 years, there is left but two survivors of the battle of San Jacinto. Deceased not only served in the memorable conflict, but was a veteran of the Mexican and Civil Wars. He leaves a family of grown children and grandchildren.

The Greenville Carnegie library was formally opened Monday night with a program of music and speeches. It is a beautiful building, perhaps the best that has been put up for \$15,000 in the state.

Texas and New Orleans Railway is considering a change of schedule involving the entire line.

Will Estes, a young barber, living in Austin, underwent a surgical operation for the removal of a stone from his right kidney.

The old Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, twenty miles southeast of Paris, at Minter, which was being used as a public school building was destroyed by fire Sunday night. The fire is supposed to have been incendiary.

The several railways entering Dallas near the west side of the city will build an immense interlocking plant.

While out duck hunting before daylight J. J. McCain of Burton, was accidentally shot by his son. It is thought he will recover.

A man who gave his name as Thompson walked off a Texas and Pacific freight train standing on a trestle at Sulphur River water tank Sunday night and was picked up and taken to Texarkana badly injured.

Much sentiment is being worked up favorable to the building of the proposed Waco-Thurber railroad.

Appollinaire Hernandez, a Mexican accused of killing his wife, has been captured and jailed at Corpus Christi after a two weeks' chase.

# Muscovites Get Licked and Lose 2,000 Men.

## Incompetence in all Departments Is Everywhere Evident in the Russian Military Organization.

New York, Feb. 22.—Advices from St. Petersburg are positive that the Russian advance guard on the Yalu River have been driven back and that at a loss of more than 2000 lives to the Russians. The defeat is charged to defective organization of the Russian forces. It seems that the transport of troops to the front was figured upon at a rate of 7000 a day, while the utmost has fallen to 3000. The commissary department has proven utterly inadequate to meet anything like the demand, and while a blanket and a handful of rice is housekeeping and living for a Japanese trooper, Russian soldiery use the heaviest of feeders, require an abundance of clothing, and their accoutrements are a load to an ordinary man under favorable circumstances.

It is a current report that the Russian Squadron which was destined for the Far East and which has caused considerable discussion and rumors of further international complications by remaining in the harbor of Jibuti, has been ordered to return to the Baltic. It is said that owing to the manifest superiority of the Japanese fleet in Eastern waters the Russian Baltic squadron will remain in the Baltic for the present.

Another explanation of the retention of this fleet in Russian waters is that European conditions are assuming a very threatening aspect, and the Baltic fleet is held to protect Russia's European interests.

That Russia is feeling the desperate straits to which her fortunes have fallen in the East is proven by the following appeal to sympathy which has appeared in one of the newspapers close to the imperial power:

"Aside from the question of the yellow peril it is hopeless blindness not to see that Russia stands as a barrier between the approaching rising of Asia and old degenerate Europe and to desire that this barrier be swept away is absolute imbecility. It is said that Japan represents progress and civilization. The same thing was said in 1805 about Prussia and it was not suspected the success of the Prussian arms would be a continued source of alarm and only ended when the Franco-Russian alliance re-established the political balance of Europe.

"One may bow down to the cultured advance of the Japanese, but it brings to Western Nations the idea of endless wars. The Far East is now an arena of European competition. What China will do in a week or in months, when her war position is more clearly defined, her neutrality guaranteed by the powers on the American basis, is one of those things which Europe is used to paying for with a most expensive armed peace. Russian victories will protect the West from the horrors that it is trying to keep off by diplomacy. For Russia this heavy cross is its glory."

Mrs. Hill, the widow of the late Senator Benjamin Hill of Georgia, died at Washington Sunday in the 79th year of her age.

Twenty-Five Killed by Dynamite. Ogden, Utah: Twenty-five persons have been killed, fifteen others injured, several it is believed fatally and a great amount of property destroyed by the explosion of a carload of dynamite at Jackson, a station on the western end of the great Ogden-Lucien cut-off on the Northern Pacific Railroad. The explosion was caused by a collision between two freight trains due, it is said, to the failure of the air brake apparatus to operate. Eight of the dead and five of the injured are Americans.

The New States' Status. Washington: It is thought that the long fight on the people of Oklahoma, Indian Territory, New Mexico and Arizona for admission into the Union as sovereign States, is soon to come to a close. The program of the Republicans is to admit Oklahoma and Indian Territory as one State, and the two other territories as another State. It is expected that a report of this kind will be made in a very short while.

Preferred Death to Separation. San Antonio: Mrs. Carrie Shield, wife of Fred Shield, of the Gaskill Carnal Company, committed suicide in the presence of her husband Sunday. She sealed a letter to her brother saying that her death was preferable to a prospective separation from her husband, and swallowed a large dose of chloroform before any one could interfere. Deceased was 19 years of age and was married to Shield at Fort Worth a year ago.

### UNCLE SAM AND ABYSSINIA.

That Government Will Come to the World's Fair.

Washington, Feb. 22.—How the United States has come into trade relations with a new region containing 10,000,000 people is briefly told in the report to Mr. Loomis, the Assistant Secretary of State, by Robert Skinner, the American Consul General at Marseilles, France, on his highly successful special mission to Abyssinia last November for the purpose of negotiating with King Menelik a trade treaty. As a result of the mission Mr. Skinner negotiated a treaty which, if acceptable, will secure for the United States the most favored Nations' privileges in Ethiopia and will guarantee to American citizens and merchandise immunity from discriminations in rates on all public roads and lines of communication.

Mr. Skinner prevailed on the King to accept an invitation for his country to participate in the St. Louis World's Fair and preliminary arrangements for a comprehensive exhibit at St. Louis have been made. The King will send during the coming summer a commission consisting of representative men, who will have charge of the exhibit. Mr. Skinner, after narrating these facts, says:

"Acting on behalf of the Agricultural Department, I have secured a collection of seed of the more important crops peculiar to Ethiopia and more of which may be found valuable in the exploitation of the uncultivated western lands of the United States now being made available by the extension of our irrigation system. I have also in hand material for a report on the agricultural resources of Abyssinia. The Government desired to secure a collection of wild coffee seeds for experimental purposes. They were not obtained during my visit, but have been ordered and ultimately will be forwarded. The expert of the Agricultural Department have a theory that the degeneration of the modern coffee culture has been based on seed originally imported from Arabia and that by getting back to the wild coffee plant, the habit of which is the Province of Kaffir, a new variety may be created, the value of which will be incalculable."

Terrell Elks Will Build. Terrell: The plans for the Elks building, which is to be erected at once are on display and are attracting the attention of many citizens. The structure is to be a large, commodious and elegant in its appointments. The dimensions will be 56x96 feet and two stories in height, the upstairs an auditorium and stage. The latter will be 25x26 feet, having a seating capacity of 630. The lower story will consist of alleys, library, dressing rooms, gymnasium, etc.

Sam E. McDermitt, of Hico, was accidentally shot with a pistol Sunday, and died from the wound.

La Union, a clerical paper, intimates that negotiations are being carried on, at Valparaiso De Chile, for the sale of more warships to England, adding that it is now only a question of agreeing to the price.

Rev. D. M. West, editor of the Southwest Texan of Ozona, and pastor of the Baptist Church of Ozona, Sherwood and Sonora, has announced as a candidate for State Representative from this district.

A child was recently born to Mr. and Mrs. Caleb Hinson, living southwest of Clarksville, that weighed one and one-quarter pounds. It is described as being perfectly formed and healthy. It is the smallest child in the history of the county.

A deed has been signed conveying title to a block of land in Wichita Falls on which to build a Roman Catholic convent school building. It will cost between \$25,000 and \$30,000, and will be finished by January, 1905.

A most vigorous campaign is being carried on in Grayson County to enforce the local option law. Express agents are being carefully looked after, and boot-leggers find life a burden. But few indictments have been returned.

Roff, I. T., is reported to have suffered from a fire which destroyed a business block at a loss of \$50,000.

Deaf Smith county is working to secure one of the boll weevil experiment farms.

### TURKEY WILL TAKE UP ARMS TO SUPPRESS BULGARIA.

Russia, Austria and Germany Perfectly Willing, But Say No War of Conquest.

Washington, Feb. 23.—Chelik Bey, the Turkish Minister at Washington, believes that war in the Balkans is impending. In a conversation with a correspondent of the Associated Press the Minister said:

"Illness has prevented my transmitting heretofore an important communication, which I received from my government several days ago about the reported trouble in the Roumanian provinces. I hope to see the Secretary of State some time this week, and have a conference with him on this subject. To correct the false impression which already I fear gained ground in this country about the attitude of my country toward the reforms in Roumania, I shall give you the substance of the cablegram from my Foreign Office. It is to this effect:

"The Porte most strenuously denounces as maliciously false the reports which have been given wide circulation in certain European papers that trouble is breaking out in Roumania because of the failure of the Imperial Government to carry out the promised reforms there. The facts in the case are, that the Imperial Government is fulfilling to the letter its pledges, that reforms are being vigorously inaugurated, and there is no trouble brewing in that section as reported."

On the Balkan situation Chelik Bey, who has had considerable experience in that section, says:

"All my advices are meager, but the news I get indicates that the Bulgarians are assuming an attitude and pursuing a course which it will be impossible for the Imperial Government to submit much longer to with patience. It is reported that they are arming the inhabitants for the stirring up of strife in Macedonia and doing everything possible to harass the Imperial Government. I hope this is not true, but if the reports be true, hostilities in the Balkans can not be much longer avoided."

"I think it probable that Turkey will address a note to the Powers on this subject," the Minister was asked.

"I was interested," he replied, "to see republished some days ago the note of last year, in which Turkey clearly announced her position, and called the attention of the Powers to the unbearable conduct of Bulgaria. While not new, the contents of the note were most timely, and what was said then on this point can be with truth reiterated."

"Let me repeat that I hope the reports of the activity of the Bulgarians are exaggerated, but if they contain a measure of truth the situation there is truly critical."

Russia, Austria and Germany have agreed, so it goes in well informed circles, on a policy of non-interference should Turkey attack Bulgaria. They have agreed not to consider such hostilities as war, but as a justifiable suppression of rebellion on the part of Turkey as Bulgaria's suzerain. It is understood that Turkey will not be permitted to seize any Bulgarian territory, but after the Bulgarians have been punished Austria will be intrusted with the policing of Macedonia in the same manner as the Berlin Congress gave it administrative power over Bosnia and Herzegovina.

### Narrow Escapes From Hotel Fire.

Chicago: Fire partially destroyed the building occupied by the Alhambra Theater hotel and apartments. The structure was three stories high and fronted on Archer avenue and State and Nineteenth streets. Several persons had to be carried from the apartments and there were a number of narrow escapes. The loss is estimated at \$75,000. The Alhambra theater, around which the hotel was built, was partially destroyed.

### Fire at Rodgers.

Rogers: An early morning fire here Sunday morning resulted in loss and insurance substantially as follows: P. G. Meacham, building \$2500, insurance \$1700; Smith & Brown, stock and fixtures, \$2000 insurance \$2000; W. R. Still, jeweler, bench tools, material, etc., \$300, no insurance; Dr. J. A. Denman, library, surgical and instruments and office fixtures, \$350, no insurance; Ates Brothers, damage to building estimated \$500, fully insured.

### Panama Affairs Glide Smoothly.

Panama: Committees of the National Assembly are considering most important legislation, including the consular and diplomatic representation of Panama abroad, interior expenses, with salaries of all officials, as none have yet been set, and methods to obtain immigration. No report is probable on the questions of finance until news reaches here of the ratification of the canal treaty by the American Senate.

### ALL IS JUST TALK.

There Seems to Be a Dead Calm in the Orient.

New York, Feb. 23.—From Tokio it is reported here that Vice Admiral Togo has again attacked Port Arthur. It is impossible to confirm the statement, but the Navy Department says it has had no news from Togo.

It is considered very probable that the Vice Admiral has made another attack on the Russians, as he is engaged in blockading Port Arthur.

The captain of the German steamer Pronto, just arrived at Chefoo from Dalny, says that besides the torpedo gunboat Yenesel, accidentally destroyed by one of her own mines, the Russians have just lost another ship by accident on the 12th inst. This was a small cruiser, whose name was not learned. In avoiding some mines she ran upon rocks from which she eventually slipped off into deep water and sank. There was no loss of life attached to the casualty.

The Russian authorities insist that there is no truth in the story that a force of 1000 Japanese landed at Pigeon or Dove Bay had been annihilated. Port Arthur is said to be entirely out of beef and vegetables and drawing upon Dalny for slim supply. Troops are being rushed toward the Yalu with all expedition possible. The Pronto was sent from Port Arthur to Dalny for refugees, chiefly Japanese women. While leaving Port Arthur with all lights out she was fired upon by a Russian cruiser, fifteen shots striking the upper works. It was said that she was mistaken for a Japanese torpedo boat. The entrance to Dalny is honeycombed with mines.

The Japanese have just captured four Russian torpedo boat destroyers at Port Arthur and their crews have been transferred. Russian signals were again used with success. This report comes from Nagasaki. It is further stated that Port Arthur is now a strictly navy stronghold and the forts are manned exclusively by naval gunners. Only twenty foreigners are now at Port Arthur, and they are traders disposing of their goods. Some of them are under suspicion and there is likelihood of their being arrested. There are many complaints of unwarranted arrests, unexpected expulsion and defamation of character by the Port Arthur police.

### Uncle Sam's Big Vessels Get Busy.

Chefoo: The United States cruiser New Orleans and the gunboats Wilmington and Annapolis, which sailed from Manila Feb. 15 under command of Rear Admiral Cooper, upon arriving here received orders from the Secretary of the Navy to return to Shanghai. When the outbreak of hostilities between Russian and Japan occurred Admiral Evans, commanding the Asiatic fleet, dispatched a cruiser squadron to Shanghai and Admiral Cooper's squadron to Chefoo. Secretary Moody has ordered all the ships to Shanghai. They left immediately after coaling without giving any reason for their sudden departure. The Russian forces in Manchuria are so far acting entirely on the defensive. Great preparation is being made at Dalny, Port Arthur, Niuchwang and Liao Yang to prevent the threatened landing of the Japanese troops. A big force of men are at work on the damaged vessels in the Port Arthur harbor and efforts are being made to raise the battleship Reitzvian.

After a woman has been married six months she ceases to talk about soul union.

### Citizens Industrial Association Meets.

Indianapolis: The first annual convention of the Citizens' Industrial Association of America began at the auditorium of Claypool. Over 220 delegates are here. The larger delegations came from Boston, Oklahoma, Kansas City, Minneapolis, St. Louis, Chicago and Cleveland. One hundred and fifty cities and 400 associations are expected to be represented. The address of the president, D. M. Parry, of Indianapolis, was the first feature of the program.

Waco: John McBride, a Marlin negro, attempted to get his sweetheart to go back from Waco to Marlin with him. He came to Waco, found the object of his affections and asked her to return with him. He insisted, and she still would not go. It is alleged that McBride then drew out a pistol, with a barrel fifteen inches long, and told her that she must go with him. She then said she would go, but threw herself on the protection of officers instead.

Large deposits of tin are reported to have been discovered in lower Burma, near the Siamese frontier. Coal also was found in the neighborhood. The tin deposits are asserted to be as great as those of the Straits settlements.

Through the explosion of blast furnace gas at the plant of the Lackawanna Steel Company, two men were asphyxiated, one burned to death and seven severely burned.

### EVENTS OF EVERYWHERE.

At McKinney the jury in the case of T. E. Bail, charged with the murder of N. T. Shanley two years ago, could not agree on a verdict, so they were dismissed.

A fearfully cold wave passed over the East commencing Monday. At Syracuse, N. Y., the thermometer registered 15 degrees below zero. All trains are delayed.

Tom Lindley, a farmer of Wood County, was shot and instantly killed in the public road about two miles southeast of Winstonsboro Monday evening near sundown.

While out hunting Albert Dabney, a young man of Thorp Springs, was accidentally shot by his little brother. One side of his head was blown away, the brain oozing out.

A young man named George Shaw was killed by a Santa Fe freight train near Valley Mills Tuesday. He was crossing the track with a wagon when the train caught him.

The Commissioners' Court has ordered an election to be held March 24 to determine whether or not Sterling County shall issue bonds in the sum of \$25,000 to build a new court house.

G. M. Brown, rural route inspector, was at Italy this week, going over the two rural routes petitioned for. Old route has already been established and service will begin March 1.

Around Millburn, I. T., there will be a larger acreage put into crops this year than ever before. There have been hundreds of acres cleared right around town.

At Basin in Pawnee County, Ok., occurred the death of Miss Sylvesta Mitchell as the result of burns received by her dress catching fire from an open stove draft.

Miss Caroline Duboise, who was a member of the staff of the Kansas City Star, died at the Mercy Hospital at Laredo Saturday night, and the remains were shipped to Kansas City.

From Nashville, Tenn., it is reported that several business men in that city are investigating a proposition to build a railroad to connect Amarillo, Tex., with Lubbock, Tex., by a railroad eighty miles long, which may be extended further south to connect with the Texas and Pacific Railway 200 miles from Amarillo.

Another car of immigrants and prospectors arrived in Hereford Friday from the North, under the management of Mr. Tallmage of Chicago. He brings in two trains each month and is settling up this county rapidly with the Northern farmers from Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, etc.

St. Louis, Mo.: While many have seen maps of the Trans-Siberian Railroad, few have seen the maps of this railway system showing a line extending south from the main systems to a point far down in China and perilously near Peking. Maps showing this line are with one exception only to be found in the secret archives of Russia. Work has been pushed vigorously on this railroad for more than two years. To build this line, which extends under the Great Wall of China and much nearer Peking than the tombs of the imperial family, every device by which information could be withheld from the public was used.

Wheeler County will hold a general local option election on March 16. The farmers around Alba are preparing to diversify on a large scale this year. They received their first car of seed Irish potatoes.

At a meeting of the State Board of Education, Matagorda County road and bridge bonds to the amount of \$25,000 were purchased for account of the permanent public school fund. These bonds bear four per cent interest, run forty years.

A large earthen oil tank at Sour Lake, covering three acres of ground, and in which oil was about four feet deep, was struck by lightning and thousands of gallons of oil were destroyed.

Cecil A. Lyon, Chairman of the State Republican Executive Committee, has called a convention to meet at Dallas on March 22, for the purpose of electing four delegates with alternates to the National Convention in June.

C. A. Coe, a newspaper man at Long Creek, Ore., whose office was recently wrecked by an explosion, has received threats of such a nature that he considers it unsafe for him to continue the publication, and he will emigrate. Rev. Splawn of Bonham has been called to the pastorate of the Baptist church at Sulphur Springs. Government tables just compiled shows the average weight of American cotton bales for 1903 to have been 502.1 pounds. In 1902 it was 502.

It is said that many Chinese residents of Texas are diligently practicing target shooting, and some think they have in view a possible return to the Flowery Kingdom which may become involved in the Eastern embroglio.

# THE PROMOTION OF THE ADMIRAL AND OTHER SEA COMEDIES

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**The Promotion of the Admiral.**  
Mr. Smith, who ran a sailors' boarding-house in that part of San Francisco known as the Barbary Coast, was absolutely sui generis. If any drunken scallawag of a scholar, who had drifted ashore on his boarding-house mud-flats, had ventured in a moment of alcoholic reminiscence to say so in the classic tongue, Shanghai Smith would have "laid him out cold" with anything handy, from a stone-ware match-box to an empty bottle. But if that same son of culture had used his mother tongue, as altered for popular use in the West, and had murmured: "Jerusalem, but Mr. Smith's the daisy of all!" Smith would have thrown out his chest and blown through his teeth a windy oath and guessed he was just so.

"Say it and mean it, that's me," said Smith. "I'm all right. But call me hog and I am hog; don't you forget it!"

Apparently all the world called him "hog." For that he was no better than one, whether he walked, or ate, or drank, or slept, was obvious to any sailor with an open eye. But he was hard and rough and tough, and had the bull-headed courage of a mad steer combined with the wicked cunning of a monkey.

"Don't never play upon me," he said often. "For 'get even' is my motto. There ain't many walkin' this earth that can say they bested me, not from the time I left Bristol in the old darter till now, when I'm known the wide world over."

So far as ships and seallormen were concerned he certainly spoke the truth. He was talked of with curses in the Pacific from the Frybluffs to the Horn, from San Francisco to Zanzibar. It was long odds at any given time in any longitude that some seaman was engaged in blaspheming Shanghai Smith for sending him on board drunk and without a chest, and with nothing better to propitiate his new shipmates than a bottle of vinegar and water that looked like rum till it was tasted. Every breeze that blew, made wind or monsoon, and heard of his iniquities. He got the best of everyone.

"All but one," said Smith in a moment of weakness, when a dozen men, who owed so much money that they crawled to him as a Chinaman does to a joss, were hanging upon his lips—"all but one."

"Oh, we don't take that in," said one of the most indebted; "we can hardly believe that, Mr. Smith."

Sometimes this unsuitable flattery would have ended in the flatterer being thrown out. But Smith was now gently reminiscent.

"Yes, I was done brown and never got the best of one swine," said the boarding-house keeper. "I don't ask you to believe it, for I own it don't sound likely, me being what I am. But there was one swab as give me a



He looked them over malignantly, hidin', and he give it me good, so he did."

He looked them over malignantly. "I kin lick any of you here with one hand," he swore, "but the man as bested me could have taken on three of you with both hands. And I own I was took aback considerable when I run against him on the pier at Sandridge when I was in Australia fifteen years ago. I was a naval officer, captain of the Warrior, and dressed up to kill, though he had a face like a figure-head cut out of mahogany with a broad-axe. And I was feelin' good and in need of a scrap. So when he bumped agin me, I shoved him over—prompt, I shoved him. Down he went, and the girls that knowed me laughed. And two policemen came along quick. I didn't care much, but this naval jossler picks himself up and goes to 'em. Would you believe it, but when he'd spoke a bit I seed him donate them about a dollar each and they walked off round a heap of dunnage on the wharf and the captain buttoned up his coat and came for me. I never seen the likes of it. He comes up dancin' and smilin', and he kind of give me half a bow, polite as you

like, and inside of ten seconds I knew I'd struck a cyclone, right in the spot where they breed. I fought good—you know me—and I got in half a dozen on his face. But I never fazed him none, and he wouldn't bruise mor'n hittin' a boiler. And every time he got back on me I felt as if I'd been kicked. He scarred me something cruel. I could see it by the blood on his hands. T'warn't his, by a long sight, for his fists was made of teak, I should say. And in the end, when I neevd to see a ship's company of naval officers around me, one of them hit me under the ear and lifted me up.

And another hit me whilst I was in the air, and a third landed me as I fell. And that was the end of it, so far as I remember. When I came to, which was next day in a kind of sailors' hospital, I reached up for a card over my head, and I read 'concession of the brain' on it. What's more, I believed it. If the card had led on that I'd been run over by a traction engine and picked up dead, I'd have believed it. And when I recly came to my senses, a medical student says as Captain Richard Dunn of the Warrior had bin to inquire when the funeral was, so he could send a wreath. They said he was the topside fighter in the hull British Navy. And I'm here to say he was."

"And you never got even?" asked the bartender, seeing that no one took up the challenge.

"Never set eyes on him from that day to this," said his boss regretfully.

"And if you did?"

Smith paused, took a drink.

"So help me, I'd Shanghai him if he was King of England!"

And one of the crowd, who had put down the San Francisco Chronicle in order to hear this yarn, picked it up again.

"Selp me," he said, in a breathless excitement, "ere's a bally coincidence. Ere's a telegram from 'Squilmault, saying as how the flagship Triumphant, Hadmiral Sir Richard Dunn, K.C.B., is comin' down to San Francisco!"

"Holy Moses, let's look!" said Shanghai Smith.

He read, and a heavenly smile overspread his hard countenance. He almost looked good, such joy was his.

"Tom," he said to the bartender, "set up the drinks for the crowd. This is my man, for sure. And him an admiral too! Holy sailor, ain't this luck?"

He went out into the street and walked to and fro rubbing his hands, while the men inside took their drink, and looked through the uncleaned windows at the boss.

"Holy Mackinaw," said Billy, who had drifted West from Michigan, "I reckon never to hev seen Mr. Smith so pleased since he shipped a crowd in the Harvester, and got 'em away that night and shipped 'em in the Silas J. Jones."

"He's struck a streak o' luck in his mind," said one of the seamen; "and it's this 'ere hadmiral. Now, mark me, mates, I wouldn't be that 'ere hadmiral for the worth of California. Mr. Sir Blooming Hadmiral, K.C.B., et setter, is going to 'ave a time."

He shook his head over the melancholy fate of a British admiral.

"Rot!" said one of the younger men; "ain't possible to do nothin' to the likes of an admiral. Now, if 'twas a lieutenant or even a captain, I'm not sayin' as Mr. Smith mightn't do somethin'. But an admiral—"

"You mark me," said the older man, "I'd rather be as green as grass and ship as an able-bodied seaman with Billy Yates of the Wanderer, than be in that hadmiral's shoes. What do you say, Tom?"

Tom filled himself up a drink and considered.

"Wa'al," he answered after a long pause, it's my belief that it won't necessary be all pie to be an admiral if the boss is half the man he used to be. For you see 'tis quite evident he has a special kind of respect for this admiral, and when Mr. Smith has been done by anyone that he respects, he don't ever forget. Why, you know yourselves that if one of you was to do him, he'd forgive you right off after he'd kicked the stuffing out of you."

This clear proof that Mr. Smith did not respect them and was kind was received without a murmur. And as the boss did not return, the tide of conversation drifted in the narrower, more personal channels of the marvels that had happened in the "last ship."

And in the meantime H.M.S. Triumphant, known familiarly on the Pacific Coast station as "the Nonsuch, two decks and no bottom," was bringing Rear-Admiral Sir Richard Dunn, K.C.B., to his fate in San Francisco.

"Was there ever such luck—was there ever such luck?" murmured Mr. Shanghai Smith. "To think of him turnin' up, all of his own accord, on my partic'lar stamplin' ground! And I'll lay odds he's clean forgot me. I'll brighten up his mem'ry with sand and canvas and souji-mouji, so I will! Holy sailor, was there ever such luck?"

The morning of the following day H.M.S. Triumphant lay at her anchors off Saucillo in San Francisco Bay and was glad to be there. But though she was a wet ship with a playful habit of trying to scoop the Pacific Ocean dry, and though her tricks would have broken the heart of the Chief Naval Constructor had he seen her at them, she was the flagship in spite of her conduct, because at that time she was the whole Pacific Squadron. The

other half was lying outside Esquimaut Dry Dock waiting for it to be finished. And when the Chronicle said that "Dicky Dunn" was the admiral, it had not lied. If any of that paper's reporters had known "Dicky" as his men know him, he would have spread himself in a column on the admiral's character and personal appearance.

"He's the dead-spl't of a boson's mate, to be sure," said the crew of the Triumphant when they received him at Esquimaut. "An 'ard nut he looks!"

And a "hard nut" he certainly was. Though he stood five feet nine in height, he looked two inches less, for he was as broad as a door and as sturdy as fore-bits. His complexion was the color of the sun when it sets in a fog for fine weather; the skin on his hands shone and was as scaly as a lizard's hide. His teeth were white and his eyes piercing. He could row like a hog-burn, and sing, as the crew said, "like any angel." There wasn't the match of "Dicky" on any of the seas the wide world over. The only



"Sir, it's the penitentiary!"

trouble was that he looked so much like the traditional sailor and buccaner that no one could believe he was anything higher than a warrant officer at the most when he had none of his official gear about him.

Though the admiral did not know it, one of the very first to greet him when he set his foot on dry land at the bottom of Market Street was the man he had kicked so thoroughly fifteen years before in Melbourne.

"Oh, it's the same," said Smith to his chief runner, who was about the "hardest case" in California. "He ain't changed none. Just so old he was when he set about me. Why, the galoot might be immortal. Mark him, now; will you know him anywhere?"

"It don't pay me ever to forget," replied the runner. He had to remember the men who owed him grudges.

"Then don't forget this one," said Smith. "Do you find me a considerable boss?"

"Oh, well—" said the runner ungraciously.

"You've got to do a job for me, Billy."

"And what?"

"I'm goin' to have this hyer admiral shipped before the stick on the toughest ship that's about ready to go to sea," replied Smith.

Billy flinched.

"Sir, it's the penitentiary!"

(To be continued.)

## FADS OF HIGH PERSONAGES.

**European Monarchs Have Many Likes and Dislikes.**

Long sermons are the German emperor's special aversion, and court chaplains are obliged to condense their discourses so that the delivery will only consume fifteen minutes.

The King of Italy detests cards and will not touch them, owing to the fact that his father wasted hours over them.

Since the death of Alphonso XII, card playing has been forbidden at the court of Spain.

The King of Spain's pet pastime is kite fighting. A game called the "Knights of Spain" is also another one of his sports. It is something like polo, only on a less dashing scale.

The Grand Duke of Hesse is never so happy as when he can snatch a moment from affairs of state to devote to his embroidery. He is very skilful with his needle, and his work is described as beautiful. He takes the greatest interest in it, and is particularly clever in the arrangement of colors.

The King of England is an expert shoemaker, a trade he chose to learn when a boy. He was obliged by his royal parents to learn some business. He has even worn shoes of his own making. The late King Humbert of Italy was also a royal cobbler.

**Decidedly Otherwise.**

The two young persons had consented for a consideration to stand on an elevated platform in the open air and be married in the presence of the immense crowd at a street fair.

After the ceremony was over their friends surrounded them.

"Wasn't it dreadfully embarrassing?" they were asked.

"Embarrassing?" echoed the bridegroom, with a broad grin. "I should say not. It relieved the embarrassment. We'd have been married a month ago if I'd had money enough to pay a preacher."

## THEY'RE ALL GETTING INTO THE MIX UP.

**Little Denmark Wants to Know What It's Going to Do to Her and Why.**

New York, Feb. 20.—Spain is sending troops to Canary Islands, Ceuta and Galiacia. It is now stated to prevent British occupation of Spanish territory. The French Government has advised the strengthening of points on the Spanish coast. The moribund government at Madrid is showing the greatest possible signs of activity. Of course, all the news from Europe and Asia comes a long distance, and to make its volume big, it gets to us greatly exaggerated in many instances. The German army has 2600 men at Kalo Lo Han, China, and in view of the complicated condition of affairs there these men will remain, both to help maintain peace in China and to look after the German interest as circumstances may demand. Already rumors are rife that an uprising is on foot in China that will be better organized and more popular than that of the Boxers.

From advices received from Admiral Robly D. Evans, the United States Government is rapidly preparing to meet such a contingency. A battalion of 600 marines is being made ready to sail on the transport Buford. This battalion will be commanded by Major C. A. Doyen, now at the head of the Marine Corps School of Application at Annapolis. It will consist of marine detachments from New York, Philadelphia, Annapolis and Washington, and will be assembled in Washington.

Admiral Evans' prediction of trouble is based on advices he has from the Interior of China, especially from the officers of the gunboats Villalobos and Callao, controlling the Yangtze Kiang River. His information coincides with that credited to Mr. Conger that the lower classes are inflamed by the news of Japanese victories.

Though the war between Japan and Russia has been waged for only ten days, the number of men reported killed in conflict or in the movement of troops is seventeen times the number killed in battle during the Spanish-American war.

The number killed in battle alone, according to the official reports, exceeds those killed in battle during the Spanish-American war almost three times.

According to all reports the Russians have lost 4542 men, killed, frozen or drowned, 600 succumbing to cold in the attempt to march across Lake Baikal and 3,000 being drowned by floating through ice. In battle 582 Russians have been killed outright. Russia has killed 912 of her own men.

In the Spanish-American War 290 men were killed in battle. In the navy by eighteen were killed in battle.

The loss to the Russian fleet to date is eleven large ships wrecked or permanently injured.

## An Old Time Shooting Bee.

Fort Worth: An early morning shooting took place in a lower Main street restaurant Friday, as a result of which Kid Barrett was shot in the right groin, and it is thought received serious if not fatal wounds. Gus Badger, commonly known as "Dutch" Badger, was arrested for assault with intent to murder, and was released on bond. He will have an examining trial before Justice Terrell. Several shots seemed to have been fired and dishes and bottles were freely used in the melee, which is said to have been participated in by four persons.

## Jones' Capital is Rebuilding.

Anson: Anson is alive, or will be soon. Thomas Veitch contracted with the business men who were burned out on January 8, to build five brick business houses, two of them to be two stories high. Also Mr. A. J. Olson contracted to build for J. S. Morrow (Morrow & Johnson), and Roland Bros. each a brick business house on the west side of the square; seven houses in all, work to begin at once, and be completed in ninety days.

## Paper Users Feel the Pinch.

New York: The International Paper Company, which is known as the paper trust, came in for a share of the discussion at the meeting of the American Newspaper Publishers' Association, and a committee to which the subject had been referred reported in favor of raising of a fund of \$100,000 to promote agitation "for release from the oppression of the paper combine." The report was unanimously adopted by the association.

## Caught Breaking into a Store.

Tishomingo, I. T.: Thursday night a negro man broke into the department store of De Cordova & Co. The noise in making the entrance awoke Messrs. Adams and Robertson, who slept in the store. As the negro ascended the steps leading to the office, Mr. Adams shot at him wounding him in the left hip. Adams ordered him to throw up his hands or he would kill him and the negro at once obeyed.

## THE CANAL IS OURS.

The Bill Will Go Through With Small Opposition.

Washington, Feb. 20.—The Panama Canal treaty will be ratified when the vote is reached Tuesday by a vote of 71 to 17. The one Senator whose views are not known is Senator Clark of Montana, who has been sick and absent for several weeks. Of course circumstances may necessitate the absence of other Senators on Tuesday, but the absent ones will be paired and all will be on record.

All the Republicans will support the treaty. That was expected. But there has been much interest manifested by the way the Democratic Senators would vote, in view of the legislative instructions which some of the Southern Senators have received.

Not counting Senator Clark, the Democratic vote in the Senate will be divided as follows:

Seventeen voting against ratification—Gorman of Maryland, McLaurin of Mississippi, Culberson and Bailey of Texas, Bate and Carmack of Tennessee, Overman of North Carolina, Blackburn of Kentucky, Duboise of Idaho, Teller and Patterson of Colorado, Newlands of Nevada, Daniel and Martin of Virginia, Morgan and Pettus of Alabama and Tillman of South Carolina.

Fifteen for the treaty—Bacon and Clay of Georgia, Tallaferro and Malloy of Florida, Cockrell and Stone of Missouri, Foster and McHenry of Louisiana, Berry and Clark of Arkansas, Money of Mississippi, Gibson of Montana, McCreary of Kentucky and Lauder of South Carolina.

Senator McLaurin of Mississippi, following the example of an illustrious predecessor, L. Q. C. Lamar, disregards the instructions of his legislature, holding that it is not within the province of a legislature to pass upon questions pending in the United States Senate. Since Senator McLaurin's term expires on March 3, 1913, some nine years hence, he having been re-elected for the term beginning March, 1907, there will be no political embarrassment to follow as a consequence of his disregarding legislative instructions.

## Presbyterian Getting Together.

St. Louis: After conferences over the past three days, the committee on church co-operation and union of the Presbyterian Church of the United States and the committee on fraternity and union of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church unanimously adopted an agreement as a basis of the union of the two churches. It is in the shape of a report to the general assemblies of the two churches and will have to be ratified by both bodies before it becomes operative. Both assemblies meet May 9, the Presbyterian at Buffalo and the Cumberland at Dallas, Tex.

The committees which reported this were appointed by their respective general assemblies last year, and met here for the first time last October. In December sub-committees of the two committees met in Cincinnati to consider certain details, and three days ago the full committees resumed the conference here. After adopting the report the committees adjourned. The action of these committees, if ratified by the general assemblies, will make the Presbyterian Church national in character, with a membership approximating 1,250,000.

The roundhouse of the Louisiana Railway and Navigation Company at Shreveport was destroyed by fire Friday morning involving a loss of \$5000.

Washington: The question of a successor for Senator Hanna is now uppermost in Ohio politics, but the placating of the factions is of almost equal importance. There seems to be a general feeling that the election of Representative Dick would come nearer to accomplishing harmony than any other man, but Representative Burton and Gov. Herrick are both considered in connection with the place. It is believed that the fight will be between Dick and Burton.

Guthrie, O. T.: Following an old-time custom, a levy of Otoo Indian squaws wrapped Sarah Ely, a young squaw, in blankets until she smothered to death, thus ending a supposed fatal illness. The physician was necessarily absent from the house when the squaws decided upon this procedure. He had announced his patient's ultimate recovery, but the old Indian women prognosed the case different. She was one of the best educated young women of the tribe.

Ennis: Fire Friday destroyed the O. K. Flynn millinery store. The building was the property of Kattie Cassidy-Barrett and was a total loss, insured for \$400. This building was occupied by the O. K. Flynn millinery store. The stock was a total loss; insured for \$1000. Mrs. J. R. Tidwell's millinery store adjoining was barely saved, and was very badly damaged and the stock was ruined. She had insurance on stock for \$1750, and on the building \$1150.



**No Race Suicide Here.**  
Behind two young women kindergarten teachers riding in an elevated train sat a drowsy old Irishman. "How many children have you?" inquired one teacher of her companion. "Twenty-two," was the reply. "How many have you?" "I have only nineteen," was the answer. "Faith," spoke up the Irishman, "it's aisy to see you're none of them race suicides."—New York Press.

**Chance to Get Even.**  
Mrs. Gabriel—What do you think, George? When the doctor called the other day he asked me to put out my tongue, and when I did so he quite hurt me. He—  
Mr. Gabriel (interposing)—Did he tread on it?—Stray Stories.

**Would Not Hurt Them.**  
Stranger—Gracious! What rude conductors!  
Native—This is the elevated road, you know.  
Stranger—Well, it wouldn't hurt the conductors to be a little more elevated.

## Genuine Joke.



Frayed Freddy—I'm a professional humorist by trade, mum.

Lady—Then why don't you work at it?

F. F.—I do, mum. Everywhere I go I promise to work for me dinner.

## Hobson's Choice.

Hi Tragedy—Well, well! I never thought you'd condescend to take so small a part as the one you've cast for now.

Low Comedy—Well, I have to live. Hi Tragedy—Oh, was it that bad?

Low Comedy—Yes, I decided that a small role was better than no bread.

## Tossed and Roasted.

"I told him he'd have to choose between me and the big machine."

His. But he was infuriated with the machine.

"You threw him over, of course?"

"The big car saved me the trouble."

—Automobile Magazine.

## It Was, Indeed.

"You look happy."

"Yes, I heard some good news today. My uncle is going to the money I need to start my business."

"Ah! Then that's really what may call 'capital news.'"

## Natural Deduction.

Hojax—I wouldn't be surprised to hear that Windig had blown his brains out any day.

Tomdix—Has he threatened to suicide?

Hojax—No, but he purchased a corner last week.

## A Sure Thing.



Hoax—I suffer so from shortness of breath.

Joax—Go see the doctor, and he'll soon stop that.

## Truth Pops Up.

"That is a curious looking cane, major," said the visitor. "A memento of the war of the rebellion, I suppose?"

"Yes," replied the old veteran. "It was made from the hollow log I occupied at the famous battle of Bull Run."

## A Fool and Another.

"He wanted to bet, but I just told him that 'betting was a fool's argument,' and that settled the discussion."

"Oh, I can't believe that you shut him up that easily."

"I'll bet you I did."

## Winter.

Yeast—When we got real cold weather they say we are getting a taste of winter. What is the taste of winter?

Crimsonbeak—Why, it's when it is bitter.

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Senator Culberson has published another statement to the public in which he completely upsets Mr. Crane and others with a statement procured from Secretary of State Hay showing that an agreement was in existence between the United States and Costa Rica and Nicaragua for a treaty between them for a canal over the "Nicaragua route," and which agreement set forth and specified the amounts to be paid those countries as well as all the main points to be embodied in the final treaty. He also gives an official signed statement from the Costa Rican minister at Washington showing that the constitution of Costa Rica had been amended for the special purpose of authorizing the president of that country to negotiate and sign a canal treaty with the United States. This shows beyond the shadow of a doubt that there was absolutely nothing to hinder President Roosevelt from proceeding to negotiate and execute such treaty after Columbia had refused to ratify the Panama treaty, and thus comply with the requirements of the law under which he was acting—nothing except his inordinate selfishness.

Senator Culberson closes his article with the following: "The treaty with Columbia was rejected by the Columbian senate August 12, 1903. By the terms of this treaty it expired absolutely in eight months from its date, or on September 22, 1903, and it is apparent from the foregoing facts that when this occurred Costa Rica had full constitutional power to make a satisfactory treaty with the United States. Instead of entering into such a treaty and obeying the Spooner law, the President confessed in his message that he deliberately waited for 'steps taken by Panama,' in fact for the pro-raized revolt there. This revolt was foreshadowed, anticipated, welcomed and supported by our Government, and it entered into a treaty with Panama conspirators to despoil Columbia of her territory, not only in flagrant violation of our national obligations, but in shameful disregard of law and National and moral obligations."

The treaty thus entered into was rejected by Congress on Tuesday, August 12, 1903, while sixteen democratic senators voted with the republicans, we are pleased to know that the vote of the Texas senators was in favor of the treaty.

It is not a good example in public morals and good citizenship for a president of the United States to disregard and contemptuously defy a law of the land and then be upheld in it by the lawmaking body.

Black land farms in Central Texas rendered for taxation at from \$10 to \$15 per acre when they are worth and sell at \$40 to \$60 per acre explains the deficit in the state's revenue. Tax assessors and boards of equalization should do their sworn duty.

Some of the big Eastern daily newspapers that whoop for and support the protective tariff and trust breeding party are kicking because the International Paper Company (trust) is limiting production and putting up the price of paper. It makes a difference whose ox is gored.

The man who makes his farm self supporting, or as nearly so as possible, soil and climate considered, is independent whether cotton is five or twenty cents a pound. But the man who goes all to cotton is on a foundation of sand; he may make good or he may go to pieces on a five cent market.

As is generally the case in great calamities, under the excitement of the hour, the loss by the Baltimore fire was exaggerated. The commission appointed to estimate the losses and ascertain the amount of insurance has reported. It places the total loss at \$125,000,000, including buildings, merchandise, machinery, etc., and the insurance at about \$65,000,000, leaving the net loss to property owners about \$60,000,000. About 2,450 buildings, covering seventy-three squares and several out-lots, were burned. While this is much below the estimates given at the time of the fire, the Baltimore conflagration still remains one of the greatest in the world's history.

Our naval officers and the gang who love to bluster about this country being a "world power" are using the

situation in the Far East and the rigor that is passing over Europe for all it is worth to back up their plea before congress for a bigger navy. This country is a world power—can stay at home and attend to its own business and defy the armed world to invade its shores. It did not become such by virtue of a great navy, but by reason of staying at home, keeping its fingers out of European affairs, cultivating the soil and pushing industrial enterprise. By continuing the same policy it can grow in greatness and in security and safety against outside molestation and the unrest and harassments which wars and rumors of wars inflict upon the peoples of nearly every other country on the globe. A contrary policy, however, as an active, aggressive world power, will connect our nerve system with that of Europe and Asia, so to speak, and we will be afflicted with the jim-jams and alarms whenever those sections of the globe are and, be equally liable to become involved in wars and suffer all the resultant evils. It is far better that we limit ourselves to this continent and feed and clothe the others, at a good price, while they fight.

### Affairs in the Holy Land.

The following is an interesting extract from the report of the United States consul at Jerusalem, Hon. Selah Merrill:

It may interest intending tourists to learn that the health of Jerusalem is now and has been fairly good. Last year I reported that we did not have a single case of cholera, although the English and American papers made the victims of this disease number 500 a day in this city alone. This year there has been cholera in Bethlehem, but it did not last many weeks. It is still prevalent in Haifa and quarantine of five days is maintained against that place. It has prevailed at Kerak and other places east of the Jordan, but is subsiding. The mortality among the workmen on the Mecca Railway, which has now reached a point directly east of the Dead Sea on the high tableland of Moab, was last year very great, but has not been alarming this summer. I have reported the completion of the carriage road from Jerusalem to Bireh. The second section from Bireh to Sijil has been graded a part of the distance and would long since have been completed were it not that the money destined for this work is, by orders from Constantinople, diverted to other purposes as soon as it is raised. It will be a long time before the road is finished all the way from Jerusalem to Nazareth. There is a great deal of poverty in the country, the conscription of extra soldiers has been a great hardship, and one looks in vain for signs of prosperity throughout the country, these being confined exclusively to Yafa, Hebron, Bethlehem and Jerusalem, where foreign influence largely prevails.

### The Cotton Danger.

We think the position taken by the Department of Agriculture, as given in the following extract from the Dallas News' special correspondent, is eminently correct:

Secretary Wilson has received many reports from the cotton States indicating an enormous increase of acreage due to the high price of cotton. Every one of the demonstration and experimental farms in Texas as well as the diversification farms are a protest against larger acreage. In Texas, a greatly increased acreage will inevitably mean the spread of the boll weevil area. In the view of Secretary Wilson profitable cotton production hereafter in Texas must depend more upon the manner of cultivation than upon the large acreage. The principles of intensive agriculture must be invoked. Land must be cultivated thoroughly and constantly and along scientific lines or not cultivated at all, so far as cotton is concerned. From the standpoint of the Department of Agriculture there are more acres of poorly cultivated cotton already than the State can afford. The returns are to come from better cultivated land rather than from greater acreage. Scientists say that the present cotton production of the United States should be attained on the Texas acreage alone, and if this is true, it would seem to be wise for the average Texas farmer to double his work per acre rather than spread out his work on double the present acreage. But aside from the importance of better cultivation of cotton land the department is firm in the belief that greatly increased acreage must inevitably mean diminishing the acreage of other crops upon which the independence and prosperity of the farmer depend. It is just to avoid a calamity of this sort that the diversification farms are to be established. Profitable cotton raising in the long run must depend upon the farmer living at home.

### FOR SALE.

Full blood Durham males also full blood Berkshire sows, will sell for good fall notes.

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Don't be in a rush to buy spring goods—we will have some snow yet, and our Mrs. Martin is in the market buying a fine stock of goods, and my store will be, as of old, the cheapest and most attractive trading place in town. T. G. Carney.

When you want the best and most stylish ready-to-wear clothing—for Men, Boys, Ladies and Children, call at the Stamford Dry Goods Co., and you will save twenty to thirty per cent. They buy direct from the makers.

I have a good farm to rent, see me at once. T. G. Carney.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS.

**FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY.**  
We are authorized to announce Mr. Joseph L. Lockett of Stamford, Jones County, as a candidate for District Attorney, 39th District, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

**FOR COUNTY JUDGE.**  
We are authorized to announce Mr. Wm. Oglesby as a candidate for County Judge of Haskell County, Texas, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

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We are authorized to announce Mr. T. J. Lamm as a candidate for Sheriff of Haskell County, Texas, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

We are authorized to announce Mr. J. W. Collins as a candidate for Sheriff of Haskell County, Texas, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS, County of Haskell.

TAKEN UP BY S. S. Cummings and estrayed before J. T. Knowles, Justice of the Peace Precinct No. 1, Haskell County: One sorrel horse, 15 hands high 9 or 10 years old, branded A on left shoulder, with white streak in face and has saddle marks, also one gray horse, 15 1/2 hands high, 12 years old branded Heart 8 on left thigh. Appraised at Thirty 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 the 15th day of February, 1904.

C. D. LONG, Clerk County Court Haskell County.

# OVERSTOCKED:

During the next two weeks I will make you **Special Bargain Prices..** on several lines of goods in which I am overstocked. This is no trap set for the unwary. When I say **BARGAINS** I MEAN IT! Come and see for yourselves. My General Stock of **DRY GOODS AND GROCERIES** Is complete,—prices will be to your liking.

# ..T. G. CARNEY..

Winter is on But it is not necessary to do without **VEGETABLES and FRUITS** All the following kinds of vegetables can be found in the best grade of canned goods at all times at **WILLIAMS' POPULAR GROCERY STORE** Okra, Sour krout, Lye hominy, Sweet potatoes, Early June peas, Stringless beans, Corn and tomatoes, Okra and tomatoes, Marrowfat peas, Pears, Plums, Peaches, Apricots, Cherries, Blackberries, Strawberries, Gooseberries, Muscat grapes. —And in canned fruits the following are always in stock—

When people buy these things they want something good, therefore I keep the good kind. You will also find 'most anything else you want to eat at **..Williams' Store..**

**PETERS' Barber Shop**  
West side of Square...  
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WHITFIELD & HULL, Proprietors.  
**BREAD! CAKES! PIES!**  
Fish and Oysters.  
N. W. Cor. Square, 11 HASKELL, TEXAS.  
We want to list a few more good bargains for some customers whom we are expecting here in a short time, come in and see us about it, West Texas Development Company.

**TEXAS CENTRAL Railroad.**  
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No. 1 Arrives from Waco.....5:45 P. M.  
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# WORLD'S FAIR NEARLY READY

**Plans For Installing Exhibits Complete, and Work Is Being Rapidly Pushed--Transportation Companies Have Solved the Problem of Caring For Increased Freight Traffic**

**W**ITH the opening days of 1904 work on the Louisiana Purchase Exposition passed into the last stage, that of installation of exhibits and beautifying.

Yet progress on these final touches has kept pace with the work of construction for a major portion of the last twelve months, so that the line of demarcation between actual building operations and final endeavor is difficult to indicate. Thus, even while roofers were employed on the Palace of Machinery, the great steel crane, itself an exhibit, was swinging parts of engines that might well be called mammoth into position, so that the dawn of 1904

and other wizards, transferring barriers into places of enchantment.

By an arrangement recently made between a transportation company and the railroads it is believed there will be no delay in delivering the many train loads of exhibits within the gates of the Exposition. Extensive preparations have been perfected to handle all freight that comes into the city, and, in addition to service by a system of big drays—some propelled by steam, others drawn by horses—which is designed for the smaller shipments, car load lots will enter direct over the several switch lines that wind in and out between the buildings.

In order that no delay might be caused by severity of the weather the Exposition management looked especially to the construction of the roadbeds during the late fall of 1903, and now there is no danger that heavy drays will be stalled in soft, muddy places, but all can proceed on a smooth, hard surface to the place of destination.

Acting in accord with the general spirit of facilitating rapid installation, the Terminal Railroad Association, which controls all shipments of freight delivered by roads from the east, has doubled its capacity for handling freight in both the St. Louis and East St. Louis yards, and it is now believed that during the busiest weeks, which will undoubtedly be those of March and April, there will be no congestion across the two big bridges that span the Mississippi. Should there be, however, resort can be had to the ferry service, which also has been increased in order to care for any emergency.

Shippers all agree that freight is arriving in St. Louis better today than ever before, and this notwithstanding the fact that the terminal facilities are not quite completed and that a number of tracks cannot be operated because of laborers being engaged in their reconstruction. A recent test proved that a consignment of freight from Boston was delivered in a building on the Fair grounds seven days after its shipment from a warehouse in that eastern city, and all persons who have any knowledge of such matters must admit that this is very fair time.

As for the western roads, they all have spurs leading direct to the Exposition, and in many instances can be switched to any position.

## COMFORT OF VISITORS TO THE WORLD'S FAIR.

**Excellent Provision Made For Public Convenience in the Grounds and Buildings of the Exposition—Everything Necessary Provided For.**

Special attention has been paid by the builders of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition to the comfort of those who will attend. It is not an exaggeration to assert that no previous exposition has provided so many public conveniences. First of all, there will be plenty of places where one may sit down and rest after seeing the sights until physical fatigue demands relaxation. And this calls to mind an amusing little story of the Columbian exposition at Chicago.

The little granddaughter of Professor J. M. Greenwood, superintendent of public schools in Kansas City, attended the exposition with relatives, who made it their business to show the child many things that would be educative. From time to time the party found it necessary to sit down and rest. Returning home, the learned grandfather asked the little girl this question:

"Well, my dear, from what one thing that you saw at the fair did you derive the greatest benefit?"

"The chairs, grandpa," promptly replied the child.

The chairs will be greatly in evidence at St. Louis. Thousands of comfortable cane bottom chairs and settees for the free use of visitors will be found in the retiring rooms in the great exhibit palaces. But at this Exposition there will be resting places unknown to former fairs, for within the grounds there are many acres of wooded land which are not occupied by buildings. With 1,240 acres at their disposal it has been an easy matter for the builders to create the biggest Exposition ever known and still have many breathing spaces to spare. Under the trees of the forest—a part of Forest Park—the public will find numerous seats, where, beneath the cooling shade, may be enjoyed a reasonable period of rest, so that the visitor, as though sitting in a quiet park, may look beyond the trees at the domes and towers of the Exposition.

In each of the exhibit palaces and the state and foreign buildings there are public retiring rooms, many of which are provided with wash basins. Scattered throughout the grounds will be a number of separate structures for similar uses. Provision will be made whereby for a small fee the visitor may have toilet accommodations with water and towels.

As to drinking water the teetotaler need have no fears. An arrangement has been made with a concern that will bring pure clear mountain spring



and that is what you have been looking for.

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## COMMISSIONERS' COURT.

### Proceedings at February Term.

The court met on Monday, 15th instant and besides the regular routine business of examining and approving the quarterly reports of county and precinct officers the following business was transacted.

The financial condition of the county as shown by the tax collector's and treasurer's reports and county clerk's financial ledger is shown in the tabular statement published in this paper.

A new school district, No. 20, was created out of districts Nos. 12 and 14.

A new school district, No. 21, was created out of parts of districts Nos. 4, 6 and 16. Election for 20 cent tax ordered in same on April 2nd.

A new school district, No. 22, was created out of districts Nos. 2 and 8.

Caleb J. Russell's application for Confederate pension was endorsed.

On petition of citizens an election was ordered in school district No. 1 on April 2, 1904, for an additional tax of 5 cents on the \$100 for school purposes, raising the school tax in said district to 20 cts. on the \$100.

The quarterly salary of J. M. Thompson as janitor was reduced from \$48 to \$40.

W. J. Sowell was reappointed county public road superintendent for two years.

Treasurer ordered to transfer \$800 from the court house fund to the jury fund.

Treasurer was ordered to pay and redeem four court house and jail compromise bonds of \$740 each and interest. Also to pay all interest due on all other outstanding bonds of this county.

The following election officers were appointed for the ensuing two years, in the several voting precincts, as follows:

Precinct No. 1, J. U. Fields, presiding judge and Marshall Pierson, W. E. Sherrill, J. S. Post, judges.

Precinct No. 2, J. B. Wadlington, presiding judge and J. H. Cook, judge.

Precinct No. 4, D. R. Livingood, presiding judge and B. B. Gardener, judge.

Precinct No. 4, G. W. Tanner, presiding judge and W. P. Candle, judge.

Precinct No. 5, D. W. Fields, presiding judge and T. W. Worley, T. W. Langston, Guy Speck, judges.

Precinct No. 6, S. C. Hawes, presiding judge and S. J. Thompson, judge.

Precinct No. 7, J. F. Pinkerton, presiding judge and J. Whitaker, judge.

Monday and shipped to McKinney, Collin county, where he has four sons and two daughters residing. His wife and son accompanied the corpse.

Mr. Jones came to this county from Collin county about two years ago and was a substantial and highly respected citizen. He was an old Texan, served through the civil war as a Confederate soldier and was about seventy-two years of age. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity.

### For Sheriff and Tax Collector.

Mr. E. G. Bennett places his name before the voters of Haskell county, this week, as a candidate for the office of Sheriff and Tax Collector. Mr. Bennett is a democrat and announces subject to the party primary, if one be held.

To the majority of Haskell county voters Mr. Bennett needs no introduction, as he has been a resident of the county for twelve or fifteen years, and it has had no more law abiding and upright citizen than he. No word has ever been spoken against his character, and his standing among his neighbors is of the best. He is a man of good intelligence and capable of grasping the details of the office which he seeks. In authorizing us to announce him he stated that if elected he would be the sheriff for the whole people, recognizing no party or faction in any official act, but, tracking the law as he finds it in the statutes, to the best of his ability. No officer should do less or more than that, but few come up to this ideal. We believe, however, that Mr. Bennett would try to do it.

### For District Attorney.

Through the columns of THE FREE PRESS this week Mr. Joseph L. Lockett, a progressive and aspiring young lawyer of Stamford, Jones county, submits his name to the voters of Haskell county soliciting their support for the office of District Attorney for the 39th Judicial district, subject to the democratic primary and convention.

Mr. Lockett has had six years practice in the courts, having been located for the past two years in our sister county of Jones. His equipment for the practice consists of a thorough preparatory course, being a post graduate of the law department of the State University at Austin, and having spent two years in the law office with ex-Gov. J. S. Hogg.

We have but little personal acquaintance with Mr. Lockett but understand he is a man of good reputation as

### The Mitchell Local Option Case

On Monday Rush Mitchell, who had opened a saloon near his old stand in the southern part of the county, was arrested on a warrant issued on an information filed in the county court, based on an affidavit made by J. T. Simpson, by County Attorney Wilfong. Mitchell made application to the county judge through his attorney, Judge H. G. McConnell, for a writ of habeas corpus, but Judge Hamilton refused to hear the matter and either refuse or grant the writ. Application was then made to Judge Davidson of the Court of Criminal Appeals at Dallas, who granted the writ and set the case for a hearing on March 16, fixing Mitchell's bond at \$250. The writ was served on Constable Debard, who had Mitchell in charge, on Friday morning and Mitchell was released upon giving bond.

The matter thus goes to the Criminal Court for it to say whether the Haskell election for local option was identical with that of Cooke county, and, whether or not local option is in force here.

Miss Bessie Parker came home last Friday from Waco on account of the serious illness of her grandmother.

Robertson's drug store is the place to get your stationery and toilet articles.

Mr. J. A. Couch, Sr., of Lubbock is here on a visit to his sons and other relatives.

Ruchter's paints are the best. Handled only by Robertson's drug store.

Mr. Clay Park left the first of this week to attend school at Waco.

Mr. G. W. Parker, stenographer for the federal court at Fort Worth, came out Friday of last week to visit his mother, who is seriously ill.

TO OUR LADY FRIENDS: We will receive a large mill shipment of ready to wear hats this week. Please come and look at them, they will surprise you. T. G. Carney.

Miss Emma Wofford, who was one of the teachers in the public school at this place, left Wednesday for her home at Albany.

I have just received a drop shipment of Badger State full cream cheese direct from the factory. It is fine. T. G. Carney.

Mr. W. J. Sowell left Thursday morning for Gorman to see his brother, who was reported quite sick.

Mr. Henry Alexander's fine driving mare ate some prairie dog poison from a wagon on the street a few days ago and died from the effects of it.

Messrs. Walter Maloney, Byron Wright, Erauk Simmons and Will Fitzgerald have been spending the last few days on Clear Fork fishing and hunting.

Mr. S. V. Smith remembered us with a silver cart wheel this week.

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## FLOTSAM AND JETSAM

If you take Terrell's lung tonic you will not cough. Try it.

Flower pots, all sizes, Racket Store.

Do you need money for any purpose? If so come and see us. West Texas Development Company, Haskell.

There are a few of our old friends who have not paid up—we need the money to buy Easter eggs. Come one, come all, you are welcome at Terrell's.

No Credit Business Now. Nearly everybody has cash, and I am making mighty close prices. Buy now and save money. S. L. Robertson.

McLemore Prairie Dog Poison is the cheapest, surest and best. It is for sale at the Haskell Racket Store.

If you want something good to eat—well cooked—go to the Daylight restaurant. The best bread, cake and pies, oysters and fish constantly on hand.

Seed potatoes, onion sets and garden seeds all just received at S. L. Robertson's.

If you have hides for sale go to J. N. Ellis at the City Meat market, and get the highest market price for them.

The West Texas Development Company will make you a loan on your land on long time and easy payments, come and see us if you need money.

New line of pants, ladies skirts, jackets and many other things. Come and see. T. G. Carney.

Oysters, fish, bread, cake, pies, candies, etc., at the Daylight Restaurant, northwest corner of square.

I am selling all clothing at very little over cost. S. L. Robertson.

A full line of school tablets at the Racket Store.

We are expecting several land buyers here in a few days, if you want to sell your land, list it with us for quick sales. West Texas Development Company.

Pens, pencils, ink and tablets at the Racket Store for school children.

McLemore's prairie dog poison will do the business for you.

Big 5-cent school tablets at the Racket Store.

Don't experiment with cheap poisons and lose your time and money, but use McLemore's poison and make a sure thing of killing your prairie dogs.

Alexander Mercantile Co., have in stock a fine line of Hymans-Keat pickles, sweet and sour. "Hymans" on pickles means they are the best.

Do not sell your cotton before you see me. I will give you a raise for your cotton and pay the cash for it. T. G. Carney.

Alexander Mercantile Co., are in receipt of a fine line of hosiery.

"Star Brand Shoes Are Better." S. L. Robertson.

New ties and suspenders in individual boxes, the very latest and noblest to be found, are at Alexander Mercantile Co's.

Swamp Root—the great kidney and liver medicine. Robertson's drug store.

See the nice line of new spring styles of gingham at Alexander Mercantile Co's.

The best Fort Worth bread constantly on hand at Ellis' meat market.

When you want to kill prairie dogs use McLemore's poison, it's a sure thing.

Fresh home-made hog lard for sale at the City Meat Market, J. N. Ellis, proprietor.

S. L. Robertson receives fresh groceries each week and sells them low for cash.

Children, get your school tablets, pencils, pens, ink, etc at the Racket Store.

Meals at all hours, night or day, at the Daylight Restaurant.

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A big line of ladies', children's and bad boys' hose at Alexander Mercantile Co's store.

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If you have an eye disease or deformity this is an opportunity worth grasping, for you get results or pay nothing. It is a

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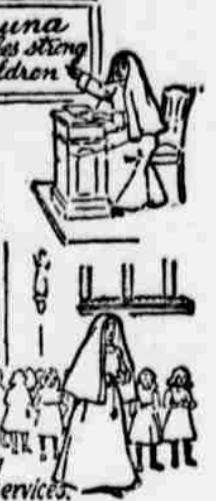
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# SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH

## RELY ON PE-RU-NA TO FIGHT CATARRH, COUGHS, COLDS, GRIP



**SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH**  
Use Pe-ru-na for La Grippe and Winter Catarrh.

IN EVERY country of the civilized world the Sisters of Charity are known. Not only do they minister to the spiritual and intellectual needs of the charges committed to their care, but they also minister to their bodily needs.

Whenever coughs or colds, la grippe or pneumonia make their appearance among the children these Sisters are not concerned, but know exactly the remedies to apply.

With so many children to take care of and to protect from climate and disease these wise and prudent Sisters have found Peruna a never-failing safeguard.

Sisters of St. Joseph, of the Deaf Mute Institute, 1549 Cass Ave., St. Louis, Mo., writes:  
"We appreciate Peruna very much. It certainly does good work with catarrh and also with colds and la grippe. We have faith in Peruna and have inspired many others with the same. We do not like to be without it. It has certainly kept us from being very sick. It did a world of good last winter for our little ones. Thanking you for your kindness to us and our afflicted ones, we remain, yours gratefully,  
SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH."

Dr. Hartman receives many letters from Catholic Sisters from all over the United States. A recommend recently received from a Catholic Institution in Detroit, Mich., reads as follows:  
**Dr. S. B. Hartman, Columbus, Ohio:**  
"Dear Sir—The young girl who used the Peruna was suffering from laryngitis, and loss of voice. The result of the treatment was most satisfactory. She found great relief, and after further use of the medicine we hope to be able to say she is entirely cured."—Sisters of Charity.

This young girl was under the care of the Sisters of Charity and used Peruna for catarrh of the throat, with good results as the above letter testifies.

From a Catholic Institution in Central Ohio comes the following recommend from the Sister Superior:  
"Some years ago a friend of our institution recommended to us Dr. Hartman's Peruna as an excellent remedy for the influenza of which we then had several cases which threatened to be of a serious character.  
"We began to use it and experienced such wonderful results that since then

me to try Peruna. After using two bottles I found myself very much improved. The remains of my old disease being now so slight, I consider myself cured, yet for a while I intend to continue the use of Peruna. I am now treating another patient with your medicine. She has been sick with malaria and troubled with leucorrhoea. I have no doubt that a cure will be speedily effected."

These are samples of letters received by Dr. Hartman from the various orders of Catholic Sisters throughout the United States.

The names and addresses to these letters have been withheld from respect to the sisters, but will be furnished on request.

One-half of the diseases which afflict mankind are due to some catarrhal disease of the mucous membrane lining some organ or passage of the body. A remedy that would act immediately upon the congested mucous membrane restoring it to its normal state, would consequently cure all these diseases. Catarrh is catarrh wherever located, whether it be in the head, throat, lungs, stomach, kidneys or pelvic organs. A remedy that will cure it in one location will cure it in all locations. Peruna cures catarrh wherever located.

If you do not derive prompt and satisfactory results from the use of Peruna, write at once to Dr. Hartman, giving a full statement of your case and he will be pleased to give you his valuable advice gratis.

Address Dr. Hartman, President of The Hartman Sanitarium, Columbus, Ohio.

Peruna has become our favorite medicine for influenza, catarrh, cold, cough and bronchitis.

Another recommend from a Catholic Institution of one of the Central States written by the Sister Superior reads as follows:  
"A number of years ago our attention was called to Dr. Hartman's Peruna, and since then we have used it with wonderful results for grip, coughs, colds and catarrhal diseases of the head and stomach.  
"For grip and winter catarrh especially it has been of great service to the inmates of this institution."

**SISTERS OF CHARITY**  
All Over the United States Use Pe-ru-na for Catarrh.

A recommend recently received from a Catholic Institution in the South-west reads as follows:  
A Prominent Mother Superior Says:  
"I can testify from experience to the efficiency of Peruna as one of the very best

medicines, and it gives me pleasure to add my praise to that of thousands who have used it. For years I suffered with catarrh of the stomach, all remedies proving valueless for relief. Last spring I went to Colorado, hoping to be benefited by a change of climate and while there a friend advised me to try Peruna. After using two bottles I found myself very much improved. The remains of my old disease being now so slight, I consider myself cured, yet for a while I intend to continue the use of Peruna. I am now treating another patient with your medicine. She has been sick with malaria and troubled with leucorrhoea. I have no doubt that a cure will be speedily effected."

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**Value of the Birch.**  
Old writers in mentioning birch trees seldom failed to say solemnly that they were useful to grow branches with which to give boys thrashings. Turner regards the supply of "flexible, pendent branches" for purposes of punishment as the chief merit of the tree. Coles also based his estimate of the birch chiefly on its use in the supply of rods as instruments of punishment, for he writes: "The civil uses whereunto the birch serveth are many, as for the punishment of children, both at home and at school; for it hath an admirable influence upon them to quiet them when they are out of order, and, therefore, some call it make-peace." In ancient Rome the fasces of the lictors, with which they cleared the way for the magistrates, were formed with rods of birch, and their influence was usually sufficient to insure a rapid dispersion of men assembled where they would impede the passage of the administrators of the law. From that time to within a comparatively recent period the birchen rod was regarded as one of the most important deterrents of juvenile depravity.

**English Horse Exhibition.**  
Annually, in London, a public exhibition of work horses is held in Regent's Park. The horses, groomed to the last hair, their manes and tails decorated with gay ribbons, their harness clean and bright, and carts, wagons and drays all spick and span, are inspected at the gates by veterinary surgeons, and if they pass they are reviewed by street department and other city officers, and the drivers of the best cared for horses are awarded substantial money prizes. This annual ceremony is believed to have great influence.

**Heavy Demand for Root.**  
Elihu Root served as secretary of war at a great pecuniary sacrifice. His salary as a government official was a mere drop in the bucket compared to what his income as a corporation lawyer would have been. As soon as it was announced about two months ago that Mr. Root would leave the war department on February 1, letters began to pour in asking for his legal services. Retaining fees were forced on him before he even had a chance to talk with persons who sought to engage him. This thing kept up to the day he left the war department. He was obliged to turn down many of the offers he received, and it is safe to say that he could have taken on enough work that came unsolicited to keep him busy for the next two or three years.

**Canary's Appetite.**  
Persons who are very dainty are sometimes said to have only the appetite of a canary. An experiment has recently been made in the direction of finding out just what the appetite of a canary is. A canary was weighed and it was found to turn the scale at 247 grains, or something over half an ounce. The food was also weighed, and it was found that the bird eats thirty-two times its weight every month, or actually more than its weight every day, thus showing that the proverbial pig is a light eater compared with the canary.

**In Winter Use Allen's Foot-Ease.**  
A powder. Your feet feel uncomfortable, nervous and often cold and damp. If you have sweating, sore feet or tight shoes, try Allen's Foot-Ease. Sold by all druggists and shoe stores, 25 cents. Sample sent free. Address Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

**A Household Necessity.**  
I would almost as soon think of running my farm without implements as without Hunt's Lightning Oil. Of all the liniments I have ever used, for both man and beast, it is the quickest in action and richest in results. For burns and fresh cuts it is absolutely wonderful. I regard it as a household necessity. Yours truly,  
S. Harrison,  
Kosciusko, Miss.

**Alfalfa Clover.**  
For years the editor has been urging farmers to sow Alfalfa Clover, and glad he is that thousands of wild question of stock raising here. Salzer's Alfalfa is good for 3 rousing crops of hay, Salzer's Speltz for 60 bu. of grain and 3 tons of hay, Salzer's Macaroni Wheat for 1 bu. best hog fattening wheat, and Salzer's Hanna Barley, for arid, dry land, is good for 70 bu. per acre. These are all great hog, sheep and cattle fatteners, and last but not least, Salzer's Victoria Rape for sheep, and Salzer's Teosinte, good for 80 tons of green food for cattle, and Salzer's Billion Dollar Grass Bromus Inermis for lots and lots of good hay. These things make it possible for me to grow live stock in the thousands.

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# THOUSANDS HAVE KIDNEY TROUBLE AND DON'T KNOW IT



**To Prove what Swamp-Root, the Great Kidney Remedy, Will Do for YOU, Every Reader of this paper May Have a Sample Bottle Sent Free by Mail.**

Weak and unhealthy kidneys are responsible for more sickness and suffering than any other disease, therefore, when through neglect or other causes, kidney trouble is permitted to continue, fatal results are sure to follow.

Your other organs may need attention—but your kidneys most, because they do most and need attention first.

If you are sick or "feel badly," begin taking Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney, liver and bladder remedy, because as soon as your kidneys begin to get better they will help all the other organs to health. A trial will convince anyone.

The mild and immediate effect of Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney and bladder remedy, is soon realized. It stands the highest for its wonderful cures of the most distressing cases. Swamp-Root will set your whole system right, and the best proof of this is a trial.

14 EAST 124th ST., NEW YORK CITY.  
DEAR SIR: I had been suffering severely from kidney trouble. All symptoms were on hand; my former strength and power had left me; I could hardly drag myself along. My mental capacity was going out, and often I wished to die. It was then I saw an advertisement of yours in a New York paper, but would not have paid any attention to it had it not mentioned a woman, guaranteeing with every bottle of your medicine, asserting that your Swamp-Root is purely vegetable, and does not contain any harmful drugs. I am seventy years and four months old, and with a good conscience I can recommend Swamp-Root to all sufferers from kidney trouble. Four members of my family have been using Swamp-Root for four different kidney diseases, with the same good results.

With many thanks to you,  
Very truly yours,  
ROBERT BERNER.

You may have a sample bottle of the famous kidney remedy, Swamp-Root, sent free by mail, postpaid, by which you may test its virtues for such disorders as kidney, bladder and uric acid diseases, poor digestion, being obliged to pass

**EDITORIAL NOTE.**—So successful is Swamp-Root in promptly curing even the most distressing cases of kidney, liver or bladder troubles, that to prove its wonderful merits, you may have a sample bottle and a book of valuable information, both sent absolutely free by mail. The book contains many of the thousands upon thousands of testimonial letters received from men and women cured. The value and success of Swamp-Root is so well known that our readers are advised to send for a sample bottle. In sending your address to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., be sure to say

There is no substitute for hard work in winning success.—J. J. HILL.  
In the field of destiny we reap what we have sown.—Whittier.

Hundreds of dealers say the extra quantity and superior quality of De-fiance Starch is fast taking place of all the other brands. Others say they cannot sell any other starch.

So little trouble do men take in search after truth, so readily do they accept whatever comes first to hand.—Thucydides.

**MEXICAN Mustang Liniment**  
cures Sprains and Strains.

**SICK WOMEN, MY CURE FREE.**  
I will send you a marvelous remedy which has cured thousands of women of Leucorrhoea, Displacements, Falling of Womb, Hot Flashes, Ulcerations, Tumors and All Female Troubles Free to any Lady requiring it. No money, no C. O. D. All I ask is to tell your friends, Expectant mothers, it brings about childbirth without apparent pain or danger. Write to-day,  
MRS. M. MERKLE, South Bend, Ind.

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Farmers' Grain and Live Stock Commission Co., Old Colony Building, Chicago, Ill.

**DROPSY**  
Cured. Gives quick relief. Removes all swelling in 5 to 20 days; permanent cure in 30 to 60 days. Trial treatment free. Dr. H. H. Green's Sons, Box 5, Atlanta, Ga.

**BEGGS' CHERRY COUGH SYRUP**  
cures coughs and colds.

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AMMUNITION  
is extensively used everywhere in the world, wherever the muzzle loader has given way to the breech loader.  
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This accounts for the uniformity of its products.  
Tell your dealer "U. M. C." when he asks "What kind?"  
The Union Metallic Cartridge Co., BRIDGEPORT, CONN., Agency, 313 Broadway, New York City, N. Y.

**CAPSICUM VASELINE**  
A substitute for and superior to mustard or any other plaster, and will not blister the most delicate skin. The pain-alleviating and curative qualities of this article are wonderful. It will stop the toothache at once, and relieve headache and neuralgia. Wherever it is the best and safest external counter-irritant known, also as an external remedy for pains in the chest and stomach, and all rheumatic, neuralgic and gouty complaints. A trial will prove what we claim for it, and it will be found to be invaluable in the household. Many people say "it is the best of all your preparations." Price 15 cents at all druggists or other dealers, or by sending this amount to us in postage stamps we will send you a tube by mail. No article should be accepted by the public unless the same carries our label, as otherwise it is not genuine.  
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Deserve your confidence. They have never failed—won't fail now. Sold by all dealers. 1906 Seed Annual, postpaid, free.  
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**\$20 Per Week and Expenses to**  
produce our Foultry Compound. Write or call. NATIONAL MFG. CO., Hennessy, Okla.

**PISO'S CURE FOR**  
Croup, Whooping Cough, Sore Throat, and all other ailments of the throat and lungs. Use in time. Sold by druggists.  
CONSTITUTION

...their intent at larger, more selected stocks of goods will be found at any point accessible to their territory.

**Affidavit of Commissioners' Court to Treasurer's Quarterly Report.**

In the Matter of County Finances  
IN THE HANDS OF  
R. D. C. STEPHENS,  
Treasurer of Haskell County, Texas.

COMMISSIONERS' COURT,  
Haskell County, Texas,  
In Regular Quarterly Session,  
February Term, 1904.

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, as County Commissioners within and for said Haskell County, and the Hon. D. H. Hamilton, County Judge of said Haskell County, constituting the entire Commissioners' Court of said County, and each one of us, do hereby certify that on this, the 19th day of February, A. D. 1904, at a regular quarterly term of our said Court, we have compared and examined the quarterly report of R. D. C. Stephens, Treasurer of Haskell County, Texas, for the quarter beginning on the 12th day of November, A. D. 1903, and ending on the 31st day of January, A. D. 1904, and finding the same correct have caused an order to be entered upon the minutes of the Commissioners' Court of Haskell County, stating the approval of said Treasurer's Report by our said Court, which said order recites separately the amount received and paid out of each fund by said County Treasurer since his last report to this Court, and for and during the time covered by his present report, and the balance of each fund remaining in said Treasurer's hands on the said 17th day of February, A. D. 1904, and have ordered the proper credits to be made in the accounts of the said County Treasurer, in accordance with said order as required by Article 867, Chapter 1, Title XXV, of the Revised Statutes of Texas, as amended by an Act of the Twenty-fifth Legislature of Texas, at its regular session, approved March 20, 1897.

And we, and each of us, further certify that we have actually and fully inspected and counted all the actual cash and assets in hands of the said Treasurer belonging to Haskell County at the close of the examination of said Treasurer's Report, on this the 19th day of February, A. D. 1904, and find the same to be as follows, to wit:

JURY FUND	Dr.	Cr.
Balance on hand as shown by Treasurer's Report on the 31st day of January, 1904.....	1.65	
To amount received since said date.....	50.50	
By amount disbursed since said date.....		45.62
By amount to balance.....		6.53
Total.....	52.15	52.15
Balance to credit of said Jury Fund as actually counted by us on the 19th day of January, A. D. 1904, and including the amount balance on hand by said Treasurer at the date of the filing of his report on the 2nd day of February, A. D. 1904, and the balance between receipts and disbursements since that day, making a total balance of.....		6.53

ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND	Dr.	Cr.
Balance on hand as shown by Treasurer's Report on the 31st day of January, 1904.....	21.27	
To amount received since said date.....	1210.18	
By amount disbursed since said date.....		81.24
By amount to balance.....		1150.21
Total.....	1231.45	1231.45
Balance to credit of said Road and Bridge Fund as actually counted by us on the 19th day of February, A. D. 1904, and including the amount balance on hand by said Treasurer at the date of the filing of his report on the 2nd day of February, A. D. 1904, and the balance between receipts and disbursements since that day, making a total balance of.....		1150.21

GENERAL FUND	Dr.	Cr.
Balance on hand as shown by Treasurer's Report on the 31st day of January, 1904.....	81.39	
To amount received since said date.....	3518.06	
By amount disbursed since said date.....		842.22
By amount to balance.....		2757.23
Total.....	3599.45	3599.45
Balance to credit of said General Fund as actually counted by us on the 19th day of February, A. D. 1904, and including the amount balance on hand by said Treasurer at the date of the filing of his report on the 2nd day of February, A. D. 1904, and the balance between receipts and disbursements since that day, making a total balance of.....		2757.23

COURT HOUSE FUND	Dr.	Cr.
Balance on hand as shown by Treasurer's Report on the 31st day of January, 1904.....	282.36	
To amount received since said date.....	1080.17	
By amount disbursed since said date.....		134.63
By amount to balance.....		1227.90
Total.....	1362.53	1362.53
Balance to credit of said Court House Fund as actually counted by us on the 19th day of February, A. D. 1904, and including the amount balance on hand by said Treasurer at the date of the filing of his report on the 2nd day of February, A. D. 1904, and the balance between receipts and disbursements since that day, making a total balance of.....		1227.90

R. & B. INT. & SINKING FUND	Dr.	Cr.
Balance on hand as shown by Treasurer's Report on the 31st day of January, 1904.....	741.20	
To amount received since said date.....	802.83	
By amount disbursed since said date.....		20.07
By amount to balance.....		1523.96
Total.....	1544.03	1544.03
Balance to credit of said R. & B. Int. & Sinking Fund as actually counted by us on the 19th day of February, A. D. 1904, and including the amount balance on hand by said Treasurer at the date of the filing of his report on the 2nd day of February, A. D. 1904, and the balance between receipts and disbursements since that day, making a total balance of.....		1523.96

COURT HOUSE INT. & SINKING FUND	Dr.	Cr.
Balance on hand as shown by Treasurer's Report on the 31st day of January, 1904.....	1181.22	
To amount received since said date.....	2295.37	
By amount disbursed since said date.....		57.38
By amount to balance.....		3419.21
Total.....	3476.59	3476.59
Balance to credit of said Court House Int. & Sinking Fund as actually counted by us on the 19th day of February, A. D. 1904, and including the amount balance on hand by said Treasurer at the date of the filing of his report on the 2nd day of February, A. D. 1904, and the balance between receipts and disbursements since that day, making a total balance of.....		3419.21

DATE	RECAPITULATION	AMOUNT
Feb. 19	Balance to credit of Jury Fund on this day.....	6.53
" 19	Balance to credit of Road and Bridge Fund on this day.....	1,150.21
" 19	Balance to credit of General Fund on this day.....	2,757.23
" 19	Balance to credit of Court House Fund on this day.....	1,227.90
" 19	Bal. to credit of R. & B. Int. & Sinking Fund on this day.....	1,523.96
" 19	Bal. to credit of Ct. H. Int. & Sinking Fund on this day.....	3,419.21
" 19	Balance to credit of Estray Fund on this day.....	15.89
	Total Cash on hand belonging to Haskell County in the hands of said Treasurer as actually counted by us.....	\$10,100.00

BONDED INDEBTEDNESS.  
The bonded indebtedness of said County we find to be as follows, to wit:  
28 Court House Refunding Bonds, at \$1,000.00 each..... \$28,000.00

13 Road and Bridge Refunding Bonds, at \$1,000.00 each..... 13,000.00  
4 Court House and Jail Compromise Bonds, at \$740.00 each..... 2,960.00  
Total Bonded Indebtedness..... \$43,960.00

WITNESS OUR HANDS, officially, this 19th day of Feb., A. D. 1904.  
D. H. HAMILTON, County Judge.  
S. V. JONES, Commissioner Precinct No. 1.  
B. H. OWSLEY, Commissioner Precinct No. 2.  
LEWIS HOWARD, Commissioner Precinct No. 3.  
W. F. WATTS, Commissioner Precinct No. 4.

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me, by D. H. Hamilton, County Judge, and S. V. Jones and B. H. Owsley and Lewis Howard and W. F. Watts, County Commissioners of said Haskell County, each respectively, on this, the 19th day of February, A. D. 1904.  
C. D. LONG, County Clerk,  
Haskell County, Texas.

**STANDARD SULKY PLANTER**

IT WAS GOOD LAST YEAR, BUT IT IS BETTER THIS YEAR.

It is the only Sulky Planter that successfully stood up under the severe strain of the season of 1903.

It is strong enough for the hardest work and light enough to be handled easily.

The front sweep can be raised high enough for high beds, or lowered to cut four inches below the level of the wheels. These planters have been in use in Texas three full seasons and none have been returned because of inefficiency. The farmers will find on investigation that the Standard Planter is of highest merit; will cost less than some others, and is better than any other.

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are the best thing we have ever seen, and those

**...STEAM COOKERS...**

are just lovely—such a saving in fuel—as well as time and worry of us good house-keepers.

**SAY!! You Men Folks!**

Why don't you wake up and make your wife a present of one or both. She will be so happy and your dear health will improve with the **BETTER COOKING**—and life will thus be prolonged several years. **TRY IT.**

**And Say Ladies!**

If he wont do this, you just come in and order for yourself, and we will make the old fellow pay for it all the same.

RESPECTFULLY,  
**HASKELL RACKET STORE.**

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J. N. Ellis, Propr.,  
West Side of the Square.

Keeps all Kinds of Fresh Meats Obtainable Here.

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—OF—  
HASKELL, - TEXAS.

With correspondent Bank in the leading commercial cities of Texas and the East, we are prepared to issue exchange for the convenient transaction of business in all parts of the country.

We solicit alike the deposits of the people of Haskell and surrounding country and the business of persons abroad who may have need of the services of a bank here.

The personnel of our officers and board of directors is a guaranty that the interest of all patrons will be protected and promoted.

**OFFICERS.**  
M. S. PIERSON, President; G. R. COUCH, Cashier.  
LEE PIERSON, Vice-President; M. PIERSON, Ass't. Cashier.

**Directors.**  
M. S. PIERSON, G. R. COUCH, MARSHALL PIERSON, H. S. POST, F. M. MORTON, S. W. SCOTT, LEE PIERSON.

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When you are preparing to make a war of extermination on the pestiferous prairie dogs remember that

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