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## WAR IS ON!

### JAPAN WINS THE FIRST ROUND

Two Russian Battleships and a Cruiser Were Torpedoed at Port Arthur.

### JAPS CAPTURE TWO CRUISERS

Two Russians Killed and Fifty-Four Wounded.

Choo, China, February 9.—The following account given by the captain of a British steamer who witnessed the first naval engagement, was cabled to the press of this country Tuesday night:

I was lying on Monday night quarantined in the Indo-China steamer Columbia, between the entrance to Port Arthur and the Russian fleet and very close to the latter.

Only one of the Russian warships was using searchlights. In a leisurely fashion only three torpedo boats were patrolling the outskirts of the fleet. All the other torpedo boats were inside the basin.

Everything was tranquil, and a Russian official told us he expected the Japanese fleet in three or four days. The lighthouse was already lighted and guiding lights were also burning. About 8 o'clock the Russian sailors chanted their evening prayers. The hymn rolled out impressively along the water.

The weather was perfect. It was not cold, and the sky was clear. There was a light southerly breeze and a hazy horizon. The deep silence settled down. I was going to bed about half past eleven when I heard three distinct but muffled explosions one after another. Apparently they came from under the water, for the Columbia vibrated violently. Instantly firing with twelve-pounders and three-pounders began. Searchlights were placed, but without much method. I watched the operations, thinking they were only maneuvers, till midnight, when the firing had almost ceased, ceasing entirely at 3 in the morning. About 1 o'clock two battleships probably the Ketzivian and the Czarevich, and one large cruiser passed us coming toward the harbor entrance. The battleship then lay across the narrows at the entrance, where both are now aground and helpless. They are very close together and are not blocking the entrance except for the ships of heavy draught. The Perewieff had been torpedoed forward, the Czarevich aft.

A cruiser listed to port is aground outside the entrance of the harbor. She was also torpedoed.

At 2:40 some Russian naval officers came to the Columbia in a state of great excitement, saying the Viceroy had ordered us not to attempt to leave, their object apparently being to prevent us from giving information to the Japanese concerning the extent of damage.

Up to this time we thought the operations were only maneuvers or a scare, but now we began to suspect something serious, especially when at daybreak we saw the strange, pathetic appearance of the two torpedoed battleships. We suspected a collision but soon learned that these battleships and the cruiser were certainly torpedoed. It seems strange, for though the flashlights were whirling wildly and the lighthouse light was now extinct, no firing took place after 3 o'clock. The moon was shining, but no enemy was visible.

The Japanese Return to the Attack and Disable Another Russian Warship.

The sun rose very red, disclosing the presence on the horizon of two three-funnel cruisers on whose masts we afterward distinguished the figure of the rising sun of Japan. They came boldly within long distance range and remained watching for two hours after daybreak.

A strange apathy seemed to possess the Russians. The crew of white-faced, graying men crowded the forward decks of the damaged vessels. I saw through a glass the cook of the Retzivan calmly throwing out slops and men in the other vessels carefully washing the anchor chain while weighing the anchor. For a long time after the anchor was weighed no vessels showed a disposition to chase the Japanese or to fire a single shot. Finally the Japanese left. This was at twenty minutes after 8 o'clock. They were pursued by the Russian fleet which proceeded toward Dalay, inshore of the Japanese.

At 9:15 the Russians returned to their anchorage. No firing had apparently occurred. Then again came silence, everything having passed off with less noise than the ordinary naval review.

The Japanese effected a complete surprise, owing to the bad lookout. The Russians now had outside the harbor five effective battleships, five effective cruisers, one volunteer cruiser, one gun vessel, one training ship, seventeen torpedo boats and destroyers. The latter were grouped near the entrance of the harbor.

It was almost 11 o'clock this morning when sixteen Japanese ships, including five battleships, appeared along the horizon. They were in fine order.

At 11:15 o'clock there came first flash from a Japanese vessel. This landed a half inch shell near the torpedo boat and disabled it. The aim was splendid.

The bombardment of the forts lasted till 11:45. The Japanese shelling with good aim. Two shells burst on the summit of one fort and numbers on the edge of the cliffs along the beach. All of them were heavy shells.

Owing to the length of the day, the sun burst on clouds of gloom on the sea. The moon was seen in the sky, but it was not seen until about 11:30.

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### Russian Admiral's Report.

Shows Greater Damage than Was Seen by English Captain.

TEN MEN KILLED, FIFTY-FOUR WOUNDED.

St. Petersburg, Russia, February 9.—Admiral Alexieff's report of the attack on the Russian fleet at Port Arthur by the Japanese is as follows:

"I most respectfully inform Your Majesty that at or about midnight of February 8-9, Japanese torpedo boats made a sudden attack by means of mines upon the Russian squadron in the outer roads of the fortress of Port Arthur, in which the battleships Retzivan and Czarevitch and the cruiser Falinda were damaged. An inspection is being made to ascertain the character of the damage. Details are following for Your Majesty."

A second telegram received from Viceroy Alexieff dated February 9, says:

"A Japanese squadron of fifteen battleships and cruisers today began to bombard Port Arthur. The fortress replied and the squadron weighed anchor in order to participate in the battle."

A third telegram from the Viceroy says that after a bombardment lasting one hour the Japanese squadron ceased its fire and steamed southward.

"Our losses," the Viceroy continues, "are two naval officers and fifty-one men wounded and nine men killed, and the coast batteries, one man killed and three wounded."

"During the engagement the battleship Poltava and the cruisers Diana Askold and Novik were each damaged on the water line. The damage to the fortress was not important."

### LAND HUNGER.

After an extensive tour of the country, siding up the general situation and feeling, Mr. Herbert Myrick, editor of Farm and Home of Chicago, whose interpretation of conditions has generally proven correct, gives the following estimation of the situation as to the immigration movement this year. It suggests two things: First, that those who are interested in the sale of lands and the development of this section of Texas can serve their interest by doing something to draw the attention of prospectors and home-seekers to it. Second, if there is a heavy immigration to the Southwest land values are sure to rise, and the people who are already here and have not secured homes of their own should lose no time in doing so.

The article referred to is as follows:

Land hunger is more keen this spring than ever. The demand for high-priced lands in the middle and central states is increasing from those who do not wish to move to newer sections. Holders are more disposed than heretofore to sell out, and with their profits, buy larger tracts for themselves and their children of the cheaper lands in the northwest and southwest.

I have just finished a 10,000-mile tour of inquiry into this peculiar situation, and believe that 1904 will see a movement of population into the southwest that will vastly surpass even the hebra of 1903 or of recent years. Good lands at low prices, wherever located, are certain to be profitable investments for those who settle upon and work them wisely.

The tide just now is certainly for the southwest, toward which land-seekers, colonists and tourists are traveling in unprecedented numbers. If all interested in the development of this section will improve to the utmost the present and coming opportunity, the increase in population and values will be rapid, substantial and permanent.

How to Cross the Cattle Quarantine Line.

The following item will interest persons desiring to move to this portion of West Texas, above the quarantine line, with cattle:

There are many people in Texas who desire to move cattle over the quarantine line this spring and who do not understand how it can be done. Cattle that have been dipped in the dequarantine solution...

## MILLIONS BURNED!

LOSS PROBABLY \$300,000,000

Business Center of Baltimore Destroyed By Greatest Conflagration in History.

Finally Conquered by Heroic Work

Washington, February 8.—The appalling and overwhelming catastrophe which has ruined Baltimore has overshadowed everything else in Washington today, and little business, public or otherwise, has been considered. Thousands of Washington people visited the city and report indescribable desolation. The local newspapers, as well as all the papers of Baltimore which are being printed temporarily, have issued extras at frequent intervals throughout the day, giving the progress of the disaster and details of the destruction. All night Washington's northeastern horizon was emblazoned with the glow of the conflagration, and many people watched it and knew that the flames were still doing their fearful work. The ominous illumination was visible until the gray of dawn changed the tints of the sky from fiery red to a black.

A bill introduced in the House appropriating \$2,000,000 for the immediate relief of distress and for the purpose of clearing the streets. It is feared here that the Baltimore disaster will greatly tighten the money stringency in New York and other financial centers. It will be necessary for all the insurance companies to convert their securities in order to raise money to meet the claims. It is feared that many of the companies have been cramped, as was the case of the Chicago fire of nearly thirty-three years ago. There is no doubt that the burned district of Baltimore was better insured than was Chicago, and practically every company in the United States has been jolted heavily.

The government, with millions in the treasury, has been preparing for several months for the payment of the isthmian canal money, and is not to disturb the equilibrium of the money market. The Baltimore proposition entails an emergency which the insurance companies will have to meet at once, and it is said that the enormous sum involved is not less \$100,000,000. Just what effect the raising of this sum will have upon the value of securities which represent the large proportion of the assets of the fire insurance companies remains to be seen. There is no doubt that it imposes upon the largest financial power of the country an emergency with some very critical phases.

### A COLLOSSAL FIRE

Many Millions Go Up in Flames in Baltimore.

Baltimore, Md., Feb. 7-9:20 p. m.—The fire broke out with unusual fury. The fire department is helpless to make any headway against the flames. The fire is spreading rapidly, and the fire department is unable to contain it. The fire is now within a block and a half of the Associated Press office.

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 HASKELL, TEXAS, Feb. 18, 1904.

The attention of the farmer boys and girls of Haskell county is directed to a letter from Prof. J. H. Connell published in this issue of THE FREE PRESS inviting them to join the Farmer Boys' League and participate in the distribution of free seeds and prize contest. Neither the joining of the league or the seeds will cost you anything. The only cost will be a few cents to pay postage on the seeds to be sent you. With the seeds will be sent full instructions for planting and cultivation, and other advice and instructions will be sent from time to time. There can be no doubt of Prof. Connell's qualification and ability to carry on a great educational work among the young farmers of Texas through the Farmer Boys' and Girls' League, nor is there a doubt that any young man who takes part in the league will become a better and a more scientific farmer—and it is all free. Prof. Connell was for a number of years president of the Texas Agricultural and Mechanical college, but for the past years he has been lecturing and organizing farmers' institutes throughout the State. Write him at once.

## STATE NEWS.

Gas McConan killed himself at Cleburne Sunday night.  
 Postmaster W. F. Welland of Weatherford died very suddenly Tuesday.  
 The T. & P. railroad shops at Marshall are turning out some nicely finished chair sets.  
 It is claimed that asphalt in large quantities has been discovered in Montague county.  
 A fire in Manor Sunday night destroyed three business houses, entailing a loss of \$25,000.  
 This being the anniversary of Waco Tuesday for violation of the election law in the city primary election.  
 Cattle feeders at San Angelo are using a mixture of rice bran and molasses with great success.  
 Work was commenced Monday on the round house and shops of the Texas Southern Railroad at Marshall.  
 After thorough analysis the oil from the Henrietta oil fields is pronounced the best yet found in the West.  
 After a quarrel with her sweetheart at San Antonio Sunday evening Miss De O'Brien shot herself through the breast with a revolver.  
 At Cleburne John Edson was convicted of the murder of W. S. Pate and given a sentence of thirty-three years. The killing occurred January 4.  
 The Citizens National Bank of McGregor, John P. Cooper, cashier, was closed Monday by order of the district and a bank examiner notified.  
 Besides cases of minor importance, the district court convened at Marshall this week had on its docket a constitutional case and twenty-five felony cases of lesser degree.  
 Since the decision in the Cooke county case several saloons have opened in Montague county, and the commissioners' court of that county on Monday ordered another local option election to be held March 23.  
 A cyclone passed near northwestern part of Cooke county last Saturday. A number of houses were destroyed and quite a number of cattle, horses and hogs were killed, but no human lives were lost.  
 Henry Fugot, the negro who was sentenced at Cleburne to be hanged on February 12, was baptized in the river near that place last Sunday. Sheriff Frank Long chained the negro to himself and went into the river with him and the minister.  
 Houston had a fire Sunday night that destroyed over \$145,000 worth of property. The largest sufferers were J. O. Ross, building, \$25,000; W. S. Wall, \$15,000; Mrs. Curson, building, \$8,000; F. H. Stewart, \$2,000; Jerome Cochran, building, \$4,500; Williams & Westall, \$4,500.

Put Up \$100.  
 Dr. Adams & Wray, the up-to-date eye specialists, at Anson has placed Miss Nina Henderson under treatment and guarantee to cure her of Granulated Lid, Ulceration and Itis, that has caused the girl to be blind, sufficient that she has attended ten times at the State Blind Asylum, and learned to read raised letters with her hands. She has been treated by noted oculists, yet she can no more than get about alone. We know Miss Henderson personally and are well acquainted with her condition and here is a deplorable case, but we feel sure that she will regain her vision, from the fact that Dr. Adams has cured a number of cases that were treated for years in the blind asylum by noted oculists, who pronounce them hopeless. He has testimonials of all these parties and many others, which he will take pleasure in sending to any who wish them. Drs. Adams & Wray do not hesitate to back up their treatment with cash to those who are doubtful. They have left \$100 with the editor of this paper, to be given to Miss Henderson should they fail to cure her.  
 When a man has this confidence in his own treatment we know he knows his business.—Anson News.  
 We also know of several persons who were led to their office in Haskell and now see to read.  
 We also notice that Drs. Adams & Wray will not take cases that can not be treated successfully, hence, if they accept your case for treatment after examining your eyes, you may confidently expect a cure.  
 They offer \$100.00 reward for any case of granulated lid, ingrowing lashes or for any cases that they take for treatment and fail to give the result they promise.  
 It is in doubt about this statement ask the first National Bank of Stamford, Texas, where they keep a standing deposit to cover their guaranty.  
 For plain facts about your case call and see them at either, Haskell, Stamford, Anson or Aspermont.

Program of the Magazine Club.  
 The Magazine Club spent a most pleasant evening with "Our Southern Writers" in the parlors of Mrs. S. W. Scott on January 30th. The following was the program:  
 Biography of Father Ryan.—Mrs. Marsden Person.  
 "When," a poem of Father Ryan.—Miss Edna Rogers.  
 "Fugate Hamilton Hayne, Post Laureate of the South"—Mrs. W. E. Sherrill.  
 Reading from Haynes.—Mrs. H. R. Jones.  
 "Sawnee River"—Mrs. Walter Meadors.  
 Legends and Superstitions of the South.—Mrs. J. B. Baker.  
 "Southern Writers"—Miss Lillie Rice.  
 Four Favorite Characters in Southern Fiction.—Mrs. S. W. Scott.  
 "Mocking Bird"—Miss Belle Ridge.  
 Which Southern Author Best Typifies the South?—Mrs. S. W. Scott.  
 At the close of the program the club entered into a contest—"Story of Two"—in which the titles of many novels were given, and the author of each one to be supplied by the contestants, thus completing the story. The prize, a duty handkerchief bag, was won by Miss Edna Rogers.  
 Light refreshments were served by the ladies.  
 The Magazine Club has entered upon Tuesday of Judge Cesar, and studied their first lesson with Mrs. W. E. Sherrill on Jan. 31.  
 B. V. P. U. program.  
 The B. V. P. U. used a very Sunday evening at a meeting in the Baptist church. The following is the program for next Sunday, February 14, 1904.  
 Lesson—Praying for Righteousness.—Psalm 23, 123.  
 Early Intercessors.—Genesis 18:22-23; 19:26-27:17.  
 Moses as a Mediator.—Exodus 32:32.  
 Paul as a Mediator.—Romans 6:1-5.  
 Samuel's Prayer.—1 Sam. 7:8; 12:23.  
 Jeremiah's Intercession.—Jeremiah 7:16-26; 11:14; 14:11; 15:1.  
 1. Four Psalms of Prayer on Behalf of the Righteous.  
 1. Praying for Victory. Psalm 20.  
 2. Praying for Prosperity. Psalm 125.  
 3. Praying for Peace and Long Life. Psalm 127.  
 4. Praying for the Righteous.—Psalm 134.  
 11. Blessings Which the Psalmists gave for the Righteous.  
 1. Deliverance from Danger and Distress.—Psalms 41:4-5; 124:21; 79:9-11; 89:27.  
 2. Peace.—Psalm 122.  
 3. Joy.—Psalm 16:19.  
 4. Stability.—Psalms 73:26-27; 125:1.  
 5. Blessing That Shall Cover the Whole World.—Psalm 67.  
 Intercessions in the New Testament.—Luke 22:31; John 16:20, 24; 17:1-13; II Cor. 1:11; Phil. 1:4-6; Eph. 1:15-20; 3:14-21; Phil. 1:3-10; I Tim. 2:1.  
 Sunshine Society program.  
 The Girls' H. M. S. will meet Friday evening, February 19th, 1904, at 8 o'clock, at the Methodist parsonage. The following is the program:  
 Open with a song.  
 Scripture Lesson, by the President.  
 Song.  
 Reading of the minutes of last meeting.  
 Clippings from the January Monthly Bulletin.—Miss Edith Rowell.  
 Reading.—Miss Olive Maloney.  
 Sing.  
 Reading Miss Ethel Alexander.  
 The society will have their election of officers the first meeting in March. All members are requested to attend.

**CONFLICT OF OPINIONS.**  
 Attorney General is Embarrassed by Local Option Cases.  
 Austin, Texas, Feb. 8.—Since the decision of the Court of Criminal Appeals in the Heyman case, from Cooke county, in which it was held that a local option election where several precincts were bunched was void, the Attorney General has been receiving a great many letters asking what should be done in counties where elections had been held under similar circumstances. The Attorney General is reported to have said that these questions have occasioned him more embarrassment than anything he has yet had to advise about.  
 In some instances the validity of the election has been passed upon by the Court of Civil Appeals and the election held to be valid. Now that the Court of Criminal Appeals has held exactly to the contrary it is embarrassing to the Attorney General to have to advise as to which of the conflicting opinions should be followed. But since the Court of Criminal Appeals is the court which necessarily must pass upon the legality of convictions for violations of the local option law, and as that court has held that the elections were not valid, but absolutely void, the Attorney General has advised that where the elections were held under the same circumstances as prevailed in Cooke county, as shown in the Heyman case, the county officers should treat the election as being entirely null and issue a license for the retailing of liquor to any one who would comply with the law with reference to paying the tax and giving bond.  
**ADVICE AGAINST OVERPLANTING**  
 Secretary Connell Warns Cotton Growers of Danger from Greed.  
 Waco, Tex., February 6.—The farmers' institute of this county had a very interesting meeting in this city today. The principal speaker of the meeting was Professor J. H. Connell of Dallas, secretary of the cotton convention of the state. Professor Connell advised the farmers against planting too much cotton this year and feared that the tendency would be to plant very largely on account of the high prices this past year. He said that a large crop another year might result in overproduction, which would result in another low market, something that the farmers did not want.

**TWO NEGROES BURNED.**  
 Tragedy in Mississippi That Was Responsible for Eight Lives.  
 Memphis, February 7.—A special to the Commercial-Appellate from Dicksboro, Mississippi, says: "Luther Holbert and his wife, negroes, were burned at the stake here today by a mob of over a thousand persons for the killing of James Eastland, a prominent white planter, at I Joan Carr, a negro, on Wednesday morning at the Eastland plantation, twenty miles from this city. The burning of Holbert and his wife caused a tragedy which has cost eight lives, engaged two hundred men and two packs of bloodhounds in a four days' chase across four counties, and has stirred this section of the state."  
 The Moore gin has gained a reputation for making good bales, once, hence has made very favorable terms to induce the Free Press to help it secure them. The Free Press also being desirous of adding to its list of subscribers makes the following **OFFER:**  
**AMERICAN HOME MONTHLY, - - - \$ .50**  
**THE FREE PRESS, - - - 1.00**  
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**We Give You Both for \$1.00.**

**In Memory of Mrs. Thomason.**  
 Mrs. Nancy A. Thomason, whose maiden name was Kelton, was born in Hall county, Georgia, July 27, 1846; was married to Mr. Z. B. Thomason, Sept. 19, 1864, and came with him to Texas in 1889. She died at her home in Haskell, February 8, 1904, after several weeks sickness. During her sickness her suffering was sometimes quite severe, but she was patient and expressed a willingness to die. She had no fears of death, realizing that it would not only relieve her from her sufferings, but also translate her to the home that is forever free from pain and death. When the end came, it was peacefully and her life she had been a Christian, and her religion was a stay and solace in the last dark hour. Her trust in Christ was a support in life and a victory in death. For a long time she was a member of the Methodist church, faithful to the vows taken in early life. Seven children have been reared to maturity most of whom have decided for Christ and walk in the path the mother trod. May her influence lead all to heaven at last. Two children preceded her to the better land, dying in infancy. May the family be unbroken in the sweet by and bye. Many sympathizing friends attended the funeral services, and accompanied the body as we carried it to its last resting place in the cemetery to await the call that shall raise those who sleep in Christ to share in His eternal glory. We extend our tenderest sympathies to the bereaved husband and children.  
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During the next two weeks I will make you **Special Bargain Prices..** on several lines of goods in which I am overstocked. This is no trap set for the unwary. When I say **BARGAINS** I MEAN IT! Come and see for yourselves.

My General Stock of **DRY GOODS AND GROCERIES** Is complete,—prices will be to your liking.

## T. G. CARNEY..

Winter is on But it is not necessary to do without **VEGETABLES and FRUITS**

All the following kinds of vegetables can be found in the best grade of canned goods at all times at **WILLIAMS' POPULAR GROCERY STORE**

Okra, Corn and tomatoes, Sour krout, Okra and tomatoes, Lye hominy, Marrowfat peas, Sweet potatoes, Early June peas, Stringless beans

—And in canned fruits the following are always in stock—  
 Pears, Plums, Peaches, Apricots, Cherries, Blackberries, Strawberries, Gooseberries, Muscat grapes.

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

**CITY MEAT MARKET,**  
**J. N. Ellis, Propr.,**  
 West Side of the Square.  
 Keeps all Kinds of Fresh Meats Obtainable Here.  
 Solicits a Share of Your Patronage.

**TEXAS CENTRAL Railroad**  
**STAMFORD.**  
 No. 1 Arrives from Waco.....5:45 P.  
 No. 2 Leaves for Waco.....6:15 P.  
 Have had many years experience in making Cow-Boy Boots. A trial will convince you of the excellence of my work. Fit, Style and Quality Guaranteed.  
**Haskell, - - Texas.**  
**Cold in One Day**  
 Genuine Tablets.  
 This signature, *E. H. Linn*

## FLOTSAM AND JETSAM.

Mr. John Thomason has secured a position in Stamford, and went down Thursday.

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

Most of the school children are not losing any sleep on account of the burning of the school house. It's all play now.

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

Mr. Will Fitzgerald has ordered a rubber tired buggy. It is possible some of the girls may have a chance to ride.

YOUR VALENTINES..... AT TERRELLS.

Mr. G. J. (Mac) Thomason came in the latter part of last week to visit his mother, who was very ill, and had the sad consolation of seeing her again before she died.

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

Mr. Booth English's friends are pleased to know that he is recovering from his recent illness.

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

Mr. F. G. Alexander has gone to St. Louis and Chicago to purchase a spring stock of dry goods.

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

A daughter was born January 27 to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Flournoy, residing near Marcy.

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

Born January 24, to Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Johnson of the Pinkerton neighborhood, a daughter.

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

Mr. G. E. Balfow is having the Holder store house purchased by him last week painted and fixed up for occupancy by Mrs. Emma J. Hunt & Co., milliners and dress makers.

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

Messrs. Walter Hicks and Alvin O'Bryan went out to the Sandhills Saturday and spent Sunday among their country friends. The say they had an enjoyable time.

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

Mrs. G. W. Andrus, who has been visiting with her parents and other relatives here since the holidays, left Thursday for her home at Gorham.

The "Cure a Cold in One Day"—at Robertson's drug store. There are various imitations of the market, get the genuine.

Rev. L. L. Lusk attended the Baptist workers' convention at Dallas this week, and also visited his mother at Fort Worth.

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

Mrs. A. P. McLemore and children and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McLemore left Wednesday morning for Abilene, their future home. Mr. A. P. McLemore having one of his permanent business arrangements there and prepared for their coming. Haskell people regret their going, as in them we lose one of our best families.

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

Elder G. H. Morrison of Dublin spent a few days in Haskell and Pinkerton this week with relatives.

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

Mr. Wright of Sweetwater was here this week buying cotton seed for the new oil mill at that place.

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.

Dr. Lea of Cliff, Texas and Mr. B. S. Alexander of the same place were in Haskell this week to see Drs. Adams & Griffin, the oculists. Mr. Alexander's son was almost blind but now sees well. Dr. Lea says he has known Dr. Adams for years and knows him to be an expert and he thinks that the people should take advantage of the chance they may have to consult an expert and scientific operator about their eyes. Dr. Adams will be in Haskell 60 days.

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

Mrs. Emma J. Hunt, a former resident of Alvord, Wise county, and for many years a milliner will open up a millinery store in Haskell this spring, having secured the services of Mrs. B. T. Griffin as trimmer. Mrs. Griffin and Miss Madge Hunt have gone east to trim their patterns and purchase goods. We will also have an up-to-date dress department in charge of Mrs. Mary, who comes here to make dresses.

W. O. T. U. Program.

The program of the Christian Temperance Society will meet at the home of McLellum, Tuesday evening 11, at 4 o'clock.

Prayer by President-chapter.

Prayer with bible text.

## SCHOOL HOUSE BURNED.

Wednesday afternoon about 5 o'clock—an hour after school had been dismissed, the Haskell public school building was discovered to be on fire and the alarm was given. Although more than a hundred men were on the scene in a few minutes it was impossible to do anything to save the building—the fire had gained too great headway. A good many books were gotten out of some of the rooms and most of the seats and desks were saved out of one room on the lower floor. The fire advanced so rapidly that it was impossible to do more.

The building was a wooden structure of two stories, having three large rooms in each story. The fire started in the ceiling or roof over the northwest room and being fanned by a strong breeze from the north ran through the building very rapidly. The building was valued at \$3000 and had \$750 insurance on it. Another policy for \$750 expired a short time ago.

## BUILD GOOD SCHOOL HOUSE.

THE FREE PRESS, with most of the citizens of our town, is strongly in favor of building nothing short of a first-class modern school house to take the place of the one destroyed by fire this week. The old building was becoming too much crowded, was out of repair and uncomfortable, especially in cold weather, but as long as it stood and could be made to answer the purpose the people seemed disposed to allow it to do so rather than to make any strenuous effort and go to the necessary expense to build a new and better one. There should be no makeshift in the new one that must be provided. Let us have a first-class modern building and see that there is the same sort of a school conducted in it.

There is perhaps a pretty hard problem involved in raising the eight or ten thousand dollars that will be required to build and equip such a school, but we can do it if all will duly consider its value to the community and determine to have it.

We believe, and it is generally conceded by towns that have had the experience, that such a building and school as we favor is one of the first and greatest factors in building up any town or community—not second in importance in some instances to securing a railroad.

Our people have always been willing and prompt to subscribe liberally to railroad bonuses to secure a railroad for the benefits they believed it would bring to them and the community and, realizing the benefits to be derived from good schools, they could well afford to supplement the funds on hand, amounting with the insurance money to something over \$2500, with subscriptions to build a house, if other plans fail. It is thought possible that the district can be bonded to raise the required amount, and that question will be investigated. Meantime the commissioners court has been asked to order an election to raise our district school tax from fifteen to twenty cents, the limit allowed by law. The excess this would give us over the amount required to maintain the usual term of school each year would not amount to a sufficient sum in several years to erect a proper building, unless we can arrange to borrow money on the faith of it. This failing, the money must come by donations, if we get such a building as it is believed to be wise and desirable to have.

Big 5-cent school tablets at the Racket Store.

Miss Zora Sanders returned home Monday from Deaton where she has been attending the Girls' Industrial school.

Understanding that the decision of the court of criminal appeals recently rendered in the Cooke county case will have the effect of nullifying the local option election held in three precincts of this county and which had gone into effect after being sustained by the civil court of appeals and by the (civil) supreme court, the pros are preparing a petition to present to the commissioners court today asking that an election be ordered for justice precinct No. 1, which includes the town of Haskell. A prominent pro stated that this election was to cover present emergencies and that later an election would be asked to cover the entire county.

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

Mr. W. G. Williams has moved into the McLemore residence.

We learned just before going to press with our last issue last night that Mrs. Miller, mother of Mr. G. J. Miller, two miles east of town, died very suddenly early in the morning and was buried in the Haskell cemetery in the afternoon. She was quite old and feeble. Hearing of her death so late, we could learn no further particulars.

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

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## THE RIGHT WAY.

Dr. Adams, of Stamford, guarantees to cure any eye disease, or deformity that is curable, to date. Why not? He has had ten years practice in this work; training under several of America's leading oculists; five years hospital experience; has recorded more than four thousand successful operations in Texas; gives references from hundreds who were lead to the office but now see to read.

INVESTIGATE, if you have an eye trouble, for investigation proves the truth or falsity of any statement. If your case is hopeless he frankly tells you so and wastes no time on useless treatment.

Results guaranteed on cases placed under treatment. Doubtful cases may place fee in bank, pay only when cured. Chronic, surgical and difficult cases solicited, especially chronic granulated lids and in-growing lashes.

None of the old-time painful treatments used; no blue stone, no nitrate of silver, no yellow oxide of mercury or no alum.

A new and almost non-painful treatment, and yet you get well from 30 to 90 days; positive cure guaranteed.

## CROSS EYES STRAIGHTENED.

No chloroform, no pain, yet you go home on the same day.

ONLY 836 cases straightened to date. Many of them your friends and neighbors, and why should you remain cross-eyed. Call for names and references. A few more cases will be straightened free. Worthy poor treated free, and those who desire to be cured and want time may pay in 6 or 9 months.

For plain facts about your eye troubles and square dealings see, Dr. Adams at Stamford; Drs. Adams and Wray at Anson; Drs. Adams and Griffin at Haskell; Drs. Adams and Jones at Cisco.

Dr. Adams will be in Stamford 20 days in each month and his branch offices every two weeks for the next three months.

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Or, see Dr. M. T. Griffin at his office in Haskell, who has quit the general practice and is now associated with Dr. Adams.

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## A CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our sincere appreciation to our friends and neighbors for the aid given us during the serious illness of our boys, who were

# Happy New Year!

## Our Mercantile Record FOR 1903

Has been written and we are much gratified over the results shown by it, and, feeling renewed confidence, we are already filling our empty shelves with new goods to meet the demands of our steadily increasing trade.....

## A Large Stock of Shoes

HAS JUST BEEN RECEIVED FOR

MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

They are the Hamilton-Brown make, saying which is a sufficient warranty of quality to the hundreds of our customers who have bought them of us for years past. Our department of

## GENTS' FURNISHING GOODS

Has just been fully replenished with all the desirable things in gents wear. It is our intention to give this department particular attention in this year....

Bills are in for a new line of HASTINGS and SUITINGS in advanced styles for spring wear, to arrive right soon. New goods will be added in various lines from week to week and our general stock be kept up-to-date in all desirable fabrics...

It is our purpose to study closely the requirements of our extensive trade, and we spare no pains to keep before you the very best of goods to be found west of Fort Worth. We shall endeavor to merit your approval in both quality and prices.

Yours for a successful and profitable 1904.

# ..Alexander Mercantile Company..

## DENTAL NOTICE.

Dr. St. John of Cleburne, Texas, will be in Haskell on February 15, 1904, and remain five days. Persons desiring any kind of dental work will please call on him at Dr. Terrell's drug store. Examination and advice free. Satisfaction guaranteed.

## DEMOCRATIC CALL.

I hereby call a meeting of the Democratic Executive Committee of Haskell county to be held on Saturday Feb. 20, 1904, at 2 o'clock p. m., at the court house in Haskell, for the purpose of considering the question of holding a county primary, and such other questions as may come up for consideration. A general invitation is extended to Democrats to attend in an advisory capacity.

W. W. FIELDS, Chairman Exec. Com.

## FOR SALE.

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

A. P. McLemore, Haskell, Tex.

## Estray Notice.

# LOWES FOR COME PRICES

Seeing all the stores in this section, I went to Market and purchased

## Late Winter and

These goods are now opened up and on the eve of a decided advance in the rising price of cotton. Buying just cotton fabrics at a very slight advance heavily, I can give my goods by those who did not buy at buying from this stock, as cotton has

## RELIABLE STAR

TO THE BOYS AND GIRLS

Invitation to Join the Farmer Boys' League.

SEEDS AND INSTRUCTION GIVEN FREE.

Dallas, Texas, February 7.

TO THE FREE PRESS:

Every boy and girl in this state has a right to the improved cotton, watermelon seed, etc., promised them by...

Head man Edward Weardon of Columbus, Texas, did with the most...

For cotton, corn, sorghum, peanuts, alfalfa, etc., you need not pay...

Beside the seed, every league has a chance to win prizes...

Weak and low-spirited. A correspondent thus describes his experience...

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A cyclone passed over the northwestern part of Tarrant county last Saturday...

Henry Fugot, the negro who was sentenced at Okmura to be hanged on February 12...

been for many years... have been made in the construction of every class that today...

Cured Constipation. Mrs. B. W. Evans, Clearwater, Kansas, writes: 'My husband lay sick for three months...

Petroleum Minerals and the people's bodies... three men were recently found near a deserted...

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Houston had a fire Sunday night that destroyed over \$145,000 worth of property...

STANDARD SULKY PLANTER

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

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

The front sweep can be raised high enough for high beds, or lowered to cut four inches below the level of the wheels...

Sherrill Brothers & Co. HASKELL, TEXAS.

Do a General Real Estate Business. MONEY TO LOAN ON REAL ESTATE.

OH MY! MY!! THOSE - TURKEY - ROASTERS - RACKET STORE

OH MY! MY!! You Men Folks! Why don't you wake up and make your wife a present...

And Say Ladies! If he won't do this, you just come in and order for yourself...

Prospectors Hotel. CLEAN BEDS, + + + GOOD TABLES. SAMPLE ROOM.

The Free Press has made an arrangement which enables us to give to our subscribers a present of a year's subscription to the AMERICAN HOME MONTHLY.

Each issue of this Magazine is filled with well written and interesting fiction, stories of travel and adventure...

MILLIONS BURNED!

working unaided and aided by a muddy little stream, finally conquered a fire that will rank among the worst of conflagrations.

Loss is Only Conjectured. Baltimore, February 10.—Just what the loss has been it is too early to conjecture...

A SOUND AND TIMELY LECTURE ON GOOD CITIZENSHIP. There are various ideas as to the best meaning of "good citizenship."

Helpful Reading. Some newspapers print matter to fill up space. Much of this is really harmful reading.

The Farmers' Department. Has helped many. It is not the theory of farming written by college professors and others up north on conditions that don't fit Texas.

Special Offer. If you are not taking The Free Press you should be. It is helpful to the best interests of your town and county.

PETERS' Barber Shop. West side of Square... Your Patronage Solicited.

To Notaries Public. THE FREE PRESS is prepared to fill your orders for seals, acknowledgments and protest records...

...DIRECTORY...

THE CHURCHES. PRESBYTERIAN.—Rev. W. C. Young, pastor preaching at 10 o'clock...

SOCIETIES. W. C. T. U.—Meets Tuesday evenings after the second and fourth Mondays in each month...

THE COURTS. The regular term of district court are convened on the fourth Mondays in May and November...

COMMISSIONERS' COURT. The regular sessions of the commissioners' court are held on the second Mondays in February, May, August and November.

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HASKELL NATIONAL BANK

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

WAR!

When you are preparing to make a war of extermination on the pestiferous prairie dogs remember that McLemore's DOG POISON is the most deadly weapon you can use...

Walter H. Cousins, DRUGGIST. Dealer in DRUGS, MEDICINES, TOILET ARTICLES, RUBBER GOODS, STATIONERY AND JEWELRY.

FOSTER & JONES, Law, Land and Live Stock, HASKELL, TEXAS. WE HAVE FOR SALE THE FAMOUS WILD HORSE PRAIRIE LANDS!

J. L. ODELL, PROPRIETOR. LIVERY and FEED STABLE. PASSENGER AND EXPRESS LINE. Meets Passenger Trains at Stamford.

J. M. SCHWARTZ, MAKER OF FINE BOOTS AND SHOES. I have had many trials will surely experience in making Cow-Boy Boots...

Gold in One Day. Write us to go. We will give you a Schick's THOS. F. FARMER, Agent, Stamford.