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LOWEST PRICES FOR CASH! COME AND SEE!

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

Late Winter and Early Spring Dry Goods.

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

RELIABLE
STAR



BRAND
SHOES!



You may have
worn others.



Star Brand Shoes
ARE BETTER!

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

WHAT ARE THE FACTS?

State Topics repeats its charge that "from September 1, 1903, up to February 1, 1904, the sum of \$29,615.96 was drawn out of the State Treasury for the 'maintenance' of an institution which had never been opened and in which not a solitary patient had been confined." The Times-Herald sincerely hopes that this is mere assertion and not actual fact. This paper could not sanction such a transaction. But the Superintendent of the Epileptic Colony at Abilene—which is the institution to which State Topics refers—makes a different statement. He places the amount at \$5615.96, which is \$24,000 less than is given by State Topics, and anyone can see how such a sum might be necessary in arranging the preliminaries. The Times-Herald believes the Superintendent, because his statement was made to the Governor and therefore has behind it the sanctity of an oath. But it would be gratifying to know with absolute certainty that State Topics has falsified the record.—Waco Times-Herald.

We are aware of the fact that it would do the Times-Herald a world of good "to know with absolute certainty that State Topics has falsified the record," but in this instance, as in the others, State Topics is correct. If memory serves us right, the Superintendent of the Epileptic Colony, in his report to the Governor, stated that he had paid out in salaries the sum of \$5615.96. If this is the way he stated it, then his figures do not differ materially from those of State Topics, as far as this salary item is concerned—in fact, there may be no difference at all. But did the Superintendent, in his report, say anything about the "maintenance" item? If he did, he juggled his figures in such a way as to deceive even an old stager like the Times-Herald, for that paper believed, after reading the Superintendent's report, that the sum of only \$5615.96 was expended in "arranging the preliminaries." According to the Comptroller's books, and we take it for granted that they are correctly kept, on the first day of February, 1904, there had been drawn out of the State Treasury for the "maintenance" of this institution, the sum of \$29,615.96. Expenditures for "maintenance" mean provisions, water, light and other living expenses. In addition to these sums for "salaries" and "maintenance," there had, up to the first day of February, 1904, been drawn from the State Treasury for this institution, which had not been completed and in which not a solitary patient had ever been confined, the following sums: For dry goods, beds and bedding, \$8913.18; for furniture, \$5890.30; for bakery and equipment, \$2239.04; for horses, mules, cows, etc., \$1926.97; for wagons, hacks, harness and tools, \$1000; for laundry building and machinery, \$5886.45; for barn and dairy, \$1328.65; for fencing, \$409.24. These figures were taken from the Comptroller's books, and we invite the Times-Herald and its apologetic friends, the Houston Post and Fort Worth Record, to investigate for themselves.—State Topics.

State Topics' original presentation of this matter was such as to leave the impression that \$29,615.96 had been spent with the sanction of the State Administration in maintaining an institution that was not in operation. In other words, that it had been spent in salaries and the living expenses of the employees of the Epileptic Colony before that institution was opened and was therefore a loss to the public. The report of the superintendent shows, however, that only \$5,615.96 was paid for salaries and that the remainder was paid out for furniture, bedding, building of a bakery and dairy and laundry on the premises, purchase of cows, hoes, wagons and farm and other machinery, fencing, etc., all of which is necessary equipment for running the colony and all of which is there in readiness for the use of patients as soon as they can be received. Therefore it is clear that but a small part of the \$29,615.96 has been consumed in living expenses.

State Topics figures in its reply to the Times-Herald's criticism practically admits these facts, although it seems to try to hold to the claim that there has been an unnecessary and wilful waste. Under the contract with the State the builders were to have the colony ready for patients by the first of Sept., 1903. A superintendent was appointed to take charge at this time and he engaged a matron, nurses, a farm director and other necessary employees to begin work at that time, furniture and various supplies were also contracted for to be delivered at that time and they had to be received at that time, and it was for these things and for the salaries of the employees mentioned above that the \$29,615.96 has been spent.

The superintendent states that the employees have not been idle but put in their time doing necessary work and making permanent improvements on the grounds and that the matron and nurses have made up thousands of garments ready for use by patients. The State Administration and the Superintendent and his employees are not to blame for the five months delay in opening the Colony, caused by the building contractors.

THE TERRELLS WAY

—Give—

Honest Drugs at lowest prices—Keep a Customer for years a purchaser—gain his respect, because he knows only reliable Drugs are sold and the prices are right. Our Three Stores are heavy buyers. Our fire-cost is less than others. Our prices are less for equal qualities. We are content with Live and Let Live profits on large volume of business. The right way is our way. We have been doing this for thirty years, consequently have gained the confidence of all who have had dealings with our

...STORES...

The Stamford Dry Goods Co.

have a better line of spring and summer goods than you usually see in the west end of Texas. They keep the best and most stylish goods to be had, Why? Because they couldn't enjoy the large trade they have selling for cash the year round, except, to give the best for the least possible price. Saving money is equal to earning it, and you can't earn it easier than by buying goods of

The Stamford Dry Goods Co.

A Haskell Lady Weds at Alvarado.

TO THE FREE PRESS:

Miss Mary Dodson, daughter of Capt. B. H. Dodson of Haskell, was united in holy bonds of matrimony at the Sparks Hotel in Alvarado to Mr. W. G. Fulton of Bay City, Texas, March 12, Rev. Dean, pastor of the Baptist church at that place, officiating.

The happy event had been contemplated for several months, but owing to parental objection, the young lady—under the guise of visiting her sister, Miss Stella, who is governess in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. James near Alvarado—met Mr. Fulton and was married as above stated.

Mr. and Mrs. Fulton left Alvarado Sunday for their future home down among the rice fields of South Texas, where Mr. Fulton has a prosperous hardware business in Bay City.

In the above we have another exemplification of the old saying that "Love laughs at locksmiths." Miss Dodson is from one of our best families and is herself an accomplished young lady whose many friends here will wish her much happiness in her new sphere of life.

MORGAN-BOONE.

On Wednesday morning, 16 inst., at 8 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Boone, in this place, Mr. L. D. Morgan and Miss Verda Boone were united in marriage, Rev. L. L. Lusk of the Baptist church officiating.

Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Morgan left for Weatherford, where they will spend two weeks visiting relatives, when they will return and take up their residence in Haskell.

Mr. Morgan is a highly esteemed and prosperous young business man of our town, being associated with Mr. A. B. Neal in the real estate business.

His bride is the popular and accomplished daughter of one of our most substantial and highly esteemed families and THE FREE PRESS is pleased to join in congratulations and best wishes for their happiness and prosperity.

TO THE CANDIDATES.

We are now living in an advanced age and why not get out of the old custom of what we shall call single file electioneering; that is, stop going around to every voter's house and wasting your time and that of hundreds of other people? But put your announcements in the paper and if you want to see the people and want the people to see you and get acquainted, then all agree and have school house meetings in the different communities. It seems to us

that this would make your campaign much more pleasant and agreeable to you and to the people and be much more economical, as to time especially. Another advantage of this plan is that it would greatly lessen the chance for false or scandalous reports to get out over the country and go uncorrected or unexplained.

One or two trips can be made around to the school houses and three-fourths of the time usually taken up in still hunt electioneering be saved to candidates and voters, and to a man who has any business or work to do time is money.

But if you candidates think differently from this, then consider that what is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander.

Respectfully,
SEVERAL VOTES.

In the announcement column will be found the name of Squire S. V. Jones, of Marcy. Mr. Jones is a candidate for county judge, and asks the democracy of Haskell county for an endorsement at the coming primary election—July 9th. The old saying that "a prophet is not without honor save in his own country" does not apply to Mr. Jones. In the northwestern portion of Haskell county the people with whom Mr. Jones has lived for a number of years gave him their almost undivided support for county commissioner, and he was elected over his opponents by a handsome majority at the last general election. Those who helped to elect Mr. Jones to the office of commissioner have no cause to regret their action. Mr. Jones is a man of firm convictions and more than ordinary ability. As commissioner he is aware of the fact that no man is able to please everybody, and in the discharge of his official duty the question of "right" is his only inquiry and he is fearlessly discharging the task, so much so that his political enemies as well as his friends know where to find him on all important measures. If honored with the democratic nomination for county judge—which means election to the office—it is safe to say that Mr. Jones will follow the law and his duty as he has done in the office of commissioner. It is safe to predict that Mr. Jones will poll a flattering vote in the northwestern quarter of the county, which, by the way, is the most thickly settled section of Haskell. With such support Mr. Jones' friends can but hope that other sections of the county will appreciate their judgment and aid in the election of the gentleman to the office of county judge.

Miss Lizzie Wright entertained a few of her young friends on Friday night at her home, having had a pleasant time.

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

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

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

Haskell Telephone Company.
Has Long Distance Connection with All Points, and Direct lines to the following local places.
Ample, Aspermont, Broach Ranch, Shinnery Lake,
Marvy, Braxon River, McDaniel Ranch, Pinkerton,
Clib, Irby Ranch, Throckmorton, Stamford,
Rayner, Orient, Gathin, Munday, Seymour.
Local Exchanges at Haskell, Aspermont and Munday.
Telegraph messages received and transmitted.
J. F. POSEY, Manager, Haskell, Texas.

Herford Bulls.
Ranch Five Miles North of Haskell.
We have eight High Grade Herford Bulls for sale. Noting under 31-32 and most of them 63-64.
J. W. Johnson & Son,
Haskell, Texas.

EGGS AND PIGS.
I have the pure bred, single comb Brown Leghorn chickens and will sell eggs for setting at 75 cents for 15. You will find these eggs fresh every day at Williams' grocery store in Haskell.
I also have a lot of Berkshire pigs to sell at reasonable prices. Call and see them at G. R. Couch's ranch, eight miles from Haskell on Seymour road, or write me at Haskell.
A. M. ALLEN.

Paint! Paint! Paint! That's what Haskell needs. I can fill the bill at prices that you can afford. Come and see at Robertson's drug store.
FOR SALE.
Full blood Durham males also full blood Berkshire shoats, will sell for good fall notes.
A. P. McLEMORE, Haskell, Tex.

Five Bulls For Sale.
I have for sale five good, young bulls. One is Herford and Durham mixed, one is 15-16 Durham and three are 7-8 Durham. All the Durhams are deep red color.
J. S. McCAN,
717 Ample, Texas.

Prairie dogs that eat McLemore's poison won't bother you any more.
If you want something that is A1 in poisons or oils, go to Robertson's drug store—he will save you money.
If you take Terrells lung tonic you will not cough. Try it.

FLOTSAM AND JETSAM

Think of it—Gov. Bob Taylor, the famous Tennessean, will be in Stamford and lecture March 28.

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

Flower pots, all sizes, Racket Store.

This may be your last opportunity to hear the famous Bob Taylor. Don't miss it. March 28th is the date, at Stamford.

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

Lost—Mr. Boaz Rice lost a fine new black hat Saturday night a short distance south of town. If the finder will leave it at this office it will be returned to Mr. Rice.

Reserve your seats now—they will all be taken soon. Bob Taylor March 28th at Stamford.

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

"Ichime cures itch," or your money back. Jno. Robertson.

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

"Ichime cures itch," or your money back. Jno. Robertson.

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

Remember the date, Monday March 28th. Gov. Bob Taylor will be in Stamford.

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

"Ichime cures itch," Jno. Robertson.

A full line of school tablets at the Racket Store.

Everybody is going to hear Bob Taylor. Join the procession. March 28 at Stamford.

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

Don't blame your neighbor if you fail to hear the wonderful fiddler and delectable lecturer Gov. Bob Taylor on March 28th at Stamford. Seats going rapidly. House will be packed. Get your tickets now. On sale at Yates drug store.

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

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

Dr. St. John, the dentist, writes us that he was not able to meet his appointment here on the 28th inst., but that he will be here on April 4th and remain one week. Old and new patients are requested to meet him at Torrells Drug Store. He assures satisfaction on all his work.

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

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

Two hours unalloyed mirth and pleasure is assured those who hear Gov. Bob Taylor on March 28th at Stamford, Texas.

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

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

Dr. M. T. Griffin, who is now associated with Dr. Adams, gives notice that he will be in their Haskell office for consultation with patients every Monday, at Munday on Wednesdays and at Aspermont on Saturdays.

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

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

The way to stop prairie dogs from eating your grass and destroying your crops is to give them McLemore's poison. One dose is all that's needed.

Messrs. T. A. Pinkerton and C. N. Williams spent a few days on the river this week fishing and hunting.

A new line of gentlemen's shirts at Alexander Mer. Co's.

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

Mrs. J. F. Posey spent a few days in the country this week with her parents.

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



SIXTY DAYS, MARCH and APRIL.

Gives you plenty of time to be cured of Granulated lids, Ingrowing lashes, Cataracts, Pterygiums, Overflow of tears, Cross eyes, Drooped or deformed lids—in fact any eye disease or deformity that is known to be curable.

We give you reference from people in your home town and county who were led to office but now see.

We assure you results promised. Place fee in bank or give note, then should we fail to cure you, or give the results we promise, you are not out a dollar—could you ask for a more liberal offer?

Worthy Poor Treated Free.

ADAMS & GRIFFIN,

Eye Specialists,

Haskell, Munday and Aspermont.

Dr. Adams will be at office in Haskell March 24 and 25, at Aspermont March 26 and 27, at Munday March 29 and 30, or see

DR. GRIFFIN at either office on other dates.

Dr. Adams

will be at Stamford on dates not specified above. He limits his practice to the eye and has done so for the last ten years. He tells you plain facts about your eyes and wastes no time on hopeless cases. Will practice at above named places till May 1st.

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

NO CURE NO PAY PROPOSITION.

and that is what you have been looking for.

No cases accepted that can not be successfully treated within the above limit of sixty days.

Make dates with assistants at branch offices or see Dr. Adams on dates stated for the different places as above.

Remember his next Haskell date is

MARCH 24 and 25.

OFFICE—SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SQUARE.



Spring Goods

--FOR--

..1904..

This is our 14th annual spring stock and we are proud to say that owing to our constantly increasing business and our practice of improving our stock from year to year, we have made this larger and more complete than any that has gone before.

Many of our staple goods were bought on advance orders last fall to avoid the high prices of today—which we knew were sure to follow the advance in cotton. Consequently we are holding to last year's prices on lines covered by these advance purchases. In our

Dress Goods Department

we have a very large and varied line of ginghams and tissues at the old prices, as our order was put in last August for January delivery.

Our Wash Goods Line

is not surpassed by any place, in styles, quantity and variety, and we claim to be far ahead of anything this side of Fort Worth in our line of

White Goods

which covers an extensive assortment of Laces and Embroideries, Ladies' Handkerchiefs and Collars, Muslin Underwear and Ladies' vests.

Hosiery Department

This department covers a very complete assortment in all grades, for men, women and children. Our experience has taught us to have these goods fresh from the mills, as the dye rots the thread if over one year old, so our order for hosiery was put in six months ahead to insure delivery of fresh goods from the mills this spring.

Notion Department

This embraces too many things to mention in detail. But we have very many useful articles and many of the late novelties whose use will suggest itself on sight.

OUR SHOE AND SLIPPER STOCK

will meet the approval of the most fastidious in styles and quality as well as of those who want ease and comfort in a house or office shoe or want something durable to stand hard usage on the farm.

GENTS' FURNISHING DEPARTMENT

Enlarged to meet the demands of all. Shirts, fine and coarse to please all. Collars, Cuffs and Ties, the latest. Men's Hats, latest styles and shapes—best honest goods to be had.

OUR CLOTHING

will be in in due time and you will lose a rare opportunity to make yourself handsome if you fail to garb yourself in one of our spring suits. They are the C. & B. and R. & W. styles.

Important to the Ladies:

Our Millinery Department is presided over by Miss Lula Patrick, whose skill and accomplishment in this line is well vouched for. Having been constantly engaged in this business for many years and buying from one of the best importers in the United States assures the best styles and quality to be had. You are invited to inspect this line and make Miss Patrick's acquaintance.

Yours for a successful year's business on an honest deal from man to man.

Alexander Mercantile Company

