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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Following are the candidates nominated in Haskell county for the offices specified and whose announcements were placed in this paper prior to the primary election:

For District Attorney, 39th Dist.:
C. C. HIGGINS.

For County Judge:
OSCAR E. OATES.

For County Attorney:
B. M. WHITEKER.

For District and County Clerk:
C. D. LONG.

For Sheriff and Tax Collector:
J. W. COLLINS.

For Assessor of Taxes:
S. E. CAROTHERS.

For County Treasurer:
R. D. C. STEPHENS.

For Public Weigher:
W. T. JONES.

For Commissioner Pre. No. 1:
W. S. FOUTS.

For Commissioner Pre. No. 2:
H. C. COUSINS.

For Justice of Peace Pre. No. 5:
TOM D. WHITFORD.

Forests and Rains.

Meteorologists today doubt whether the removal of forests has any effect upon rainfall, although they concede that it accelerates the rate at which water runs off from mountain sides. This is a very general assertion. There are a great many meteorologists. It is a new science, if, indeed, it can be called a science. It is in the experimental stage, with few fixed principles, and almost anyone who has given any attention to the elements is called a meteorologist. The belief that the removal of the forests has a material effect on the rainfall is very old and wellnigh universal. It is begotten of an experience extending far back of the time when meteorology was generally known as a science.

The Baltimore American says nature itself, entirely disassociated with the work of man, furnishes the strongest prima facie evidence that the forests play a large part in the rainfall. In the southwest, where there are vast deserts created by the receding of the waters, alkali deserts which in their present condition will grow no trees, and which are surrounded by hills and small mountains covered with forests, there is a rain fall over these deserts of about five inches, while in the forest-clad hills and mountains the rain and snow fall is about the average enjoyed by territory comfortably provided with forests.

This is an experience of centuries, extending over an immense stretch of country, and appears to outweigh the experiments of two or three years upon which these meteorological doubts are founded, but there are other proofs in the western country quiet as strong as the above. In the mining regions of some of the states, particularly Nevada, the forests have been removed, stripped, in fact, for hundreds of miles, with the result that the water courses have dwindled to almost nothing, where prior to this vandalism they ran in great volume and supplied all the wants of the settlers. In Europe it has been the belief for ages that the forests have a direct influence on the rainfall, and on that account forest preservation is regarded as one of the most important features of country life.—National Livestock Reporter.

NOMINEE OF PARTY!

JUDGE ALTON B. PARKER NOTIFIED OF SELECTION AS DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE.

HE ACCEPTS THE CALL.

And Gives Public Expression of His Views on Campaign Issues.

THE CEREMONY AT ROSEMOUNT

Held on Lawn Overlooking River. Over 600 People Attend.

Esopus, N. Y., Aug. 10.—Judge Alton B. Parker today received formal notification of his nomination for the Presidency of the United States as the candidate of the Democratic party, and in accepting gave public expression for the first time of his views on the issues of the campaign.

The notification was brought to him by Representative Champ Clark, as chairman of a committee representing every State and Territory in the United States.

Mr. Clark in a brief speech informed the candidate of his nomination and presented to him a formal communication, signed by the committee.

Standing bareheaded during a brief lull in the rainstorm, which had lasted since soon after daylight, Judge Parker accepted the nomination and set forth his views in a speech that evoked frequent and hearty applause. He spoke for a little more than half an hour.

The ceremony was held on the lawn at Rosemount, under the trees at the north part of the yard, and was attended by upward of six hundred people, a large number of whom came from New York City with the notification committee, on the steamer Sagamore. The company included many Democrats of national prominence, as well as a large and representative delegation from Tammany Hall.

There would have been a gala day gathering from Kingston and vicinity, where, perhaps, the Judge is best known, but the rain had been so heavy and continuous that few local people ventured forth. It was decided to hold the ceremonies on the Sagamore, owing to the storm, but the protest of those who wanted Judge Parker notified at his own house was so vigorous that at the last moment the little platform erected on the Parker lawn was hastily decorated with flags and the ceremonies were held there according to the original plan.

During most of the time occupied by Champ Clark's speech the rain was falling in a steady drizzle, but it stopped entirely just as Judge Parker began his address, and held off until he finished.

Representative Clark was speaking and Judge Parker was standing bareheaded, without shelter, when a man in the crowd called:

"Somebody hold an umbrella over Judge Parker."

A number were immediately offered, but the Judge refused them with a courteous wave of the hand, saying:

"Justice for all, special privileges for none," and the spectators showed their approval by a shout of laughter.

While Judge Parker was speaking the rain stopped and not a breath of air stirred. In the stillness every word could be heard distinctly by the crowd. It is years since Judge Parker has been heard in a political speech, and to most of his hearers he was absolutely new in this capacity. They heard him with keen zest, not unmixed with curiosity. The speech was delivered in the clearest tones, in a voice seldom raised above a conversational pitch, but perfectly audible, notwithstanding the occasional gusts of rain.

His enunciation was distinct and his delivery exceedingly deliberate. He used few gestures, making his emphasis almost entirely with his voice. He adhered to the text of his written address, with the wording of which he appeared perfectly familiar, though he held a copy in his hand and followed it somewhat closely with his eyes while speaking.

The candidate's audience awoke to a high pitch of enthusiasm when he spoke of militarism and imperialism. "Ours is a world power," said he, "and as such it must be maintained, but I deny that it is at all recently that the United States has attained that eminence." When he enunciated this principle there came a burst of cheers that caused the speaker to await a few minutes before he continued. His pledge not to accept a second term if elected aroused immediate interest which amounted to enthusiasm when the speaker went on to explain his position.

The crowd seemed to yield to his force of reasoning and at the end of a particularly telling period toward the close of the speech it gave the candidate the greatest demonstration of the afternoon. It looked as though every man, woman and child in the throng surrounding the platform had a small American flag, and as they cheered the waving flags almost concealed the occupants of the stand. The speaker waited for the applause to subside and then made his few concluding remarks, finishing his address at 2:54. He began his address at 2:18 p. m.

As Judge Parker spoke his closing words the band struck up "The Star Spangled Banner," and from the deck of the yacht Sapphire in the river below, a number of bombs were fired in salute. These, bursting in the air, released parachutes from which were suspended the National colors.

After the ceremony all crowded eagerly to shake the candidate's hand and congratulate him on his speech. The reception was continued on the veranda until 4 o'clock, when the company broke up and the visitors returned to their boats and trains.

At 1:30 the sky, which had lightened considerably after the rain had stopped, again became very dark and lowering and Secretary McCausland believed that the speechmaking would have to be done on the boat.

Word was received from down the river which indicated that the Sagamore had been late in leaving New York and it would be 2 p. m. before she could reach Rosemount. The West Shore train arriving just after noon brought Representative Bourke Cockran and a Tammany delegation.

About this time flags and bunting began to appear along the veranda at Rosemount.

The Chicago delegation arrived about 1 o'clock.

This delegation brought a message to Judge Parker from Mayor Harrison to the effect that he was reluctantly obliged to forego the pleasure of attending the notification ceremonies largely on account of the great strike in Chicago. The trip of the notification committee from New York to Esopus was attended with much discomfort to the passengers, due to continuous rains which drove everybody from the upper decks and overcrowded the lower decks and saloon.

The boat arrived at 1:45 p. m. The members of the notification committee were formed in line on the landing and marched up the hill path to Judge Parker's house. Cord Meyer headed the procession of the committee, which was met by Judge Parker at the south entrance of his home. After all members of the committee had been introduced they passed around the veranda to the grounds where the ceremonies were held. At the last moment it was decided to hold the ceremony on the lawn as first arranged instead of on the boat. Banners of the different States were swung in front of the speaker's stand, making a graceful addition to the other decorations. Many other emblems which were used at the St. Louis convention were also hung about the grounds.

Before the ceremonies were begun the Seventh Regiment Band, which was stationed on the grounds north of the house, played several selections.

Senator Hill arrived from Hyde Park almost simultaneously with the Sagamore and not far in her wake steamed the Sapphire, John Pierce's yacht, firing bombs in salute.

Judge Parker's family was escorted to the summer house on the lawn by National Chairman Taggart and the New York State delegation, including the Mayor. The Free Press critic had wings to the happy couple.

tative Clark, chairman of the notification committee, then escorted Judge Parker from the house to the stand. The candidate was greeted with cheers. There was no wait in the ceremonies. As soon as the little party reached the stand Representative Clark began his address.

Mr. Clark was enthusiastically cheered throughout his address, and at its close was accorded an ovation which was merged into the reception extended to Judge Parker. During the speaking rain began to fall fitfully and many umbrellas were raised. Realizing that the ceremonies might be interfered with Representative Clark left out a portion of his speech as originally prepared.

Judge Parker with bared head stood on the platform throughout the speech with utter disregard of the rain which damped him from head to foot and spotted his linen. His composure was unruffled and he smiled with the spectators at the witticisms with which Mr. Clark interspersed his address. Mr. Clark concluded at 2:16 and then presented to Judge Parker the formal notification, signed by the chairman and other members of the committee. Flags were frantically waved at the close of Mr. Clark's speech, the spectators cheered and it was a full minute before Judge Parker was permitted to speak.

Before beginning his address of acceptance Judge Parker advised the crowd to get under the trees out of the rain.

"We don't mind the wet," was the spontaneous reply. Judge Parker began his address at 2:18 p. m.

Judge Parker was given a tremendous and continuous applause at the close of his speech, and the band played "The Star Spangled Banner."

B. Y. P. U. Program.

The Baptist Young People's Union meets every Sunday afternoon, at 4 o'clock, at the Baptist church. The following is the program for next Sunday, August 14, 1904.

Lesson: Standing alone for God, Rom. 8:31-39.

Leader—Miss Sibley Collins.

1. Alone as to worldly possessions—Miss Mable Wyman.
2. Alone before the law—Miss Maggie Pierson.
3. Alone in the struggle—Miss Eula Poole.

Review of sermon—Mr. Barnett O'Bryan.

Missionary topics: China and Japan.

From the way several members of the party speak of it, there is no doubt but that that picnicing crowd Wednesday had a great time. They drove out ten or twelve miles to a shady and inviting grove on Paint creek, where they spent all the warmest part of the day in dolce for niente beneath the cool shades of the umbrageous canopy spread by nature. They were not altogether idle, however, as it is reported that they consumed unlimited quantities of ice cream and watermelon, besides the many good things provided by the young ladies. The following composed the party: Mr. J. U. Fields and Miss Belle Rupp, Eld. C. N. Williams and Miss Lillie Rike, Mr. Joe Irby and Miss Ethel Alexander, Mr. Emmett Robertson and Miss Louisa Chambliss, Mr. Ed Whitaker and Miss Hamie Hudson, Mr. Roy Cummings and Miss Willie Chambliss, Mr. C. N. Porter and Misses Emma Le Veaux and Kate Chambliss under the chaperonage of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Ellis.

A gentleman stated to us the other day that he knows it to be a fact—from experience—that the bloom of mink is an excellent and prolific food for bees, furnishing them a long season for honey making. He cited the fact that he had known bees to fill their hives with honey twice in one year from it. This being true, there is no reason why the people of this section should not produce an ample supply of honey for home use, as there is hardly a farm in West Texas without its field of mink maize. And if this is true of mink maize it is probably also true of kaffir corn and sorghum, as they are closely allied plants. We know it to be a fact that the bloom of the mesquite tree furnishes to bees a large supply of honey. Try some bees.

Mr. W. R. Taylor of Avoca, Jones county, and Miss Tennie Shaw, daughter of Mr. J. B. Shaw of the southern portion of this county, were married here on Thursday afternoon, County Judge D. H. Hamilton performing the ceremony. The Free Press critic had wings to the happy couple.

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As the days go by we wonder more and more how it is that Teddie keeps from butting into the big strike. Is he growing tame?

Hon. Frank Andrews of Houston was elected state chairman of the party by the late Democratic state convention. He is a brother of Mr. W. T. Andrews of Throckmorton.

They are to have a big two days barbecue out at Silverton, Briscoe county, on the 18 and 19 of this month. They will have riding and roping contests and a tournament and shooting match.

Judge Parker has tendered his resignation as chief justice of the court of appeals of New York. This will leave him without a paying job until March 4, 1905, when he will be inaugurated as president.

Mr. Bryan is reported as saying that he feels very confident that Judge Parker will be elected. He based his opinion on the sentiment of the country as he found it in a recent tour of several states, including Kentucky and Indiana, where he made speeches.

In their quarterly meeting at Dallas on Tuesday the board of directors of the Baptist general convention, selected Waco as the place for holding the next session of the convention and fixed Nov. 10 as the date for it. The pastors' conference and the women's mission workers will meet on the 8 and 9 of November.

Some farmers are complaining seriously of the doves. They say that they are in some fields in great numbers and are eating a large quantity of grain, such as kafir corn and milo maize, inflicting upon them far more damage than any good they can do in the destruction of insects. Our legislators should look into this matter and if they find the complaints sustained remove the doves from the protection of the law, at least in the counties outside of the boll weevil district.

The Hon. George Clark of Texas writes a letter all the way back from Green Lake, Wis., expressing much indignation at Mr. Bryan and urging that he be fired summarily and bodily out of the democratic party because he has not accepted Judge Parker without any reservations, but had the temerity to say that he was not altogether satisfactory to himself and an element of the democratic party, but, that he would support him as far preferable to another term of Rooseveltism. Does Mr. Clark forget his own political record?

In the absence of anything else to do to attract attention to himself just now President Roosevelt has dug up the old question of interference with American missionary schools and has sent a squadron of warships to Turkey to run a blazer over the Sultan and force a settlement of some old claims that should have been attended to years ago. We presume it is good politics to save up a few old rusty cases like this to splutter over during a campaign year. It is very discreet to see to it that the other fellow, like the sultan in this case, hasn't enough naval armament about to make it interesting for one of our battleships for fifteen minutes.

It was with a feeling of sincere regret that the death of Senator Vest of Missouri on Tuesday was read of throughout the South if not throughout the Nation. That he was a Democrat of the truest stamp and a firm friend of the South in times when the South needed friends and that he served in the congress of the Confederate States, made him no less a patriot and a friend of all sections on questions of general import. He was a man of broad gage and his honor has never been sullied by a small or a questionable act. He was possessed of an eloquence and ability which, during his twenty-four years service in the United States Senate since the Civil War, have enabled him to do much in shaping legislation and holding this government on its chartered course.

FREE EDUCATION FOR BLIND CHILDREN.

We have received the catalogue of the Texas Institution for the Blind, located at Austin. This institution is conducted for the benefit of the blind children of Texas, and those having defectivesight, within the ages of 7 to 21 years. There are, no doubt, scores of parents in the state who have blind children, or children whose

sight is so defective that they can not be taught in the common schools, who have no information in regard to this beneficial institution. We may state briefly that all such children may be sent there and educated free of cost, except that the parents are required to furnish their clothing where they are able to do so. The institution teaches a literary and musical course also many kinds of fancy work, plain sewing; and in the boys' department, broom making, mattress and pillow making, chair seating, etc., is taught. The institution has a gymnasium for physical culture and conducts regular religious services every Sunday, including a Sunday school.

Interested persons should write to the Superintendent, H. L. Piner, Austin, Texas, for a catalogue and information as to how to send their children.

A serious outbreak of glanders is reported in Greer and Woods counties, Oklahoma.

Sometimes a country newspaper has a circulation within such narrow bounds that it can publish little that is not already known to its readers; and, because this is true, many persons believe that it can accomplish nothing for the good of that community. And yet it may be that any favorable attention given that community abroad may be due entirely to the little weekly newspaper. For the paper has an exchange list. If there is anything of a progressive spirit in the place, it will be reflected in the news columns and the advertising columns of the home paper, and from that it will, through the exchange list, receive recognition by many other papers throughout the country. Then, if there be any persons in the community who are enterprising enough to have the paper sent to relatives, friends or prospective investors abroad, its sphere of beneficial influence is still further widened. So, therefore, the local paper may be doing a great work abroad, while also giving emphasis at home to the importance of local affairs.—Dallas News.

The News in the above states the case as to the country papers exactly. Brief items about new buildings, settlement of the country, crop and livestock conditions, etc., often receive the benefit of the circulation of from one to a dozen papers, being copied as items of general interest. Citizens of a progressive spirit all over the county may find in this a suggestion to them, viz: that they can help the local paper to disseminate such beneficial items as mention of improvements, new industries and progress in any line by seeing that knowledge of such matters always gets to the paper, for, you know, an editor must hear of a thing before he can tell about it.

Rarely has the utterance of any man been awaited with the interest that attached to Judge Parker's speech of acceptance, delivered on Thursday—too late to be given in this issue of the Free Press. There is little doubt but that it turned the scale for or against the democratic ticket for thousands of independent voters.

The Free Press must have been printing some good editorials lately. At least we have noticed that several of our productions have been considered good enough by other papers for them to appropriate them as their own without giving credit. The fact that they are willing to present them thus is perhaps a greater compliment to the Free Press than if they had been duly credited—and we don't object.

Judge Parker's reply to the notification committee has the true ring of the old time democracy that put the rights and general welfare of the people before all sort of considerations; the democracy that held the bill of rights, the declaration of independence and the constitution for its guide in the administration of the government; the democracy that stood for honesty and economy in government and denied special privileges to any; the democracy that opposed meddling in foreign affairs beyond the immediate interests of this country and opposed militarism and imperial greed and the directness and conscientiousness of his statements have the ring of truth and sincerity in them. He did not go into details or touch all questions in his brief response, saying that he would do so in his formal letter of acceptance soon to be given out, but as far as he went he was on the right track.

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Mr. Ross Hemphill was in town Tuesday and said that he had a great time last week with a fishing party on Clear Fork. The party was in part composed of five engineers of the Cotton Belt Railroad, at Tyler, one of them being S. W. Hemphill, a brother of Ross. It was their first trip of the kind and only one or two of them had ever caught a fish before. Ross said they had fine success, catching more fish than they could use. And after the first night's run of the trot-line, when a forty pound cat and several smaller fish were landed they went wild over them, as they had not expected to see any such fish. They remained several days and enjoyed the whole thing immensely. On leaving they all declared that it beat any of their previous experiences and that they would spend their vacation out here next summer.


A scientist says it is not true that intellectual work is a relief from physical work, or vice versa. Fatigue of whatever nature it is, accumulates during any kind of labor, and disappears only on complete repose.

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- \$4 " " " "..... 2.75
- \$1 Flour Can, dust and mouse proof..... .80
- 75c. Bread Box, dust and mouse proof..... .60
- 25c. Child's Sailor Hats..... .15
- 10c. Hard Water Soap..... .08
- 25c. Fine Toilet Soap..... .20
- 40c. Bottle Fine Perfume..... .25
- 20 and 25c. Writing Tablets..... 10 and .15
- 50c. Flingh Games..... .35
- 10c. Books of Fiction..... .08

Other books in proportion.

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FLOTSAM AND JETSAM

Mr. M. F. Thurmond of the New York Chemical Co. was here this week and made an advertising contract with the Free Press.

Ice cream all the time at K. Jones' place.

For dental work see Dr. St. John at Dr. Neathery's office, from Monday, 15th inst, one week.

All ladies' slippers going at cost at T. G. Carney's.

A good many Haskell people will attend the Confederate reunion near Stamford on the 17th and 19th instants.

All the popular cold drinks on tap at K. Jones' place.

The biggest watermelon seen in town this week was a 78-pounder.

Mr. J. E. Fitzgerald and family and Mrs. R. W. Tyson went down on Paint Wednesday to spend a few days fishing.

Try that Mexican hardwater toilet soap at the Racket Store.

Mr. A. C. Foster and daughter, Miss Una, arrived Thursday night from St. Louis, where Mr. Foster met his daughter on her return from Boston, where she has been for the past two years studying art.

Everything in the millinery line at T. G. Carney's is being disposed of at cost.

Mr. J. E. Jones returned Wednesday from seeing the big exposition at St. Louis. He says it is so big that he couldn't see more than a twentieth part of it and can't tell the half he did see.

All my white goods, millinery and slippers going at cost. T. G. Carney.

Mrs. L. W. Roberts and children and Miss Stella Couch arrived Wednesday from Lubbock county on a visit to Haskell friends and relatives.

All of my white goods are going at cost. Here is an opportunity for you, ladies. T. G. Carney.

Mr. J. C. McWhirter and wife returned Wednesday from their visit to Childress. Their daughter Miss Geneva, who has been visiting there for some time, returned home with them.

Candies, nuts, fresh fruits and cigars at K. Jones' place. He keeps his stock fresh and of the best quality.

Sanders & Porter will have refreshment stands at the Stamford Confederate reunion—on the corner nearest the dance pavilion. Be sure to look them up.

Mrs. J. W. Wright of Stamford visited Haskell Thursday.

We have PLENTY OF MONEY to loan on approved real estate security. Call and see us if you need it. West Texas Development Co.

Miss Frankie Terrell went to Stamford yesterday to spend a week with relatives.

Sixty cases of boots and shoes biggest stock ever in Haskell—sizes, styles and prices to suit every body. Alexander Mercantile Co.

Sanders & Porter of the Arctic have secured choice lots on the Confederate reunion grounds and will have two refreshment stands there during the reunion, one for cold drinks and one for ice cream. They invite all Haskell county people to look them up there.

Mrs. T. P. Walker of Stamford, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wyman of this place, several days this week.

Mr. W. F. Draper and family and Mrs. H. S. Post and children left Wednesday on a visit to relatives in Dickens county.

Persons wishing to either buy or sell land or cattle should look up Mr. A. B. Neal's ad in this paper. He's a hustler on making a trade.

Miss Maud Hunt returned Tuesday evening from a two weeks visit with relatives at Merkel.

Miss Ida Maxwell solicits music pupils for piano and harmony. Miss Maxwell is thoroughly qualified, having finished the teachers' course at Patton Conservatory in Dallas. Her terms are four dollars a month. Phone No. 24. (30-31)

Eld. C. N. Williams returned from Anson Tuesday and will occupy his pulpit tomorrow.

A pair of goldrimmed spectacles were lost in Haskell about ten days ago. Finder will please return to this office or to D. W. Fields, Mercy, Texas, and receive reward.

We notice that Potter county is advertising in the Amarillo papers for bids for the building of a court house and jail.

Pepsin Punch, the ideal health beverage—get it at K. Jones' place.

We learn from reports this week that the Wild Horse prairie country got but a scant supply of rain during the rainy period last week and that cotton there is not doing well.

A Forty-Two Party.

Mrs. S. W. Scott in her unique and elegant manner entertained a "Forty-two" party on Wednesday afternoon, complimentary to her sister-in-law, Mrs. Judge Key of Austin. The game was played with spirit and enjoyed for quite a while, the winners having a beauty spot placed on their faces for each game won. Mrs. H. S. Wilson having won the greatest number of these facial decorations was at the close awarded the prize, which was a box of beautiful stationery.

The refreshments, consisting of delicious ice cream and cakes, were greatly enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Scott is a charming and tactful hostess who understands well how to make her guests enjoy themselves, and it is but a fitting tribute to say that all will long remember this pleasant afternoon.

Mrs. Key's stay in our midst has been short, but she has won the hearts of many Haskell ladies who hope that she will honor our little city with frequent visits in the future.

The ladies present were: Mesdames Long, Bailey, J. A. Couch, Meadors, Baker, Anthony, W. E. Sherrill, H. R. Jones, J. F. Jones, Cunningham, Jno. E. Robertson, Key, Wilson, Adams, Oates, Marshall Pierson, Brockman, Carney, and Miss Anderson.

To my Patrons and Friends.

I will return home and resume teaching music the first Monday in September and will appreciate your patronage. Thanking you for past favors,
Your friend,
MRS. W. T. JONES.

NOTICE TO LAND OWNERS.

I am advertising extensively abroad, and am receiving inquiries for land from prospective purchasers. If you want to sell your land, list it with me and I will sell it for you.
(32-35) P. D. SANDERS.

Miss Bertha Irby visited with friends in town a few days this week.

A protracted meeting was commenced at Pinkerton Friday night by the Baptists.

The little folks enjoyed themselves at a party at Mr. Bud Smith's one night this week.

Mrs. L. M. Garrett left Tuesday on a visit to relatives at Rockwall and Blooming Grove.

Messrs. Fox and Stephens are building a large addition to Mr. T. E. Ballard's residence.

Mrs. E. J. Hunt will leave for the East Monday to purchase her fall stock of millinery and dress goods.

Misses Ada Smithson and Virgie Sams of Benjamin, who were visiting Miss Maud Isbell, returned home Tuesday.

Misses Shellie and Ethie Lea of Munday visited Miss Maud Isbell and Mrs. J. F. Jones last week and returned home on Sunday.

Mr. M. E. Park is out at Pinkerton this week putting Mr. W. T. McDaul's ginning outfit in shape for the approaching cotton season.

Dr. Winn of Sherman, who was here several days this week to see his granddaughter, Miss Docia Winn, who has been quite sick, left for home Thursday.

The W. C. T. U. will meet at the home of Mrs. S. W. Scott on Tuesday, Aug. 23 instead of on the 16 as previously announced. All members are requested to be present.

Dr. W. M. St. John will be in Haskell Monday, 15th inst., and will remain one week for the purpose of doing any dental work that may be required. See him at Dr. Neathery's office.

The Haskell school trustees have advertised in the Dallas News for bids for the building of our new ten thousand dollar school house. The bids are required to be presented on the 15th instant.

Mr. Mack Smith and wife of Collin county are here on a visit to their son Mr. L. V. Smith and family. Mr. Smith is a substantial and well fixed farmer in Collin and while he is well pleased with this country he is not contemplating a move.

Some twenty-odd buds from Haskell's rosebud garden of girls got their heads together the other day and planned to have a leap year party—their first effort in that line. The result was that notes went out to the young gentlemen Thursday making dates for the event on that night. The young men were required to assemble at Mr. Ed Whitaker's residence, where the young ladies met them and escorted them to the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Williams, the scene of the frolic. We are informed that it was quite a jolly affair and that games, small talk, taffy, and ice cream and cake were indulged in largely. The favored young gentlemen were noticed to have an unusually important air about them yesterday and some of them were heard to make the remark that it was THE event of the season.



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We call it the golf coat just for the style of the thing, but, in reality, it is just as much of a general outing suit as the two-button sack that we show with it.

We've other styles of outing suits, but these two are particularly good. Indeed, when you find a suit of any kind with the name of Crouse & Brandegee on it, you will find it not only particularly good, but, compared with others, particularly better.

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