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COMPARATIVE STATEMENT

OF THE

HASKELL NATIONAL BANK.

Condensed from Reports to the Comptroller of the Currency.

	JUNE 30th, 1904	MAY 31st, 1905
Loans and Discounts	\$126,323.98	\$135,586.60
Deposits	89,253.24	110,208.85
Available Cash	34,950.59	42,469.97

The increase in deposits of \$21,000.00 shows a healthy growth of the country and the Bank. We ask a continuation of the confidence of our patrons.

FIRST MONDAY.

General Sales and Exchange Day to Be

INAUGURATED IN HASKELL.

There is a custom prevailing in many of the county seats in the older counties of the state by which the first Monday in each month is made an occasion for selling and trading or bartering live stock and property of every description by people from all parts of the county. "First Monday" has become an event of much interest and convenience in many places and often large crowds are present. If a man has a horse, cow, hog, plow, mowing machine or anything he wants to sell or exchange he can bring it forward on "First Monday" and generally finds a buyer or a trade.

The custom originated out of the sale of stray stock, which, under the law, is always on the first Monday in a month. Knowing that there would be more or less crowd on hand on stray sale day parties got to bringing in horses and other things which they wished to dispose of until it got to be a regular practice in many places.

We have heard the matter mentioned here a number of times by farmers and others, and some suggestions that the custom be inaugurated in Haskell, and in order to see what encouragement such a move would meet with the FREE PRESS reporter has this week spoken to quite a number of the citizens of both the town and country about it and will give the substance of what several of them said in regard to it:

Mr. H. C. Buie says it strikes him that a regular sales day on the first Monday at the county seat would be a good thing, as it would give people wanting to buy horses and other things an opportunity to see what was for sale in that line and enable them to make choice of what suited them and, of course, at the same time bring sellers in contact with intending buyers. Mr. Buie does a good deal of trading in mules and horses.

Mr. J. A. Kemp says it is the thing to do. "Let's have a big trading day at the county seat on first Mondays."

Mr. W. D. Koonce said it would be a great benefit to both town and country.

Mr. J. W. Bell said it would offer the people opportunities for seeing and buying or selling horses, mules, bulls, hogs, fine chickens, surplus tools and implements on the farm, etc.

Mr. G. J. Miller said the "First Monday" idea was the thing as it would bring together the people from all parts of the county who have any kind of live stock, implement, wagon to sell or who want to buy, and it might also be the means of exchange and distribution of desirable seeds for planting and the disposal of surplus feed crops, etc.

Mr. T. D. Isbell approved of the movement as one calculated to be a great convenience to many people.

Dr. C. L. Terrell said that he would do all he could to encourage the movement to make the first Monday in each month a general market day. He said as one step toward encouraging it he would make a 5 per cent. discount on all cash sales made at his drug store on that day.

Mr. E. L. Adams also thought it a good scheme and said he would make a 5 per cent. discount on all work done at his photograph gallery on first Mondays.

Mr. E. L. Ridling, a progressive farmer of the north side, said that the custom had grown to great importance in his old county—Bell. He says that many buyers and sellers meet in Belton on the first Mondays and there is considerable changing of ownership of horses, mules and other live stock as well as of many other things. He thinks its establishment here would prove a great convenience and benefit to both farmers and merchants.

Mr. C. R. Lynch of the northeast portion of the county expressed himself as in favor of the movement to establish a general sales day.

Mr. G. W. Pilley, who is prominent in the Farmers' Union, heartily endorsed the plan of making the first Monday general sales day in Haskell.

Mr. J. S. Boone says that a monthly sales and barter day at the county seat would be almost equal to a street fair, and he thinks the first Monday an appropriate time for it and that it might as well commence on the first Monday in November.

Mr. E. B. Fields, of W. W. Fields & Bro., says that the first Monday as a general trades day would be a very beneficial institution, both to town and country, in his judgment.

A member of the firm of C. M. Hunt & Co., said: "Yes we will encourage the institution of a "First Monday" sales and general trading day in Haskell. We will give a discount of 5 per cent. on all cash sales made on such day, and suggest the first Monday in December to begin with."

The above expressions were gotten by the reporter from persons met in a trip around the square one day this week, and as we believe that the proposition will meet with the approval of nine out of every ten citizens of the county, and, as the way to do a thing is to begin and do it, we suggest that the first Monday in November be made the starting point.

Let every person who has a horse, mule, bull, hog, fine poultry or a plow, cultivator, reaper, wagon—or whatever it may be, that he wants to sell bring it in on that day, and let every one who wants to buy be on hand, and we will have the thing going.

A Judicious Inquiry.

A well known traveling man who visits the drug trade says he has often heard druggists inquire of customers who asked for a cough medicine, whether it was wanted for a child or for an adult, and if for a child they almost invariably recommend Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. The reason for this is that they know there is no danger from it and that it always cures. There is not the least danger in giving it, and for coughs, colds and croup it is unsurpassed. For sale at Terrells drug store.



We are offering some good bargains for homes or investment, to buyers of real estate, on easy terms. We want some small farms for quick sales. We can sell your land for cash. Come and see us. SANDERS & WILSON, HASKELL, TEXAS.

Peanuts and Broomcorn.

In making up the premium list peanuts and broomcorn were overlooked and the committee authorize us to say that \$1 will be paid as a first premium on the best bundle of broomcorn and fifty cents on second best—and \$1 on best peck of peanuts and fifty cents on second best peck.

Some Seasonable Advice.

It may be a piece of superfluous advice to urge people at this season of the year to lay in a supply of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It is almost sure to be needed before winter is over, and much more prompt and satisfactory results are obtained when taken as soon as a cold is contracted and before it has become settled in the system, which can only be done by keeping the remedy at hand. This remedy is so widely known and so altogether good that no one should hesitate about buying it in preference to any other. It is for sale at Terrells drug store.

CURIOSITIES.

Everyone from the country who has family relics, or curios, or anything of interest from foreign countries, is earnestly requested to bring them in to be exhibited in the curio department of the county fair.

We are anxious to make this department as interesting as possible and will take special care of everything placed in our hands for exhibition. MRS. D. M. WINN, Mgr.

MRS. SHOOK,
MRS. MCCOLLUM,
Assistants.

NEW CURE FOR CANCER.

All surface cancers are now known to be curable, by Bucklen's Arnica Salve. Jas. Walters, of Duffield, Va., writes: "I had a cancer on my lip for years, that seemed incurable, till Bucklen's Arnica Salve healed it and now it is perfectly well." Guaranteed cure for cuts and burns. 25c at C. E. Terrells drug store.

DALLAS FAIR RATES.

Tickets on sale at Stamford for Dallas Fair Oct. 27, good to return Nov. 13. Round trip \$7.85. FARMER, Agt.

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TERRELLS STORE.

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Has Long Distance Connection with All Points, and Direct lines to the following local places.

Amph., Aspermont, Broach Ranch, Shinnery Lake, Marys, Brazos River, McDaniel Ranch, Pinkerton, Cth., Irbly Ranch, Throckmorton, Stamford, Rayner, Orient, Gartin, Munday, Seymour.

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Our patrons will be accorded every accommodation within the limits of prudent banking.

We Solicit Deposits and Accounts of the Farmers and Business Men of this Section.

The Home Helping Society.

Insurance Right at Your Doors at Actual Cost.

The attention of the people of Haskell county is called to the fact that a number of citizens of Haskell have organized a mutual assessment insurance society and procured a charter from the State, and that it is now ready to do business.

The rates in the regular insurance societies are greater than a very large majority of the people feel able or disposed to pay. They are made so in order that their officers and agents may be paid princely salaries; many of their officers being paid salaries twice as large as that paid to the president of the United States. The object of the Home Helping Society is to avoid such expense and furnish to its members insurance at actual cost. No salaries are paid to its officers, and with the exception of a small fee from each member to cover the expense of bookkeeping, stationery, postage and other necessary expenses, which will be light, every dollar paid in by its members will be paid back to them (their beneficiaries) in the payment of death claims.

The plan, briefly stated, is this: You pay \$3.25 when you take a policy in the society. One dollar of this is put into the policy fund in the hands of a bonded treasurer to be paid to the beneficiary of the first member that dies, and as many dollars will be paid to them as there are members of the Society at the time, be it 100 or 750. Then an assessment will be made of \$1 per member to replenish the policy or death fund so that the cash will be on hand to pay the next death claim, and so on as deaths occur. After the fee paid at the time of joining there will be nothing else to pay except the death assessments and expense fund, of not exceeding \$1 a year, to keep up the expense account, as above explained. Thus it is seen that the members get back every dollar paid in, except \$2.25 paid at time of joining and \$1 or less a year for the expense fund. The membership will be limited to 750 in the county and when that number have joined your policy will be worth \$750 cash to your family upon your death. At any time it will be worth as many dollars as there are members in the Society.

The money to pay death claims will always be in the hands of the Society's bonded treasurer in Haskell and claims will be paid within a day, possibly an hour, after proof of a death. Persons of both sexes between the ages of 18 and 55 years who are in good health may join this Society.

The incorporators or charter members of this society are: R. E. Sherrill, W. L. Hills, D. B. English, W. E. Sherrill, R. C. Montgomery, Jno. B. Baker, J. W. Meadors, J. E. Poole, R. E. Ellis, T. B. Russell, J. D. Smith, G. R. Couch, Jno. L. Robertson, H. S. Wilson, H. G. McConnell, C. D. Long.

The officers are: R. E. Sherrill, president; R. C. Montgomery, vice-president; J. W. Meadors, secretary; W. E. Sherrill, treasurer. The board of directors is composed of the above named officers and W. L. Hills, D. B. English, Jno. B. Baker.

Messrs. J. W. Meadors, Jno. B. Baker and Rev. J. H. Chambliss are the regular solicitors and either of them will take your application for membership.

A Good Mill For CRUSHING CORN AND GRINDING MILO MAIZE

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Call on us for particulars.

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AND STONE AND BRICK MASON.

I have located in Haskell and offer my services in above line of work. Have had sixteen years experience and guarantee my work. I can give you references in Haskell.

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I will furnish good rigs to all surrounding points. Charges Moderate.

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Quarantine's Being Raised as the Death Rate Dwindles to Insignificance.

New Orleans, La., Oct. 16.—Official Yellow fever report to U. S. P. M. yesterday: New cases..... 9 Total cases to date..... 3,334 Deaths..... 3 Total to date..... 431 New food..... 3 Under treatment..... 140 Discharged..... 2,790

For the first time since the fever started in the city the number of new cases reported is below ten, with the number of deaths extremely small for this stage of the epidemic.

Dr. White returned from his conference with the Mississippi health authorities and Gov. Vardaman, and while nothing definite was accomplished in the matter of raising quarantines, Dr. White says that he found the Mississippi authorities more friendly and fully alive to the true situation, and he expressed much confidence in the hope that it would not be long before Mississippi would remove the quarantine.

The reports from the country were very light, most of them consisting in the statement that there were no new cases. Those reporting cases were: Houston City, 4 new cases; New Iberia, 1 new case; 1 death; Tallulah, 2 new cases.

Four Steerages Drowned. A Great Wave Sweeps the Campania's Steerage Deck. New York, 16.—Five lives are known to have been lost and more than thirty persons injured, some of them seriously and one fatally, on the Cunard steamer Campania last Wednesday when a gigantic wave rolled over the steamer and swept across a deck thick with steerage passengers.

So sudden was the coming of the disaster and so great the confusion which attended and followed it that even the officers of the steamer themselves were unable today upon the vessel's arrival here to estimate the full extent of the tragedy. It is possible that the five persons known to be missing from the steerage may not constitute the full number of dead.

Wednesday's disaster marks the first time in the Cunard line's history of more than sixty years that a passenger has been lost from one of its steamers by accident.

Austin: The Attorney General approved and the Secretary of State filed the charter of the Wichita Valley Railroad Company. Capital stock \$200,000, to construct a line of railroad beginning at a point at the western terminus of the Seymour, running thence through Baylor, Knox, Haskell and Jones counties, to the town of Stamford, a distance of about sixty miles.

Results of Mixing Brains and Work. Laredo: As an evidence of what intelligent and systematic diversification will accomplish, T. G. Nye of North Laredo, has a record showing that on five acres of his irrigated farm, upon which he put \$1,000 worth of fertilizers four years ago, and upon which he has raised two crops annually, he has brought him in cash in four years, after paying all expenses, the handsome sum of \$7,000.

Col. Bryan in Tokio. Tokio: William J. Bryan and his family, who arrived at Yokohama Saturday, will spend two weeks in Japan. They will make a visit of five days to Tokio and Marquis Ito, President of the Privy Council, and Count Okuma, the Foreign Minister, will invite Mr. Bryan to dinner. The Japanese American Society will invite Mr. Bryan to address its members at the Young Men's Hall Oct. 17. Count Okuma will preside at the function.

Will Yield About \$50,000. Austin: From the comptroller's department it was learned that on account of the great fluctuation in the amount of taxes paid by the different corporations subject to the tax under the Kennedy bill it would be impossible to form a correct estimate of how much revenue would be derived from that act this year. Roughly estimated, however, it is likely that the act will yield about \$50,000 per year in revenue.

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OFFICIAL ENDING OF WAR DOCUMENTS ARE SIGNED.

Last Formal Act Closing a Great World's Tragedy.

Washington, Oct. 16.—The Emperor of Russia and the Emperor of Japan Saturday morning signed their respective copies of the peace treaty, thus officially ending the war.

Daron Rosen, the Russian Ambassador, called at the State Department and saw Secretary Root. While he had no official advice on the subject, information had reached him to the effect that the Emperor of Russia had early in the day affixed his signature to the copy of the treaty drawn at Portsmouth. It was not necessary for the Ambassador to convey this information officially to the State Department, for according to the plan arranged, the Russian Foreign Office was to advise the French Government of the act of signature and that Government in turn was to advise the Japanese Government.

A few minutes afterward Mr. Takahira appeared at the State Department with a message stating that the Emperor of Japan had signed the treaty at Tokio.

A cablegram was immediately dispatched to Spencer Eddy, Charge of the American Embassy at St. Petersburg, the Russian Foreign Office that the Emperor of Japan had performed his part, and so both copies of the treaty having been duly signed by each of the great Nations lately engaged in hostilities and both countries having been officially informed of the fact, the Russo-Japanese War, which began Feb. 8, 1904, terminated officially today, Oct. 24.

Little remains to be done to meet the official requirements. Later, copies of the treaties will be actually exchanged.

Admiral Enquet's squadron at Manila and the Lena at Mare Island, which have been interned very probably, will be released whenever the Russian Government makes the request.

Anarchy Shows Its Head. St. Petersburg: For the first time since the advent of M. Trepoff as head of the government of St. Petersburg demands on a large scale took place here Sunday, the occasion being the removal of the body of Prince Troubetsky to the Nikolai station for shipment to Moscow. Students, workmen and spectators gathered in thousands in the streets and demonstrated with red flags paraded boldly through the Nevsky Prospect, the city's main avenue.

The crowds and the processions were several times charged and dispersed by mounted police, but fortunately with no grave consequences. The most serious injuries reported are those sustained by two men who were slashed with sabers. Firearms were not employed by the gendarmes or militia and though the first collision was provoked by a shot from the crowd, and a few cases of stoning occurred, the crowds manifested no inclination to resist the police and troops.

Hon. J. P. Cunningham is shelling the woods in the Sixteenth (the Junior) Congressional district, in the interest of his candidacy for that office.

Dallas.—The fifty-seventh annual session of the Baptist general convention of Texas will meet in the Fair Grounds auditorium on Thursday, Nov. 16. The auxiliary meetings, viz., the Texas Baptist Pastors' conference and the Texas Baptist Women Mission Workers, will convene the Tuesday previous at 10 a. m., the former in the auditorium of the First Baptist Church and the latter in the auditorium of the Central Christian Church.

To Build Boats for Red River. Paris.—President R. F. Scott of the Red River Navigation Bureau has written Chairman Eppstein of the navigation committee asking him to call his committee together at Bonham next Tuesday morning. It is the desire of Mr. Scott to outline a plan for organizing a navigation company and get together at once collecting stock, as it will take some time to build boats, and they ought to be ready for the work next spring.

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JUDGE VICTOR BROOKS HOLDS LOVE BILL VALID.

The Only Question is as to the Amount of Tax.

Austin, Texas, Oct. 17.—The railroads kept the opening round in the fight against the Love bill taxing them 1 per cent of their gross earnings. District Judge Victor L. Brooks this afternoon refused the injunction and sustained the law in toto. He was not decided as to how much of the tax is due, but will hear evidence as to that feature tomorrow and determine it at that time.

It is declared that the case will be appealed to the higher courts—first to the third Appellate Court and then to the Supreme Court. If the railroads should lose in the Texas Supreme Court they have announced that the case will be taken to the Supreme Court of the United States for final determination.

Upon conclusion of argument Judge Brooks gave the decision adverse to the railroads in which he says: "I hold that the tax imposed by the bill is an occupation tax, and not an ad valorem or income tax. As an occupation tax the only two other questions that occur to me at this time are whether, first, it infringes on the right of Congress to regulate interstate commerce and whether in infringement on any provision of the State Constitution."

The question at issue is, flatly speaking, that of determining the proposition of State and Interstate business done by those roads which extend outside of the State. This the Judge believes is a matter to be determined by whatever method the State may elect. Concluding the Judge says: "I conclude that as an occupation tax the tax is on the occupation of the defendant to do business in Texas, and that as such it is not in violation of any provision of the Constitution of the United States. No authority has been cited and I know of none, which would lead me to hold that the tax on railroads transporting passengers, baggage and freight would be contrary to the State Constitution as constituting an arbitrary or capricious classification, because interurban lines or lines of water transportation are not included. My conclusion is that on these questions the bill is not repugnant to any provision of the State or Federal Constitution."

Nothing at the present time justifies a doubt of these conditions and with the farmer holding firm, cotton must of necessity advance in the near future.

The Schoolmaster is Appreciated. Austin: There has been a wonderful increase in the number of school houses built during the past year throughout the state, if the records in the comptroller's department are taken into account.

The comptroller's report for the fiscal year ending Aug. 31, 1905, will show when it is issued, that during the year of 1905 there has been \$447,800 independent school district, school house bonds registered, against \$211,350 for 1904, which is an increase of over double the amount issued in 1904 as compared with 1905.

Prominent Minister's Death. Palestine: Rev. J. N. Sheridan, one of the best known evangelists in the state and for the past two years pastor of the Congregational church of this place, died Sunday night. He had been home only two weeks, having been confined in a Dallas sanitarium for several months. He attended the big Congregational convention here last week. The funeral took place Monday. He is survived by a wife.

Remarkable Coincidence. Chicago: Ten-year-old Isabella Walker was struck by an automobile and died on a pillow of white roses, in a physician's office, where she was carried. T. F. Stevens, the driver of the machine, was arrested. Mr. Stevens, with his brother, Thomas E. Stevens, was hurrying to the home of a friend and his brother had in his arms a large floral pillow for the funeral of his friend's little daughter.

A Brazilian concern has notified the authorities of its intention of negotiating the \$4,000,000 loan for the construction of the projected railway from Antofagastas to Brazil.

Lands Climbing Up. Taylor: G. D. Patterson and J. M. Kuykendall of Taylor have returned from a prospecting tour of Haskell, Baylor and Knox counties, in Western Texas, where the latter purchased of J. M. Abbott of Seguin 4,825 acres of farming land, situated in the corners of Haskell, Baylor and Knox counties, for which he paid \$12 per acre, the purchase amounting to a cash consideration of something like \$58,000.

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WILL STAND FOR 11 CENTS.

President Jordan Says Farmers Will Hold.

Atlanta, Oct. 17.—President Harvie Jordan, of the Southern Cotton Association, gave out the following information as to the Southern cotton situation this morning: "Another week of depression in the cotton market has passed, through the manipulation of paper contracts and bearish estimates on a report of the crop. The farmers of the South have met the situation firmly at all points throughout the belt. From reliable reports and personal investigation, the producers are tying up the movement of spot cotton by holding the cotton on their farms or depositing it in warehouses to be held until the market advances. If the spinners want cotton with which to fill their future contracts for goods already sold at high prices, they must make up their minds to pay satisfactory prices to the farmer for spot cotton, which means 11 cents per pound at all interior points. The crop is matured, mostly gathered, already in all States and the producers are now basing their claims on actual and not prospective results. Killing frost would do no damage to the crop now, except in a few scattered localities. Many gins in the best cotton sections of the South are now running on half time, where last year they were in full blast. This crop will not be large enough, even when added to the small reserve stock carried over from 1904 to meet the requirements of mill consumption."

Nothing at the present time justifies a doubt of these conditions and with the farmer holding firm, cotton must of necessity advance in the near future.

The Schoolmaster is Appreciated. Austin: There has been a wonderful increase in the number of school houses built during the past year throughout the state, if the records in the comptroller's department are taken into account.

The comptroller's report for the fiscal year ending Aug. 31, 1905, will show when it is issued, that during the year of 1905 there has been \$447,800 independent school district, school house bonds registered, against \$211,350 for 1904, which is an increase of over double the amount issued in 1904 as compared with 1905.

Prominent Minister's Death. Palestine: Rev. J. N. Sheridan, one of the best known evangelists in the state and for the past two years pastor of the Congregational church of this place, died Sunday night. He had been home only two weeks, having been confined in a Dallas sanitarium for several months. He attended the big Congregational convention here last week. The funeral took place Monday. He is survived by a wife.

Remarkable Coincidence. Chicago: Ten-year-old Isabella Walker was struck by an automobile and died on a pillow of white roses, in a physician's office, where she was carried. T. F. Stevens, the driver of the machine, was arrested. Mr. Stevens, with his brother, Thomas E. Stevens, was hurrying to the home of a friend and his brother had in his arms a large floral pillow for the funeral of his friend's little daughter.

A Brazilian concern has notified the authorities of its intention of negotiating the \$4,000,000 loan for the construction of the projected railway from Antofagastas to Brazil.

Lands Climbing Up. Taylor: G. D. Patterson and J. M. Kuykendall of Taylor have returned from a prospecting tour of Haskell, Baylor and Knox counties, in Western Texas, where the latter purchased of J. M. Abbott of Seguin 4,825 acres of farming land, situated in the corners of Haskell, Baylor and Knox counties, for which he paid \$12 per acre, the purchase amounting to a cash consideration of something like \$58,000.

Attempts to End It All. Navasota: R. R. Anderson made an attempt on his life at his residence in this city twice Monday. In the first attempt the windpipe was only slightly cut. About thirty minutes afterward, and while the doctors were coming up the stairs to his room, he made another attempt, this time completely severing the windpipe. No reason can be assigned for the deed other than temporary insanity.

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EVENTS FROM EVERYWHERE.

New York Nationals won the fifth game, securing the world's championship.

A French machine driven by Henry won the Vanderbilt cup on Mino-cola course.

Secretary Root was officially notified of the signing of the peace treaty by the two emperors.

New Orleans reported nineteen new yellow fever cases Saturday, five deaths and seven new foci.

Charles G. Dawes of Chicago is said to be the probable successor to Secretary Shaw.

America proposes retaliation against Cuba if she enters into a commercial treaty with England.

An earthquake shock was felt at Santiago, Cuba, Sunday, stronger than that of Friday or the shock of Saturday.

The composers of St. Petersburg decided to engage in a three days' strike in sympathy with the Moscow strikers.

Ratifications of treaty of Portsmouth have been officially exchanged, thus formally ending the war in the Far East.

Five steerage passengers swept overboard the Campania last week by a big wave, The Philadelphia, near by, escaped the disaster.

An unwarranted run was made Saturday on the Germania Savings Bank of New Orleans. Its cash resources were ample.

Dr. H. W. Furniss, a negro of Indianapolis, has been named as the successor of W. F. Powell, resigned, as minister to Hayti.

The Petit Corporal of Paris publishes a rumor that Prince Louis Napoleon, governor general of the Caucasus, has been assassinated at Tiflis.

The approaching visit of William Jennings Bryan to Japan is welcomed by Japanese at Tokio, who are conspicuously recounting his career.

After vicissitudes of a few years, Boer colonists of the state of Chihuahua, Mexico, are disbanding through inability to secure clear title to land.

Four negroes who had been drinking heavily started across the Alabama river in a skiff. The skiff sank in midstream and all were drowned.

The strike of the electrical workers in Berlin is ended, the companies agreeing to a 5 per cent increase in wages. The result is a victory for the employers.

India's refusal to deal in English goods is considered to be a severe blow to British prestige. Took lesson from Chinese action against American products.

The Anglo-Japanese treaty is regarded in Washington as a menace to China. Japan is determined to rule the Mongolian empire, in the opinion of diplomats.

A professor of Notre Dame University was indicted the other day charged with sending scurrilous and defamatory matter through the United States mails. He pleaded not guilty.

When the gates of the Lewis and Clark Exposition closed at 1 o'clock Sunday morning a total attendance of 56,960 for the day had been registered, making the grand total for the entire fair period 2,545,509.

A French warship is hovering almost within striking distance of the Venezuelan coast, and others are prepared to start for the West Indies on short notice. French patience is exhausted.

Over a thousand farm laborers made desperate by the existing famine invaded the market place at Ecija, 48 miles from Seville, Spain, seized the entire stock of food and money, destroyed the market and threw the town into a panic.

The Observer of London says it understands that Great Britain has agreed to maintain the treaty of 1855 which guarantees the integrity of Scandinavia so far as Norway is concerned, on condition that a monarchy be established.

A semi-official article appeared in the North German Gazette of Berlin fully exonerating the French government of any connection with the so-called revelation and accepts frankly the British government's denial of an offered alliance.

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To Help the "Ould Sod."

A Syndicate Forming to Buy Land in Texas to Raise Cotton For Ireland.

Dallas, Texas, Oct. 13.—Rev. James Phelan, a prominent Catholic priest of Kansas City, Mo., and Rev. John Phelan, who is in charge of a Catholic parish at Marcus, La., are in Dallas in the interest of a big land deal. It is the purpose of the two divines to purchase about 55,000 acres of land in San Patricio county to be devoted to the cotton raising industry, the object in view being to supply the Irish mills with cotton in order to revive the manufacturing industry of the old sod. It is claimed by the two fathers that raw cotton finds its way to England, but none to Ireland, and in order to help the condition of the people of the latter country more manufacturing enterprises are needed. Supporting this plan is the Ancient Order of Hibernians and the Ladies' Auxiliary of the United States.

They say that 20 per cent of the cotton of the world is raised in Texas, and for this reason it is advisable to locate the immense cotton plantation in the state where the staple is grown the most successfully.

The organization formed to buy the tract of land is to be known as the Hibernia Cotton company. There will be 50,000 shares of stock and the fathers who are promoting the enterprise propose to sell this stock to the American people who are interested in the welfare and development of Ireland, which was once a great manufacturing country. The stock in the Hibernia Cotton company is not to be assessed, but, on the other hand, one-fourth of what is raised on the land is to be sold to constitute a fund for the development of the tract. So far the promoters have been meeting with much encouragement in their plans and in one place alone 300 shares of stock have been taken. An appeal is to be made to every Irishman and woman in the country to help the enterprise.

The tract of land in San Patricio county was intended for the Japanese colony before the Russo-Japanese war. The war prevented the purchase and now the Fathers Phelan are attempting to obtain it for the Irish. The land is located about forty miles from the sea and land experts say that it is admirably adapted for cotton raising.

STATE FINANCES.

Heaviest Collections Will Be in December, January and February.

Austin, Oct. 13: It is expected at the state treasury department that by November 1 the deficit in the general revenue fund will have reached the enormous sum of \$1,500,000. It has already reached \$1,010,000, but after November 1 there will be a material decrease in the deficit, due to the fact that the state ad valorem tax becomes due at that time. The last legislature, at the recommendation of the governor, increased the ad valorem tax from 16 2/3 to 20 cents on the \$100 for two years, and this increase will be left in the payment of taxes this year.

Major Roberdeau, chief clerk in the treasury department, said that the heaviest collection months will be in December, January and February. It is estimated that during the months of November, December, January and February there will be collected over \$2,500,000 in state taxes under the increase in the rate of taxation.

When the ad valorem tax rate was 16 2/3 cents last year the collections for last November were \$131,000, for December \$224,000, for January \$449,000, and for February \$1,100,000, and this year it is expected to greatly exceed these amounts.

An Enormous Yield.

Waco.—Dr. W. R. Clifton, who has a fine plantation several miles north of Waco, has been conducting some interesting and valuable experiments in the line of feed for cattle and hogs. His last experiment was with Spanish peanuts, or dwarf gobbers, and his success has encouraged him to think this feed is almost a revolutionizer. He had in less than four acres, and when the time came to attend to the peanuts he had them plowed up with the vine attached, and they were baled that way. Off of the three and a half acres he secured 313 bales of as fine feed as could be found anywhere and he figures that the ground netted him at least \$25, and it was no trouble at all. Hogs and cows are particularly fond of this feed.

Protectorate Over Korea.

Seoul, Korea.—Japanese Minister Hayashi has started for Korea for the purpose of consulting the government and elder statesmen. Minister Kayashi recently recommended the declaration of a Japanese protectorate in Korea. It is probable that the coming conference will definitely decide the political status of Korea. The Japanese are anxious to obtain a hold on affairs before the return of representatives of Russia.

GENERAL LUKE WRIGHT STEPS DOWN AND OUT.

He Finds His Duties Irksome in the Philippines.

Washington, Oct. 13.—By reason of what appears to be dissatisfaction with the situation in the Philippines, Luke E. Wright, governor general of the Philippines, and president of the Philippine Commission, will retire from that position about the first of December.

General Wright is expected to arrive in the United States during that month and will be entitled to a six months' leave of absence prior to a formal relinquishment of his labors as governor general.

It is understood that he expects to return to Memphis and resume the practice of law.

President Roosevelt and Secretary Taft, it is believed, practically have decided upon a successor for General Wright, but no intimation has been permitted to become public as to his identity.

It can be stated reasonably definitely that General Wright's successor will not be a man now connected with the commission.

Hot Time at Hillsboro.

Hillsboro.—A row of store houses on West Elm and Bois d'Arc streets owned by A. J. Thompson and occupied respectively by S. W. Brister, a grocery merchant; W. R. Chumlea, books and stationery; Mrs. M. J. Scroggins, groceries and E. D. Wilder, pianos and organs, was destroyed by fire early Thursday morning, the contents of all but Wilder's being entirely destroyed, including the household goods of Wilder. The fire originated in the store occupied by Brister, and it is thought to have been incendiary. Mr. Brister's cash drawer having been robbed of a small sum of money. His stock was valued at \$3500 or \$4000, insured for \$2000. Chumlea's stock was valued at about \$800 and was partially insured. Her stock was valued at \$500 and was a complete loss. Wilder lost twenty-two organs and other goods.

New York, Oct. 12.—General Wm. T. Clark of Washington, D. C., died today at St. Luke's hospital of cancer of the throat. He was seventy-four years old and was born at Norfolk, Conn.

General Clark was a member of congress from Galveston, Tex., from 1863 to 1873. He was the last surviving adjutant and chief of staff of General Grant's army of the Tennessee.

Maurice Burke, a well known resident of Dallas, died, after an illness of several weeks, Wednesday night, at his home, 503 South Harwood street. Mr. Burke was born in Kers county, Ireland, October 11. He came to America twenty-six years ago, settling immediately in Dallas.

Mrs. Jackey Woods, aged about thirty years, was found dead in a tent on the river side, in Austin, where she had been only a short time. An inquest was held over the remains by Justice Moore and his verdict was that she died from an overdose of cocaine.

A compromise has been reached between the state and the American Bonding Company and several other surety companies in the suits filed by the state three years ago for taxes and damages claimed to be due the state. The suits will be dismissed.

Prof. W. F. Cummins, the well known geologist, is in Dallas for the purpose of arranging the geological display for the Fair. He says he has more specimens than space, but will nevertheless be able to make a good showing in the space he has.

Cecil L. Simpson, one of the directors of the Texas Consolidated Long Distance Telephone Company that the company would build a toll line from Dallas to Terrell and then around to Greenville.

A negro man was fined \$100 in the corporation court of Dallas on a charge of throwing rocks at a freight train on the Texas and Pacific Railway.

Dead by the Roadside.

McKinney. The dead body of an unknown man was found lying in a small ravine some five miles north of town late Wednesday afternoon. He was about five feet, eight inches in height, light Auburn hair, light mustache, blue eyes and fair complexion. He had on a pair of black pants, considerably worn, light check coat, cotton undershirt, white nightshirt and white and blue striped to shirt.

THE WORD IS DEATH THE MAFIA'S BLACK HAND.

Some Disclosures Are Made of the Methods.

New York Oct. 13.—That Gaetano Costa was murdered in his butcher shop in Brooklyn on Wednesday night, not because he had refused to accede to blackmailing demands for money, but as the result of a political plot, inspired in Sicily eight years ago by the Mafia, executed by its agents of the Black Hand Society in this country, and to which seven other lives had been sacrificed, was the remarkable revelation made to the police yesterday.

According to information given by a fellow countryman and former associate of the dead man, Costa was one of a band of a dozen or more wealthy Sicilians, included among whom were his two brothers, who for daring to oppose a dominant political faction, closely allied with the Mafia, were driven across the seas, pursued with a relentlessness that has been hindered neither by time nor distance, and systematically put to death whenever an opportunity to escape detection offered.

Realizing their helplessness against their enemies, the leading members of the Costa faction came to this country and settled in various places. Some had been compelled to leave all their worldly goods behind them in the haste of flight, and went west to begin life anew. Among these were Costa's two brothers, Giuseppe and Luigi.

With the exodus of the threatened men, however, the Mafia apparently did not drop the matter. Three years later, according to the narrator, the body of Giuseppe Costa was found in Jackson Park, Chicago, bearing sixteen stab wounds. Around the waist was a blue sash, placed there evidently as a warning to other Italians who knew the methods of the Mafia.

About a year after that three Italians were mysteriously murdered at Riverside, Ill. Not long after that Luigi Costa was killed at Geneva, Ill. Finally, a few months after this, the headless body of a man was found at Erie, Pa., also with a blue sash around the waist. In the light of these events and the peculiar circumstances surrounding the murder of Gaetano Costa, Police Captain Evans of Brooklyn is convinced he felt a victim to the same vendetta.

BRITONS ARE WELCOMED.

The Flowery Kingdom Receives with Open Arms.

Tokio: The Emperor of Japan received Vice Admiral Noel, commander of the British squadron now at Yokohama, and his staff of captains, in the Phoenix Hall Palace, and welcomed them heartily to Japan. General Burnett, of the British army and other military attaches who arrived here from the front, were received in audience simultaneously. All the visitors subsequently had lunch with the imperial family. Prince Arisugawa, elder statesman, and the cabinet officers were present.

The Emperor placed Shiba palace at the disposal of Admiral Noel and party.

The city is again filled with British sailors and marines engaged in sight-seeing. All classes are most hospitable. Yesterday's program of athletic games, etc., were repeated.

While the foot ball eleven of the San Antonio, was practicing the room of a student named Loona, from Beaumont, was ransacked of \$150 in cash stolen.

Flour for Cuba.

Fort Worth: Foreign demand for Texas flour is increasing, and during the past few months several large consignments have been made by Texas millers to Cuban points the latest being that of the Burrus Mill and Elevator company of Fort Worth. This company two weeks ago shipped out of this city a train load of nine cars to Havana. There were some 3,000 barrels of flour in the shipment. Manager Curtis of the Burrus company said that his company would ship four more cars of flour to Havana this week.

The cotton mill of Signo Cantoni, the largest in Italy, situated at Busto Arsizio, has been destroyed by fire, throwing 3000 men out of employment.

It is expected that the government engineers in charge of the improvement work on the Trinity river will be ready to advertise for bids about Dec. 1. The engineers are at present preparing the plans and specifications.

Meridian Invites the President.

Birmingham, Ala.: A special to the News from Meridian, Miss., says the Board of Trade, the Cotton Exchange and the Boosters Club of that city have appointed a committee to call upon President Roosevelt and invite him to visit Meridian on his Southern tour. In the event of his acceptance, the Boosters Club will invite Gov. Vardaman to go to Meridian and officially welcome the President to the State.

FIERCE FIRE FIGHT.

Framersville Sustains a \$100,000 Fire.

Framersville, Texas, Oct. 14.—Fire here last night destroyed the east side of the square and inflicted a loss of nearly \$100,000. It is currently reported that four men lost their lives in the fire and that one man had his leg broken but owing to the confusion incident to the fire these rumors cannot be verified and should be accepted with reservation. The fire was fierce and burned from about 9 o'clock until long after midnight, and was not finally gotten under control until all buildings on the east side of the square, except two, had been destroyed. The wind at the time the fire started, was blowing fresh from the southeast and threatened the whole north side of the square. Fortunately there was a change in direction just in time to save this part of the town. All of the burned buildings were handsome brick structures and, coming at the height of the season, will prove a serious loss to the town. While it is too early to make definite statements, it is assumed that as the losses fall principally on people well to do they will at once take steps to rebuild.

Object to the Army.

New York: Anti-militarism is spreading in Italy. Many meetings held Thursday night in cities in the north were broken up by the police who made twenty arrests, some of the persons taken in custody being soldiers. Orders have been sent to all the prefects to prohibit such meetings and the minister of justice has been instructed to give a peremptory trial to all offenders, passing sentence on the day of their condemnation.

Information has been obtained from the prefects of the provinces, generals and the army and the Italian embassy in Paris to the effect that the anti-militarism movement is due to an understanding between Italian and French anarchists. The Socialist journal, Avanti, has been confiscated a second time for publishing an anti-militarist manifesto.

Radium as Cancer Cure.

New York: That five persons have been cured of cancer at the Flower hospital by the use of radium coatings on celluloid rods inserted into the diseased parts, was the result of a paper read Thursday night by Dr. W. H. Diefenbach, United States delegate to the International Medical Congress at The Hague, before the Homeopathic Medical society of the county of New York.

In only one of six cases which he treated Dr. Diefenbach said his effort met with defeat. In that case the disease was far advanced. Dr. Diefenbach described his method of treatment in detail. It consists in dipping celluloid or hard rubber rods into a solution of salts of radium. These rods are then inserted into incisions made in tumors. The effect of the radium activity, he said, was to destroy the diseased tissue. "Here are some hopeless cases where they growths have spread over large areas."

STEAMER GREETED.

Honolulu: The steamer America arrived here Tuesday en route to San Francisco, resuming the Japanese line service which was discontinued during the war. Local Japanese celebrated her arrival with fireworks and sent a committee out in a tug to meet her.

Sweatshops on Decline.

Chicago: There has been a marked improvement in the conditions in sweat shops throughout Chicago, as well as a material reduction in their number in the past year, according to Chief Factory Inspector Edgar G. Davis, who has compiled the results of his crusade among sweat shops. On September last, thirty-four proprietors of sweat shops were prosecuted on seventy-four charges, a large majority of which were substantiated and fines imposed.

Oil Strike Near Ardmore.

Ardmore, I. T.: An oil gusher was brought in Thursday evening a few miles northwest of here by the Santa Fe Railway Company. The strike was made at a depth of 900 feet and the oil is shooting 100 feet in the air. The gas has not been controlled up to noon Friday. The Santa Fe owns 3000 acres of land and has been prospecting for months. The products of the field will be piped into Ardmore.

Fort Worth: Dr. Geo. MacAdam, D. D., who recently resigned as president of the Fort Worth University and who is to be succeeded by Dr. Wm. Fielder of Minneapolis, Minn., returned Friday morning from attending the Rock River, Ill., Methodist conference. Dr. MacAdam has accepted the call to become pastor of the First Methodist Church at Madison, Wis., and will leave with his family for that place in a few days.

Old Enough to Know Better.

Sioux City, Iowa: While driving in a hack from a hotel to a railroad station Sunday, E. H. Darrow, aged 60, shot and killed his son's wife, Lillian Darrow, aged 25, and then shot himself in exactly the same place—the right temple—both dying instantly. The hack driver immediately upon hearing the first shot and without stopping to investigate, started for the police station. In two or three minutes he heard a second shot.

When the police station was reached, both occupants sitting upright on opposite seats were found to be dead. The cause of the murder and suicide has not developed. E. H. Darrow and the woman came to the Arcade Hotel in this city on Oct. 10, registering as E. H. Darrow and wife. They went away, but returned again Saturday, and Sunday, afternoon started for the Milwaukee station, ostensibly to take a train for Sioux Falls, the home of Mr. Darrow's son.

Admiral Togo Worships.

Tokio: The news that Vice Admiral Togo worshiped at Ise Temple is creating a profound impression. It is believed the act will furnish a lasting example in national religious education and that ancestral worship will be given fresh stimulation. Admiral Togo has shown his implicit faith in what he said in his report of the great naval battle, when he attributed the Japanese victory to the protection of the spirits of imperial ancestors.

W. C. T. U. at Brownwood.

Brownwood.—The third day of the State W. C. T. U. convention has been an interesting one. All of the old officers were unanimously re-elected. The committee to appoint delegates to the National and world's convention made the following recommendations, which were adopted: To the National convention, Mrs. Weaver, Mrs. Porter, Mrs. Curtis and Mrs. Mahan as delegates; to the world's convention, Mrs. Stoddard and Mrs. Schmelpenig.

Child Heroine's Terrible Death.

Cuero: Little Frankie, the 15-year-old daughter of J. F. Salisbury, an engineer on the Southern Pacific, was burned to death by the explosion of a coal oil lamp.

It seems she was getting her lessons when the lamp began to flare. She grabbed the lamp, going to the door, intending to throw it out, but the door was locked, when she started for another door, but before she could reach it the lamp exploded in her hands, the burning oil covering her.

Small Price for a Big Steal.

Portland.—Congressman John Newton Williamson, convicted of conspiracy to defraud the United States Government of its public domain, was sentenced to ten months' imprisonment. Appeals are pending, and a stay of execution was made pending a further order of the Court. Meanwhile Congressman Williamson will go free on his own recognizance, but a bond of \$4000 was required of the other two defendants, as during the trial of the case.

Oskaloosa, Iowa: Five trainmen were killed Sunday at Seaton, Ill., when a heavy double-header freight eastbound on the Iowa Central Railroad ran into a cattle train while going at the rate of twenty miles an hour. Both locomotives and eleven freight cars loaded with grain and lumber were piled in a heap beside the track. All the men killed lived in Oskaloosa except Briley, whose home was in Monmouth, Ill.

There is a well-defined rumor afloat that the Gulf, Texas and Northern line will be extended to Paris, and will form a connection there with the Denver, Elid and Gulf line.

The last of the soldiers sent to keep the peace at Edna were withdrawn Saturday.

The President has been compelled to decline an invitation to visit Texarkana on his proposed Southern trip.

It is estimated that the William M. Rice Institute for the Advancement of Literature, Science and Art of Houston, Tex., organized to take under his will the residuary estate of William M. Rice, will derive from his property in this State \$2,177,361.92.

Henry J. Scott of Toronto, Canada, is visiting Archer county, where he owns 58,000 acres of ranch land, which he will cut up into small farm tracts, and will plant colonies, who will go into general farming.

Citizens of Brandon have received a letter from the head official of the Cotton Belt Railroad, stating, in answer to their petition, that a new depot will be built at that place and that work would be started at once.

The rolls of Harrison county show a total valuation of \$6,570,055 for the year 1905, against \$5,990,995 for 1904, or an increase of \$579,060 over last year. Poll tax of 1904 was 6,634, and for the year of 1905 6,735, an increase of 101 over last year.

WIRE TALK COSTS MUCH MONEY

\$19,000 Spent in Cables One Day's Record for the Peace Envoys.

That making peace is an active life is illustrated by the daily programme of work of the peace envoys and their suites, says the New York Telegram. Outside the session every one connected with the work has continuous and taxing occupation with but few hours for rest and practically none for recreation.

An idea of the volume of cables which are daily sent to Europe and the far east may be had from statement that one cable company handled \$19,000 worth of business, including dispatches from both the Russian and Japanese peace-makers, from its headquarters at Portsmouth.

Both sides are very keen in the matter of their facilities for communication. The heavy tax on the local telephone wires made it impossible for them to get quick service between the hotel and their conference rooms in the navy yard, and complaint was made, with the result that Secretary Polce had two direct telephone systems installed between these points, one for the Russians and one for the Japanese.

Privileged.

Simeon Ford enjoys nothing better than to tell a story of the humors of the hotel business.

"A friend in the West," says Mr. Ford, "once related to me the trials and tribulations of the people employed in the office of his hostelry to keep in proper bounds a young man from Chicago, who, as soon as he had registered, proceeded to make things lively. The first evening he spent with them he did the proprietor out of a neat sum at poker; the next night he returned to his quarters considerably intoxicated after having whipped his caddy; the third night he gave an impromptu concert in the halls. This was too much for the hotel people; they asked for his key and rendered his bill. Evidently the amount thereof was not to his liking, for he exclaimed, pathetically: "Say, don't you fellows make any discount to the clergy?"—Judge.

An Atchison Welcome.

An Atchison woman went to call on a friend. The friend opened the door to greet her, but suddenly an awful glare was seen in the eyes of the hostess. Instead of asking her friend to take a seat she made a leap into the air, with both hands clapping. Then she made a frantic plunge to the floor, followed by a frenzied jump to the lounge, and another throwing up of both hands into the air.

This was followed by a wild chase around and around the room over chairs and tables, with both hands clapping the air. The guest was dazed with fright, when suddenly there was a climax. The hostess brought her hands violently together. "I've got it! I've got it!" she screamed in triumphant joy. She had caught a moth.—Atchison Globe.

The Chewing Puppy.

What household has not at some time had a puppy, and what woman has not been bothered by their chewing everything within reach? As soon as our puppies begin to want to chew anything we furnish them with a chewing stick, for the same reason we give a baby a rubber ring. This stick is simply a part of a broom handle about ten inches in length. Every time he chews anything else he is punished and then given the stick, and he soon learns to chew that and nothing else. We had one puppy who would even whine for it if it was where he couldn't get it.—Chicago Journal.

Timely Warning.

At a certain high school in this city it is the custom to discuss briefly the morning's news before taking up the regular work of the day. In this connection, an instructor in the school in question tells of a funny incident.

One day the teacher ascended to her desk, paper in hand. She spread the paper on the desk and glanced at the head-lines of the first page. "The first head that I observed this morning," said she, "is 'Poolroom Raided.'" She then raised her head, and with the utmost feeling in her voice said:

"Boys, never, never touch a cue!"—Harper's Weekly.

Enough to Kill It.

The Greek room is usually not a place for humor, nor is Mr. Fitzgerald Tisdall, the professor of Greek at the College of the City of New York, a very humorous person.

Nevertheless, the following joke was sprung on him. The class had just returned from the chemistry room, where they had bravely listened to a discourse on the elements.

The Greek lesson was commenced with a history of Io and her endless wanderings. Finally Prof. Tisdall asked: "What did Io die of?"

A student who had been awakened by the question gasped out: "Tollide of potassium."—New York Times.

Never Had Driven a Solicit.

The manager of the Doemp laundry had advertised for a man.

Early next morning a mild-eyed young chap appeared and referred to the advertisement.

"You think you can fill the bill, do you?" asked the proprietor.

"I dunno, boss. I've druv a laundry wagon, but I never druv one o' them other things."

"And the applicant handed his clipping of the ad, which read:

"Wanted—A man to drive laundry wagon and solicit."—Baltimore American.

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TO THE PUBLIC

The undersigned members of the Executive Committee of the Haskell Street Fair, believing that they have rendered their share of service in the three years in which they have acted in that capacity, desire that the people of the county who may be in attendance on the first day of the fair—Friday, Oct. 27—meet in the district court room at 11 o'clock a. m., and elect a new executive committee if it is their desire that the fair be continued another year, and, also, take any other action in regard to same which they may deem desirable.

Respectfully,

R. W. WILLIAMS,
J. W. JOHNSON,
G. J. MILLEB,
A. C. LEWIS,
J. E. POOLE.

THE PREMIUM LIST.

The FREE PRESS publishes the Premium List of the Street Fair in full this week—see last page. Quite a number of premiums have been added to the list as published last week, besides about every business firm in Haskell has added a special premium on some article or collection of articles. These special premiums are given by them in addition to their previous subscriptions to the premium fund, many of them having paid from \$5.00 to \$10.00 into that fund.

It is now up to the farmers and stockraisers to show their enterprise and appreciation of the benefits of a county fair by bringing their stock and products forward for exhibition.

It is regrettable that the list was not published sooner, but the subscription committee were so slow with their part of the work, or the people were so backward about subscribing to the fund, that the list could not be made up sooner.

The premium list should be made up and published two or three months prior to the date of the fair, so that everyone can be informed as to what things premiums will be offered on and the number or quantity required to be shown in each exhibit. If this were done we believe that many more people would prepare exhibits and take part in the fair. To the end that the premium list may be published earlier in future we suggest that the subscriptions for the next one be made during the fair this week. We believe that there are various other advantages to be derived from getting the list out two or three months prior to the fair, but we haven't space to go into details in this issue of the paper.

Although the list is late this year all will have an equal chance and it is hoped that a good showing will be made and encouragement be thus given to go on with and improve the fair in future.

The executive committee have done the best they could under the circumstances this year.

FULL OF TRAGIC MEANING

are these lines from J. H. Simmons, of Casey, Ia. Think what might have resulted from his terrible cough if he had not taken the medicine about which he writes: "I had a fearful cough, that disturbed my night's rest. I tried everything, but nothing would relieve it, until I took Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, coughs and colds, which completely cured me." Instantly relieves and permanently cures all throat and lung diseases; prevents grip and pneumonia. At C. E. Terrell, druggist; guaranteed; 50c and \$1. Trial bottle free.

TO THE LADIES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY.

The Executive Committee of the Street Fair, as well as the Lady Manager and the Superintendents of Divisions, wish it stated to the ladies throughout the county that it is especially desired that they take part in the fair by exhibiting specimens of their fancy work. It is certain that many of the country ladies have specimens of their work that are as good as can be shown by any one and it is highly desirable that such evidence of the taste and refinement of the people of Haskell county be put in evidence on this occasion.

J. B. HASH,

One Price,

Spot Cash

GROCER

Dr. E. Sandford, the Ophthalmologist and Neurologist,

who is so well known for good work and fair dealing, has at last located at Abilene, Texas, for life—with a good home paid for. He will visit Haskell every 30 days.

There is no comparison between his scientific method of analysis in testing eyes and fitting glasses and the average optician and ophthalmologist's lamplight-guess work. His success is little short of miracles in removing the causes of headache, nervousness, neuralgia, dyspepsia, indigestion, constipation, St. Vitus dance, a large per cent of epilepsy, female troubles, enuresis, granulated eyelids, wild hairs, overflowing tears, premature wrinkles, roughness of skin and pimples and straightening cross eyes every time without knife or medicine. No mystery, medicine or surgery, but by natural, common sense, rational, drugless, tried and proved methods based upon anatomical and physiological laws of the relation nerve force has to human life.

He will be in Haskell one day only—Monday, Oct. 30, and in Stamford Friday and Saturday 27 and 28th.

DR. E. SANDFORD,
Ophthalmologist and Neurologist.
See him at Hotel.

PLANS TO GET RICH

are often frustrated by sudden breakdown, due to dyspepsia or constipation. Brace up and take Dr. King's New Life Pills. They take out the materials which are clogging your energies and give you a new start. Cure headache and dizziness too. At C. E. Terrell's drug store; 25c, guaranteed.

PURSE AND MONEY.

A purse containing a sum of money was found about two weeks ago and has been left at this office. Owner can recover same by describing purse and amount and kind of money and paying for this notice.

WANTED

To sell you your groceries for cash, only one price. J. B. HASH.

How to Cure Corns and Bunions.

First, soak the corn or bunion in warm water to soften it, then pare it down as closely as possible without drawing blood and apply Chamberlain's Pain Balm twice daily, rubbing vigorously for five minutes at each application. A corn plaster should be worn a few days to protect it from the shoe. As a general liniment for sprains, bruises, lameness and rheumatism, Pain Balm is unequalled. For sale at Terrell's drug store.

SCHOOL NOTICE.

I am authorized by the Board of Trustees to state that the private term of school will run six weeks. The public school will begin at the close of the private term on Monday, Nov. 20, 1905. F. L. MORROW, Prin.

Sick headache is caused by a disordered condition of the stomach and is quickly cured by Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. For sale at Terrell's drug store.

TYLER COMMERCIAL COLLEGE WINS. The Greatest Stenographic Endurance Test Ever Proposed.

Draughton's Practical Business College challenged the Tyler Commercial College of Tyler, Texas, putting up \$200, that it did not have a single student in attendance who could, with 3 months' training in the Byrne Simplified Shorthand, write 100 words, new matter, to the minute for 40 consecutive minutes and read back accurately at the rate of 30 words per minute. This contest was held on the 13th inst. before three judges selected from the prominent business men of the city of Tyler. Notwithstanding the fact that the U. S. Civil Service stenographic examination requires only a three consecutive minutes test, and the official Court Reporters examination a five minutes test, the Tyler Commercial College accepted and won this most enduring test of 40 consecutive minutes. It put up two of its young men, Mr. J. B. Leigh of Huntsville, Tex., 17 years of age, and Mr. W. H. Brahaney of Tyler, Tex., 18 years of age, who took the dictation consisting

of 4000 words new matter, court reporting, 3000 words selected from a criminal case and 1000 from a civil case, and read their notes back at almost three times the rate of speed required.

This demonstrates conclusively the wonderful superiority of the Byrne Simplified Shorthand and the stenographic training given by Tyler Commercial College. It is no wonder, with such stenographic feats as the above, that the Tyler Commercial College has, in 6 years, grown to more than double the annual enrollment of any other Commercial school in the state, and won a reputation that draws students from more than 20 different states during the past year. The Tyler Commercial College of Tyler, Texas, is without question the greatest Commercial school in the South, if not of the entire United States.

ASTONISHING INCIDENT.

It was, to all her friends, an astonishing incident, that Mrs. I. B. Hunt, of Lime Ridge, Wis., was cured of her dreadful sickness. "Doctors," she writes, "had given up; friends were ready to bid me the last farewell; clouds of despair darkened my horizon, and I was a wreck on the shores of despondency, when I began to take Electric Bitters, for my frightful stomach and liver complaint. To the astonishment of all, I was benefited at once and am now completely and miraculously restored to health." At C. E. Terrell's drug store; price 50c; guaranteed.

Mr. W. M. Sager, for whom the town of Sagerton was named, was on our streets Monday. Mr. Sager is an old frontiersman; he having come to this section of the state in the seventies, and knew the country when it was the home of the buffalo and antelope.

HASKELL MARKET and RESTAURANT

MARSH & BROOKS, Proprietors.

FRESH MEATS OF ALL KINDS
AT REASONABLE PRICES.

Special attention will be given to those who patronize the Restaurant. The choicest of things to eat will be served.

Western Lumber Co.,

Successor to Smith-Sons & Robertson

Stamford, - - Texas.

We solicit the lumber trade of the people of the town of Haskell and of Haskell and adjoining counties. In all lines of

LUMBER, SHINGLES, DOORS,
SASH, BLINDS, MOULDINGS, ETC.,

our assortment is very full and complete.

We can fill your bill of material for a barn or a mansion on the spot.

Liberal treatment will be extended to all our customers.

Whether you want to build just now or not call and talk over your probable lumber wants and let us make you estimates—we want to extend our acquaintance any way—and we may help you to decide on your plans. Thanking all for their liberal patronage hitherto, Yours truly,

Western Lumber Company

STAMFORD, - - TEXAS.

D. R. STEWART, Mgr.

EVERYBODY!

Everybody buys dry goods, hence everybody is interested in the quality and price of the goods bought to the extent of getting full value for the money spent. Everybody likes also to have a large stock and variety to select from.

This is to suggest that we think we have the quantity and variety and the quality and prices to satisfy everybody.

We can use space only to give the following brief outline of the extent and scope of our various departments or lines of goods:

STAPLE DRY GOODS

In this department we have all the standard cloths, including calicoes, gingham, linseys, domestics, sheetings, shirtings, drillings, jeans, cottonades, cotton flannels, etc., etc.

Ladies Dress Goods

This department shows many of the latest styles, fabrics, weaves and colorings besides including many of the popular standards, such as Henriettas, Broadcloth, Silk Mohair, Dress Flannels, Ladies Cloth, Kimona Outings Suitings, Linings, etc.

UNDERWEAR—We call attention in this connection to our full line of Ladies Underwear, also to our very choice line of Hosiery, Gloves, Corsets and Belts.

Notions, Trimmings

This department has been selected to harmonize with our line of dress goods so that there will be little difficulty in selecting suitable trimmings for a complete costume. It contains everything desirable in laces, edgings, embroideries, insertions, ribbons, braids, cords, buttons, etc.

We call special attention to the novelties in applique, jet and pearl trimmings.

MEN'S CLOTHING

Our stock of men's and youth's clothing is one of the largest and best assorted lines ever brought to this market, and is from one of the best and most responsible clothing manufacturers in the United States.

We offer it to the public in the confident belief that we can satisfy any one in a properly fitting every day or Sunday suit, and we guarantee excellent value for your money. See it before you buy elsewhere.

Men's Underwear and Furnishings

We offer a very full line of men's fall and winter underwear and an up-to-date line of dress shirts, cuffs, collars, ties, handkerchiefs, suspenders, gloves, etc. Call and see this line.

BOOTS, SHOES AND HATS

We claim "Best" in our large and complete line of shoes for men, women and children, both in the matter of quality, style and price.

HATS—We carry a full assortment of good and medium hats for men and boys. We will be pleased to have you call and look over our goods and learn the prices any time, whether you are ready to buy or not. You will always have courteous attention at my store.

S. L. Robertson.

You can get many of
the things which

YOU NEED

..BARGAIN PRICES..

at the

..HASKELL RACKET STORE..

W. H. WYMAN & Co., Proprietors.

TEXAS CENTRAL Railroad. STAMFORD.

No. 1 Arrives from Waco,.....5:45 P. M.
No. 2 Leaves for Waco,.....10:00 A. M.

GOOD CONNECTIONS AT WACO FOR ALL POINTS
IN CENTRAL, EAST AND SOUTH TEXAS
TO POINTS IN THE OLD STATES!

VIA Cotton Belt Route and Memphis,
H. & T. C., So. Pacific & New Orleans.

Write us a letter, Stating When and Where you want to go. We will advise you promptly, Lowest Rates, and give you a Schedule of the Trip. W. F. McMILLIN, Gen'l Pass. Agent, Waco, Texas.

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ELLIS & ENGLISH, Proprietors.

West Side of the Square.
Your Patronage Solicited.

We Keep all Kinds of Fresh Meats Obtainable in Their Seasons.

FLOTSAM AND JETSAM

School books at Colliers, for cash only.

M. Wm. Oglesby has returned from a trip to the Panhandle.

Mr. F. G. Alexander made a business trip to Dallas this week.

Every thing at lowest cash prices at S. L. Robertson's.

Mr. G. M. Springer was in the city Tuesday.

Mr. J. M. Speck of Marcy was doing business in town Tuesday.

Mr. J. W. Underwood of Rule was in town selling cotton Tuesday.

The only one price, cash store in Haskell.

Born on the 18th inst. to Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Green a son.

Dr. and Mrs. E. E. Gilbert were presented with a new daughter on the 19th inst.

The most complete line of window shades ever brought to Haskell at Cason, Cox & Co's.

Mr. G. H. Taylor of the east side was in town Tuesday selling cotton.

Mr. J. L. Alexander of the Mid neighborhood was doing business in town Thursday.

Just received a nice stock of groceries, and more coming. Yours for low prices. G. E. Ballew.

Mr. Mode Collins has had his name enrolled on the FREE PRESS' list of readers.

Mr. L. D. Courtney was in the county capital Monday.

Have you got your exhibit ready for the Street Fair?

Mr. W. E. Brown of Pinkerton was in town Wednesday.

Miss Louise Lamar of Graham has accepted the position of day operator for the Haskell Telephone Co.

Mr. M. S. Shook has returned from Fort Worth, where he carried his son Roy and placed him in school.

Mr. E. I. Chatwell was in town Wednesday and disposed of some cotton.

I will duplicate Sears & Roebuck's or any other catalogue prices on clocks, watches and jewelry. Call and bring your catalogue with you for comparison. W. H. PARSONS, Jeweler and Optician.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Johnson of the Pinkerton neighborhood visited in town Tuesday.

Our accounts are ready for settlement. Will be glad to see you any time soon. Yours truly, TERRELL.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Jones, accompanied by their son Jud Jones, left Monday for Arawasa Pass, where they will spend the winter.

Miss Glennie Russell left Monday to take a course at the Tyler Commercial College.

Messrs. B. E. Sparks and F. M. Todd of Stamford, were in the city Monday.

FOR SALE—A span of good mules, about 16 hands high, also a set of good wagon harness. J. W. Johnson & Son, Haskell, Tex.

Capt. W. M. Wood was in town Friday. He said his June corn did well and that he had been feasting on roasting ears.

The town has been full of eastern farmers this week, who have come here to buy homes and locate in Haskell county.

The meeting that has been in progress at the Christian church, closed Thursday night. There were twenty additions to the church.

S. L. Robertson extends special invitation to the ladies to call and inspect one of the largest and best selected stocks he has ever carried. Call and see—prices are right.

The members of the Christian church served dinner in the church yard after service last Sunday. The whole congregation was invited to remain for dinner, and a large crowd was fed on the grounds.

Elder Haddock, who has been assisting Elder Shepard in the meeting just closed, left Friday for his home in east Texas.

Little Willie Yeasay, who was operated upon for appendicitis five weeks ago, is improving very much and every one will rejoice when she is well again.

Mr. M. Icolm Graham, a prominent cotton broker of Galveston, was in the city this week. This indicates the growing importance of Haskell as a cotton market.

My stock of men's and women's warm underwear in all wool and fleeced cotton, is very large and attractive in quality and prices. You should call early and supply yourself. Don't wait until the norther and frost have pinched you, and given you a cold to start into the winter with.

S. L. Robertson.

Mr. P. J. Pollard of the west side was in town Monday.

Mr. R. P. Davis was in town Monday, Bob, as he is familiarly known, was raised in this county and is a successful young farmer.

Mr. J. A. Clendennen was in town Monday. Mr. Clendennen is one of the early settlers in the southwest part of the county and is a prosperous farmer.

Mr. J. J. Giddings of Ennis, Texas, accompanied by some prospectors from Ellis county, were in Haskell the early part of the week.

Mr. G. C. Hammonds, an enterprising young farmer of the Marcy neighborhood, was a caller at the FREE PRESS office yesterday and gave us an order for some printed stationery.

If you have raised or have growing anything that is good of its kind, or that is new to this section, bring a specimen to the Street Fair and let others see it, whether there is a premium offered on it or not. There may be many things in the country that no premium has been provided for and which would add interest to the fair and it would show a proper public spirit to bring them in.

Mr. J. E. Carter, who owns a fine farm ten miles southwest of town, was on our streets Monday.

Mr. Dave Garren, who has been ranching for the past 15 years in the southwest part of the county, was in town Monday. Mr. Garren is one of the first men to demonstrate this to be a wheat growing country.

Mr. J. H. McLeod of Carney was in town Monday.

Mr. W. Price of the Ample community, was in town Monday. He said cotton in his section was out short by the drouth in August, but owing to the fact that a large acreage per hand can be cultivated in this country, that the yield will be sufficient to meet the necessity of the farmer, especially as the feed crops were excellent this year.

When ready to buy fall goods, it will pay you to go to the Stamford Dry Goods Co., they buy and sell for cash. Securing for their customers the best for the least price.

Mr. G. A. Turnbow of the north side was in town Thursday and told the reporter that the cotton in his section was turning out much better than any one expected it would a few weeks ago.

Mrs. W. H. Gee of Winters, who has been visiting the family of her brother, Mr. E. F. Springer, returned home this week. She left her son here to attend school this winter.

Mr. C. M. Brown of the Marcy country, who was in town Tuesday, said the cotton on his place was late but that it was heavily loaded with bolls and with a late, open fall would make a good yield.

Mr. R. W. Williams was in town Thursday and arranged to solicit for the Home Helping Society, the new mutual assessment insurance society organized by Haskell people.

Mr. J. E. Norvell of the Ample neighborhood was in town Wednesday and we learned from him that Mr. W. A. Boman had the misfortune on the previous Friday of losing his house with all its contents by fire. A committee was appointed to go over the neighborhood and solicit aid for Mr. Boman and family. A member of the committee also visited Haskell, but we failed to learn how much was secured.

Mr. T. J. Lemmon returned a few days ago from a trip to Seymour. He says cotton and other crops still in evidence in the fields from here to Seymour are magnificent. On many of the farm gates he saw cards bearing the inscription: "Cotton Pickers Wanted!"

If you have any live stock or product of farm, orchard or garden that is good of its kind don't fail to bring it or a specimen of it to the Street Fair next Friday. Whether you believe that your stuff will take a premium or not the bringing of it will show that you are possessed of a spirit of enterprise and are ready and willing to take part in enterprises intended for the public good.

W. W. Kitley was in town the other day and reported everything lively in his neighborhood.

Look through the premium list of the Street Fair printed on our eighth page this week and note the wide range of articles on which premiums are offered. We don't believe there is a farmer in the county who hasn't something that comes within the list that is good enough to show in competition for a premium. While the premiums are not large enough to make any one rich, there is a good deal of credit attached to the fact of winning the premium in the county fair on one's live stock or farm products, and the satisfaction to any one who has any ambition or public spirit is worth far more than the money value of the premium, be it large or small.

OUR 15th ANNUAL ANNOUNCEMENT

With a good, liberal trade in view for the fall season, we have secured the largest and most desirable stock of general merchandise ever brought to Haskell, our aim being to meet every demand of the increasing trade of this section, and we invite you to an inspection of it with full confidence that we can supply the wishes of all with goods that will meet their approval as to **Quality, Kind and Price.**

Having enlarged our space, we have classified our goods and arranged them in separate departments to the best advantage we could, thus affording a great convenience both to our customers and ourselves in quickly finding just what is called for. Call and see the convenience of this arrangement. We have on hand and will bring out as the season for them arrives many **Lines of Special Bargains.**

Ask to see these from time to time.

MUCH IN OUR general line of Dry Goods, Dress Goods, Notions and Hosiery is fresh from the mills so that you need not be afraid of getting old auction stock of shelf worn and dye rotted goods when you buy from us.

Our Line of BOOTS and SHOES
—is the—
Best Made on Earth.


We call special attention to our complete line of **...CLOTHING, FURNISHING GOODS,...**
HATS, CAPS, GLOVES, ETC.
all fresh and up to date goods.

Our Millinery Department
is second to none. See Miss Kelley and Mrs. Ellis in charge.

ALEXANDER MERCANTILE COMPANY.

TO OUR FRIENDS AND PUBLIC IN GENERAL OUR NEW STOCK IS HERE

In order to accommodate our rapidly increasing trade we bought heavier than ever before and can now offer you the freshest and most up-to-date stock of Dry Goods, Millinery, Clothing, Boots, Shoes, Hats, Caps, Trunks and Mens' work clothes to be found in Haskell are adjoining counties.

	Clothing Line Both men, boys and children is complete, if you price them you are sure to buy.	Boots and Shoes We handle the Ten-ment shoe, the shoe that was awarded the only gold medal at the World's Fair on Saint Louis made shoes.	Dress Goods Our buyer while in the eastern markets picked carefully only for the latest, newest weaves and colors to be had and our price puts them in reach of all.
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OUR MILLINERY
is a line we give our special attention you will find Mrs. E. J. Hunt and Mrs. H. E. Fields in charge of this line. With their 18 years of past experience of buying and trimming are considered artist of this profession and you will always find styles quality and our prices unequaled.
We invite our many friends and customers and the general public to call and see us.
YOURS FAITHFULLY,

C. M. HUNT & CO.

"Your Flour is Proving To be a Repeater."

That's what one of the leading merchants wrote us the other day when he sent another order. All we need is just one trial of our flour and the case is settled. HAVE YOU tried it?

PIONEER MILL and ELEVATOR CO.
STAMFORD, TEXAS.

Insomnia and Indigestion Cured.

"Last year I had a very severe attack of indigestion. I could not sleep at night and suffered most excruciating pains for three hours after each meal. I was troubled this way for about three months when I used Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets, and received immediate relief," says John Dixon, Tullamore, Ontario, Canada. For sale at Terrells drug store.

TO GINNERS.

The FREE PRESS is prepared to furnish ginner receipts on short notice, as cheaply as you can get them anywhere. We have a very full and convenient form.

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Residence No. 72

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Office Northeast Corner Square.
Office phone No. 50.
Dr. Seathery's Res. No. 25.

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Haskell, Texas.

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Treatment of Consumption
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Offers Large List of Desirable Lands. Furnishes Abstracts of Title. Writes Insurance.

All kinds of Bonds furnished in a Standard Guaranty Company at reasonable rates.
Address: S. W. SCOTT,
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I. O. O. F.—Haskell Lodge, No. 525.
ED. ELLIS, N. G.
J. T. HILLINGSWORTH, V. G.
WALTER MEADORS, 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.

"BOB'S Barbershop,"
Compressed air, clean towels and Sharp Razors. Try him for a **HAIR CUT.**
East Side. HASKELL, TEXAS.

MORTGAGE LOANS

We still have plenty of money to loan on land and land notes. We can get you the money as quickly as any one. No trimmings.
SANDERS & WILSON, Haskell, Tex.

NOTICE TO COTTON RAISERS

We are now ready and waiting to do your ginning. We promise to do as good work as can be done with gin machinery. We will pay you **\$8.00 PER TON** for your seed and grind your corn while we gin your cotton. We have an electric light system, so if necessary, we will gin at night. We want it thoroughly understood that we will gin your cotton any time you bring it to us.

If you haven't been our customer give us a trial for we will appreciate it and will treat you right.
EARNEST & SANDERS,
The Haskell Gin Men.
F. T. SANDERS, Manager.

Tired, Nervous Mothers

Make Unhappy Homes—Their Condition Irritates Both Husband and Children—How Thousands of Mothers Have Been Saved From Nervous Prostration and Made Strong and Well.



Mrs. Chester Curry

Mrs. Chas. F. Brown

A nervous, irritable mother, often on the verge of hysterics, is unfit to care for children; it ruins a child's disposition and reacts upon herself. The trouble between children and their mothers too often is due to the fact that the mother has some female weakness, and she is entirely unfit to bear the strain upon her nerves that governing children involves; it is impossible for her to do anything calmly.

The ills of women act like a firebrand upon the nerves, consequently nine-tenths of the nervous prostration, nervous despondency, "the blues," sleeplessness, and nervous irritability of women arise from some derangement of the female organism.

Do you experience fits of depression with restlessness, alternating with extreme irritability? Are your spirits easily affected, so that one minute you laugh, and the next minute you feel like crying?

Do you feel something like a ball rising in your throat and threatening to choke you; all the senses perverted, morbidly sensitive to light and sound; pain in the ovaries, and especially between the shoulders; bearing down pains; nervous dyspepsia, and almost continually cross and snappy?

If so, your nerves are in a shattered condition, and you are threatened with nervous prostration. Proof is monumental that nothing in the world is better for nervous prostration than Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound; thousands and thousands of women testify to this fact.

Ask Mrs. Pinkham's Advice—A Woman Best Understands a Woman's Ills.

PRICE, 25 Cts.



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IS GUARANTEED TO CURE GRIP, BAD COLIC, HEADACHE AND NEURALGIA. I won't sell Anti-Gripine to a dealer who won't guarantee it. Call for your MONEY BACK IF IT DOESN'T CURE. Dr. W. D. Wagner, M. D., Manufacturer, Springfield, Mo.

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LEADS TO ODD COMBINATIONS.

Humor in Kentuckian's Fad for Naming His Horses.

"Speaking of peculiar names for animals," said a traveling man last night, "I know a man who owns no less than twenty-five teams in connection with a large farm in the Blue Grass section, and he has fifty horses. He tries to name them all after prominent characters in the Bible. Several were mares, and with the second crop of colts he found himself in dire straits. He was not a churchgoer; in fact, I don't suppose he ever saw the inside of a church, and his knowledge of Biblical names was a trifle limited.

"With his second crop of colts he turned to Shakespeare for his names. Finally, he sold several horses, but he still retains his twenty-five teams, and the neighbors have great sport over the curious combination of names.

"Ed, I heard him saying to his hired man one morning, 'I wish you would hitch Moses up with King Lear and Noah and lead them down for a new pair of shoes. Coming back, turn Falstaff out in the lower pasture. He's getting pretty thin, and before you go you might give Solomon a feed.'

"At times he has Hamlet plodding along dusty roads beside Adam. Eve is often harnessed with Henry VIII. His neighbors have never been able to learn how he keeps all the names straight, but he evidently succeeds."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Either Side Would Do.

In an action recently pending in a southern court, wherein an old colored man was suing a white man for breach of contract, the attorney for the defendant was a lawyer of high standing at the bar, who felt that it was somewhat lowering to his dignity to be connected in any manner with a nigger case. The colored man's attorney was very busy at his office on the day the case was set for trial, and, as the court was behind the docket, he told his client to stay in the court room and send for him when the case was about to be reached. The old darky, after trying in vain to get his bearings, approached the dignified attorney for the defense, and, with an obsequious bow, asked:

"Kunneel, can yo' tell me when dat case of ours' coming up fo' trial?"

"I am not trying your side of that case," replied the lawyer frigidly.

"The plaintiff, somewhat taken aback by the lawyer's icy manner, hesitated for awhile and then ventured timidly:

"Scuse me, kunneel, but would yo' mind tellin' me when yo's gwine to try yo' side of dat case?"—Law Notes.

Muzzle the Bus Drivers.

The omnibus companies of London are contemplating the issue of an order prohibiting their drivers from conversing with passengers. The Evening Standard remarks: "The chief sufferers will be the visitors from America or the rural districts. To them the bus driver is invaluable as a guide to the lions."

Couldn't Tell Which.

"Boy," said the man in 23 as the bellboy entered his room, "go over to 26 and find out if that lady is moaning or singing. If she is singing ask the clerk to change my room; if she is moaning tell the clerk to notify the house physician."

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To make Cheap Gas-light for Country Homes

TAKE a common Clay Pipe. Put a simple "Acetylene" Gasburner on its stem.

Bind the two in position with a tight-fitting piece of Rubber Hose.

Then fill the bowl of the pipe with fine-ground Calcium Carbide.

Next tie a rag over head of the bowl to keep in the Carbide.

Now put the pipe into a Glass of Water, as in picture.

There you have a complete Gas-plant for 25 cents.

Touch a match to the Burner—and you'll get a beautiful White Gas-light.

Of course, this is only an experiment, but it shows the wonderful simplicity of Acetylene Lighting.

That very simplicity gave Acetylene



Light a setback, at first. It seemed so simple to turn Calcium Carbide into Gas-light that over 600 different kinds of "tanks" and "Acetylene Machines" were invented, patented, and marketed for the purpose, by about as many different people.

Well, the thing to be expected certainly happened! About 530 of these "Acetylene Machines" had been invented and sold by people who knew more about

Tinkering than they did about Gas-making. The "Calcium Carbide" was all right all the time, but 530 of the machines for turning it into Gas were all wrong all the time.

So Acetylene Gas "got a bad name," though it is clear enough now that it never deserved it at any time. It was like selling Wood Stoves to burn Hard Coal in, and then blaming the Coal for not burning.

Lots of things happened to grieve the Owners of these 530 makes of alleged "Acetylene Machines."

But very few accidents occurred from them even in the days of rank experiment and dense ignorance, among "Generator" Makers.

Of course, a gas will go off unexpectedly, now and then, if the trigger be pulled by a person who "didn't know it was loaded."

But, that's no fault of the Ammunition—is it? Well, finally the Insurance Companies got after these 530 odd makes of "Acetylene Machines" that wouldn't Acetylate, and the Insurance Board made an investigation of all Generators that were submitted to them.

Then, out of the 600 odd "Machines" patented, only about 70 were "permitted" by the Insurance Board to be used.

Oh, what a howl was there! By "permitted" I mean that the Insurance Board was willing that any building should be insured, with-

out extra charge, which used any one of these 70 Acetylene Generators it had found safe, and effective, just as it permitted houses to be piped for City Gas, or wired for Electricity, under proper conditions.

Now, the Insurance Companies ought to know whether or not these 70 different makes of Acetylene Generators were absolutely safe to use.

Because, they have to pay the bills, if Fire or Explosion occurs, from any one of the Acetylene Generators they authorize.

And, here's a proof of their good judgment. Though there are now Two Million people using Acetylene Light in America, there have only been four Fires from it in one year, against 2866 Fires from Kerosene and Gasoline.

There have also been 4691 Fires from Electricity, 1707 Fires from City Gas, and 520 Fires from Candles. Besides these there have been 29 Fires from the Sun's rays. But—only four Fires from Acetylene.

That shows how careful the Insurance Board was in its examination of Acetylene Generators, and in "permitting" only the 70 makes that were above suspicion, out of the 600 experiments that were once on the market.

Well—the boom in Acetylene Lighting made lower prices possible on the material it is derived from, viz., Calcium Carbide, a material that looks like Granite but acts like Magic.

Today, Acetylene Light is a full third cheaper than Kerosene Light, or Gasoline Light, per Candle Power.

It is not more than half the price of Electric Light, nor three-fourths that of City Gas.

If I can't prove these statements to your full satisfaction my name is not "Acetylene Jones."

But Acetylene is more than the safest and cheapest Light of the year 1907.

It is also the Healthiest Light—the nearest to natural Sunlight in health-giving Blue and Violet rays, and because of this, with its freedom from flicker, it is the easiest of all Artificial Light on the Eyes.

It is so much like real Sunlight that it has made plants grow 24 hours per day in dark cellars where no ray of Sunlight could reach them. It made them grow twice as fast as similar plants that had only the Sunlight of daytime, viz., half the time.

That was proven by Cornell University in a three-months' experiment made this very year.

Now, I've saved up for the last a point more important to you than all the others about Acetylene Light.

It consumes only one-fourth as much of the vital Oxygen from the Air of Living rooms or bedrooms, as either Kerosene or City Gas-Light consumes.

That's a tremendous difference in a lifetime, mark you—three-fourths of a difference.

Because—Oxygen is Life.

And every bit of Oxygen stolen from the lungs of Women, Children and Men, through Lighting, is a loss that can never be made good again.

A 24 Candle-Power Acetylene Light costs you only two-fifths of a cent per hour.

That's about \$2.85 per year, if burned every night in the year for four steady hours.

A Kerosene Lamp of equal capacity would cost you a third more, viz., three-fifths of a cent per hour for Kerosene alone, or \$7.75 per year.

That's exclusive of broken lamp chimneys, new wicks, and the everlasting drudgery and danger of cleaning, filling and trimming daily.

I want to prove these figures to you, Reader, if you are a house-owner or storekeeper.

Tell me how many rooms you've got and I'll tell you what it will cost to light them with brilliant, beautiful, Sanitary, eye-saving Acetylene.

Write me today for my Free Book about "Sunlight on Tap."

Just address me here as— "Acetylene Jones," 8 Adams St., Chicago, Ills.

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Trying to be independent without capital is about as satisfactory as learning to be a prizefighter from a book.

Here is Relief for Women. Mother Gray, a nurse in New York, discovered a pleasant herb remedy for women's ills, called AUSTRALIAN-LEAF. It is the only certain monthly regulator. Cures female weakness, Backache, Kidney and Urinary troubles. At all Druggists or by mail 50c. Sample mailed FREE. Address, The Mother Gray Co., LeRoy, N. Y.

Don't kick a man when he's down. He may have a brick in his pocket!

I do not believe Piso's Cure for Consumption has an equal for coughs and colds.—JAMES F. BOYER, Trinity Springs, Ind., Feb. 15, 1900.

A mere matter of form has secured many a girl a theatrical engagement!

Don't you know that Defiance Starch besides being absolutely superior to any other, is put up 16 ounces in package and sells at same price as 12-ounce packages of other kinds?

The summer girl is the mosquito of the heart.

Mrs. Winslow's Sulfur Syrup. For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, brings out the teeth.

In this age of graft simplicity is the highest form of finesse.

Farmers and Merchants will be interested in announcement of "Acetylene Jones" in this paper.

The proof of the pudding is the manner in which the guests look at each other and say nothing.

PUTNAM FADELESS DYES

Color more goods brighter and faster colors than any other dye. One 10c package colors all fibers. They dye in cold water better than any dye. You can dye any garment without ripping apart. Write for free booklet—How to Dye, Bleach and Mix Colors. MONROE DRUG CO., Unionville, Missouri.



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The dancing man realizes that a bud in hand is worth two wall flowers.

Storekeepers and Hotelkeepers Should investigate acetylene gas. Write "Acetylene Jones" to-day.

Fashionable women acquire embonpoint, the others just get fat.

Taylor's Cherokee Remedy of Sweet Gum and Mullen is Nature's great remedy—Cures Coughs, Colds, Croup and Consumption, and all throat and lung troubles. At druggists, 30c., 50c. and \$1.00 per bottle.

Some men proceed to storm when they are unable to raise the wind.

It's Everywhere. The Huts of the poor, the Halls of the rich, Are neither exempt from some form of Itch;

Perhaps a distinction may be made in the name, But the rich and poor must scratch just the same.

O, why should the children of Adam endure An affliction so dreadful, when Hunt's Cure does cure? All forms of Itching.

It often appears that the less a man knows the longer it takes to tell it.

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