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CULTIVATING CORN.

From Farm and Ranch:

We may put it down as a fact beyond dispute that the harrow, or other small toothed tool, is the best for running over young corn. Running a straight toothed harrow directly across hills or drills of young corn is looked on by many as the sure means of destroying that corn. Not so. Young corn is deeply rooted and not one stalk in a thousand will be disturbed. It is wonderful. The corn jumps and grows amazingly behind a harrow. Every hill, each stalk, receives cultivation. The air is let down in about the roots, the crust is broken, young grass and weeds are killed—and the corn rejoices. The large amount of corn land that can be run over in a day with a double or triple section harrow, carrying sharp iron teeth, is truly a matter for rejoicing to the busy farmer. Ten or fifteen acres per day are thus covered by one man and double team.

How about the corn when it reaches one foot in height? This need not force us to lay aside the harrow. When the corn is matted flat by the harrow frame it recovers within a day and proceeds to grow. It is only when the rows or ridges are high and narrow, or the land is soft and sandy, that we need fear to use the harrow on corn under fifteen inches high. In that case the harrow frame tends to dig too much into high, soft rows and some damage results.

No one system of plowing corn will suit all sections. Cultivation must be adjusted to suit rainfall, soil and labor system. We need not expect the average Mexican or negro laborer to use the improved shovel cultivators in corn. The single sweep or the double shovel is better for them, though in time they will adopt machine tools for cultivating crops. The disc cultivator cannot be expected to work pleasantly in stony ground. The edges of the discs are constantly damaged by such obstructions. The "gopher" style of cultivator is likewise ill suited to this class of land.

But varying rainfall is, beyond all other conditions, the factor that causes the greatest diversity in methods of cultivation. In the semi-arid west where lands are "blow" the turning shovel or the turning plow must of necessity be used often to keep the soil from moving on windy days. The land needs to be turned over often. Should this land not be inclined to blow, the gopher cultivator with its flat knife blades cutting only two inches under the surface and passing quickly over eight acres per day with ease to the team, seems perfectly adapted to the conditions. Looking at the other extreme, moist valley lands of our humid regions, the plow tool changes to heavy sweeps, large discs, or single turnplows that must be used to fight the foul growth of rank grass and heavy weeds. These heavy tools kill grass where small toothed implements seem only to cultivate these plants that poison the land.

"How deep shall we cultivate?" This is a relative matter. On land deep broke and mellow, two and three inches is as deep as necessary. Why tax team and damage root system unless deep stirring is needed? We have often seen good results flow from plowing young corn deep in cases where the land was hard and air was needed in and about the roots of the young corn. Farmers say that such land sours, because the crops stop growing unless fresh air is allowed to enter. But when corn reaches a foot high the time for deep plowing has passed except for some very light sandy soils that have no corn roots near the surface. As a rule tight soils will force roots to run near the surface in search of air. In very wet lands we note the same effort on the part of corn roots to keep in search of air. Deep plowing on either hard or wet lands must destroy a large part of the root system of each stalk of corn and force the corn to put out new feeders. It is a peculiar fact that these surface roots are the best feeders to be found under the corn.

"What is deep cultivation?" For clay lands and naturally wet soils we would fix shallow cultivation at two and one-half inches—at its deepest. For sandy and loam soils that carry a good layer of dry soil free from corn roots we fix the deepest limits for "shallow" cultivation at four and one-half inches.

"When do corn roots meet in the middle of the row?" Just before the stalks were laid flat. The root strikes first, it outgrows the top from the first, and continues to stay in the lead until corn roots reach the neighboring rows. Some roots even then cross

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into the next middle. The middle are a perfect mass of corn roots just under the surface when corn gets eighteen inches high. Touch these roots with a plow point at your own risk.

MARCY NOTES.

EDITOR FREE PRESS:

Did you have any rain last Sunday? If you didn't, you ought to have been at Marcy, for it began early in the morning and lasted all day. It came in sprinkles sheets and spreads too I guess, from the way the water was spread over the ground where we live.

The people in the sandhills have succeeded in getting their postoffice established. Mr. Crawford Allen has been appointed postmaster for Jud and will begin his duties as postmaster next Monday. They will get their mail from the Marcy office three times per week. I understand Mr. Tarbett will be the mail carrier.

The Knox City News has got to be a tri-weekly now, at least I think it has, for it tries to get here once a week and fails. What is the trouble with you Bro. Biggers. We like your paper, send it along, if it gets to be a monthly.

We have been informed that Mr. J. A. Wood, who lately moved from the Sandhills to Knox City, has traded some of his sandhills for a mercantile interest at Knox City and will soon be a full fledged merchant. We wish him much success in his new line of business and may his relations with his customers be pleasant and profitable.

Messrs. W. C. Speck and L. W. Langston will soon erect a stone house at the new town of Carney, where they will have a stock of general merchandise. 'Tis needless to say

Carney is coming to the front, when such men as these go in business there.

Mr. Levi Cogburn left Tuesday for Lockney on a prospecting tour.

D. W. Fields and son Walter, left today for Lubbock and Terry counties on a business trip.

Miss Ida Stanfield visited her mother's family at Stamford this week

There is to be an all day singing and dinner on the ground here next Sunday.

The Marcy ball team played Knox City team last Saturday evening, Marcy got 26 to 6. Boys you had better practice up a bit, before you come to Marcy to play.

Miss Anny Hall who has been visiting her sister at Goldthwaite for the past two months returned to her home this week. NELLY BLY, Marcy, Tex., April 27, 1905.

Cures Coughs and Colds.

Mrs. C. Peterson, 625 Lake St., Topeka, Kansas, says: "Of all cough remedies Ballard's Horehound Syrup is my favorite; it has done and will do all that is claimed for it—to speedily cure all coughs and colds—and it is so sweet and pleasant to the taste." 25c, 50c, \$1.00 bottle. Sold by I. P. Collier.

Although it is a fifth Sunday and not regularly on the program, Rev. Nicholson informed us that services would be conducted at the Baptist church tomorrow as usual—11 a. m. and night. The former pastor, Rev. I. N. Alvis will preach.

Rev. Groaner, pastor of the Baptist church at Stamford, preached at the Baptist church at this place Wednesday night.

Rev. I. N. Alvis will preach at the Baptist church tomorrow.

THE BLOOMING BOOMING WEST

From Fort Worth Record:

"A wonderful change is coming over western Texas. Indeed, it has already come.

At Amarillo last week the prevailing sentiment among the Panhandle stockmen was for smaller pastures and better stock, for raising feed crops and for protecting cattle from the weather.

Sunday's Record carried an interesting letter telling of the agricultural development of the great plains country, where, besides the ordinary forage crops, cotton and fruit are produced with the greatest success and where only a railroad is needed to make a populous farming section.

Yesterday's paper brought news of magnificent crop prospects in Midland, McCullough, Tom Green and other far western counties where only a few years ago agriculture was scorned as a positive impossibility. The nearer tier of western counties, like Shackelford, Callahan, Jones, Taylor, Coleman and Brown, some time ago passed permanently into the agricultural belt and now rank with the most reliable and prolific in North Texas.

The fact is that agriculture is now dependable and stock farming is established in all that vast region lying between the Fort Worth & Rio Grande southward and the Fort Worth & Denver northwestward, which is an area as big as an ordinary state. There may be, and probably will be, "off years," but on the average that section is now as reasonable as any part of the prairie belt was twenty-five or thirty years ago. Whether climatic conditions are changing or whether tillage promotes rainfall, it cannot be doubted that the West is a safe place for the farmer."

The FREE PRESS regrets that the Record went all around Haskell county without naming it when, in fact, it was one of the foremost counties in developing the agricultural possibilities of West Texas and the variety, quality and volume of whose productions now surpass those of a number of the counties named. But we presume it was an oversight, and all could not be mentioned in a brief item anyway.

There were many failures in the efforts of the pioneer farmers of Western Texas to raise profitable crops, but persistent and increasing efforts and experimenting in methods of cultivation finally triumphed in demonstrating the fact that a wide range of crops could be successfully grown here, and for a number of years this country has been, as the Record terms it, a dependable farming country.

As a result of this fact it is experiencing a rapid settlement and development by a citizenry not surpassed in intelligence, enterprise and morals by that of any part of the South. Although our land, have doubled in price in a few years, they are still the cheapest in the state when their fertility and possibilities—just beginning to be recognized—are considered.

The FREE PRESS does not doubt that another five years will see the prices again doubled.

Cheated Death.

Kidney trouble often ends fatally, but by choosing the right medicine, E. H. Wolfe, of Bear Grove, Iowa, cheated death. He says: "Two years ago I had kidney trouble, which caused me great pain, suffering and anxiety, but I took Electric Bitters, which effected a complete cure. I have also found them of great benefit in general debility and nerve trouble, and keep them constantly on hand since, as I find they have no equal." C. E. Terrell, druggist, guarantees them at 50c.

Mr. Jim Davis of Rule was in town Friday.

Mr. W. F. Tompkins was in town Thursday, said he had been fishing but had no success, but found a fine mule colt to his credit when he got home. He has a bale of cotton picked since January first and claims the honors for the first 1905 bale. He had his name enrolled on our list of readers.

EVENTS OF EVERYWHERE.

R. S. Collins, a merchant of Nebraska City, Neb., had his pocket picked of \$600 at the Katy depot at Denison, a few nights since.

Claude Wilkerson, a barber, aged twenty-five, died Friday morning at Mansfield, I. T. Death is supposed to have resulted from poison contained in bay rum.

Lewis Ellwings, of New York, died last week from hydrophobia contracted from a dogbite last September. The wound was disinfected at the time but not cauterized.

Capt. Robert T. Chapman, graduate of Annapolis and distinguished in his service in the Confederate Navy under Admiral Semmes, died at Galveston last Thursday.

Trainmen arriving in Cheyenne report that every pole for thirty miles east of Cheyenne and twenty miles south has been leveled by the snow, which fell Wednesday.

Miss Agnes Watson, the only daughter of Hon. Thomas E. Watson, was married Thursday afternoon at the home of her parents in Thomson, Ga. to Oscar S. Lee, a merchant.

Late indications of successful treatment of cancer by radium have lead to renewed activity in experiments along this line which are meeting constantly increasing encouragement.

The conclusion has been arrived at in New York that cerebro-spinal meningitis is contagious, and houses where cases have existed must be fumigated upon death or recovery of patient.

Brown Booth of Brenham, Texas, a lad about 17 years of age, while trying to catch a through freight train, was horribly mangled at Pottsboro, Thursday evening. He never regained consciousness.

President Roosevelt had killed a bear and a bobcat up to Tuesday. He is satisfied with his hunt for the biggest game the Rockies affords. If he gets one more bear or several he will be highly pleased.

The strike of railroad men which began in Rome Monday is not the success expected. Some of the men refused to strike and published a manifesto, saying they would not risk the bread of their families.

John Alexander Dowle of Chicago has closed negotiations and obtained options on a tract of two million acres of land in the State of Tamaulipas, Mexico, where he proposes to found a new Zion City.

Hiram Cronk of the town of Ava, N. Y., one of the oldest survivors of the war of 1812, will celebrate his 105 birthday Wednesday next. The aged veteran lives with his daughter on a farm near Ava.

Federal officers have arrested lottery men at San Antonio who are believed to have operated extensively. An entire printing plant was taken by the officers with which lottery tickets were alleged to have been printed.

The new Hamburg-American line steamer America was launched at Boston Friday in the presence of thousands of people. The vessel is intended for immediate service between Hamburg and New York. Her capacity is 16,000 tons of cargo and about 4,600 passengers and crew.

United States Senator Arville Hitchcock Platt of Connecticut died at his summer home in Washington, Conn., Friday, from pneumonia. The end came almost unexpectedly from the breaking of the abscess which had formed in the right lung.

Mercy Alvina Moore, aged 94, a member of the choir which sang at Lincoln's funeral, died Tuesday at Hinton, I. T. She was a native of Hartford, Conn., and widow of Thos. Moore, who died fifty-one years ago.

Rev. B. H. Hartley, aged 71, of Loberne, Ok., dropped dead between his home and his barn while trying to reach the house. He had been a minister of the gospel for fifty years and was a pioneer churchman in Woodward county.

J. Pierpont Morgan, of New York, was received here by Foreign Minister Titton, who renewed, in the name of the Government, his thanks for Mr. Morgan's generosity in returning the Ascoli cope.

James J. Carroll, better known as "Virginia" Carroll, and for many years one of the most noted figures on the American turf, is dead at New Orleans of cancer at the age of 47. He was born in New Orleans and was a member of a family still prominent there.

When the Hamburg-American line steamer Pennsylvania arrived at New York Friday from Hamburg she had on board the largest number of passengers ever brought on a single ship, including cabin and steerage, 2,086.

The Legislature Is Called, But Members Fail to Meet

There Has Been Nothing Done and No Prospects This Week.

Austin, Tex., April 21—Neither house of the legislature had a quorum yesterday. The senate was three shy, and the house two.

Another member of the house was staked out ready to bring in if it would have done any good. He was sick, and it was determined that he should not be sent for unless still another man could be found. The other man could not be found in the city. The house adjourned until today. If a quorum is then mustered it is probable that adjournment will be taken until Monday.

Mr. Harris of Galveston was very anxious to maintain a call of the house longer than it was maintained with the hope that a quorum would be secured, so that he could formally extend and have passed upon the invitation from the people of Galveston for the legislature to visit that city during the convention of Northern settlers and the visit of the cruiser Galveston. It is unlikely now that the legislature can go to Galveston in a body, although many of the members probably will go on their own hook.

The senate marked time until 4 o'clock in the afternoon, waiting for more members to come, in order that it might adjourn until Monday. The afternoon brought only one senator, and the senate adjourned until today, not having mustered a quorum.

The Tax Bill Reported. House committee on revenue and taxation yesterday reported favorably the bill which provides that the ad valorem tax rate for 1905 shall be 25c; and the rate thereafter 16 2/3c, as it is at present. There will be a minority report.

The committee reported adversely the bill to make the ad valorem rate 25c for 1905 and 20c for succeeding years, as is recommended by Gov. Latham. There will be a minority report upon this also. Both bills came very near being reported adversely. The members who are opposed to any raise in the ad valorem rate combined with those who wanted it raised to 25c and 20c in voting upon the bill providing for a raise of 25c for this year only, while the members who favored the raise for one year only combined with those who were opposed to any raise in voting against the 25c and 20c bill.

Mr. Williams made an appeal to the committee to report the bill making a raise for one year only to the House so that the body could pass upon it, and his committee yielded to his request. Mr. Williams says he is fearful that the combined vote of those who oppose any raise in ad valorem and those who favor the raise to 25c and 20c may result in defeating the entire proposition.

The members of the legislature who are on the ground are complaining bitterly of the absence of other members. No per diem and contingent expenses bill can be passed this week, and it is certain the pay car will not come out next Saturday, at which time it is due. Many of the members are due to pay board at this time, and will be seriously embarrassed.

Something of a sensation in newspaper circles of the Twin Cities was caused when the St. Paul Globe, the only Democratic morning paper in St. Paul announced that on May 1 it would cease publication after nearly thirty years of existence.

Oil Found in Hill County. Hillsboro: While digging a well on the old Sawyer arm, about four miles north of Hillsboro, the workmen encountered oil in good quantity and seemingly of a high grade at a depth of about thirty feet. A small drill was then placed in position and for thirty feet it cut through solid sand rock. At this point a second cap rock was encountered and as the drill was forced through the oil came in more certain quantities.

It has a fine color and burns readily. An oil expert who has seen a quart or more of the oil pronounces it of a very high grade and predicts that after sinking the well through a third cap rock oil will be found in paying quantities.

Blaze at Sour Lake. Beaumont: Fire Thursday destroyed the business section of Sour Lake, an oil town and health resort twenty miles west of this city. The burned buildings were all of frame and the loss is estimated at \$25,000; partially covered by insurance.

McClennan County Confederates. Waco: The directors of the McClennan County Confederate association met and voted on the place for holding the next encampment. McGregor was selected after a warm contest between that place, West and Bruceville, all of them being anxious to get the encampment which lasts a week. It will be held during the summer and the encampment next year was a decided success.

Vanderbilt University Burned.

Nashville, Tenn.: The main building, a magnificent structure, of Vanderbilt University was entirely gutted by fire Thursday. The loss will be almost total, only a few fixtures being saved. The other buildings were not damaged. The loss will be almost total, only a few fixtures being saved. The other buildings were not damaged. The loss will be almost total, only a few fixtures being saved.

Waller County Goes Pro.

Hempstead: The local option election passed off quietly Thursday. Two State Rangers were present at each of the two polling places in this city. Returns indicate a majority for prohibition of over two hundred in the county. Six boxes heard from show a majority for the pros of 173. Of the other five boxes to hear from, three will give majorities for the pros and two will go anti. The anti concede the election.

Brilliant Suggestion.

Magazine Editor—Well, we've had articles by bridge jumpers, actors, seagmen, senators, pugilists, doctors, detectives, porch climbers, lawyers, explorers and a lot more. I'm at the end of my string for something new. What would you suggest? Assistant Editor—How would it do to have an article by a professional author?—Pittsburg Post.

His Paying Powers.

Old Gotrox—I don't think much of that young Dudeleish who poses as a parlor ornament around here occasionally. Pretty Daughter—Why, pa, he pays me the loveliest compliments. Old Gotrox—Yes, and that's all he was ever known to pay, so far as I can learn.

Getting at Sources of Things.

Chicago: The special grand jury investigating the beef trust issued a subpoena for C. J. Davis, head buyer in the shipping department of Armour & Company. Davis, who, it is said, had almost completed plans to leave Chicago, having gone so far as to sell his home in this city. Davis has been in the employ of Armour & Co. for a number of years and is said to be in possession of valuable facts concerning sheep and sheep casings.

A Prince's Version.

It is pretty hard to keep upon royalty from the children nowadays. Eleven-year-old Prince Edward of Wales, in reply to King Edward's question, said that he had been reading about Perkin Warbeck. Asked who Warbeck was, the prince replied: "He pretended he was a son of a king; but he wasn't; he was the son of respectable parents."

Proposed Baptist College

McKinney: A largely attended meeting of citizens was held in the court house in the interest of a Baptist college proposed for McKinney. Members of that denomination already subscribed \$22,000 to the institution and will raise several thousand more within their ranks. The citizens citizens then will contribute \$25,000 to the fund. Several splendid sites have been offered for the school.

Shot His Own Head Off.

Beaumont: The headless body of William Smith, a fisherman aged 40 years, was found in a shanty boat in the Neches River about three miles below this city Thursday at 4 o'clock. It was in a badly decomposed state and was buried in a little island in the river under the direction of Justice Sam Holmes, who conducted the inquest and returned a verdict that the deceased had come to his death at his own hands. The body was attired only in an undershirt.

Irrigated Onions in Webb County.

Austin: George B. Page, county clerk of Webb county, stated that there will be shipped out of Webb county this season 500 car loads of onions. He declares that this was now the biggest industry in that section of the State. Four years ago the farmers of Webb county began cultivating onions and now they find that there is much money to be made in raising this garden truck.

Long Lockout to Close.

New York: Favorable action has been taken by the Greater New York Carpenters' Association to consider a plan for accepting charters from the National Brotherhood of Carpenters. With the acceptance of the charters a lockout will end which has kept several hundred men out of work since last August. Recently the trouble between unions threatened to spread also to other cities.

TRIPLE TRAGEDY.

Three Men Are Killed in a General Fight.

Hempstead, Texas, April 25.—At a meeting of the Waller County Prohibition League held here last night a shooting affray occurred, and three men were killed.

Congressman John M. Pickney, Capt. H. M. Browne and John E. Mills.

Those wounded are Roland Browne, who was removed at once and the extent of his injuries not ascertained, R. E. Thompson, who received a slight wound on the right side of the head.

The Waller County Prohibition League was holding a meeting for the purpose of winding up the affairs of the recent campaign held in this county. There was a spirited debate over the proposition to request the Governor to station a number of rangers in the county. Speeches on this question had been made by Capt. H. M. Browne and Congressman Pickney and R. R. Thompson had gained the floor. Capt. Browne endeavored to gain recognition from the chair while Mr. Tompkins was speaking. He caught the coat of Mr. Tompkins. In a moment about 100 men who were present were in close quarters and almost immediately firing began from at least half a dozen persons.

The county has just held a prohibition election in which the prohibitionists won by a good majority. On the day of the election three or four State rangers were put at the polls at the solicitation, it seems, of the sheriff. After the election several of the most prominent citizens began the circulation of a petition to the governor to place a number of rangers, divided out to different places in the county and to remain indefinitely. It was stated in no uncertain terms that the county officers were failing to do their duty and gave this as the sole reason for asking this protection. It was asked that these rangers be sent by the Governor on the petition of the people and that they enforce the laws.

Last night was the time appointed for the last meeting of the Waller County Prohibition League to meet and wind up the affairs of the recent campaign and disband. It was proposed and decided to ratify the petition as a body. Considerable speaking was done over the matter, some of which was not altogether along this line. It was finally moved and seconded that the petition be endorsed.

Captain H. M. Browne has spoken at length and had been responded to by Congressman John M. Pickney. Capt. Browne had taken his seat and R. E. Tompkins had gained the floor. Capt. Browne continued to try to gain the floor and, seemingly seeing that his efforts were in vain, indulged in some improper language which was objected to by the gentlemen who were present and had friends and relatives among the few ladies who were present.

Browne clutched the coat of Tompkins and this seemed to be the signal for a general mix-up. About one hundred men were present and in a moment all were in very close quarters when the scuffle began, and almost immediately firing began from at least a half a dozen guns.

After a degree of order was restored it was found to the perfect horror of those assembled that several of the best citizens of the town had been killed.

Garfield Coming to Texas.

Washington: James Garfield, Commissioner of Corporations, who is making personal investigation of the operations of the oil industry, is not expected to return to Washington for at least two weeks. He has concluded his work in the Kansas, Missouri and Indian Territory fields and is now on route to California to continue his inquiries. It is expected that he will return to this city by way of Texas, stopping in that State.

Great Western Road to Try Electricity.

Des Moines, Ia.: Rock Island officials have under consideration a proposition to use electricity on some of its lines running out of this city. The plan is to use the trolley system for passenger, mail and express and light freight service and to continue the use of steam for the heavier freight traffic. Ninety minute service is proposed to several cities, and Des Moines will be the center of a great interurban system.

Houston Gets Good.

Houston: Gambling houses, slot machines, policy shops and lottery establishments went out of business in Houston Monday. Chief of police Ellis served notice that no more gambling would be permitted. The gamblers are leaving town. The proprietors of some of the largest gambling houses are preparing to procure club charters and run their places as clubs, upon the theory that they will be immune from arrest.

UNDER GAMBLING MANIA.

Milwaukee Banker Goes Short a Million and a Half.

Milwaukee, Wis., April 25.—Frank G. Bigelow, until yesterday president of the First National Bank of Milwaukee, was arrested charged with the embezzlement of over \$1,500,000 of the bank's funds.

The arrest of Mr. Bigelow followed his confession to the board of directors that he was a defaulter to the extent of \$1,450,000. Following Mr. Bigelow's confession he was removed from the presidency of the bank and the facts of the case were laid before the Federal authorities.

The complaint charges that Bigelow, as president of the First National Bank, embezzled a sum exceeding \$1,000,000. A complaint and warrant identical with those in Bigelow's case were made against Henry G. Goll, assistant cashier of the bank.

President Bigelow before United States Commissioner Bloodlow. Waived hearing and was held to the Federal Grand Jury under \$25,000 bonds.

The announcement of the defalcation was followed by a rush of depositors to withdraw their money from the Wisconsin Trust Company and the First National Bank, the Wisconsin Trust Company being the savings department of the bank. Many thousands of dollars were withdrawn, but, on the other hand, a number of people having confidence in the institution increased their deposits. Arrangements were hastily made to meet the run and the officers of the bank expressed full confidence in their ability to keep it open.

President Bigelow's confession was made at a special meeting of the board of directors held Saturday evening and continued Sunday and all Sunday night. In addressing his fellow-directors, President Bigelow said he had a painful statement to make, a confession that he had misdirected the funds of the bank, and an examination of his books and a comparison of figures would show that he was indebted to the bank to the amount of over \$1,450,000. This money, he said, had been lost in speculation in wheat and stocks. Not a dollar of it could be recovered, and the only sum he could offer toward recompensating the bank was personal securities valued at approximately \$200,000.

The confession of President Bigelow astounded the directors of the bank. Mr. Bigelow had been recognized as one of the foremost financiers in the Northwest. He had been associated with this bank for more than fifteen years and his business connections—trust companies, manufacturing concerns, real estate deals and other similar ventures—number scores. He was honored a year ago by election to the presidency of the American Bankers' Association and by its members looked upon as a leader in financial matters.

Killed by His Own Engine.

El Paso, Tex.: Ike Henry, an engineer on the G. H. & S. A. Railroad between El Paso and Valentine, was run over and killed by his train Monday morning at Rice Hill, a small town sixty miles east of here. While the train was in motion he attempted to make connection between the water car that the train was pulling and the tender of his engine. His foot slipped and he fell across the rail, his body being cut in two by the wheels of the car.

A man is seldom afflicted with the big head unless he has a little heart woman would have no excuse for marrying them.

Colorado, Texas and Mexican Road.

Ablene, Tex., April 25.—Active work has been resumed on the construction of the Colorado, Texas and Mexican Railroad northward from this city, five miles of which was graded in the winter just passed. This is the road Col. Morris Locke of this city has been trying to get financed for several years, and after repeated reverses all matters are satisfactorily arranged.

The present contract with Messrs. Wardell & Co. is for the building of fifty-two miles north from Abilene to Haskell and twenty-five miles south from Abilene. The Haskell section is to be completed first. Under an amendment to contract they are allowed until November 1 to have the road in operation to Haskell, but say they will have it completed to that point much earlier. When this portion of the road is completed the work south from Abilene will be entered upon in earnest.

The charter for the road calls for Haskell and Llano, a distance of 152 miles, but it is understood that it will be so amended as to extend the road to northern connections and probably to Aransas Pass on the Gulf. Abilene has raised and guaranteed \$30,000 for right of way; depot grounds general offices, shops, etc., while Haskell has raised and guaranteed \$50,000 for right of way, depot grounds and bonus.

ALL OVER TEXAS.

The police raided a gambling house in Dallas Wednesday night, securing some sixteen of the inmates.

W. L. Welch was convicted in the District Court at Greenville on a charge of bigamy and given a sentence of two years in the penitentiary.

Specification for the new fourteen-story office building of the Praetorians to be erected in Dallas, are finished and bids are asked for on construction.

A cattle train and a local freight collided at Bruceville on the Katy Friday morning. Fireman H. C. Fange was killed. Three others were seriously injured.

Phillip Jackson, a negro man, died in Cleburne from the effects of lockjaw. He stepped on a rake, striking a tooth of same through his foot. The accident occurred on April 5.

The City Council, of Gainesville, has awarded the contract to a San Antonio contractor for building the new city hall. The bid was \$16,750. The building is to be completed by Oct. 1.

O. D. Brooks of Hillsboro has gone to Missouri and will tour that State and Illinois distributing Texas literature for the next four months. His going is at the instance of the Dallas 150,000 Club.

The University Military Academy of Dallas has purchased the long distance telephone lot and one-story building in East Dallas, and will incorporate and erect a large building on the property.

Monte Attell of San Francisco has knocked out Kid Taylor of Chicago after seven fast rounds fought in a ring on the top floor of a quiet up-town hotel in New York City. The prize was a purse of \$150.

Announcement is made of the annual convention of the Southwestern Electrical and Gas Association which will be held at Denison May 18, 19 and 20. C. W. Hobson of Dallas is secretary of the association.

Water Valley, a little village eighteen miles north of San Antonio, on the Concho River, already famed as a health resort, is soon to have a large sanitarium for the treatment of serious and chronic diseases.

The biennial session of the Praetorians ended Thursday. Clas. B. Gardner was elected Supreme President; Geo. N. Taylor, Supreme Secretary and R. C. Ayres, Supreme Treasurer, all incumbents for six years.

A move is on foot to establish a canning factory in Terrell. F. E. White, industrial agent of the Frisco will reach the city in a few days and discuss the starting of a creamery and canning factory in conjunction.

Rev. W. H. Richardson, for several years State Presbyterian Synodical Evangelist, and later financial agent of the State Presbyterian Synod, has resigned the latter position to go to Tennessee as State Synodical Evangelist.

The Texas Hardware Jobbers' Association held its annual convention in Sherman on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, as the guests of the R. Walsh Hardware Company and Roberts, Sanford & Taylor Company. This association is not large in point of membership, being composed only of the hardware jobbers in Texas.

The Negro Ministerial Evangelical Alliance of Dallas is taking a religious census of the negroes of that city.

Dallas is getting busy raising \$60,000 which is necessary to render the Government's Trinity River improvement fund available.

The Wortham Prospecting and Developing Company have sent supplies and workmen to their leases down on Trinity River, and will commence sinking a well as soon as the derrick is erected.

After a long wait of several months the Carnegie Library, at Brownwood, will be opened to the public in the near future. Miss Beattie Roseborough has been appointed librarian. The building is a pretty one and would do honor to a much larger town.

Advertisements have been inserted asking for bids on the proposed Y. M. C. A. structure at Waco, and bids will be opened next week. The contract will be let and work commenced within three weeks, it is thought.

H. L. Dickson and C. E. DeLong are making arrangements to establish a biological school, an institution to teach persons the watchmaking trade, at Dallas. The founders of the school have secured quarters over the office of Murphy & Bolanz.

Oit and Cliff King were shot at Leesburg, Camp County, Friday in a difficulty with Ben Watts, their brother-in-law. Oit King was shot in the hip with small shot and his wounds are considered serious.

It is learned that Mr. Lee J. Berryman and some northern gentlemen will establish a hog ranch at Montalba, Anderson County, soon, and the first shipment of hogs, valued at \$5000, will arrive there this week and will be taken to Montalba.

All Staked on the Battle. Mayday an Evil Phantom

St. Petersburg, April 24.—Not only the future of the war in the Far East but the fate of the whole program of internal reform to which Emperor Nicholas stands committed, appears to await the issue of the approaching sea battle between Rojstevsky and Togo.

The government undoubtedly would be greatly strengthened at least for the moment, by a victory decisive enough to change the war situation. The Liberals are impatient at the delay and suspicious of every move of the government. They are convinced that if victory comes, bureaucracy, to which the realization of reforms has been consigned by the emperor, will be able, despite the clamor through the country, to keep execution of these reforms in their own hands, which, of course, in their opinion, would mean their eventual dissipation in a labyrinth of endless commissions. Moreover, they believe that the emperor might again be persuaded to listen to the necessity of the old style of repression for the present agitation.

Practically the interior administration is being conducted through a police regime. Already there are everywhere evidences of return to Von Plehve's policy, under the direction of local governors. Even zemstvo meetings at Vladimir, Elizabethpol and Tiflis have been closed.

Of course the government properly argues that it can not fold its arms and see the flames of revolution fanned and by agitators; but it is noticeable that such spokesmen of reaction, as Prince Mestchersky (editor of the Grashanin) are again boldly proclaiming the doctrine of repression characterizing the constitutionals and "intelligents" as lunatics. "Russia has suddenly become a vast lunatic asylum," says the Grashanin, "and unless mad people are locked up and placed out of harm's way there is no predicting where all this ideology will end."

Should Rojstevsky be defeated, on the contrary, the Liberals believe that the bureaucracy would capitulate and that peace and a constitution would come.

St. Petersburg: The Easter holidays and May day are awaited with extreme anxiety, both by the authorities and the public. The Social Democrats and revolutionaries have planned demonstrations on an extensive scale, and undoubtedly many of them are armed with revolvers and bombs which have been smuggled into the country to fight the police and troops in case they should attempt to interfere with the demonstrations.

The revolutionists seem to have plenty of funds, furnished both from abroad and by wealthy sympathizers in Russia. The wildest stories of plans for blowing up the members of the Imperial family, Ministers and palaces and of pillage and murder of the nobility and the wealthy are current, especially in aristocratic drawing rooms, and many society people, thoroughly frightened, have already made preparations to go abroad.

Large reinforcements of troops and especially of Cossacks have been brought to St. Petersburg. Arrests and searches of the lodges of the suspects continue, but even Gen. Trepoff, although he is taking every measure of precaution does not seem to know exactly what to expect.

Suicide of Desperate Man.
Victoria: Albert Beck of this city and until recently a workman in Stole's marble yard, shot himself through the head with a 32-caliber rifle Sunday morning. Death resulted six hours later. The ball entered the right temple and came out near the left eye. Being hard of hearing, despondency and being tired of life are given as the cause of the deed. His age was 30 years, and he was unmarried.

Voluntary Wage Advances.
Pittsburg: The manufacturers' association of Pittsburg, an independent organization composed of sixty prominent manufacturing firms and employing 6,000 men, have determined on a voluntary advance in the wages of their employes dating from June 1. Machinists, core-makers, molders and blacksmiths will be advanced 10 per cent, while pattern-makers will have 25 cents per day added to their wages.

K. of P. Grand Lodge.
Mineral Wells: The Chantauqua Building, which has been under construction in this city for several months, has been completed and affords ample room for the holding of the meeting at the K. of P. grand lodge, which convenes here Tuesday. Every effort has been put forth by the citizens of Mineral Wells to make ready to entertain and make the visitors to the grand lodge enjoy themselves during their stay in Mineral Wells.

AWFUL CONDITION OF INSANE.

Provision Being Made by the Legislature for Their Care.

Austin: There are now nineteen prisoners confined in the Travis county jail. Out of this number five have been adjudged insane and are waiting until there is room to take them to the state insane asylum. From reports received here the same condition prevails in many of the jails throughout the state. In some cases there as many as fifteen or twenty persons confined who have to remain in prison until such time as they are taken to the asylum. In the Harris county jail, it is learned, there are no less than twenty persons awaiting to be sent to the asylum.

Issue of Battle is a Crisis. Texas' Trusted Servants

Austin: There were no quorums again Saturday in either branch of the Legislature and adjournment was taken until Monday morning. A roll call in the Senate developed only eight members present and in the House only forty-nine members were on hand. The members of the House and Senate who did not go to Galveston Friday night left Saturday for San Antonio to attend the festival there. One-third of the special session has already been consumed, without anything being accomplished. The Legislature is costing the taxpayers of Texas \$1,200 a day in salaries of members and clerks, and none of this money will ever be defaulted or discounted.

Wealth of the Presidents.

Washington left an estate valued at \$800,000; Jefferson died so poor that he would have been a pauper had not congress purchased his library for \$20,000; Madison left about \$150,000; Monroe died poor, and was buried at the expense of relatives; John Quincy Adams left about \$55,000 at his death; Jackson about \$80,000; Van Buren, \$400,000; Polk, \$150,000; Taylor, \$150,000; Tyler married a woman of wealth; Fillmore left \$200,000; Pierce, \$50,000; Buchanan, \$200,000; Lincoln, \$75,000; Johnson, \$50,000; Grant lost his wealth in the Grant & Ward failure; Hayes, Garfield and Harrison were all moderately well off. Cleveland's fortune is probably of respectable size. McKinley's fortune was not much over \$50,000.

Price Sent Up for Ten Years.

Waco: R. A. Price was given ten years in the penitentiary on a charge of obtaining money by fraudulent methods. The case has been a noted one here on account of the prominence of the parties. The victim was N. R. Stegall of Santa Anna. The amount obtained is alleged was \$1,000. Price was a candidate for the legislature at the last election.

Jury Said Kirby Didn't.

Austin: In the first ballot, the jury in the case of the State against John H. Kirby and A. S. Vandervoort, charged with bribing a judicial officer, Saturday evening at 6:45 o'clock, returned a verdict of acquittal. The case was submitted to the jury at 6:20 o'clock and it took them exactly twenty-five minutes to arrive at a verdict.

All honest doubt has its destination in some great truth.

Mexican Veterans to Meet.

Dallas: The National Association of Mexican War Veterans and also the Texas State Association, will hold hold conventions in this city on May 23 and 24 next. The age of the youngest of these veterans is upward of seventy, and from that their ages run up to 100 years. It is thought that this will possibly be the last convention they will ever hold.

Where Girls Are Slaves.

China is undoubtedly the greatest slave country in the world. Of a population of 400,000,000 over one fourth are slaves. Every family of means keeps its girl slaves; most of them are purchased to do housework, it being cheaper to buy than to hire.

A rumor is current that a religious fanatic in Colorado County was crucified on a cross. The facts in the case are hard to learn.

Indiana and Ohio oil prospectors who made a number of visits to Lamar County last fall and secured leases on several thousand acres of land between Paris and Red River, will begin to bore extensively for oil next month.

The contract for the new Cumberland Presbyterian Church, at Clarksville, has been let to J. W. McGraw of Ennis for \$10,680. The building is to be constructed of buff pressed brick.



POULTRY

A Farmer's Flock.

I suppose you will regard me as heretical because I am not following the beaten track mapped out for us farmers by the numerous writers on how to raise poultry. I will admit that I might have a flock that would be more of an ornament to the place, but I am too busy about my general farm work to devote the time to my poultry that my wife and others think I should give. However, taking all things together, I am quite well satisfied with the results.

I can't say exactly where my fowls came from or of what breed they are; as they are the product of miscellaneous crosses for twenty-five years. I have simply purchased new fowls from time to time and turned them in with the flock, taking no care to select eggs for hatching.

But here is what I have done: I have killed off religiously every year for ten years all the hens that did not begin to lay early in the winter and continue to lay till very late in the spring. I have in a way thus carried on a sort of selection from year to year. I have the double purpose of getting better pullets and better cockerels.

During the past five years I have kept a strict account with my hens and find that the egg yields are gradually increasing on the average. The first year I kept an account I got 127 eggs per hen on the average, and the past year I got 142 eggs. That is not an extraordinary record, but it is much better than most of my neighbors do. I am satisfied that the common farm hen does not lay 100 eggs a year on the average.

Moreover, I get at least 40 per cent of my eggs during the period of high prices, while I am sure that many of my neighbors get their eggs almost entirely after the prices have fallen sharply. This is a big item, and the difference may be all counted as pure profit.—Sylvanus Banks, Champaign Co., Ill.

Pure Bred Stock.

Pure breeding counts for less in the poultry yard than in the cow stable, horse stall or feeding yard. The reason is that pure breeding in poultry has not been along the line of greatest service, but largely in color of feathers and form of body. Pure bred birds are valuable principally as a foundation on which to build good strains of egg layers. This applies especially to the egg laying breeds. In the matter of meat fowls pure breeding has a large value, but even in that case has not the value it should have.

We say "get pure bred birds," but we do not say it with the same energy and enthusiasm that we would say to the horse breeder, "get a pure bred stallion." In the coming time we need more than we have in the past to get utility fowls and establish strains of fowls that are valuable because really useful. This work is being taken up to some extent here and there and is aided by the use of the trap nest, but even that is a half-hearted way of getting at the task of improving the breeds.

First Hatches.

The first hatches of the chickens usually come off in cool weather and have to be looked after carefully to make sure that they are properly housed and fed. The ground is wet at this time, and the old hen sometimes does not use "good common sense" in selecting the place where she will hover the chicks. Sometimes at this time of year the chicks have rheumatism so badly that they can't walk, and this is due to being hovered on wet cold ground. Wet ground is always cold.

Incubators.

Every farmer that has even half a hundred fowls should try using an incubator. It will take some time to learn how to use it, but the "trick" once learned is learned for life. Incubators now cost little and are very perfect in construction. By the use of incubators flocks of fowls can be raised that are free from lice. Under the old way the hen gives lice to the chicks and thus the louse tribes are continued in existence.

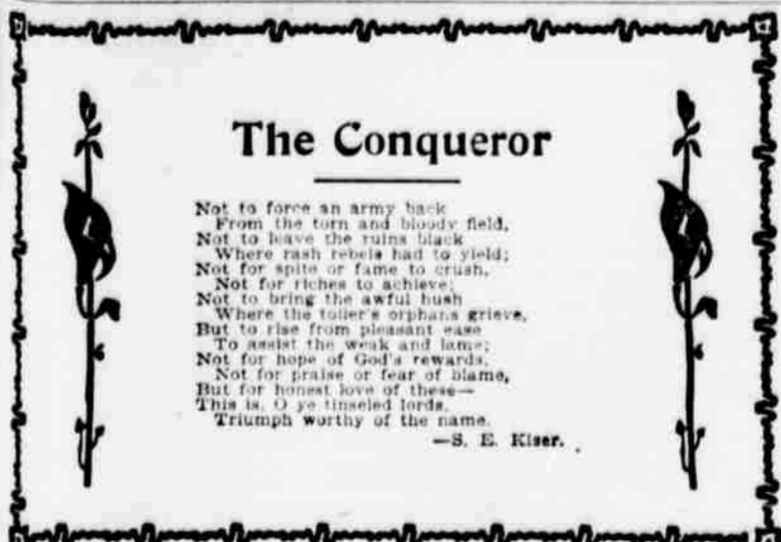
Meat.

It pays to give the young chicks a good meat ration daily. If it forms one-fifth of the entire ration it will not be too much. The best form is the commercial beef meal, which may be purchased at numerous places. This will stimulate the growth of the chicks and will keep them growing during the whole summer. The feeding of this meat is the surest way to get early winter layers.

Bran.

As a feed for the poultry bran is good, but should be fed with other things. When wet bran is given to chicks they sometimes pack their crops full of it and it sours. Bran supplies the nitrogen, but is too light to be easily digested by itself in the crops of the birds.

Co-operation is necessary among the shippers of fruit if the best facilities are to be secured. Railroads cannot afford to give the same attention to shipping tea packages of fruit they can to shipping 1,000 packages. Bulk shipments are better than small ones and make more money both for the railroads and for the producers of the fruit.



The Conqueror

Not to force an army back
From the torn and bloody field,
Not to leave the ruins black
Where rash rebels had to yield;
Not for spite or fame to crush,
Not for riches to achieve,
Not to bring the awful bush
Where the toiler's orphan grieves,
But to rise from pleasant ease
To assist the weak and lame;
Not for hope of God's rewards,
Not for praise or fear of Diana,
But for honest love of these—
This is O ye lined lords,
Triumph worthy of the name.
—S. E. Kiser.

Testimony of an Expert

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It was their last climb,—their very last! The thought persisted in repeating itself over and over, to the exclusion of more interesting ideas. "Of course it was! Why shouldn't it be?" She had spent a most delightful vacation out here among the mountains and forests of Washington; but it was over now. To-morrow she would start eastward,—back to the burdens of life and work again. Fshaw! She mentally shook herself. It wasn't a burden, when she came away, only a few months ago, it was the pride and ambition of her life,—what she had dreamed of, and worked for, through hard, toilsome years at school and college, and afterward. It was the ill health that had sent her here, that had been the burden, such a miserable, discouraging burden to bear.

But that would be left behind, in her going back, what more could she ask! Going back, well and strong, to the long coveted position, which she had gained by months,—yes years,—of earnest, conscientious effort. She ought to be the happiest, most thankful girl in the world,—and she was. It was only that Curt, her guide, friend and comrade of the past months, Curt Burrows was so glum and moody, lately, it made her nervous and morbid. She wondered if he were sorry—then she stopped. She was no foolish, sentimental girl, this independent bachelor maid.

She glanced up at the tall, muscular figure in rough cowboy attire, stalking along by her side, just as he looked down at her, and their eyes met. He put out his hand to assist her up a sharp incline, then, reaching a level space, they turned to look back at the little group of ranch buildings in the valley below.

"Sit down," he commanded abruptly, indicating by a slight gesture, a large, flat rock, and she obeyed.

"Why don't you sit down, too?" she asked, merely for the sake of making conversation; and he threw himself down beside her.

"To-morrow at this time I shall be on my way east," she remarked with assumed cheerfulness.

"Are you glad to go?" His eyes were so searching,—so wistful, that they, some way, proved disconcerting.

"I—why yes, of course,—I must go," she stammered.

"Don't go, Miss Randall,—Olive, we have been so happy together. You will be sick again if you go back,— sitting here with me. He had risen to a sitting posture, and laid his strong, brown hand over hers, as it lay beside her on the rock.

She hesitated. He was so alluring,—so compelling, as he sat there watching her with eager, pleading eyes—so capable and reliable,—so much of the glad, free west as she had learned it, and—yes, loved it. Then she turned her eyes to the valley below, and the moment of weak-



"Don't go, Miss Randall," he said, and she drew her hand away. "I can't, Curt," she said steadily. "I won't try to deny that I like you, for I do and you know it; but I can't stay. I must go back to my work."

"Why?" he persisted. "If you love me, why don't you stay with me?"

She pointed at the valley below. "That is why," she said, almost tragically.

He looked and saw the little group of ranch buildings, the trail leading away beyond. Plainly he did not understand.

"I mean the way the women live

here. No society; no recreation; the nearest store or shop, and railroad, ten or twenty miles away. Look at your sister down there. She does not see a woman's face, outside her mirror, often for two weeks at a stretch." She had fallen far short of saying what she felt, but such an existence meant to her; but her arguments were silencing if not convincing.

The pat, pat of horse's hoofs on the trail above, drew their attention to a woman on a pony, coming down toward them. She was dressed in the regulation western riding costume, for her sex; divided skirt; stout shoes



"I may have to reconsider the case," and gloves; modified sombrero hat, riding astride on the big western saddle and managing her spirited pony with the ease and skill of long experience.

"Do you want our picture?" she called merrily, as Olive reached for her camera, to catch a snap shot. "Shall we pose for you?" Then, in accordance with a few directions from Olive, she took the desired position, with ready good nature.

"Billy Boy and I get accustomed to being photographed," she laughed, as she swung herself off the pony, after greeting Burrows and acknowledging the introduction of his companion.

"How delightful it must be to ride as you can," said Olive almost enviously.

"Don't you ride?" inquired the newcomer.

"No. I never learned; I don't suppose that I could."

"Learn! You don't have to learn," laughed the other. "All you have to do is to get on the pony and let him go,—if he isn't a bucker."

"But, you see, I'm not used to horses at all."

"Neither was I till I came out here. I was never on a horse's back until after I was married; now I go where ever I choose. I wouldn't exchange my pony for an automobile," and she sank down on the grass, laughing up into Olive's face. Olive looked down at her with frank admiration: "Do you live near here?"

"On my husband's ranch, just beyond this spur. These," with a wave toward the valley, "are my nearest neighbors. I suppose that seems dreadful to you," smiling up into Olive's serious eyes, "but I assure you, I never realized in the east how much pleasure and satisfaction could be gotten out of life, when lived free and unhampered. Please don't think me rude, but really, I understand your views of life. You are an eastern teacher,—or journalist,—I was both; and thought, like a child climbing a step ladder, that I was mounting to fellowship with the stars. Then my health failed and I came out here to recuperate, as I presume you have done. I found, not only health, but a husband, and so remained. My friends in the east prophesied all sorts of miseries, and deprivations, and regrets; but I have been here fifteen years, and have yet to find occasion for repentance. I do more work and enjoy life more fully, than I once dreamed was possible."

There was a brief silence, then she rose. "I must go on, now," she said, holding Olive's hand a moment, at parting. "Learn to ride and come over and see me and I will convince you that I am sincere,—convert you to true, ideal living, free from conventionality and sham." Then she rode away on the trail; and Olive watched her until she disappeared around a turn, continuing to gaze dreamily

away down the green valley, until recalled by Burrows' voice: "Shall we go down, now?"

She gave him her hand, in rising, and allowed him to retain it, as they started downward.

"You see Mrs. Talbot is happy and contented here," he remarked tentatively, as though in answer to some subtle thought transference.

She looked up at him with misty eyes, although her lips were smiling: "I may have to reconsider the case, on the weight of her expert testimony," she said shyly.

He understood, and she was promptly given the opportunity to reverse her decision.

WAITING FOR THE END.

Green Policeman's Naive Explanation to His Chief.

There was appointed to the police force of Pawtucket about a dozen years ago a well-known German resident. At that time there was no patrol signal or telephone system, and officers on their beats were obliged to communicate with police headquarters by telephone at the nearest drug store.

Bright and early one Monday morning the new German policeman reported for duty and was assigned to the Pleasant View district. He had hardly mastered the English language, and when he got excited the language was broken into small pieces.

Along toward noon the officer was called to a house on his beat where a man had committed suicide by hanging. He viewed the suspended body, and was as much frightened as any of those who had gathered. One of the woman neighbors expressed the belief that the man was probably not dead, and it would be a good idea to "cut him down," as she expressed it.

The new police officer, by this time thoroughly rattled, ran from the house and sought the nearest drug store, where he got into communication by telephone with the police station. The chief answered the call, and after learning what the officer had seen, inquired, "Have you cut the man down?" "No, he ain't dead yet," answered the excited voice at the other end of the line.

CRY OF THE NEGLECTED.

Old Lady Craved Human Companionship and Sympathy.

Hezekiah Butterworth tells a pathetic story of an old aunt of his who lived all alone on a lonesome old farm, close by the Merrimac river. Feeling self-reproachable because they did not visit the old lady oftener, he and his wife tried to make amends one Christmas, by sending her a number of gifts which they knew she desired greatly.

The old lady stood by in silence while the expressman opened package after package for her. She lifted the three pictures in gorgeous gilt frames and set them carefully out of harm's way; she helped the man carry the big Morris chair into the best room; she watched him as he set up the huge range in its proper place, and a momentary gleam of satisfaction dawned in her eyes as he carried the old one out into the woodshed.

But even this died quickly away, and the sorrowful old face grew sadder and sadder. The expressman, who (after the manner of expressmen generally), had left the door open behind him, heard a piteous sob, and then a broken, pathetic voice crying: "Oh, Lord, dear Lord! Can't they see that it's folks, not things, I want?"

His Lenten Sacrifice.

The minister had been enlarging on the necessity and the beauty of Lenten self-denial, asserverating repeatedly and emphatically that we should give up those indulgences that were dearest and sweetest to us.

At the close of a sermon a man who had never been actually caught red-handed in the act of tossing money at the warbling songsters, approached the rector and said:

"Mr. Tellemhow, do you mean literally just what you said?"

"Beyond the shadow of a doubt I do—literally and emphatically," replied the rector with some warmth.

"Then," faltered the tightwad with tears in his eyes, "I must do as you say. I will give up in its entirety something that had grown to be my dearest privilege—contributing to the contribution plate every Sunday until Lent is over."

And he went away shaking with emotion.—Baltimore American.

Compensation.

Better to mourn our dead
Than never to know how sweet
The hushing words of a child
Or the patter of little feet;
Better to mourn, I say,
Than never to know the care
Of the tender, trusting souls
That God himself sent there.

Better to mourn our dead—
I say it through scalding tears—
Than not to know the charm
They trailed through our faltering years.

For a heart from which love has fled
Is never the great unknown,
And perhaps is bound by a golden thread
To the Master's pitying throne.

Better to mourn our dead—
O you who hear my voice,
I pray you smile through your binding tears.

And though sad is your heart, rejoice!
For we who weep for our own know well,
But, ah! at what bitter cost,
How dreary must be the hearts of men
Who have never loved and lost.
—Boston Transcript.

Economical Suggestion.

Speaker Cannon is a great lover of green corn. He boards at the Arlington and one day took one of his Illinois farmer constituents to dinner with him. Cannon made his dinner on green corn, eating seven ears. The farmer asked him how much he paid for board at the Arlington and Cannon replied: "Six dollars a day." "Well," said the farmer constituent, "Joe, don't you think it would be cheaper for you to board at a livery stable?"

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NOT AN ENTIRE FAILURE.

The two long and exhaustive trials in the district court at Austin, Texas, the first of District Attorney Warren Moore on an indictment charging him with accepting a bribe of \$12,500 for dismissing the anti-trust suit against the Kirby Lumber Company and the second against A. H. Kirby, president of said company, and Vandervort, cashier of an Austin bank, in which Kirby was interested, on an indictment charging them with a conspiracy to bribe a judicial officer (Moore), having terminated in the acquittal of the accused persons, the cases against the other persons indicted with them have been dismissed by the prosecuting officers as hopeless.

Former state treasurer W. B. Wortham and Glover, who assisted him in the infamous business and both of whom received immunity from prosecution for turning state's witnesses, swore before the grand jury and in both the above trials that, acting at the instance and for Kirby, they worked the bribery scheme and actually paid Moore \$12,500 for dismissing the anti-trust case, the money being gotten from the bank at Austin of which Kirby was president and Vandervort cashier, the latter knowing for what purpose the money was to be used and the former repaying it to the bank on Vandervort's draft. Wortham and Glover being accomplices with Kirby and the others, under the state's theory of the case, it appears that there was not sufficient corroborating evidence to justify a conviction in the minds of the jury. The strongest corroboration was found in the books of the Kirby Lumber Co. and an oil company in which Kirby was largely interested, which showed that the \$12,500 was charged to the expense accounts of these companies. Confronted with these book entries Kirby admitted refunding the money on the representation of Wortham, whose close personal friend he had been, that he had procured the money from a mutual friend and used it to get the anti-trust case dismissed. He claimed that he did not know of the transaction until it had been consummated and it was too late for him to interfere to stop it, and that he was made to believe that the money was paid, if to any one, to Judge McFall who was assisting District Attorney Moore in the anti-trust prosecution and not to Moore.

That villainy was done there is no doubt, and it is lamentable to the last degree that the guilty parties could not be reached by the law. To say the least of it, Glover and Wortham, a man who had been trusted and honored by the people with a high state office, are self confessed sneaks and scoundrels.

And, notwithstanding the failure to vindicate an outraged law and a betrayed public, the siring the matter received will do good. The villains were exposed to public view and it is not likely that they will ever again have an opportunity or the influence to commit another such crime.

THE HASKELL RAILROAD.

The latest news received from Abilene this week relative to the C. T. & M. Railroad, from a source known to be reliable, is very satisfactory and backs up the statements published in the FREE PRESS last week.

The news is to the effect that the construction company have got thirty teams actually on the work and are taking all that come. They say they want five hundred teams and will use all that will come. It is stated that Mr. Wardall, head of the construction company, ordered the company's construction train and complete equipment to Abilene some days ago and that it is now en route to that place to take up the work from Abilene to Haskell.

A fine rain fell in all parts of Haskell county last Sunday. At town it measured an inch and three-fourths. Reports indicate that it was heavier in other parts of the county. Coming after the spring plowing and planting, this rain puts a season in the ground that will carry crops through May, or longer, in good growing condition. This statement may stagger the credulity of our East Texas readers, but if they knew the peculiarities of this country they would accept it as very conservative.

Judge Jones is holding a term of the district court in Stonewall county this week. Judge H. G. McConnell and stenographer, Joe Irby, and E. F. Spruiger went over to attend court.

BROOM CORN.

C. H. Mercer, broom manufacturer, at Merkel, last season, planted a fractional acre of broom corn and having good success (as good as quality of straw he has to ship from St. Louis, Mo., to manufacture with) has this year put in seven acres, and one of his neighbors has planted twenty acres. This is a product, for which there is always a demand and always brings good prices, and is a spot cash consideration. We will watch this experiment and hope that it will exceed the expectations of these men who have the confidence to undertake what will be of benefit to all our people.—Taylor County News.

The FREE PRESS has a number of times in past years called attention to broom corn as probably being a profitable crop for this section. Every statement we have ever seen in regard to it has strengthened our belief in its favor. In fact we have seen broom corn grown in this county that was as long and fine as any we ever saw.

The plant belongs to the non-saccharine family of the sorghums, which fact in itself indicates its adaptability to this locality. It is being extensively raised in Oklahoma, where climate and seasons do not differ essentially from our own, and has proved to be one of their most profitable crops.

There is yet time to procure seed and plant it for a crop this year, and we believe it an auspicious time to give it a trial.

We have no doubt that the Haskell farmer who will put in a crop of broom corn this year will beat his neighbor who depends on cotton for his only money crop. However, we would not advise anyone to depend entirely on broom corn, but would be glad to see quite a number try it to the extent of a few acres.

Frightful Suffering Relieved.

Suffering frightfully from the virulent poisons of undigested food, C. G. Grayson, of Lula, Miss., took Dr. King's New Life Pills, "with the result," he writes, "that I was cured." All stomach and bowel disorders give way to their tonic, laxative properties. 25c at C. E. Terrell's drug store, guaranteed.

PROHIBITION ORDER.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, } In Commission-
County of Haskell, } sioners Court
Be it remembered, that on this the 5th day of April, 1905, the same being on the eleventh day after the election, while in special session for that purpose, the Commissioners Court of Haskell county, Texas, opened the polls and counted the votes of an election duly and legally held at all the regular voting places in Haskell county, Texas, on Saturday the 25th day of March, A. D. 1905, to determine whether or not the sale of intoxicating liquors shall be prohibited in Haskell county, Texas, which said election was held in pursuance of an order of this court made and entered on the 23rd day of February, 1905.

And it appearing to the court after opening and fully and fairly counting the votes and ascertaining the result of said election that 373 votes were cast for prohibition and 143 votes were cast against prohibition, and that a majority of the qualified voters of said Haskell county, Texas, at said election, did vote for prohibition.

Now therefore, pursuant to Article 3390, Title LXIX of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas, the Commissioners Court of the county of Haskell in said state of Texas, does hereby declare that a majority of the votes cast at said election so held as aforesaid were cast for prohibition and that said election has resulted in favor of prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors in Haskell county, Texas.

It is further ordered, published and decreed by this court that the sale of intoxicating liquors in Haskell county, Texas, be and the same is hereby absolutely prohibited, except for the purposes and under the regulation specified in said Title LXIX of the Revised Statutes of Texas, until such time as the qualified voters of said Haskell county, may at a legal election held for that purpose by a majority vote decide otherwise, and it is therefore directed that this order be published for four successive weeks in some newspaper published in Haskell county, Texas, to be selected by the County Judge of said county, and the county clerk of this court is hereby directed to furnish the county judge with a certified copy of this order for publication in accordance with law.

OSCAR E. OATES,
County Judge, Haskell Co. Tex.
Attest:
C. D. LONG, Co. Clerk.
By J. W. MEADORS, Deputy.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, }
County of Haskell, }
I, C. D. Long, clerk of the county court in and for Haskell county, Texas, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the order of the Commissioners Court of Haskell county, Texas, declaring the result of the special election held on the 25th day of March 1905, for the purpose of determining whether or not the sale of intoxicating liquors shall be prohibited in Haskell county, Texas, as the same appears in the minutes of said commissioners court in book number 2 on pages 411 and 412.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court, at office in Haskell, Texas, this 6th day of April, A. D. 1905.

C. D. LONG, Clerk
County Court, Haskell Co. Tex.
By J. W. MEADORS, Deputy. 14-17

DEMOCRATIC ORGANIZATION.

To give those who neglected to sign and send in the pledge, when we printed it before, an opportunity to do so and help in the organization of the Democratic party by the masses of the people, as proposed by Mr. Bryan, we print the blank again this week.

Cut it out, sign and mail to the Commoner Mr. Bryan says of the plan and purpose:

"This plan does not involve the writing of a platform in advance of the primaries; it does not rest upon the paramount importance of any one issue. It recognizes the right of the democratic voters to control the policy of the democratic party, and to determine its position upon public questions. It also recognizes the importance of honesty and sincerity in politics.

"This proposition will appeal to all who believe in the rule of the people—to all who are willing that the majority shall govern in party management and in the nation. It does not mean that those who exert themselves to secure a good platform will be bound to support a bad platform—that is a question which each must determine for himself—but it does mean that the democratic platform shall give voice to the prevailing sentiment of the democratic party, and that the party shall take the country into its confidence. The pledge proposed is a primary pledge

—because the people speak at the primaries. The national convention is attended by delegates and each delegate represents tens of thousands of democrats. The state convention is also attended by delegates, and these represent thousands of democrats. The county conventions are, as a rule, attended by delegates, and these in turn represent hundreds of democrats. At the primary the voters speak for themselves; there democracy has its citadel.

"When the work organization is sufficiently advanced, a time can be set for the meeting of the members in their various localities. The members of the organization, while pledged to but one thing—namely, attendance upon the primaries—are urged to cooperate among themselves for the support of every effort put forth to eliminate corruption in politics. No cause can prosper permanently that does not appeal to the moral sense of the country, and the moral sense of the country is now being awakened to the importance of purifying politics.

THE PRIMARY PLEDGE.

I promise to attend all the primaries of my party to be held between now and the next democratic national convention, unless unavoidably prevented, and to use my influence to secure a clear, honest and straightforward declaration of the party's position on every question upon which the voters of the party desire to speak.

Signed.....

Street.....Postoffice.....State.....

County.....Voting precinct or ward.....

Fill out blanks and mail to Commoner Office, Lincoln, Neb.

NOTICE OF ELECTION.

In conformity with an order passed by the Board of Trustees of Haskell Independent School District on the 8th day of April, A. D. 1905, notice is hereby given that an election will be held in the Court House in the town of Haskell, Haskell County, Texas, in said Haskell Independent School District on the 13th day of May, A. D. 1905, for the purpose of determining whether or not a special tax not exceeding twenty-five cents on the one hundred dollar valuation upon all the taxable property in said Haskell Independent School District, shall be annually levied and collected for the current year, and to be levied and collected annually hereafter until discontinued as provided by law, for the support and maintenance of the public free schools in said Haskell Independent School District.

H. S. Wilson is hereby appointed manager of said election, which shall be held as nearly as may be possible in conformity with the general laws of this state.

No person shall vote at said election unless he be a qualified voter under the constitution and laws of the State of Texas, and a tax payer in said Haskell Independent School District as shown by the last assessment roll.

Those in favor of levying and assessing and collecting said tax shall write or print on their ballots, "For the tax" and those against the levy and collection of said tax shall write or print on their ballots "Against the tax."

Witness our hands this 10th day of April, A. D. 1905.

A. C. FOSTER,
President Board Trustees,
Haskell Independent School District.
LEVI McCOLLUM,
Secretary Board Trustees.

\$5 Reward for Horses.

I will give \$5 reward for information which will lead to the recovery of the following stray horses:
1 roan mare, lame hip, had rope on, colt with her. 1 sorrel mare, had colt on neck. 1 sorrel horse mule, two years old, left ear has small split. Write me at Haskell. I reside 6 miles southeast of Haskell.

17-4t J. W. (Whit) WILLIAMS.

A BUSINESS CHANGE.

Messrs. Burwell Cox, J. F. Jones and T. B. Russell have purchased the interest of Mr. Levi McCollum in the hardware, implement and furniture business of McCollum & Cason and will continue the business under the firm name of Cason, Cox & Co.

We understand that considerable new capital will be put into the business, enabling the firm to make their present lines more complete and also to add some new lines, one of which will be a complete line of buggies and wagons.

While Mr. McCollum was a man of fine business ability and a gentleman of undoubted integrity and many will regret his retirement from business in Haskell, the new firm will be welcomed because of the added strength they give to the business, which will enable it to more fully supply the demands of the trade of the surrounding country, as, also, from the fact that all of the members of the new firm are also gentlemen of the highest integrity men long and well known in Haskell county and, whose popularity must insure their business success.

Mr. Henry Free of the east side was in town Tuesday. A few days before he sold and delivered in town a load of very fine millet from his last year's crop. He says he has brought over from his last year's crop five to seven thousand bundles of milo maize, sorghum and millet. He believes in keeping a year's supply ahead to provide against accidents and keep from sending money out of the country for feed. He pursues the same policy as to his meat and lard supply, or at least produces an ample supply at home. It's the best plan and ought to be adopted by every farmer in West Texas.

Genuine Georgia ribbon cane syrup at Williams' 45 cts. per gallon.

The Cantata that was to have been given at the Christian Church last Sunday night, was postponed until Sunday night the 30th instant. Every body is invited to attend on that date.

Found in the Baptist church, an emblem pen, triangular in shape. Call at this office.

Mr. J. E. Davis, one of the enterprising farmers of the southwest part of the county, was doing business in town yesterday. He dropped into our sanctum and advanced his subscription date another year. Mr. Davis says the wheat in his neighborhood is very promising, early wheat being now in the boot. He gives it as his judgment from his experience with wheat in this country that, with the thorough season in the ground from last Sunday's rain, early wheat will mature a fair crop without any more rain, but, of course, would be better with another rain.

Squire T. D. Whitford, wife and children, W. H. Parish and wife and Mrs. Zaek Hammock, all of the Cliff neighborhood, were in town trading yesterday.

Mr. R. M. Smith of the Wild Horse country was doing business in town yesterday.

Mr. Jno. L. Robertson had business in Stamford Wednesday.

Capt. A. H. O'Keeffe of the south side visited Haskell Thursday.

Mr. Caleb Terrell returned Saturday from a business trip to Throckmorton.

Mr. John Taylor of King county was in Haskell Thursday. We understand he is interested in cattle.

Mr. M. E. Manning of Stamford was here on business a few days ago.

Mr. G. W. Hams of Dallas was here this week.

Mr. W. M. Sager, the father of Sagerston, was in the city Thursday.

Mr. S. L. Robertson had business in Stamford Wednesday.

Capt. W. W. Fields and sons J. U. and Hollis and wife and Mr. J. T. Hunt and wife went fishing Tuesday to spend several days in camp.

Mr. High Caudle of Sagerton visited the county capital Thursday.

NEW STOCK

We have greatly enlarged our stock this spring by adding several new lines to our business as well as making the old ones more complete. We invite your patronage on the proposition that we know by experience how to buy and how to sell goods.

Ladies Dress Goods

Our stock in this line is entirely new and embraces the styles now in popular demand. We are sure it will interest the ladies.

Shoes and Slippers

We have added a full line of shoes and slippers for men, women and children. The attention of ladies is especially invited to our stylish footwear for them.

Millinery

This is one of our old lines and it is hardly necessary to mention it to the ladies who have bought their hats of us during the past two years, as they know that our hats are always the latest in style and that our prices are right, so we pass it with this little reminder.

Gentlemen's Clothing

This is another new line with us and we invite your attention to it with the assurance that you will find it up-to-date.

You will find in our new stock everything desirable in

NOTIONS, NOVELTIES, TRIMMINGS, EMBROIDERIES, Laces, Gloves, Handkerchiefs, Etc.

We have other lines and many things that our space will not permit us to mention here, but we cordially invite you to call in and take a look.

C. M. HUNT & COMPANY.

BLAIR & WHITTINGTON.

FINE TAILORING.

We restore clothing to its original beauty by

DYEING CLEANING and PRESSING.

If you have clothing or hats you want restored leave them at J. B. Hash's store in Haskell and we will get them, or call on us at Stamford.

COLLIER

Registered Druggist.

NORTHEAST CORNER OF SQUARE

HASKELL, - - TEXAS.

JIM BROWN,

Time, 2:12 1-2

This famous Hamiltonian trotting and pacing Sire will be five years old next May; is sixteen and one-half hands high; weighs nearly 1100 pounds. A beautiful mahogany bay with black points. He made above mark, (2:12½) at Dallas Fair races last October. He is doubtless one of the

FINEST SIRES IN TEXAS.

Those interested in breeding for saddle or fancy drivers, address me at Throckmorton.

Terms \$15.00 to insure colt and \$10.00 for the season. Pasturage \$1.00 per month.

E. T. Parrott.

A Fire Killer That Kills Fire!

We invite your attention to a cheap and simple Fire Extinguisher which has been brought to our notice in a way to convince us of its merits, and which we believe it is to the interest of every householder to investigate.

Call at the store and let us show it to you and also show you a stack of facsimile testimonials from persons who are using this extinguisher in factories, stores, banks, residences, hotels, theaters, and from chiefs of fire departments, all of whom speak in strong terms of their efficiency and practical utility, from experience.

The manufacturers say: "We absolutely guarantee that Fyride will put out any blaze from any material in quicker time, at lower cost, with less injury, with greater ease and efficiency than any other extinguisher." Come and let us show you.

W. H. WYMAN & CO., HASKELL RACKET STORE.

FLOTSAM AND JETSAM

Mr. A. H. Storrs was in Saturday.
Mr. F. M. Blair was in the capital Saturday.

Select your wall paper at the Racket Store.

Mr. Gus Grusendorf of the east side was in town Saturday.

Call at Donohoo's for all the latest cold drinks.

Don't forget it. We can fit you up for less at C. M. Hunt & Co's.

Mr. H. C. Cousins and family were in town Tuesday shopping.

The time for storms is near. See Sanders & Wilson for insurance.

Ring No. 51—Donohoo—for fresh fruits and confectioneries of all kinds.

Mr. W. P. Whitford, a prominent farmer of the Cliff neighborhood, had business in the county capital Monday.

Go to Sanders & Wilson and get you a tornado and cyclone insurance policy. Low rates.

Mr. L. E. Marr was doing business in town Saturday.

Mr. R. R. Davis was taking in the sights and trading with Haskell merchants Saturday.

See us before you buy your groceries; we think we can save you money. Our stock will be full and complete at all times. W. W. Fields & Bro.

Ellis & English will buy your hides at the highest market price and pay spot cash.

Mr. Virgil Hudson came in Tuesday from his ranch in Dickens county.

Mrs. D. W. Fields of Marcy was in the city visiting and shopping Tuesday.

I deliver groceries any where in town for the cash. G. E. Ballew.

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

Harrison Albin of the Marcy country was in town Wednesday.

Mr. T. E. Ballard has sold his 200 acre place adjoining the town on the northeast, known as the Abel Jones place, to Messrs. W. H. Gentry and N. C. Keikley, who recently moved to this county. Mr. Gentry added his name to our subscription list.

Crape paper, plain and figured, at the Racket Store.

Try the new grocery store for something fresh to eat. G. E. Ballew.

Mr. F. C. Lowe, step-son of Mr. J. J. Chitwood, was up from Waco this week spending a few days with the old folks.

Mr. W. L. Curd of the Wild Horse country was in town Wednesday. He says that every thing is lovely and flourishing out his way.

I pay cash and get my groceries at bottom prices and will sell them to you at bottom prices. G. E. Ballew.

Mr. W. P. Clark of Munday, cattle inspector and quarantine agent for this section, was here the early part of the week.

Mr. G. W. Jackson and wife of the Marcy neighborhood visited the county capital and did some shopping last Saturday.

It is announced that on the first Sunday in May Rev. J. H. Chambliss will begin a series of services at the Methodist church at this place, in which he will be assisted by Rev. Biggs of Stamford.

Mr. Fred Sanders, who teaches the Howard school on Paint creek, was in the city Saturday. He says that he has a fine school and that everything is going on very pleasantly during the term. His school will close in three weeks.

Some new dress goods patterns to show you this week. C. M. Hunt & Company.

The ladies of the Woman's Home Mission society will conduct the services at the Methodist church Sunday at 11 a. m. Special program.

Genuine, pure ribbon cane syrup at Williams' by the barrel or bucket.

Mrs. J. M. Haley and Mrs. W. A. Strain were in town doing some shopping Tuesday. Mrs. Strain favored us with an order for the Faux Pass for a year.

Commissioner W. F. Watts was in town Thursday and consummated the purchase of a 640 acre tract of land from W. M. Sager, situated about one and a half miles from Sager on the line of the Orient, in the southwest part of the county, at \$6 per acre. Mr. Watts says Haskell is the best county in northwest Texas and he considers land at that price a first-class investment. Mr. Watts expressed gratification over the prospect of the building of the "Sorghum Belt" railroad to Haskell.

Mr. Whit Williams was in town Saturday and placed a notice in the paper about some stray horses. Look his notice up and let him know if you have seen his horses.

For sorghum and millet seed see W. W. Fields & Bro.

Mr. J. R. Jeter, one of the pioneer settlers in Haskell county, was in town Wednesday and said that he was rejoicing over the news that Haskell was finally to get a railroad.

To EXCHANGE—Two cottages and nice vacant lot in Denton, also small house in Stamford, for good land. Will trade all or any part as whole or part payment. Box 346 Stamford, Texas.

Garden seeds in bulk at the Racket Store.

All the latest popular songs and instrumental music at Donohoo's

Mr. F. M. Harrison and son E. S. of the Cliff community were visitors in the county seat Saturday.

Amber and Red Top cane seed at Keister Grocery Co's.

Mr. W. C. Lee of the Pinkerton neighborhood was in town Wednesday doing some trading.

If you want a pair of pants, see Williams.

We have now got on hand a complete line of clothing and have put prices on it that will interest you. Call and let us fit you up. C. M. Hunt & Co.

At Williams' store you will find a select lot of pants just received.

A good stallion for sale or trade for cattle. W. D. Koonce.

Messrs. E. L. Ridling and J. R. Mitchell dropped in on us a few minutes Tuesday. Mr. R. was already on our list and Mr. Mitchell subscribed for himself and a friend in McLennan county.

Mr. A. M. Allen was in town Wednesday and told the reporter that he had the best garden he ever had at this time of the year, said he was eating vegetables every day. We warn him to be careful about making such talks to hungry country editors, as he is liable to bring help in the eating. We are rather fond of garden truck ourself.

Mr. A. H. Bryant of the Marcy neighborhood was doing business in town Tuesday. He says corn and feed crops out his way are doing fine but he fears much of the cotton will have to be planted over, as only a poor stand has shown up.

I have quite a number of well bred Poland China and Red Duroc (crossed) pigs for sale. Will be ready to deliver latter part of May and early in June; price \$1.50 each. Farm four miles west of Ample on Seymour road. Postoffice, Ample, J. B. Wadlington. 17-4t

Mr. S. W. Scott called at the FREE PRESS office Wednesday and had his advertised list of lands revised, dropping out five tracts that he had sold and adding several new bargains to his list. Look up his list in this paper and catch a bargain before prices go up on the strength of the railroad news.

CALEB TERRELL,
WATCHMAKER and JEWELER
—AT—
TERRELLS DRUG STORE

We want from 640 to 3000 acres that we can sell to some small farmers, in tracts of 160, 200 and 320 acres. we have the buyers and can sell your land if the price and terms are right.

We have arranged to furnish a part of the purchase money, to those buying improved farms or to actual settlers.

We are getting up a special list of choice lands to supply a demand we have had from emmigration agents in the east and north. we are better prepared to sell your land than ever before.

NEAL & ODELL, Haskell, Texas.

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D. R. J. D. SMITH.

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All kinds of Bonds furnished in a Standard Guaranty Company at reasonable rates.....

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Attorney at Law and Real Estate Agent...

All kinds of bonds furnished in first class Guaranty Company, at reasonable rates. We furnish abstracts of title to land in Haskell county; and loan money on ranches and farm lands, and take up and extend Vendor Lien notes. Also buy Vendor Lien notes.

Office on second floor, in the Court House.
HASKELL, - - TEXAS.

I. O. O. F.—Haskell Lodge, No. 525.
ED. ELLIS, R. G.
W. E. PARK, V. G.
WALTER MEADOWS, Sec'y
Lodge meets every Thursday night.

Elmwood Camp No. 24.
T. B. Russell, Con. Com.
Joe Irby, Clerk.
Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays.
Visiting sovereigns invited.

15th Annual

SPRING STOCK

Now Open

We make our bow to the public and call attention to our new Spring stock with the utmost confidence that the goods have been bought as cheap as money can buy them, and it is our purpose to sell at proportionately low prices, thus dividing the advantage with our customers. Indeed we feel sure that we will be able to sell some lines of goods considerably below the prices you have been paying for them, for we know that we secured some bargains.

At the same time there is no deterioration in quality. Your careful inspection of all goods is earnestly solicited in proof of this.

We have the

Greatest Line of White Goods

ever displayed in Haskell, consisting of linens, lawns, cambrics, a variety of waist fabrics, embroideries, laces, etc.

Novelty Dress Goods

This line will be especially interesting to our lady friends, as we show an unusually large variety, including the latest fabrics, weaves, figuring and colors.

Sundries and Novelty Department

There is also much in this to please and interest our lady friends. In it will be found the latest and daintiest things in ladies collars and neck-wear of every kind, handkerchiefs from one cent each up and a very complete assortment of belts, besides other things too numerous to mention here.

Gents Furnishings

Here we will claim the attention of the gentlemen, for we do not hesitate to assure them that our line is not excelled in variety, quality and style west of Fort Worth. It contains everything necessary to a well dressed gentleman's toilet.

Ladies' Vests and Underwear

Our stock is quite full in this line and the articles are as dainty and stylish as you will find in any market. We invite your inspection and challenge competition in this line especially.

SHOES, SLIPPERS, SANDALS

There is not another stock in this section to compare with ours in completeness, style and quality. We say this with confidence, as we handle the best makes. Don't fail to see our fancy baby and children's footwear.

Spring Millinery

We are taking special pains to make this department up-to-date in every particular. Profiting by past experience and with the aid of suggestions from a millinery expert, we have selected and will present to our lady friends a stock complete in all details from which to select. With this completeness and all the modern appliances and money saving devices in trimming and structural work, in the hands of an expert in using them, we will be able to save you money as compared to former prices.

This department is in the hands of Miss Katie Kelley, who may be termed a graduate in the millinery art. Having passed through all the departments from the building of the frames and shapes to the turning out of the most elaborately trimmed hats, she can construct a hat to harmonize with the form and general make-up or style of any individual.

Miss Kelley will be pleased to meet and consult with all who are interested in securing appropriate and properly designed millinery. Remember that

THE EARLY BIRD, LIKE THE CHICK,
HAS THE ASSORTMENT FROM WHICH TO PICK!

Alexander Mercantile Company.

CURE YOUR KIDNEYS.

When the Back Aches and Bladder Troubles Set In, Get at the Cause.

Don't make the mistake of believing back ache and bladder ills to be local ailments. Get at the cause and cure the kidneys.

Use Doan's Kidney Pills, which have cured thousands, Captain S. D. Hunter, of Engine No. 14, Pittsburgh, Pa., Fire Department, and residing at 2729 Wylie avenue, says:

"It was three years ago that I used Doan's Kidney Pills for an attack of kidney trouble that was mostly back ache, and they fixed me up fine. There is no mistake about that, and if I should ever be troubled again I would get them first thing, as I know what they are."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N.Y.

Body Guards of Rulers.

A German periodical has printed pictures and descriptions of the picturesque body guards of the rulers of the modern world, including the Indian body guard of the King of England, the Swiss guard of the pope and many others.

The Spider's Appetite.

The spider has a tremendous appetite, and his voraciousness defies all human competition. A scientist who carefully noted a spider's consumption of food twenty-four hours concluded that if the spider were built proportionately to the human scale he would eat at breakfast (approximately) a small alligator by 7 a. m., a lamb, by 9 a. m., a young camelopard, by 1 o'clock a sheep, and would finish up with a large pie in which there were 120 birds.

For Growing Girls.

West Pembroke, Me., April 24.—Mrs. A. L. Smith, of this place, says that Dodd's Kidney Pills are the best remedy for growing girls.

"My daughter was thirteen years old last November and it is now two years since she was first taken with Crazy Spells that would last a week and would then pass off. In a month she would have the spells again. At these times she would eat very little and was very yellow; even the whites of her eyes would be yellow."

"The doctors gave us no encouragement, they all said they could not help her. After taking one box of Dodd's Kidney Pills, she has not had one bad spell. Of course, we continued the treatment until she had used in all about a dozen boxes, and we still give them to her occasionally, when she is not feeling well. Dodd's Kidney Pills are certainly the best medicine for growing girls."

Mothers should heed the advice of Mrs. Smith, for by so doing, they may save their daughters much pain and sickness and ensure a healthy, happy future for them.

When you leave a good wife see to it that she finds no consolation in the knowledge that the insurance more than covers the loss.

A Heavy Fine.

Under the Elkins law, any railroad company which pays rebates in any form, or any shipper who accepts them, is liable to a fine of from \$1,000 to \$20,000, upon conviction. It also prohibits the carrying of freight at less than the published tariffs.

TORTURING HUMOUR.

Body a Mass of Sores—Treated by Three Doctors but Grew Worse—Cured by Cuticura for 75c.

"My little daughter was a mass of sores all over her body. Her face was eaten away, and her ears looked as if they would drop off. I called in three doctors, but she grew worse. Neighbors advised Cuticura, and before I had used half of the cake of soap and box of ointment the sores had all healed, and my little one's skin was as clear as a newborn babe's. I would not be without Cuticura again if it cost five dollars, instead of seventy-five cents, which is all it cost us to cure our baby. Mrs. G. J. Steese, 701 Coburn St., Akron, Ohio."

Tombstones always behave themselves.

An Untimely Death.

An untimely death so often follows neglect of slight cough or cold. If Taylor's Cherokee Remedy of Sweet Gum and Mullein is taken in time it will prevent any evil results. It cures coughs, colds and consumption.

At druggists, 25c., 50c. and \$1.00 a bottle.

Selfishness is the stuff that sours the milk of human kindness.

RUSSIAN MAY DAY.

Socialist Reformers Plan Great Demonstration Everywhere.

St. Petersburg, April 22.—May day demonstrations on a grand scale throughout the empire is the program of the Socialist Reform party, as announced at the pan-Russian congress of journalists, which closed yesterday after a protracted and stormy session.

The congress illustrated the lack of unity in reform circles, the program as finally adopted falling to touch many burning questions of the hour, account of the impossibility of uniting the views of divergent elements. At the conclusion neither side were satisfied with the program. The moderate faction, which was in the majority, eliminated a number of recommendations in deference to the wishes of the Social Democrats, while the representatives of the Socialist press characterized the platform generally and especially the plank regarding tactics, as wishwashed, and announced that the plan of organized meetings and parades in every city and industrial center of Russia on May 14, to which they were unable to gain the concurrence of other elements, will be carried out regardless of the congress. They disclaimed any intention of rioting, but declared that if the police attempted to break up the demonstrations the government would be answerable.

St. Petersburg, April 22.—Reports are current here that the Russian second squadron has already left Kamranh Bay and is on its way to Vladivostok, but the government will proceed with caution on the Japanese protests, if the squadron had not continued its voyage.

A special service was held in the Admiralty Church yesterday to offer prayers for the safety of the squadron and its successful arrival at Vladivostok.

The services were attended by High Admiral Grand Duke Alexis, Admiral Avellan, Chief of the Admiralty, other prominent officers and a distinguished congregation.

Potatoes Rot in Red River County

Detroit: The continued rains of the past week have delayed cotton planting and most of it was planted before the rains will have to be planted over. There is a good deal of corn yet to be planted in the creek bottoms. The potato crop is a failure, as most of those planted rotted. This place usually ships thirty to forty cars, but will only ship about five cars this year.

Letter Carriers' Home Be Established

Cleveland: A home for the sick and invalid letter carriers will be established on a tract of 250 acres of land at the edge of the city of Colorado Springs, Colo. To gather data on the subject and get the matter before the National convention in proper form a special committee has been authorized to investigate the idea at the meeting of the officers' council of the National Association of Letter Carriers.

Had Killed a Man in Texas.

Tacoma, Wash.: A man known here as J. C. Johnson, who has just died, summoned his family and several neighbors to his bedside before death and confessed that his true name was George W. Deal and that he was a fugitive, having murdered a man in Texas. Johnson said he had lost his first family in the Galveston flood and that the crime was committed after that. While trying to go into details the man died.

Arkansas Town Wiped Out.

Texarkana: News has reached this city of the destruction Thursday by a cyclone of Houston, La., a small town, forty-three miles south of Texarkana, on the old Texas, Shreveport and Northern railway, now operated by the Texas and Pacific. The course of the storm was from the southwest and it struck the town about 9 o'clock at night. There were no fatalities.

Sad Death of Young Man.

El Paso: Walter Drysdale, canvasser for the local agency of R. G. Dun & Co., ended his life here by taking poison. He chose for the scene of his act a desolate spot in the foothills north of El Paso. Early Friday morning he left a note on the desk of M. H. McCullum, the local manager, telling his purpose and stating that he was deeply in debt and was being pressed and he could not face it out.

Dallas City Council is figuring on a vehicle tax to raise a fund for street cleaning.

Killed by a Train.

Bonham: West Wetherby and Pink Bailey were run over in the Texas and Pacific yards by a freight train. Wetherby was killed outright and Bailey horribly mangled. The two men attempted to cross the track in front of a moving train, where they were struck. Wetherby was dragged across the street, and was removed from beneath the wheels a mangled mass of flesh and bones.

GRAND JURY IN EARNEST.

Investigation Resumed as to Business Methods.

Chicago, Ill., April 22.—The Federal Grand Jury, which is investigating the business affairs of the meat packers, resumed yesterday their probe into the details of the sausage casing business as carried on by packers. Over a score of clerks and other employees of the packers told the jury what they knew of his branch of the packing industry.

Chief John E. Wilkie of the United States Secret Service, who is in Chicago en route to the Philippines, said yesterday that he had learned that the packers and their attorneys had questioned the right of the United States Secret Service Department to make an investigation in conjunction with the Federal Grand Jury. The packers, Chief Wilkie said, contended that the Secret Service Department is under the charge of the United States treasury and the funds provided by Congress cannot be used in a special investigation because this service is really only for the suppression of counterfeiting. In reply to this contention Chief Wilkie said that the special detail of men connected with the investigation of the packing industry were being paid out of the \$500,000 appropriation made by an act of Congress for the purpose of pushing investigations, and secret service men would be kept on the case as long as they were needed.

Looks Like a "Go."

Paris: At a mass meeting held at the court house steps were taken to organize a railroad company to build the Paris, Deport and Southeastern road from this city to Rosalia, with Shreveport as the final terminus. Representations from the country towns present at the meeting gave assurance that \$50,000 and the right of way could be secured outside of Paris. An effort will be made to raise \$50,000 in the city.

A committee was appointed to push the work of securing stock subscriptions in town. A meeting of the subscribers will be called in a short while to elect a board of directors, after which the securing of the charter, the preliminary survey and the taking of right of way deeds will be looked after.

Made a Record.

Texarkana: A train of sixteen refrigerator cars loaded with strawberries from Alvin, Texas, made the run over the Iron Mountain from Texarkana to Little Rock Thursday in three hours and forty-five minutes. The distance is 145 miles, and when the time lost in stops (three in number) for taking water, is deducted it is shown that the train made an average of more than forty miles an hour.

An Anti-Osler Dinner.

Natchez, Miss.: Eighty-one citizens of Natchez, representing every branch of business from bankers to cotton factors and retail merchants, today attended John C. Fowler's anti-Osler birthday outing at his Ivanhoe plantation, twelve miles below Natchez. Gray haired men of 70 years played baseball, marbles, tops and jacks and then enjoyed an al fresco dinner.

The main building of the Vanderbilt University, destroyed by fire Thursday, will be rebuilt, but plans for the same can not be perfected until the board of trustees meet.

A man gets to be a statesman after the public thinks he is too smart to be put in jail.

Prominent Collin Countian Dead.

McKinney: After a long illness from diabetes, Capt. E. R. Stiff, who was for years one of the best known cattlemen in this section died at his home Thursday night. Captain Stiff was a native of Kentucky, but had been a citizen of Collin county since 1854. He was in his sixty-ninth year and was the father of fourteen children, one dead and thirteen living. He served in the Confederate army.

Boll Weevil Already Present.

Taylor: County Commissioner M. R. Kennedy reports the appearance of boll weevils in some of the early planted cotton of this section of Williamson County. Cotton chopping is going briskly on in this black land section of Williamson County and many farmers are now plowing their early corn. While growth is somewhat hindered by cold, there is a splendid season in the ground and crop prospects are flattering.

New Evidence for Nan Patterson.

New York: Lawyer Abraham Levy, counsel for Nan Patterson, telegraphed Friday to a Chicago lawyer to secure in detail the story of Samuel Eisenberg, who said he saw Cesar Young kill himself. Mr. Levy was informed in reply that Eisenberg told a convincing story and was willing to come to New York to testify to it. Mr. Levy said it tallied with that told by the witness Hazelton of Oneonta, N. Y.



AGRICULTURE

Fitting Corn Ground.

I lately saw a request in the Farmers' Review for methods used in fitting corn ground for planting. I herewith briefly give my method that has given me the best results: To start with I bought a piece of land that had corn the last crop when I took possession. As I wished to bring the land up I tried seeding; but the land had been cropped so many years with but little fertilizing material returned, that it was too poor to grow clover. I gave this land a good dressing with stable manure, then as early as the land would work nicely, I took the dirt cultivator and gave it a thorough digging up. When it came time to plow for corn this ground plowed up as mellow as a garden, while ground joining that had not been disked was about as hard as a road. The first benefit of the disk cultivation was preventing the ground drying out and baking hard. Second, it set all the weed seeds to growing, and when the ground was plowed they were effectually disposed of. Third, benefit of disking: The ground was in such fine shape the corn came up so quickly that the weeder kept the weeds down, until the cultivator could be used advantageously giving me a very fine crop of corn. Three years of this treatment put that worn-out land into shape to raise the biggest kind of a crop of clover and timothy. As we cannot tell beforehand just what kind of weather we are going to get, we have to adopt methods that will give best results under all conditions; and I have found by years of experience that land that is well tilled both before and after plowing has always given me the best results whether the season be wet or dry. A good many farmers don't like the disk cultivator, saying that going over but once ridges the land and by lapping half way it takes too much time. Admitted, but the larger results more than compensate for time and energy. I think we farmers expect too much of our land for the time and energy expended. Farming is no bargain counter job. We have to pay full price to our land for all we get from it. We should aim to grow the biggest crops possible, and at the same time leave our farms in better condition than they were before the crop was grown. Dane Co., Wis.—C. L. Thompson in Farmers' Review.

The Shortest Method.

I cannot help thinking that the American farmer as well as every other kind of a farmer needs to learn how to do things by the shortest method. We know how prone people are to do things in old ways, even though those ways be the longest and hardest ways. Some travelers tell us that in some of the countries they visit the highways are wonderfully crooked, said crookedness being due to nothing in particular, but to some object that had existed in the way of a straight path centuries ago. We have begun to straighten out the roads in this country, even on the uneven lands, but we need also to straighten some of our methods. I notice my neighbor across the way still saws his wood by hand. He has a big house and a big family and uses many cords of wood every year, but the hand work is the only way he seems to have thought of. I have a windmill that saws the wood and does other farm chores for me. I notice the said neighbor has among his tools the oldest and most inferior makes, even to his haying tools. There are other tools that would decrease the time of doing certain kinds of work a quarter, but he never figures time as anything. As a result he has to employ a third more hired labor on the same area than I do.—Adolphus Perry, Blackhawk Co., Ia.

Soil Water.

Every plant, of course, must have water, which is the vehicle by which the food is carried from the soil to the roots of the plant. The wilting of plants on a hot day is due to the fact that the cells in the leaves are not kept filled with enough water to keep them expanded, which must be the case if they are to use plant food.

The Permanent Pasture.

On many farms a permanent pasture will continue to pay even in the face of the rise in price of the said lands. A great many permanent pastures are not producing the grass they should because they have been allowed to bear only wild grasses. Disking the sod and sowing mixed grasses starts the old pasture into new life and increases its value.

Tillage.

Tillage of soil always improves it, and the more tillage is given the greater is the quantity of plant food that is set loose. This reduces the soil to a fine state and lets in the air to all parts of the soil. In a soil so treated roots ramify greatly and easily collect vast quantities of food. The resultant growth is often remarkable.

Manuring Improves Quality.

Proper farming of land requires that it be well manured not only to increase the quantity but also for the purpose of increasing the quality of grass and other produce. Hay made from grass grown on rich land is believed to be more digestible than hay from grass grown on thin and unfruitful land.

Popular opinion is the most flimsy thing on earth.

Sensible Housekeepers will have DeLancey Starch, not alone because they get one-third more for the same money, but also because of superior quality.

I pity the poor man who is compelled to live all his days in the shadow of his wife's fame.

Stands Head.

There is something about Hunt's Lightning Oil that no other liniment possesses. Others may be good, but it is surely the best. It does all you recommend it for, and more. For sprains, bruises, cuts, burns, aches, and pains, it has no equal on earth. It stands head on my medicine shelf. Very truly yours, T. J. Brownlow, Livingston, Tenn.

As a contractor, glycerole of tannin isn't so bad, and then there's alum; now, wouldn't that pucker you?

"Cotton Belt Bridge Open for Traffic."

It has been officially announced that the bridge crossing the Mississippi river between Gray's Point, Mo., and Thebes, Ill., will be formally opened for passenger traffic on Tuesday, April 18th. This magnificent double track steel bridge is one of the finest and largest structures of its kind in the world. It has been in the course of construction for something more than three years, and when completed will represent an outlay exceeding five (\$5,000,000) dollars. The bridge is a high level structure, without any draw spans, and capable of permitting all river traffic to pass under it, the height from low water to base of rail being about 108 feet. It consists of a series of graceful concrete arch approaches, extending out from the banks on each shore, with five heavy steel spans (of the Cantilever type) over the river. The extreme length between approaches is some 3500 feet, and the channel span alone measures some 671 feet. The bridge will be used by the Cotton Belt System, St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern Railway, Illinois Central Railroad and the Frisco System. Mr. F. H. Britton, Vice-President and General Manager of the Southern Illinois Bridge Company, by whom the structure was erected, and to him is almost entirely due the credit for the expeditious and thorough manner in which the work was and has been carried to completion. The opening of this bridge is of immediate interest to the traveling public, as it does away with the ferry transfer at Thebes, Ill., which is one of the most difficult in America, on account of the sinuous channel. It means the saving of more than one hour's time between St. Louis, Arkansas, Texas and the entire Southwest.

When a young man is convinced that there is nothing too good for a certain girl he offers himself to her.

When you buy Starch buy DeLancey and get the best, 16 oz. for 10 cents. Once used, always used.

The man who boasts of his ability to marry any woman he pleases is seldom able to please one.

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The mechanical Cream Separator has become a vital feature of every home dairy just as of every butter factory. Its use means much more and much better cream and butter, as well as saving of water, ice, time and room. The difference in results is not small but big. Few cows now pay without a separator. Dairying is the most profitable kind of farming with one. 94% of the creamery butter of the world is now made with De Laval machines, and there are over 500,000 farm users besides. Send for catalogue and name of nearest local agent.

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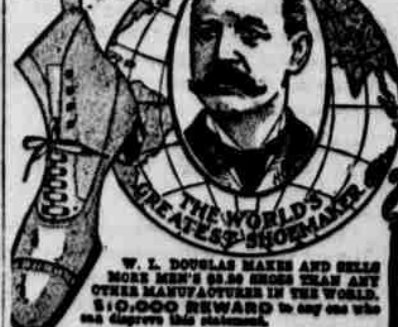
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CITATION.

THE STATE OF TEXAS.
To the Sheriff or any Constable of Haskell County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon The Heirs of Benjamin Lanier by making publication of this Citation once in each week for eight successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county; if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 39th Judicial District; but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial District, then in any newspaper published in the nearest district to said 39th Judicial District, to appear at the next regular term of the district court of Haskell County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Haskell, Texas, on the 6th Monday in May, A. D. 1905, the same being the 29th day of May, A. D. 1905, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 22nd day of March A. D. 1905, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said court No. 374, wherein Fred Stiering is plaintiff, and A. B. Ritchie, C. P. Lanier, Arthur McKnight and wife Fannie McKnight, J. M. Lanier, W. B. Lanier, Harry Lawther, J. W. Campbell, H. T. Lanier, L. H. Hill, Mrs. M. B. Smoot, W. G. Tallaferra, J. A. Burkholts, S. M. Darden and the heirs of Benjamin Lanier whose places of residence are unknown, defendants, and said petition alleging that on March 1st, 1905, plaintiff was lawfully seized and possessed of the Benjamin Lanier 17 acre survey No. 122 in Cooke County, now Haskell County, Texas, on the waters of Clear Fork of Brazos River, about 2 1/2 miles S. 2 1/2 W. from Fort Belknap; and that on the day and year last aforesaid defendants entered said premises and ejected plaintiff therefrom and withheld same from him to his damage One Thousand Dollars, also that the rental value of premises is Twenty-Five Dollars per year, also alleges that plaintiff has five years limitation on said land against defendants and asks that title thereto be divested out of defendants and vested in plaintiff and that he be quieted in his title thereto.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, but have before said court, at its aforesaid next regular term on the first day thereof this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

WITNESS, C. D. LONG, Clerk of the District Court of Haskell County.
GIVEN UNDER MY HAND, and the seal of said Court, at office in Haskell, Texas, this 22nd day of March, A. D. 1905.
C. D. LONG, Clerk,
District Court Haskell County.
By J. W. MEADORS, Deputy.

HEALTH IS YOUTH.

Disease and Sickness Bring Old Age.

Herbine, taken every morning before breakfast, will keep you in robust health, fit you to ward off disease. It cures constipation, biliousness, dyspepsia, fever, skin, liver and kidney complaints. It purifies the blood and clears the complexion. Mrs. D. W. Smith, Whitney, Texas, writes April 2, 1902: "I have used Herbine, and find it the best medicine for constipation and liver troubles. It does all you claim for it. I can highly recommend it." 50c a bottle. Sold by I. P. Collier.

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These are the most prolific layers in the world, and I consider them the best general purpose chickens. They are the best rustlers and foragers on the farm. Fresh Eggs 75 cents for 15—which is just half what the fanciers sell at, and mine are as good as theirs. You will find these eggs fresh at Williams' grocery store, or call at my place (Couch's ranch) 8 miles from Haskell on Seymour road.

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Mr. J. H. Short was doing business in town Tuesday. He remarked to our reporter that he resided in Bell county twenty years, but was now a fully initiated and satisfied citizen of Haskell county. He paid the FREE PRESS an appreciated compliment in saying that it came up to a high standard as a county paper and that it was a better paper than most country papers he had seen. Facilities and backing considered, we do the best we can and are always glad to know that the paper pleases our patrons.

Last Hope Vanished.

When leading physicians said that W. M. Smithart, of Pekin, Ia., had incurable consumption, his last hope vanished; but Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, coughs and colds, kept him out of his grave. He says: "This great specific completely cured me, and saved my life. Since then, I have used it for over 10 years, and consider it a marvelous throat and lung cure." Strictly scientific cure for coughs, sore throats or colds; sure preventive of pneumonia. Guaranteed, 50c and \$1.00 bottle at C. E. Terrell's drug store. Trial bottle free.

Commissioner Fouts was circulating in the capital yesterday.

Messrs. H. M. Rike, R. D. C. Stephens and C. R. Peters went off on a fishing expedition a few days ago, but we have had no report as to results.

IT'S ALWAYS BAD.

The Best of Backs are Bad When They Ache and Texas People Know It.

A bad back is always bad—Bad at night when bedtime comes. Just as bad in the morning. Ever try Doan's Kidney Pills for it? Know they cure backache—cure every kidney ailment.

If you don't, some people do. Read a case of it: Mrs. A. Sanderson, of Galveston Island, says: "I had kidney complaint off and on for nearly three years, and it could only at times be described as excruciating torture. To stoop or raise after stooping hurt severely and I could scarcely refrain from yelling. It was hard for me to go up or down stairs or even to lift a light bucket of water. I was always worse in damp and wet weather, or if I caught cold. I wore mustard plasters and tried home remedies, but never found anything to give permanent relief until I got Doan's Kidney Pills. I felt their direct effect on my kidneys the very first night, and in less than a week's time the pain in my back disappeared. A friend of mine was also benefited by using Doan's Kidney Pills. I never met with such a prompt, reliable and effective remedy."

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

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

Mr. William Myers who purchased the Burwell Cox place nine miles north of town some weeks ago was in town Saturday enjoying the railroad news. He said when the "Sorghum Belt," as the C. T. & M. is familiarly called, gets ready to extend on north from Haskell he will donate right-of-way, depot grounds, etc. for a town out his way.

Old Dock

This horse is making the season at my place on Couch's ranch 9 miles northeast of Haskell.

"OLD DOCK" is 9 years old, 16 1/2 hands high, weighs 1100 pounds. He is a dark brown with darker points. He has fine saddle gaits; goes nodding fox trot and single foot. Is a fine single driver and trots fast.

This horse is a proven breeder and has a number of colts in service to show the character of his progeny. He was raised in this county by F. C. Wilfong.

TERMS: \$8.00 To Insure Colt.

A. M. Allen.

LOST.

Nice mare pony, about thirteen and half (13 1/2) hands high, dark brown, bald face, three white feet, branded on left hip I N K, has had tail cut square. Was seen in Haskell and Stamford road. Finder will be rewarded by Stamford Steam Laundry.

A Daredevil Ride.

Often ends in a sad accident. To heal accidental injuries, use Bucklen's Arnica Salve. "A deep wound in my foot, from an accident," writes Theodore Schuele, of Columbus, O., "caused me great pain. Physicians were helpless, but Bucklen's Arnica Salve quickly healed it." Soothes and heals burns like magic. 25c at C. E. Terrell druggist.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS.
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Is from a pure strain of the famous Tennessee Black Jack. He is of good size and color and has shown in his progeny some of the best mules in Haskell county. He is 9 years old and has been bred in this county for several years and has given fine satisfaction.

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FINE WHEAT

The reporter saw Mr. J. F. Armstrong, a successful farmer of the southwestern part of the county in town Wednesday. In response to questions Mr. Armstrong said that all the feed crops were coming on nicely and that wheat fields in his section were looking very fine. He said that his earliest sowing of wheat was now forming the heads and promised an excellent yield. He said that there was not a large acreage of oats in his section, but that what there is is looking well. He did not think the cut in the cotton acreage was going to be as big as promised.

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