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An Unusual Service.

A very touching and impressive service was held on the afternoon of January 29th in the store building of Sherrill Bros. & Co. The building which has just been completed would be a credit to any town and it is unnecessary to say more regarding the large and flourishing business enterprise of which it is the scene. It has long been the cherished idea of this firm that their business as well as their lives should be dedicated to the God who gave both. For this purpose the pastors of the town were invited with their families; and a short informal program was rendered. The opening number was a paper by the

senior partner of the firm setting forth the purpose of the meeting and the reasons which prompted such an expression of faith in and gratitude to God. The speaker said in part: "We have a custom of dedicating our newly finished churches; every home, when the family altar is erected, is consecrated to God; we consecrate ourselves to him and why should we not consecrate our business enterprises to Him too . . . hence, it appears to us to be not only appropriate, but a duty, to claim this high privilege for ourselves, and we do now and here declare to you, and, through you to all others, that so long as the ownership and management of this house and this business are

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in the hands of the present members of the firm, so long shall Christ be the head of this firm and the controlling spirit in this business." Following this was an address by Bro. J. T. Nicholson in which he set forth the appropriateness of such an occasion and the wonderful results which would follow such a dedication of all christian business. Short but appropriate and impressive talks were made by Bros. Thomas and Meador, the closing prayer being offered by L. O. Cunningham.

At the close of the program refreshments were served by Mrs. R. E. Sherrill, after which those present enjoyed a good social chat.

On the whole it was very enjoyable. However, the most important and most pleasing feature of it all is to see a secular business publicly dedicated to the service of God. It is the outward expression of a pure, simple faith

and cannot fail of the blessing which God has promised to those who thus prove him.

We were furnished by Rev. L. O. Cunningham with a description of the dedicatory services held Wednesday afternoon by one of our leading business firms, Messrs. Sherrill Bros. & Co., in which their new building and business were dedicated to God, and which, owing to its rarity, we are pleased to publish. So rarely is this thing done, publicly at least—that this instance is almost unique and may be with some a subject of criticism, but not with those who really know the gentlemen composing this firm. And really, when we seriously ask ourselves why such dedication should be so rare or unusual, we find no satisfactory answer. But, when we ask why it should be done, many answers

suggest themselves, especially to those who believe in a personal God and an overruling Providence which shapes the affairs and destinies of men.

To the voters of Haskell county: Gentlemen—I have decided to become a candidate for the office of Tax Assessor. I believe that I am competent to attend to all the duties of that office and if you see proper to favor me with your votes and I am elected, I wish to say that it is my purpose to make the law and my oath of office my guide in all my official acts. I have a record of five years in Haskell county that you up

are at liberty to investigate. The whole balance of my 25 years was spent in Parker county, Texas, to which I am also proud to refer you, as I know you will find nothing in it detrimental to my character.

I hope to meet you one and all between this time and the Democratic primary, to which, being a Democrat, I submit my candidacy, and solicit your support. Respectfully,
L. D. MORGAN.

Mr. D. T. Aylor of the south side was doing business in the city Wednesday and among other things set his subscription date years in Haskell county that you up.

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MADE INTO STABLE

HUMBLE PURPOSE SERVED BY MAUSOLEUM OF TYRANT.

Curious Memorial of the Ruin Solano Lopez Brought on Paraguay—Country Being Brought Back Slowly to Prosperity.

A curious memorial of the tyrant Solano Lopez, who wasted and depopulated Paraguay between 1862 and 1870, stands in the city of Asuncion, the capital of the republic. It is the large and imposing mausoleum that he built for the ultimate housing of his body. But it was never used for that purpose. When Lopez was overtaken and killed as he was fleeing his enemies did not care to give him a decent burial.

Dr. Vallentin, the German geographer, who has just written a book on Paraguay, says that it puzzled the people to decide what to do with the mausoleum. It was finally turned into a stable and is still serving that humble but useful purpose. Grass is growing upon the lofty cupola and weeds protrude from every crevice in the walls. It is a monument to the ruin Lopez brought upon his country and himself.

Lopez has often been called the Nero of the nineteenth century, but some historians say that he was worse than Nero. Dr. Baez, the historian of Paraguay, says that the tyranny of Lopez was the most barbarous that history records. The only excuse ever made for him is that he was insane.

He was president of Paraguay and intended to make himself king. He provoked and waged a five years' war with the united countries of Brazil, Argentina and Uruguay. He had a crown made in Paris to be ready for the coronation just as soon as he could declare himself king of more than half of South America. His idea was to build up a great kingdom, not by developing its resources, but by founding a military despotism.

He became a despot wholly unrestrained by law. All his countrymen who opposed him were shot or imprisoned. He had his own mother and one of his sisters publicly flogged in the street. Another sister was kept a prisoner in chains.

Every boy and man who could carry a gun was impressed into the army, and as the end drew near he compelled many hundreds of women to fight in the ranks. The whole country was in ruins when a bullet ended his life. In 1861 Paraguay had a population of over 1,000,000. There were only about 200,000 human beings in the country in 1872. The land was nothing but a waste.

It had been completely stripped of cattle, horses, sheep and goats, not a plantation was in cultivation, and there was no money to buy seed, for Lopez, and the woman Lynch, whom he had brought with him from Paris the year before he became president, had shipped all the remaining gold and silver to England for a rainy day. Paraguay has recovered slowly from this experience. She now has a population of 500,000, immigrants are coming in growing numbers, and agriculture and commerce are advancing every year.

Cost of Mine Timbers.

The cost of every ton of anthracite is increased eight cents by the expense of the mine timbers. To supply these timbers, says the Vegetarian Magazine, requires each year the product of approximately 150,000 acres of forest.

Timber is used for cross ties for tram roads in the main haulage ways, as wooden rollers and as props. A set of gangway timber consists of two legs, commonly nine or ten feet long and about 13 inches in diameter, and a collar six or seven feet long. These sets are placed on an average at intervals of five feet; one gangway frequently contains 1,000 sets, and ten gangways to a colliery is not an unusual number.

The average life of the timber is hardly above two years. Forty-five per cent. of the timbers are destroyed by decay, while breakage, wear and insects destroy the remainder. By peeling the timbers and properly seasoning them and especially by giving them a treatment in oils or chemical salts, their length of service is materially increased.

Relics of a Great Composer.

Among life's largest ironies is the fate that often befalls the manuscript of a genius. Of no one is this truer than of Beethoven. When this greatest of composers was alive he was incessantly in financial difficulty. After his death all his manuscripts were sold at auction—over 200 of them there were—yet they brought hardly \$500. This would be at the rate of about two dollars and a half apiece. The other day the manuscript of his G major sonata for violin and piano, written in R 2, was sold by a man in Leipzig to a man in Florence for 42,500 marks, or \$10,300.

What the Little Workers Do.

The bee, humble worker as he is, yet last year paid the interest on the national debt of the United States, \$24,310,326, and had a surplus remaining of nearly \$700,000. This is almost as much as the \$28,000,000 which was the value of raw cane sugar produced in the country. Yet beside the farmyard chicken the bee sinks into insignificance. Poultry products this year are worth \$600,000,000, more than any crop in the country except corn.

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WHY, INDEED?



There was a young man of Slough, Who was singing "The Mistletoe Bough;" When his uncle said: "Fred, As the young lady is dead, Why on earth make this terrible row?"

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What Hubby Missed.

"I was telephoning the other night," said the girl, "and a voice crossed mine, a whispering voice. I couldn't help wondering what the game was. 'What are you whispering for?' I asked. 'Hush,' she said, still in the whisper. 'I'm trying to talk under my breath. I don't want my husband to hear.' Please get off the wire. Won't you?" "I got off the wire, but I couldn't sleep very well that night for wondering what it was she didn't want her husband to hear."

Second-Hand Goods.

"I don't think it is so nice to have a truthful child," said she. "Not so truthful a child as my neighbor has across the hall. The other morning I missed my paper that is left at my door. I knocked and asked her if she had seen it. She said no, but her small son, aged five, ran to the table and got it and brought it to me." "Here," he said, "mamma took it to read it, but you can have it. She is through with it now."

Object Lesson.

"Johnny," said Mrs. Blobs, severely, "I am going to punish you. Please open the windows." "What for?" asked Johnny, beginning to cry. "I heard our next door neighbor say I had no authority over my children, and I want her to hear you getting a spanking. Now, come here, sir!"

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In a few days he receives a copy of an ad and not over-courteous demand for money. It is said that twenty-two agriculturists were caught with this bait in Brown County and that one of them gave up \$320. Others declare hotly that they will not pay but they will make a fight in the courts.

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Commissioner Smith vs. The Standard Oil Co.

From the Railway World, January 3, 1908.

Mr. Herbert Knox Smith, whose zeal in the cause of economic reform has been in no wise abated by the panic which he and his kind did so much to bring on, is out with an answer to President Moffett, of the Standard Oil Company of Indiana. The publication of this answer, it is officially given out, was delayed several weeks, "for business reasons," because it was not deemed advisable to further excite the public mind, which was profoundly disturbed by the crisis. Now that the storm clouds have rolled by, however, the Commissioner rushes again into the fray.

Our readers remember that the chief points in the defence of the Standard Oil Company, as presented by President Moffett, were (1) that the date of six cents on oil from Whiting to East St. Louis has been issued to the Standard Oil Company as the lawful rate by employees of the Alton, (2) that the 18-cent rate on file with the Interstate Commerce Commission was a class and not a commodity rate, never being intended to apply to oil, (3) that oil was shipped in large quantities between Whiting and East St. Louis over the Chicago & Eastern Illinois at 6 1/2 cents per hundred pounds, which has been filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission as the lawful rate, and (4) that the 18-cent rate on oil was entirely out of proportion to lawful rates on other commodities between these points of a similar character, and of greater value, such, for example, as lincseed oil, the lawful rate on which was eight cents. President Moffett also stated that thousands of tons of freight had been sent by other shippers between these points under substantially the same conditions as governed the shipments of the Standard Oil Company.

This defence of the Standard Oil Company was widely quoted and has undoubtedly exerted a powerful influence upon the public mind. Naturally the Administration, which has staked the success of its campaign against the "trusts" upon the result of its attack upon this company, endeavors to offset this influence, and hence the new deliverance of Commissioner Smith.

We need hardly point out that his rebuttal argument is extremely weak, although as strong, no doubt, as the circumstances would warrant. He answers the points made by President Moffett substantially as follows: (1) The Standard Oil Company had a traffic department, and should have known that the six-cent rate had not been filed, (2) no answer, (3) the Chicago & Eastern Illinois rate was a secret rate because it read, not from Whiting, but from Dolton, which is described as "a village of about 1,500 population just outside of Chicago. Its only claim to note is that it has been for many years the point of origin for this and similar secret rates." The Commissioner admits in describing this rate that there was a note attached stating that the rate could also be used from Whiting.

The press has quite generally hailed this statement of the Commissioner of Corporations as a conclusive refutation of what is evidently recognized as the strongest rebuttal argument advanced by the Standard.

In fact, it is as weak and inconclusive as the remainder of his argument. The lines of the Chicago & Eastern Illinois do not run into

Chicago. They terminate at Dolton, from which point entrance is made over the Belt Line. Whiting, where the oil freight originates, is not on the lines of the Chicago & Eastern Illinois, which receives its Whiting freight from the Belt Line at Dolton. The former practice, now discontinued, in filing tariffs was to make them read from a point on the line of the filing road, and it was also general to state on the same sheet, that the tariff would apply to other points, e. g., Whiting. The Chicago & Eastern Illinois followed this practice in filing its rate from Dolton, and making a note on the sheet that it applied to Whiting. This was in 1895 when this method of filing tariffs was in common use.

Now let us see in what way the intending shipper of oil could be misled and deceived by the fact that the Chicago & Eastern Illinois had not filed a rate reading from Whiting. Commissioner Smith contends that "concealment is the only motive for such a circuitous arrangement," i. e., that this method of filing the rate was intended to mislead intending competitors of the Standard Oil Company. Suppose such a prospective oil refiner had applied to the Interstate Commerce Commission for the rate from Chicago to East St. Louis over the Chicago & Eastern Illinois, he would have been informed that the only rate filed with the commission by this company was 6 1/2 cents from Dolton, and he would have been further informed, if indeed he did not know this already, that this rate applied throughout Chicago territory. So that whether he wished to locate his plant at Whiting, or anywhere else about Chicago, under an arrangement of long standing, and which applies to all the industrial towns in the neighborhood of Chicago, he could have his freight delivered over the Belt Line to the Chicago & Eastern Illinois at Dolton and transported to East St. Louis at a rate of 6 1/2 cents. Where then is the concealment which the Commissioner of Corporations makes so much of? Any rate from Dolton on the Eastern Illinois or Chappell on the Alton, or Harvey on the Illinois Central, or Blue Island on the Rock Island, applies throughout Chicago territory to shipments from any other point in the district. So far from the Eastern Illinois filing its rate from Dolton in order to deceive the shipper, it is the Commissioner of Corporations who either betrays his gross ignorance of transportation customs in Chicago territory or relies on the public ignorance of these customs to deceive the public too apt to accept unquestioningly every statement made by a Government official as necessarily true, although, as in the present instance, a careful examination shows these statements to be false.

The final point made by President Moffett that other commodities of a character similar to oil were carried at much lower rates than 18 cents, the Commissioner of Corporations discusses only with the remark that "the reasonableness" of this rate is not in question. The question is whether this rate constituted a discrimination as against other shippers of oil, and he also makes much of the failure of President Moffett to produce before the grand jury evidence of the alleged illegal acts of which the Standard Oil official said that other

large shippers in the territory had been guilty. Considering the fact that these shippers included the packers and elevator men of Chicago the action of the grand jury in calling upon President Moffett to furnish evidence of their wrongdoing may be interpreted as a demand for an elaboration of the obvious; but the fact that a rate-book containing these freight rates for other shippers was offered in evidence during the trial and ruled out by Judge Landis, was kept out of sight. President Moffett would not, of course, accept the invitation of the grand jury although he might have been pardoned if he had referred them to various official investigations by the Interstate Commerce Commission and other departments of the Government.

We come back, therefore, to the conclusion of the whole matter, which is that the Standard Oil Company of Indiana was fined an amount equal to seven or eight times the value of its entire property, because its traffic department did not verify the statement of the Alton rate clerk, that the six-cent commodity rate on oil had been properly filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission. There is no evidence, and none was introduced at the trial, that any shipper of oil from Chicago territory had been interfered with by the 18-cent rate nor that the failure of the Alton to file its six-cent rate had resulted in any discrimination against any independent shipper.—we must take this on the word of the Commissioner of Corporations and of Judge Landis. Neither is it denied even by Mr. Smith that the "independent" shipper of oil, whom he pictures as being driven out of business by this discrimination of the Alton, could have shipped all the oil he desired to ship from Whiting via Dolton over the lines of the Chicago & Eastern Illinois to East St. Louis. In short, President Moffett's defence is still good, and we predict will be so declared by the higher court.

The Standard Oil Company has been charged with all manner of crimes and misdemeanors. Beginning with the famous Rice of Marietta, passing down to that apostle of popular liberties, Henry Demarest Lloyd, with his health Against the Commonwealth, descending by easy stages to Miss Tarbell's offensive personalities, we finally reach the nether depths of unfair and baseless misrepresentation in the report of the Commissioner of Corporations. The Standard has been charged with every form of commercial piracy and with most of the crimes on the corporation calendar. After long years of strenuous attack, under the leadership of the President of the United States, the corporation is at last dragged to the bar of justice to answer for its misdoings. The whole strength of the Government is directed against it, and at last, we are told, the Standard Oil Company is to pay the penalty of its crimes, and it is finally convicted of having failed to verify the statement of a rate clerk and is forthwith fined a prodigious sum, measured by the ear. Under the old criminal law, the theft of property worth more than a shilling was punishable by death. Under the interpretation of the Interstate Commerce law by Theodore Roosevelt and Judge Kenesaw Landis, a technical error of a traffic official is made the excuse for the confiscation of a vast amount of property.

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L. D. MORGAN.

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FROM THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE.

"Don't trifle with a cold, is good advice for prudent men and women. It may be vital in the case of a child. Proper food, good ventilation, and dry, warm clothing are the proper safeguards against colds. If they are maintained through the changeable weather of autumn, winter and spring chances of a surprise from ordinary colds will be slight. But the ordinary colds will become severe if neglected, and a well established rule is to the effect: The greatest menace to child life at this season of the year is the neglected cold. Whether it is a child or adult, the cold slight or severe, the very best treatment that can be adopted is to give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It is safe and sure. The great popularity and immense sale of this preparation has been attained by its remarkable cures of this ailment. A cold never results in pneumonia when it is given. For sale by Terrell Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, Favorite

A hardware drummer remarked to the FREE PRESS reporter the other day that he must have seen fully 200 bales of cotton lying in farm yards as he came down on the train from Munday. That means that there will be money and business in this country a little later on.

Mrs. R. E. Sherrill and Rev. and Mrs. L. O. Cunningham attended services at the Presbyterian church at Stamford last Sunday.

Mr. L. L. Falbot, druggist and jeweler, Dadd, Ill., is enthusiastic in his praise of Re-Glo Tonic Laxative Syrup for the cure of constipation, Biliousness, Indigestion and Dyspepsia. He says: "I have sold Re-Glo Tonic Laxative Syrup and have pleasure in recommending it to my customers, as it gives satisfaction in every case." 25c, 50c and \$1.00 bottle sold by Terrell's Drug Store.

Mr. Burwell Cox went out Monday to inspect a tract of land owned by him in the western part of the county and arrange for the erection of a tenant house and other improvements preparatory to putting the land in cultivation this year.

"Suggestive Therapeutics" is said to be the most advanced and speedy method for the permanent cure of all diseases. It is extremely doubtful if a more speedy and permanent cure for a bad Cough or Cold can be devised than taking a few doses of Hart's Honey and Horsebalm. If you have been disappointed and received no benefit from others try this remedy. 25c, 50c, and 1.00 bottle sold by Terrell Drug Store.

The old court house building, which was purchased some time since by Mr. W. H. Patterson, the hotel man, is being moved to the lots south of Mr. G. J. Graham's residence, where it will be fitted up by Mr. Patterson as a hotel.

A BAD COUGH

is not a disease, but a symptom of disease; a sign that disease is laying hold on the Bronchus, Pulmonary or Nervous Systems. It starts Hoarse and hoarse and is heavy when the Cough first appears, a few doses will effect a certain cure of the trouble which, if neglected may result in Pneumonia or other serious malady. Try Hart's Honey and Horsebalm. 25c, 50c and 1.00 bottle sold by Terrell Drug Store.

The bell ringers and Dunbar Quartett will be here Feb. 15, at the opera house. They are said to be the most expert bell ringers in existence, and with one hundred finely toned bells make exquisite music.

"We prefer Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to any other for our children," says Mr. E. J. Wooldory of Twining, Mich. "It has also done the work for us in hard cold and croup, and we take pleasure in recommending it." For sale by Terrell's Drug Store.

Mr. G. C. Osborne representing the Abilene Business College, came up yesterday and is presenting to our people the advantages of and soliciting pupils for that institution.

CHILD'S LIFE SAVED BY CHAMBERLAIN'S COUGH REMEDY.

Mrs. John Englehardt, of Gera, Mich. tells of the anxious moments spent over her little two-year-old daughter who had taken a hard cold resulting in croup. She says: "I am satisfied that if it had not been for Chamberlain's Cough Remedy she would have choked to death. I gave this medicine every ten minutes and she soon began to throw up the phlegm. I can recommend it in the highest term as I have another child that was cured in the same way." Sold by Terrell's Drug Store.

We want to list all REAL BARGAINS in the country, and are in position to place them before the buyers before they ever reach Haskell county, which will give us the "first shot." See us at our new office in the State Bank, West Texas Development Co.

FOR RHEUMATIC SUFFERERS.

The quick relief from pain afforded by applying Chamberlain's Pain Balm makes it a favorite with sufferers from rheumatism, sciatica, lame back, lumbago, and deep seated and muscular pains. For sale by Terrell's Drug Store.

BABY HANDS.

Will get mischief—often it means a burn or cut or scald. Apply Ballard's Snow Liniment just as soon as the accident happens, and the pain will be relieved while the wound will heal quickly and nicely. A sure cure for sprains, Rheumatism and all pains. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 a bottle Terrell's

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 Office Phone No. 111
 Dr. Seathery's Res. Phone No. 111

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 Office—Sherrill Building.
 Phone: Office No. 12
 Residence No. 111

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 Estimates and Sketches
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 OFFICE—over Collier's Drug Store.
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J. W. DENNINGTON,
 ARCHITECT, CONTRACTOR AND BUILDER
 Estimates and Sketches without charge. Office opposite postoffice.
 Phone No. 232. Residence phone 141.

Elmwood Camp No. 24.
L. V. SMITH, Con. Com.
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 Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays.
 Visiting sovereigns invited.

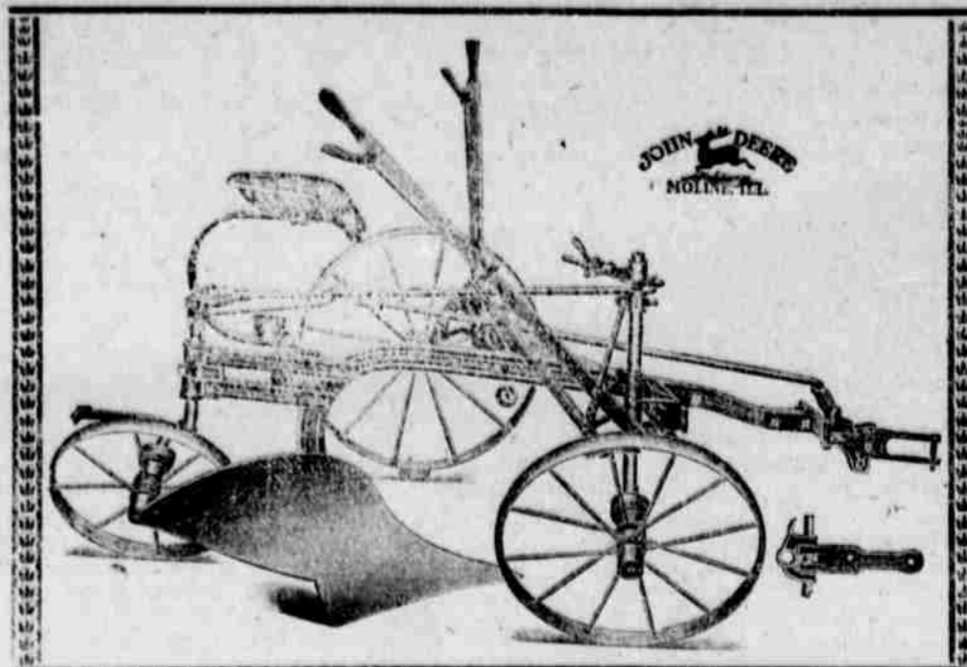
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T. B. RUSSELL, N. G.
D. M. WINS, V. G.
WALTER MEADORS, Sec'y.
 Lodge meets every Thursday night.

Family Groceries

We offer to the public a choice stock of fresh, pure groceries. Your patronage is solicited.

Irby & Stephens

JOHN DEERE IMPLEMENTS



The John Deere Farm Implements have proved to be well adapted to this country and have become very popular with the large number of farmers who have used them.

We are still handling a full line of these implements and desire at this time to call your attention to their **STAG SULKY**. This plow is of light draft, smooth running. It works automatically to the team, being also so adjusted to turn easily without the use of the levers to the right or left at the end of the rows. Investigate this plow before you buy.

The Deere Stalk Cutter is also an excellent implement, doing good work in either cotton or corn stubble. For anything in **WAGONS, BUGGIES OR FURNITURE** call on us. We carry the best lines.

CASON, COX & COMPANY



THE BEST

is alone good enough for our customers. We have been in this business for many years and have learned by experience many points in the coal trade which make it possible for us to serve you better, cheaper and more satisfactorily than any body else.

L. P. Davidson
 Grain & Coal Co.
 Phone 157.



Cover Your Fire Losses

With a policy in one of the firm insurance companies we represent. Why carry such a risk when we'll do it for you at very reasonable rates. We'll name the rate on any property at your slightest suggestion.

O. E. PATTERSON.

A SHAKING UP.

may all be very well so far as the trusts are concerned, but not when it comes to chills and fever and malaria. Quit the quinine and take a real cure, Ballard's Herbine. Contains no harmful drugs and is as certain as taxes. If it doesn't cure, you get your money back. Sold by Terrell Drug Store.

County Court.

Since our report last week the following cases have been disposed of in the county court:

The State vs P. J. Johnson, charged with unlawfully carry-

GIVING AWAY

A PIANO

We have made an arrangement by which we will give to some one of our customers during this year a \$325 Upright Grand Piano.

Each customer will be furnished with a card on which his or her purchases will be stamped and the one having cards showing the largest amount of purchases, on next Christmas day, will get the piano absolutely free of cost, for the reason that all goods will be sold at the same price as if the piano proposition did not exist. We simply do this expecting to make back the cost of the piano on the increased volume of business it will bring us.

We have many things in our stock that you need from time to time.

Get in the race and win this piano. Get your friends to trade with us and get the benefit of their purchases. Call at the store and get full particulars.

The Racket Store

W. H. WYMAN & CO. Props.

POSTOFFICE MARKET

FRED FAUTH, Prop.

Carry a full line of fresh meats, sausage, Etc.

A Share of Your Patronage Is Solicited.

ing a pistol. Verdict of guilty and punishment assessed at \$50 fine and six months in county jail.

The State vs Eugene Hall, charged with selling whiskey in local option territory. The case was submitted without a jury and the judge assessed a fine of \$60 and thirty days in the county jail.

The State vs P. J. Johnson, charged with selling whiskey in local option territory. Jury trial and verdict of guilty and assessing a fine of \$50 and forty

days in the county jail. The State vs W. L. Wingo, charged with selling whiskey in local option territory. Submitted to jury, which returned a verdict of not guilty under instruction from the judge. The court adjourned sine die on last Saturday.

Keister & Griffin have just received another car of Light Crust flour. It's the best flour on the market and is sold exclusively by Keister & Griffin. Phone No. 69 for a fresh sack of it.

HASKELL FREE PRESS

SATURDAY MORNING, FEB. 1, '08

To Rural Delivery Patrons.

Postmaster Baker desires to call attention to the practice of some patrons of rural delivery of placing loose coins in their boxes each time they desire to dispatch letters instead of supplying themselves with postage in advance of their needs.

This practice imposes undue hardship on rural carriers in removing loose coins from boxes and delays them in the service of their routes.

The postmaster, therefore, urgently requests that patrons of rural delivery provide themselves and keep on hand a supply of stamps consistent with and in advance of their needs. It is also very desirable that rural patrons place in their mail boxes small detachable cups of wood or tin in which to place coins, when necessary, in purchasing supplies of stamps.

Messrs. J. F. Bolander and Jas. Partridge, two of the substantial farmers of the Munday country, were in Haskell last Saturday. They give a good report of conditions in that section. Mr. Bolander has for a number of years been one of the largest and most successful wheat growers in this part of the state. He told us, however, that his wheat crop was short this year as he only succeeded last fall in getting 150 acres sown, which like other wheat in that locality is now very promising. While here Mr. Bolander renewed his subscription, remarking that he had been taking the FREE PRESS about twenty years and couldn't part company with it now, a sentiment which we heartily appreciated.

For Public Weigher.

Mr. P. J. Pollard whose announcement for public weigher of precinct No. 1 appears this week, is a farmer residing near Rale. Mr. Pollard moved to this county from Bell county about three years ago and while we have but slight acquaintance with him we can state that friends who knew him for years in Bell county speak highly of his honesty and good standing as a citizen and as being a man of affable and social disposition. The voters will no doubt give Mr. Pollard's claims on their support due investigation and consideration.

Mr. L. D. Morgan's name will be found in our announcement column this week as a candidate for assessor of taxes. Mr. Morgan has been a citizen of Haskell for several years and has always conducted himself as a gentleman and a man of good moral character should. As to his qualifications, etc., we refer the reader to a statement in this issue over Mr. Morgan's own signature, and suggest that the voters give his claims due consideration.

On Tuesday a young man came to Haskell and procured a marriage license and taking Squire Lamkin in tow, they proceeded to a point about one and a half miles east of town where Mr. E. A. Thomas and Miss Cora Bishop were found awaiting them in a buggy and at their request Justice Lamkin proceeded to tie them hard and fast in the bonds of matrimony. It sounds like a case of dodging the old folks, but Mr. Lamkin said he asked no questions and wasn't wise on that point.

Valentines—A lot of pretty ones at the Racket Store.

Fine White Plymouth Rock roosters for sale or to trade for hens or eggs. Inquire at the FREE PRESS office.

MARRIAGES.

Marriage license were returned to the county clerk's office this week indicating that the marriages of the following persons had been duly consummated on the dates mentioned:

Wm. Parkman and Miss Sallie Lee on Jan. 16th.

Ollie B. Sturdwant and Miss Alice Smith on Jan. 17th.

O. L. Loftin and Miss Annie Perry, Jan. 19th.

S. E. Youngblood and Miss Maggie Henderson, Jan. 22nd.

R. L. Mitchell and Miss Josie Boswell, Jan. 22nd.

J. E. Clark and Miss Margaret Hearo, Jan. 26th.

M. L. Little and Miss Jennie Garnier, Jan. 26th.

E. A. Thomas, Jr. and Miss Dora Bishop, Jan. 28th.

M. J. Gregory and Miss Bessie Mitchell, Jan. 28th.

To all these the FREE PRESS extends its best wishes with the hope that they may find life's journey strewn with prosperity and happiness.

When you sell your land here and want to go "out West" be sure to call on us before you leave, and let us tell you about our great bargains in our famous "Cabra Springs Ranch" in New Mexico, where we can sell you as fine land as ever a crow flew over, at \$10.00 to \$15.00 per acre on good terms and low interest. Ask for printed matter describing it. West Texas Development Co. 5-tf State Bank, Haskell, Tex.

The Bertwin Business College recently established at Stamford furnishes the most convenient means and opportunity for the young people of this immediate section to attend such an institution and secure a modern business education. We are informed that it has a thorough equipment and a corps of teachers up-to-date in all the details of modern commercial business.

Dissolution Notice.

Notice is hereby given to whom it may concern that the firm of W. W. Fields & Bro., composed of W. W. Fields and R. B. Fields, and doing business in Haskell, Texas, has been dissolved by mutual consent, R. B. Fields retiring from the firm. The business will be continued by W. W. Fields and J. U. Fields under the firm name of W. W. Fields & Son. The new firm assumes the liabilities of the old firm and all accounts, notes, etc., due the old firm become the property of and are payable to the new firm. Haskell, Texas, Jan. 25, 1908. W. W. Fields, R. B. Fields and J. U. Fields.

NOTICE.

G. C. Osborn, who is traveling in the interest of Abilene Business College, Abilene, Texas, will be in Haskell on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Jan. 30, 31 and Feb. 1. All young persons interested in securing a practical business education should see him while he is here.

Say, Mr., if you want to sell your land or city property, and will make the figures RIGHT, we have the buyers ready to do business. Remember that the prices must be close for a quick sale now. West Texas Development Co. Office in State Bank, Haskell, Texas. 5-tf

Seed Oats.

I have good seed oats for sale at 65 cents a bushel. Clear of Johnson grass seed. JOE HESTER, three miles east of Rochester. 4-4tp

When you want lumber, shingles, etc., see guest & Abbott.

Our abstract books are complete and up-to-date. Get your abstracts from Sanders & Wilson. (67)

See S. G. Dean, Manager of

Progressive Lumber Co.

West of Haskell National Bank.

We have five million feet of lumber and no money. You need the lumber and we need the money.

..CALL AND SEE US AT ONCE..

JAKE'S POOL HALL

If you want to spend a few moments pleasantly, call at the

Red Front Pool Hall

East Side of Square

CENTRAL MEAT MARKET



All kinds of fresh

BEEF,
PORK,
SAUSAGE
AND
LARD

We pay the highest prices for

FAT
CATTLE
AND HOGS

J. S. BOONE & SON.

Do not fail to see our up-to-date line of woollens before ordering your clothes for Spring and Summer. We guarantee to fit you. Haskell Tailoring Co.

If you are going to buy lumber or anything in that line soon, it will no doubt be money in your pocket to call around and let Guest & Abbott figure on your bill.

I make abstracts, examine titles, write contracts, do collecting, etc. See me, Clyde F. Elkins, office over Collier-Andruss drug store.

WANTED at once \$50,000 in vendors' lien notes. Thomason & Thomason.

Guest & Abbott have as good a stock of lumber, shingles, doors, sash, etc., as any in the city, and their prices are as low as is consistent with sound business.

S. G. Dean, manager of the Progressive Lumber Co. west of Haskell National Bank, will trade lumber for cotton, or advance lumber on cotton warehouse receipts. 47ft

"OUT OF THE FOLD," which will be presented here next Monday night at the opera house for the first time, had a successful run of over three hundred nights in New York.

LOST.—In Haskell on Christmas night, a lady's gold watch and fob, size 0. Lost at the skating rink, or between the rink and Dr. Gebhard's residence. Finder please return to Miss Adeline Haswell and get a reward.

BUCKNER ORPHANS' HOME

Students Compile and Print Report for Year 1907.

In a neat folio compiled and printed at the Home and by the students there, the full report

for 1907 has just been issued from the Buckner Orphans' Home. This institution is situated seven miles northeast of Dalcity. It has accommodation for more than the 600 children cared for this season. It has work that calls for an outlay of more than \$120 a day.

The report shows that Dr. R. C. Buckner, the present head of the home, began his efforts on Dec. 7, 1876. The first public meeting was a deacons' convention at Paris, where he had been pastor for seventeen years. It was held July 17, 1877. The first charter to the home was granted on April 10, 1879. It was approved at a meeting in the First Baptist Church in McKinney at that time. The present site of forty-four acres was bought of Elder J. T. Pinson, Sept. 25, 1880. The first building was erected in the spring of 1881. The site cost \$500. The ground and the building and the work have steadily enlarged under the constant management of Dr. Buckner until more than 600 children are cared for and the annual expenditure reaches about \$70,000. As far as possible the cottage system is followed in the care of the children so as to give them the effect of home in its surroundings and seclusions and in the greater immunity from any possible contagion. The several buildings used have a floor space of more than 110,000 square feet. All of the care of it is given by the children and their instructors. Besides the main building, there are special working places, a home for aged women, a special nursery building for the younger children, a children's hospital, and ample places for school training and for religious exercise.

"Better Be Safe than Sorry." Therefore insure your home with Sanders & Wilson & McPherson. 3-tf

MAIL ORDER EVIL

ITS RISE IS NOT THE RESULT OF LEGITIMATE DEMAND.

DUE ENTIRELY TO GREED

And It Feeds Upon the Prosperity of the Country Towns—A Menace to the Nation.

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As the years go by we are more than ever brought face to face with the vital question of trading at home. During the past decade the habit of buying goods abroad has grown to such proportions that the country merchant may well feel alarmed at the probable outcome unless something is done to forestall the great calamity which will surely result therefrom.

Trade conditions 25 years ago were satisfactory. At that time catalogue houses were entirely unknown and country merchants were "monarchs of all they surveyed," so to speak, in the lines represented, and the people were prosperous and happy. Perhaps not so much because they generally had money enough to meet their wants, but because of the contentment that prevailed throughout the country at that time. The farmers raised good crops, generally, and received good prices for what they had to sell. They sold their surplus stuff to the local merchant and bought what they wanted; and this was the height of their ambition, hence the contentment that prevailed.

But in after years, when cities grew and trade expanded, the merchants of these cities not being content with conditions of trade, devised plans by which they might reach out for more business. Advertising in the newspapers being a cheap way of putting the merits of their goods before the people, this plan appealed to them and it was adopted. At first they operated on a small scale; then, as the merchant saw the opportunity for making it pay, he added to his advertising fund. And so it has continued until to-day millions of dollars are annually sent to mail order houses by the people of the United States.

The best and most effective way to throttle the catalogue house has been a question uppermost in the minds of country merchants for several years past; some advocating one plan and some another. There are several plans which might be presented to induce the farmer to buy at home. In the first place his pride might be appealed to. There are very few farmers who own their own farms but that would be interested in building up his own locality. He realizes the fact that if his farm is to be valuable it must be farmed in the most scientific manner and all buildings, fences, etc., must be kept up in the best possible shape, and above all the farm must be located not too far from some good town, for we all know that farm land brings a much better price when near to some good town or village. It is not hard to get the farmer to realize this, for if he ever sold any farm land or tried to sell any, he knows this to be a fact. Well, then, after he has realized this fact, the thing for him to do is to patronize his home merchants and business men, so they may be able to build and maintain a good town.

Public schools are much better in the towns than in the country for the reason that where the population is most dense, there is more taxable property to the amount of territory covered, hence there is more money collected for school purposes, and as a result more and better teachers are employed. All this is of the highest importance to the farmer, as most farmers who are of any importance in their profession are interested in giving their boys and girls a good education. And right here is where the catalogue house comes in with its great force. He knows he can send his children to the village school at a great deal less expense than to send them away to college, and that the most cases better results are obtained.

If the farmer seriously desires all these good things he must of necessity help to build them. Let him understand that he is one of the main spokes in the great wheel of commerce in his vicinity and that he can afford to send abroad to purchase even the smallest item of merchandise, though it may seem to him that he is saving a few cents by doing so. It seems that it could be easily pointed out to him that if there was no town near him and he had to drive 20 or 30 miles to take his produce to market and haul his groceries the same distance home, he could easily see that his land would greatly depreciate in value and the disadvantages he would encounter on every hand would be very disastrous to his time and he would gladly spend his money at home to divert this calamity.

One of the most potent levers with which to control trade in country localities is the liberal use of printers' ink, coupled with intelligence in advertising the wares of the merchant. The catalogue houses employ the best talent obtainable to write their advertisements and spend large sums of money in this way. Besides advertising judiciously they advertise on a large scale and consequently get the business. The old saying that "You must fight the devil with fire" will apply in this case. The home merchant must advertise. He must do more than say: "Come to Smith's to trade, cheapest place on earth." He must describe his merchandise as he would

in private conversation over the counter to a customer, and then quote that price. This will nearly always act as a clincher and will at least put him on a standing with the catalogue house. In fact it will give him an advantage over the catalogue house, for in almost every case he can sell the same grade of merchandise cheaper than the catalogue house can sell it. This is not mere theory but a statement of fact, for the reason that the country merchant's business is operated at a very much less expense than that of the mail order merchant. There are a thousand and one items of expense which the city merchant has to meet that are entirely unknown to the country merchant.

The time is rapidly approaching when people who patronize mail order houses will be looked upon as "soothers" by the solid and influential citizens of all commonwealths and will suffer ostracism at their hands.

Cities and towns are built by combined efforts of the residents thereof; not by foreign capital. So too are our churches and schoolhouses built. It may be true that in many instances eastern capital has been employed to make improvements in the west, but always with good round interest to the lender of the money. No one ever heard of a case where an eastern man or firm contributed to western enterprise for the fun of the thing. Nor did you ever hear of a case where any mail order or catalogue house ever contributed to any church building fund. Nor yet did they ever build or help to build any of our schoolhouses. You never heard of a case of this kind and you never will. All these eastern sharks care for is your dollar, and you know it, and when they have gotten that they have no more use for you. Then why should you patronize them? You can go to your home merchant any day in the year and if you are short of change, he will extend you credit. If you are sick and unable to work the home merchant will see that your family is provisioned until you get on your feet again. He will do all of this and at the same time furnish the same grade of goods at the same or even at a less price! Will the catalogue merchant do this?

We hear that the Bertwin Business College of Stamford, Texas, is growing rapidly, having enrolled quite a number of new students recently, and more entering daily. From indications this school is destined to be pre-eminent in this country as a school for practical education, and it should have the hearty support of the people of West Texas. Every young man and young woman in West Texas, who can possibly do so, should secure a practical business education in Bertwin's Business College of Stamford, Texas. It is a worthy institution and deserves your encouragement.

Mr. J. J. Sharp of Wild Horse prairie was in the city Friday. He is holding eight bales of cotton in the union ware house at this place.

There are still quite a number of our subscribers who are more than one year in arrears on our subscription books. Under recent rulings of the postal authorities, we will have to discontinue the Free Press to such subscribers unless they pay up and renew before April 1st. We hope no one will overlook this matter and thus force us to drop their names from the list.

Information for Homeseekers.

For the purpose of furnishing reliable information in regard to the productions, resources, school and church facilities, social conditions, etc., of this portion of the state and also to give any desired information to persons seeking locations for any industrial or manufacturing enterprise, the towns throughout a group of counties—in which Haskell county is included—have organized the Central West Texas Association of Commercial Clubs with officers and agents whose business it is to gather and furnish such authentic information.

A letter of inquiry addressed to the secretary or any of the officers, or a member of the executive committee will receive prompt attention.

Their names and addresses follow:

Officers:
Pres. T. E. Powell, Baird, Tex.
Vice-Pres. Jas. Stinson, Anson, Texas.
Treas. R. B. Wofford, Hamlin, Texas.
Sec. O. P. Thomas, Abilene, Texas.

Local and Personal

List your land with me if you want it sold. J. J. Stein.

G. C. McCullough of the east side was in town Wednesday.

If you want your lots or land sold list them with J. J. Stein.

Hear the bell ringers Saturday night, Feb. 15th.

Ladies, call on Mrs. Minnie Pritchett for nice sewing. 3-4t

Mr. J. W. Allen of Rule was in the city Thursday.

We've tried Mr. Miller's yellow yam potatoes and they are O. K.

Mr. Walter Smith was in the county capital Thursday.

Strayed: A black gilt. If you have seen her, notify K. Collier.

Rev. I. N. Alvis of the Pinkerton community was in the city Friday.

We are pioneer tailors of Haskell. Haskell Tailoring Co.

If you want to sell your land quick list it with J. J. Stein, the hustler.

Mr. J. R. Johnson of the west side was doing business in town Wednesday.

See H. W. Gebhard for bargains in farm land and city property. 2tf

The best line of buggy whips, lap robes and horse blankets at Ever's shop, Haskell.

The Herald has moved into new and more commodious quarters, fitted up for it in the McNeil & Smit warehouse.

Don't wait, but be among the first to purchase the latest patterns in shirtwaist embroideries. Alexander Mercantile Co.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Haley of the east side were in shopping Wednesday.

We can frame your pictures in an up-to-date style at McNeill & Smith Hardware Co.

Mr. T. C. Williams of the north side was doing business in town Thursday.

Baggage transferred to all parts of the city, ring No. 114 for Rupe & Pearsey.

Mr. West Hisey has sold his farm on Paint creek to Mr. S. T. Mous of Mart, Texas.

Suits bought of us are guaranteed. See our line of samples. Haskell Tailoring Company.

Mr. T. J. Head of the Rochester neighborhood was on our streets Wednesday.

See our complete line of embroidery with flouncing to match. Alexander Mercantile Co.

Mr. R. M. Pockrus of Knox City was shaking hands with his Haskell friends Wednesday.

If you want to look neat have Thos. Sowell press your clothes. Haskell Tailoring Co. 4tf

Master Andy Cox of Arkansas is here on a visit to his uncle, Mr. Burwell Cox.

We take special pains in cleaning and pressing ladies coats and skirts. Haskell Tailoring Co.

Mr. I. N. Furrh was in the other day and renewed for the FREE PRESS.

For the very best red oil that can be had, phone Irby & Stephens—20 cents per gallon. 4-2t

Mr. A. Mayfield of the northwestern part of the county was doing business in the city Monday.

We are now showing the most complete line of embroideries and laces ever brought to Haskell. Alexander Mercantile Co.

Mr. D. W. Fields of Marcy was in the city Monday and the FREE PRESS supplied him with some notarial and other blanks.

Anyone wanting bulbs or greenhouse flowers of any kind, see J. C. Brewer, or phone No. 103. 3-4t

Second-hand stoves wanted. Phone No. 135.

Messrs. Jno. E. Robertson and H. Weinert, business men of Weinert, visited Haskell yesterday.

When you buy coal at L. P. Davidson Grain & Coal Co. they make you a present of a nice fire poker.

Messrs. A. D. Tonn, Joe Smith, R. C. Caudle and Park Caudle, prominent Sagertonites, were in the city Tuesday.

Ladies, have your coats and skirts cleaned and pressed by Thos. Sowell (Haskell Tailoring Company.)

A car load of canned yellow yam sweet potatoes and ribbon cane syrup just received by G. J. Miller.

Miss Iva Bray of the Paint creek community spent Saturday and Sunday in town with Miss Allah Hester.

We now have a full line of 1908 patterns of wall paper. All new designs.

McNeill & Smith Hardware Co. Ring Number 10 when you need a first class job in cleaning and pressing. Haskell Tailoring Company.

Mrs. H. S. Post and Mrs. W. W. Murphy have returned from a visit to their old homes in Louisiana.

At Ever's harness shop you will find the largest assortment of saddles and harness ever carried in Haskell.

Mr. R. M. Strain of the Rule community was in the city Thursday and in speaking of farming operations said that he had 75 acres prepared for oats.

All plow gear from a hame-strap to the best collar can be had at reasonable prices of Evers, the saddler at Haskell.

Our abstract books are complete and up-to-date. Get your abstracts from (tf) Sanders & Wilson.

Mr. J. A. Price of the northeast part of the county was in the city Monday. He told our reporter that the farmers in his section had their work advanced toward readiness for planting time.

We can accommodate two boarders either with meals or rooms, or both. 4-2t Mrs. A. H. Norris.

We base our claims for your cleaning and pressing work on merit of the work turned out. See us for anything along this line. Haskell Tailoring Co.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Lemons of the southeast part of the county were doing some trading in town yesterday.

Call at J.G. Miller's grain store and get a case of East Texas yellow yam potatoes and a gallon of country kettle pure ribbon cane syrup.

Guest & Abbott are receiving new building material regularly and you ought to consult your inteeast by seeing them before you buy.

Mr. J. T. Therwhanger of the north side was in town Wednesday and reported that wheat and oats in his section are doing finely. He also said that the farmers generally had their work pretty well advanced for the time of year.

Telephone Number 10 reaches the most up-to-date Tailor Shop in Haskell. Try us. We cater to the particular kind. 4tf Haskell Tailoring Co.

Special attention paid to rendering and paying taxes for non-residents and to rentals. J. J. Stein, Real Estate Agent, Haskell, Texas.

J. J. Stein will sell your land if you put it in his hands.

Our line of paints and wall paper is a complete one of the best assorted stock in West Texas. We can handle your business in these lines to any extent. McNeill & Smith Hardware Co.

Mr. O A Williams brought in Thursday faom his father's, Mr. T A Williams, farm a few miles north of town, 55 bushels of wheat, which he sold on the local market. This wheat was of the crop of 1906 and was a fine sample. Mr. Williams is still holding his 1907 crop.

WORN OUT

That's the way you feel about the lungs when you have a hacking cough. It's foolishness to let it go on and trust to luck to get over it, when Ballard's Horebound Syrup will stop the cough and heal the lungs. Price 25c, and 50 and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by Terrell Drug Store.

Call at the office of the City Realty Co., over Collier-Andruss drug store, and let us revise your list of lands with us—if any change is to be made. If you have not yet listed your property with us give us your prices and we will do our best to locate a buyer at once, giving you our best service. A. H. Norris, Mgr.

Bell Ringers.

Next in the series of lyceum entertainments is the Dunbar Company, male quartette and bell ringers. From numerous press comments and other sources we feel justified in predicting that this company will give us an entertainment out of the ordinary and well worth attending.

ARRESTED

a cough that has been hanging on for over two months by taking Ballard's Horebound Syrup. If you have a cough don't wait—stop it at once with this wonderful remedy. Splendid for coughs, cold on chest, influenza, bronchitis, pulmonary troubles. Price 25c, 50 and \$1.00 Sold by Terrell Drug Store.

Dr. P H Chilton left Tuesday for Corpus Christi, where he will make his home. Dr. Chilton has the reputation of being a fine operating surgeon. Dr. Chilton had made many friends in Haskell who, with the Free Press, regret that he sought other fields for his usefulness. He will keep in touch with Haskell through the Free Press, which he ordered sent to his address.

THE JUMPING OFF PLACE.

"Consumption had me in its grasp; and I had almost reached the jumping off place when I was advised to try Dr. King's New Discovery; and I want to say right now, it saved my life. Improvement began with the first bottle and after taking one dozen bottles I was a well and happy man again," says George Moore, of Grimesland, N.C. As a remedy for cough and colds and healer of weak, sore lungs and for preventing pneumonia New Discovery is supreme. 50 and \$1.00 at Terrell's Drug Store. Trial bottle free.

Mrs. W. W. Fields has a fine bed of violets now in full bloom and in fact we are informed that they have been blooming all winter. The violet is one of the sweetest of flowers, yet one of the most modest and has always furnished inspiration for the poets.

NEIGHBORHOOD FAVORITE.

Mrs. C.E. Charles, of Harbor Maine, speaking of Electric Bitters says "It is a neighborhood favorite here with us." It deserves to be a favorite every where. It gives quick relief in dyspepsia liver complaint, kidney derangement malnutrition, nervousness, weak and general debility. Its action on the blood as a thorough purifier makes it especially useful as a spring medicine. This grand alternative tonic is sold under guarantee Terrell Drug Store. 50c.

The Haskell Light and Ice Co. has received part of its machinery for the ice plant, which they propose to have in full operation in good time to supply the demand for ice the coming season.

Mr. A B Carothers of Rochester was in the Capitol city Thursday.

A BIG SUCCESS IN SPITE OF THE FINANCIAL PANIC

THE BIGGEST BUSINESS IN THE HISTORY OF THE INSTITUTION

During the month just passed, the Tyler Commercial College of Tyler, Texas, enjoyed the largest enrollment for any one month since the school was established, and their heavy correspondence indicates that this month will also be a recordbreaker. This big success, with such a financial crisis as this country is just passing over, is conclusive evidence of two things. First, that the Tyler Commercial College is giving the most thorough and practical education possible, one that fully meets the demands of the business world. Second, it proves that the better thinking people were made to realize by the panic, that there was no better way of investing their earnings than in a practical commercial education. May this institution continue to prosper. It is doing a great good for our young people. Parents interested in placing their sons and daughters in a commercial college where they will receive valuable moral training as well as a thorough and practical business training, would do well to investigate this school. A business training without the proper moral training as a foundation is a failure.

SUFFERING & MONEY SAVED

E.S. Loper, of Marilla, N.Y., says: "I am a carpenter and have had many severe cuts healed by Bucklen's Arnica Salve. It has saved me sufferings and dollars. It is by far the best healing sales, ulcers, fever sores, eczema and piles. 25c at Terrell Drug Store.

When in need of lumber of any kind see guest & Abbott. Their stock is new and in first-class shape and they will interest you in the matter of prices.

KEEPING OPEN HOUSE.

Everybody is welcome when we feel good; and we feel that was only when our digestive organs are working properly. Dr. King's New Life Pills regulate the action of stomach, liver and bowels so perfectly one can't help feeling good when he uses these pills. 25c at Terrell's Drug Store.

PROGRAM.

Central West Texas Association of Commercial Clubs, to be held at Merkel, Texas, February 18th, 1908.

Opening session at 9:30 a. m. Address of welcome by W. W. Wheeler, Mayor.

Response, R. H. McCarthy, Albany.

"The Importance of Demonstration Farming in Texas"—Dewitt McMurray, Dallas; Hon. R. R. Miller, Commissioner of Agriculture, Austin.

"The Relation of the Commercial Club to the Agricultural Population"—Judge Jas. P. Stinson, Anson; Judge E. N. Kirby, Abilene.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Called to order at 1:30 p. m.

"The duty of Texas to public carriers and their obligation to the public"—Judge H. C. Hord, Sweetwater; Judge W. T. Andrews, Stamford.

Question box conducted by O. P. Thomas, Secretary of the central West Texas Commercial Clubs, and Homer D. Wade, Stamford, Secretary Stamford Commercial Club.

(All questions to be submitted by the noon recess.)

"The Press, and Its Relation to Central West Texas"—Louis J. Wortham, Fort Worth; Hon. Clarence Ousley, Fort Worth.

Business Session.

The Dunbar Quartett and Bell Ringers are said to be unexcelled in their line. They will give an entertainment in Haskell on the night of Feb. 15th.

Mr. M. A. Clifton tells us that he was out over the county some last week and that from his observations he believed farm work was a month ahead of what it usually is in this county at this time of the year. As Mr. Clifton is an experienced farmer he ought to be able to form a pretty accurate judgment on a matter of this kind.

Mr. Wm. Collins of Knox county was in Haskell Friday. We learned that he had ten bales of cotton stored in the Farmers' Union warehouse at this place, holding for a better price.

City Meat Market...

maintains its reputation for furnishing the tenderest and juiciest

Roast & Barbecued

meats. These ready cooked meats are a great help to the ladies—especially is preparing Sunday dinner.

The beeves we slaughter are selected with a view to getting the fattest and tenderest.

We solicit your patronage.

Joiner & Whitacre

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We have the best JOB OFFICE -in- West Texas.

Rock Island Plows.

Now is the time when Breaking plows are in use, and if you are not acquainted with the superior merits of the

Rock Island Turning Plows

we would be pleased to have you investigate them fully.

We are carrying a full line of the Rock Island implements which are now more widely used in many sections of the country than any other.

ROCK ISLAND BUGGIES AND HACKS AND STOUGHTON WAGONS

We sell these strictly on their merits, and they are giving excellent satisfaction to our customers.

We have on hand a few

SECOND HAND WAGONS AND BUGGIES

which we will sell or trade on very favorable terms.

BLACKSMITHING

We have a fully equipped blacksmith and repair shop in connection with our business with a competent workman in charge, and we guarantee satisfaction.

Call and look through our line before you buy. We can interest you in goods and prices.

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HASKELL, - - - TEXAS

Col. M. W. Mann, an old-time resident of Dallas and prominent Grand Army veteran, died in that city last Sunday.

Col. Luke W. Finley, a well known lawyer and Confederate soldier, died in Memphis, Tenn., Sunday night, aged 75 years.

Two suicides, an accidental asphyxiation and an unsuccessful attempt at self-destruction occurred in Washington Friday.

Bob Smith, charged with the murder of Alex Brown, both negroes, was found guilty in the Dallas court, and sentenced to hang.

As a result of a runaway Dr. J. H. Curby, one of the leading physicians of Maypearl is confined to his room. He will probably recover.

Andrew Carnegie has announced that he would give \$200,000 to Berea College, at Berea, Ky., subject to the condition that the college raise a like amount.

The gunboat Paducah, ordered to Haiti on account of the revolutionary conditions on that island, sailed from New Orleans Saturday. The Paducah will first go to Cuba.

The Missouri, Kansas and Texas Development Company of Dallas has filed an amendment to its charter, changing its name to the Union Central Construction Company.

J. V. Smith who was for many years one of the best known saloon men in Waco, who was a Confederate veteran and wounded badly once or twice, died last week, aged seventy years.

A one-story frame building, a part of the Catholic Orphanage equipment in Oak Cliff, Dallas, burned Saturday morning, and it was with great difficulty that the main building was saved.

Joseph C. Bloch, senior member of the whiskey brokerage firm of Bloch Brothers, Louisville, Ky., shot and killed himself in his office. His friends say he had nervous prostration for some time.

The geology of the Llano country is to be made the subject of exhaustive study by the Geological Survey. Chief Hayes has promised that a large field party will be sent into Llano and Burnet Counties early in the spring.

The shipbuilding summary for the year 1907 compiled by the Shipping World shows the United States ranked second for the year in the total tonnage of ships constructed, only England having outstripped this country.

The Titus County Farmers' Union met Saturday at the court house here and resolved to hold their cotton until they received a minimum price of 15 cents per pound. There are now between 1000 and 1500 bales of cotton stored in the Farmers' Union warehouse.

A mail pouch containing 500 letters, deposited for delivery to a north-bound Kansas City Southern train, was stolen from the depot in Texarkana. Later the rifled pouch and looted letters were found in an empty baggage car in the Texas and Pacific coach sheds.

Five hundred pounds of dynamite in a box car at the mining town of Hocking, two miles from Alba, Iowa, exploded during a fire which started in the company's store Sunday and five men were injured and \$60,000 worth of property destroyed.

While coasting at Bridgeport, Ohio, Saturday night a sled containing a dozen young men crashed into a telephone pole, instantly killing George Matheny of Bridgeport and badly injuring three others.

J. H. Truett, ex-County Attorney of Grayson County, died at his home in Whitewright Saturday. He is survived by a wife and three small children. He was a brother of Rev. Geo. W. Truett, the noted Baptist preacher of Dallas.

Miss Anna Benjamin, a beautiful and highly educated woman, aged twenty years, died from a pistol shot in Denison Saturday. About five years ago her brother died under similar circumstances.

Information given out by the leading dealers of Dallas indicates that the wheat acreage of Texas for 1908 is twenty per cent less than that of 1907. However, the crop is in splendid condition, with prospects of a heavier yield per acre than last year.

Calling his bride of a few months from an adjoining room Joe Trudeau of Boston, Mass., shot himself and his bride in a hospital. No explanation was given.

MONEY GETTING EASY

CASH RESERVES ARE PILING UP RAPIDLY.

DISCOUNT RATE GONE DOWN

Interest Rate Lower Than at Any Time Last Year—Calls for \$10,000,000 Unnoticed.

New York, Jan. 27.—The feature of the financial situation last week was the continued rush of funds back into reserve deposits. The returning flood of money to reserves was perceptible in the foreign money centers as well as here and was effective in forcing down the official discount rates of the Bank of England, the Bank of France and the Imperial Bank of Germany, and the open market rates in all markets. Notwithstanding this decline in the attraction for money abroad, the price has risen strongly toward the rate at which exports of gold would be profitable. The growing reduction of our own money market rate has been responsible for this action. Supplies have pressed upon the New York loan market with increasing urgency, carrying the call loan rate down to almost nominal figures and reducing the interest rates on time loans to figures lower than were employed at any time last year. The remaining issue of New York clearing house certificates has as a consequence been going into rapid retirement.

The rapid easing of the money market has not been affected by the notice of withdrawal of \$10,000,000 of government deposits from the New York banks, partly because of the large current deficit in the government revenues, but also by reason of the accumulation of funds being more rapid than the demand to take them up. This is made manifest by the heavy tide of bank notes going out of the circulation of the country, reflected in the redemption on the part of the banks to retire them by means of deposit of lawful money with the United States treasury.

Killeen Suffers from \$15,000 Fire.

Killeen: Sunday morning at 1 o'clock fire was discovered in the drug store of Spivey & Fly. The loss and damage are as follows: Spivey & Fly, drugs and jewelry, loss of stock \$5000, insurance \$3250; J. H. Best, racket store, loss of stock \$3700, insurance \$2300; M. F. Riley, shoe shop, in rear of racket store, total loss, \$2000, no insurance; W. A. Gilmore, saddles, harness and vehicles, damage to stock by water and removal about \$500; R. M. Cole & Son, furniture, damaged by water and removal, about \$1000. The two brick buildings consumed by the fire were owned by R. M. Cole, and the loss was total, about \$4000, with no insurance. A brick building owned by Hon. Spencer Young was damaged at least \$200. Origin of fire unknown.

Baltimore Again Suffers.

Baltimore, Md.: Fire broke out a short time after midnight Thursday in the upper part of the building occupied by the firm of J. Register & Sons of Holiday and Saratoga streets. The first alarm was followed by a general one, calling out all the apparatus in the city. A high wind from the northwest spread the fire rapidly and the north walls of the building fell, killing three firemen and injuring at least ten, among them Chief George Horton.

The fire burned toward a number building in the rear, occupied by the E. B. Read & Sons Company caught fire and burned fiercely. Chief Horton's skull is said to have been fractured and he is injured internally. It is feared that he will die. While the damage can not yet be estimated it is thought to be the heaviest fire loss since the great fire of 1904.

Satin county voted dry Saturday by 900 majority. Sixty-five Missouri counties have voted dry recently.

Daring Mail Robbery.

New Orleans: Daring thieves robbed a fast mail wagon loaded with incoming mail which had just arrived from Cincinnati and other Northern points. The thieves are reported to have secured about \$5,000, but the postoffice authorities refuse to make any statement about the amount of the robbery. The driver and the clerk, neither of whom were hurt, were held by the police on suspicion. At least two out of the eleven mail sacks were rifled.

Ouida's Sad Death.

Rome: After having amassed and spent a fortune during her long career as a writer, and, through her popularity with the reading public, been hailed often as the foremost woman novelist of her age, Miss Luisa de la Ramee, "Ouida," died Saturday in comparative poverty, aged 78 years, at the little Tuscan village of Massarosa. Here she had made her home in a villa for nearly a year.

THE CHANNEL IS OPEN.

Great Celebration of Opening of Port Arthur Channel.

Port Arthur, Tex., Jan. 28.—A celebration honoring the opening of the Sabine-Neches ship channel, also known as the Sabine Lake channel, which connects the mouths of the Sabine and Neches Rivers with the Port Arthur ship channel, leading to the Gulf of Mexico and to the ports of the world, was held in Port Arthur yesterday.

As this channel opens to shipping and commerce two populous and productive valleys and the rich country adjacent to them, the event is one of unusual importance to East Texas. The Mayors of Beaumont, Port Arthur and Orange declared a holiday in their respective cities, and a large number of people from all three places gathered to celebrate the occasion. The United States Revenue Cutter Windom from Galveston joined in doing honor to the day, and it was quite appropriate when it was considered that the Federal Government has already spent over half a million dollars to dredge this new channel, and will likely be asked for other appropriations to deepen and maintain it. One would have thought it the Fourth of July to have seen the decorations in Port Arthur. The National colors were everywhere in evidence in the shape of United States flags and red, white and blue bunting.

Postoffice Robbed Fourth Time.

Lawton, Ok.: Yeggmen entered the postoffice at Indianola early Monday and secured several hundred dollars and other valuables. First they broke into a hardware store and secured revolvers. They left on horses, but pursued by a posse of officers, but escaped. This is the fourth time in the last four months that the Indianola postoffice has been robbed.

Orange Crop Plentiful.

San Francisco, Cal.: The orange crop harvest of California is now in full season, and in quantity and quality promises to break all records. The fruit exchanges state the estimated total output of oranges will reach the enormous sum of thirty thousand car loads—about nine million boxes, or one billion, three hundred and fifty millions of oranges. The harvest will last until the next Fourth of July.

Fatal Blaze in Windy City.

Chicago: One fireman is supposed to have been killed, more than a score of others injured and property valued at half a million dollars was destroyed in a fire which devastated the Mayer building, a seven-story brick building, and the Hotel Florence, at 163-167 Adams Street early Monday. The fire broke out in the basement of the Mayer building and spread rapidly, owing to high winds.

To Make War on Rats.

Austin: State Health Officer Brumby is at work on an invocation of general interest. He proposes to issue a code of rules requiring the extermination of rats on wharves at Texas seaports, and to keep them killed off wharves and wharf warehouses. This is a precaution to prevent the spread of bubonic plague. The scientists have agreed that the plague is communicated by fleas on rats.

Andrew Ehrhardt, fifty-seven years of age, a cabinet maker by trade, was found dead beneath the Texas and Pacific Railroad bridge across the Trinity River at Dallas about 9:30 Sunday morning by two young men who were crossing at that time.

All Getting Busy Again.

Pottsville, Pa.: Two more big open-hearth furnaces resumed work here Monday, while the nineteen-inch and twenty-eight-inch rolling mill departments at the Eastern Steel Company's mills also started up fullhand. Tuesday the twelve-inch mill resumed. Thirty-eight colliers of the Reading Coal and Iron Company, employing 30,000 men, also went to work, while 1000 men at the same company's shops resumed on reduced hours.

Missouri-to-Gulf Line Proposed.

Guthrie, Ok.: An Oklahoma corporation, similar to the one in Missouri, has been perfected at Muskogee for the construction of the St. Louis and Oklahoma Southern Railroad from Monett, Mo., to Honey Grove, Texas, and ultimately to the Gulf. Twenty miles of the roadbed have been graded near Gravette, Mo. In Oklahoma it will pass through the counties of Delaware, Cherokee, Muskogee, Haskell, Latimer, Pushmataha and Bryan.

An American Heiress Marries Title

New York: The wedding of Miss Gladys Vanderbilt, daughter of Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt, to Count Laszlo Szechenyi, a Hungarian nobleman, Lieutenant of husars and hereditary member of the Austro-Hungarian Parliament, took place at the Fifth Avenue home of the bride's mother soon after noon Monday. The ceremony was performed in the presence of about 350 guests in the Vanderbilt residence.

HAITIANS PLOT NIPPED

MUNITIONS OF WAR ARE FOUND EN ROUTE.

PLENTY WELL MADE "QUEER"

Prompt Action of American Authorities Prevent Overthrow of Government.

Washington, Jan. 24.—Startling developments in the plot to overthrow the government of President Nord in Haiti have followed the investigations of the secret service agents in New York in connection with the arrest of Jose M. Giordani on the charge of counterfeiting Haitian money. The officers say that has ascertained that the prisoner was the agent of a formidable conspiracy whose operations probably would have extended beyond the limits of Haiti into Santo Domingo and even into Cuba had the revolution in Haiti been a success and the agents in New York remained unmolested.

It was found among other things, the secret service operators declare, that certain persons in Haiti, mostly Frenchmen and Corsicans, and one of them a brother of Giordani, were designated in the papers found among Giordani's effects by numbers.

It was not long before it was discovered that Giordani had stored in a Brooklyn warehouse sixteen cases containing 2,000 Remington rifles in fine condition. Close watch was kept on these cases and on Jan. 4, by Giordani's direction, they were loaded on a truck and hauled to the Hamburg American Steamship pier, whence the steamer Graecia was to sail on Jan. 8 for Cape Haitian and other West Indian ports. The cases were marked "structural iron" and the fictitious name of C. Miriam & Co. was given as the consignee. Conaves, Haiti, was given as the destination but the shipper's name was withheld. There was subsequently added to the consignment twenty-three barrels marked "cement."

By that time the secret service men had secured enough evidence to warrant them in opening all the cases boxes and barrels. The first contained the 2,000 Remington rifles, the barrels, the ammunition and the boxes, \$800,000 in counterfeit Haitian currency.

Shriners Lose Baggage.

Waco: Kansas City and St. Louis Shriners returning from the City of Mexico lost a large quantity of baggage, lodge paraphernalia, jewelry and Mexican coins Thursday morning, when a baggage car, also used as a commissary, was burned to the tracks, as the result of the explosion of a gasoline stove used in preparing coffee. The explosion occurred near Hewitt, where the car was cut out and in a few minutes was reduced to ashes.

Aged Couple Die Same Night.

Piano: M. L. Gee, 72 years of age, and Mrs. Alice Gee, his wife, 80 years of age, died Wednesday night. Mrs. Gee died and the death of Mr. Gee followed four hours later. The former died from stomach trouble and Mr. Gee's death was caused by pneumonia. Mr. Gee was a veteran Texan and for a number of years resided in Galveston. A son by his first marriage survives and is a theatrical manager in Boston, Mass.

The Passenger Earnings.

Austin: The railroad commission gave out a statement showing the passenger earnings for the Texas railroads for the first five months of the present fiscal year ending Nov. 30, 1907, was \$11,610,594 against \$10,328,034 for the same roads of the corresponding period last year. This shows a net increase of the Texas lines for the five months named of \$1,282,560.

Cattlemen Elect Officers.

Denver, Colo.: H. A. Jastro of Bakerville, Cal., was elected president of the National Live Stock Association at the closing session of its eleventh annual convention, succeeding Murdo McKenzie of Trinidad, Colo., who had served two terms. The first vice president is Murdo MacKenzie; secretary, T. W. Tomlinson, Denver; treasurer, W. E. Hughes, Denver; general attorney, S. H. Cowan, Fort Worth.

Thirty Corn Demonstration Plots.

Denison: J. L. Quicksall, corn and cotton expert with the United States department of agriculture, is here for the purpose of establishing thirty demonstration plots to be operated by the farmers in the vicinity of Denison. The best seeds obtainable for this soil and climate are to be furnished these farmers, who agree to keep a careful record of the cultural methods, yield, etc.

THEY ARE OFF AGAIN.

The American Armada Puts Out from Rio de Janeiro.

Rio de Janeiro, Jan. 23.—To the booming of guns and the cheers of thousands on the accompanying pleasure craft, the American warships sailed from Rio de Janeiro yesterday afternoon, bound for Punta Arenas on the Magellan Strait. Ten days will bring the fleet almost midway on its 14,000-mile cruise to San Francisco and the ships and the men carried with them yesterday the God-speed and good wishes of the whole Brazilian nation.

Not an untoward incident had marred the visit of the Americans here. They were feasted and feted, both officers and men, during their sojourn in Rio de Janeiro, and half the populace turned out from early in the morning to give them a fitting farewell. As upon the arrival of the fleet, so upon its departure, the quays, the public buildings and the hills were crowded with thousands watching the warships until they had disappeared throughout the mouth of the bay into the open sea.

Played Too Realistic.

Paris: Arthur Douglas, colored, 23 years old, accidentally killed himself in a singular manner at the home of Dr. J. H. Miller on Kaufman street, where he was employed as cook. After dinner Dr. and Mrs. Miller left him in the dining room putting away the dishes. They left their two grandchildren, 4 and 6 years old, with him. In the short while the children ran into the house and told their grandparents that the negro was choking himself with a towel. It is thought that he intended to make the children think he was going to hang himself, for a joke, and that when the slipknot tightened he lost his presence of mind and fainted.

New Battleship Mississippi

Philadelphia, Pa.: The battleship Mississippi, constructed at the Cramp ship yards, arrived at the League Island navy yard Wednesday from the yard of the ship builders and was formerly turned over to the government. When the big battleship docked at the navy yard Captain John G. Frazier took command. No time will be lost in fitting the Mississippi for service. A draft of sailors will be brought here from orfolk navy yard.

Meningitis Serum Successful.

New Port, R. I.: Two naval apprentices received at the station are suffering from spinal meningitis. Both were hopeless cases. Medical Inspector H. E. Noberger determined to try the serum discovered by Dr. Simon Flexner of Rockefeller Institute and both men are expected to recover. One is F. E. Crawford of Charleston, Ill., and the other, R. B. Holloway of Tipton, Tenn.

Attempted to Destroy Factory.

Clarksville, Tenn.: An attempt was made to set fire and dynamite the loose tobacco factory of the Hayes-Sory Tobacco Company, the local representatives of Italian Regies and two negroes, Tony Allen and Walter Watkins, alias Frog Eye, were killed while trying to escape, by one of the night watchmen. One other negro escaped, but is thought to have been wounded. On the bodies of the two negroes considerable dynamite was found.

James W. Davis, the inventor of copper riveted clothing is dead at his home in San Francisco aged seventy-eight years.

Dan Cupid Catches Uncle Henry.

Washington: Announcement is made of the engagement of Miss Maud Ashford and Henry Gassaway Davis, former United States Senator from West Virginia and Democratic candidate for vice president in 1904. Mr. Davis is 85 years old. The engagement had been announced and denied several times. Miss Ashford formerly a society reporter, consented to formally announce the fact.

The Stove Exploded

Roxton: From an explosion of a stove in the store of G. D. Terrell of this place Wednesday morning, four men were injured. G. D. Terrell was seriously hurt by a piece of the stove hitting him in the face. The other men received painful wounds. The explosion was supposed to have been caused by dynamite cartridges being thrown into the stove with some straw and litter.

Weatherford: A proposition has been received by President G. M. Bowie of the Chicago, Weatherford and Brazos Valley from Engineer Whitesell of Memphis, Tenn., to build that line of railway, which is designed to run from this city to Bridgeport, in Wise county, about forty miles. At a meeting of the directors of the company the proposition was accepted and the contract for building the line will probably be signed in a few days.

FROM ALL OVER TEXAS

Henry Morgan's score at Melissa burned Thursday night. Loss on building \$25,000, insurance \$12,000; on stock, loss \$4500, insurance \$3500.

The intimation has come from Governor Campbell that he will not call a special session of the Legislature to enact a 2-cent fare law or for other purposes.

It is thought by many that the recent freeze destroyed the boll weevil, and that little damage will be done by them in North Texas this year.

The Northern Texas Traction Company of Fort Worth has paid \$2102 taxes on gross receipts on its total receipts for the quarter ending December 31, of \$280,356.

Ed Shonts, who was present with Governor Sul Ross when he defeated the famous Comanche Chief Peter Nonca, at the battle of Antelope Hills, died last week in Oklahoma.

W. M. House, a prominent citizen of Waurika, fell dead in the Rock Island depot Sunday morning. He had been subject to hemorrhage of the lungs, but was apparently better.

Mrs. Pete Lynn, one of the first settlers of Denison, died Tuesday morning at the age of seventy years. She built the first brick house in the city and operated the first brick yard.

A pardon has been granted Len and George Gribble and B. F. Hector, who, several months ago, set a dog on a man, Legon Carlin, who was passing through the country east of Waco.

Little Diddle Vickers, six years of age, burned to death at her parents' home near Paris Thursday. Her clothes caught from the fire while her mother was doing the family washing.

William Sweeney entered a plea of guilty in the Ellis County Court for a failure to pay his poll tax or work on the county road. A fine of \$3 was imposed. The costs added made a total of \$37.60.

Vera Daniel, an eighteen year old girl student in the state normal at Denton, died of grippe on a Katy train Wednesday morning twelve miles north of Fort Worth while on her way home at Wylie.

The new town of Cement, three miles west of Dallas, which has grown up to some 500 or 600 inhabitants, within the past few months, has asked permission to incorporate as a separate school district.

Some time in February, and on a day to be named later, the cornerstone of the splendid new A. & M. dormitory now under course of construction on the college campus will be laid. The ceremony will be under the auspices of the Masonic Fraternity.

The dead body of George H. Ryan was found in the elevator room of the Oriental Hotel, Dallas, Tuesday morning. Deceased was a mailman, and an overturned can indicated that he had come in to deliver the morning milk when the accident causing his death happened.

A double elopement to Fort Worth ended in one marriage, when Marth Miller and Miss Maude Taylor were married. Nellie Gaines, aged seventeen, postponed her wedding, and her fiancé, Tom Turner, is a disappointed lover. All four were from Hamilton.

The Hill County Poultry and Pet Stock Association exhibit opened Monday with entries from all over the State. About 500 choice birds of all kinds were on exhibit, which lasted three days.

It is announced that the General Managers' Association of Texas railroads and the Texas Farmers' Union have closed a contract for the construction of spur tracks to 320 Union cotton warehouses in Texas. The cost will be \$3,000,000.

It is estimated that the loss by individual Shriners in the burning of their baggage car near Waco a few days since, containing their effects in the way of clothing, jewelry, curios, etc., will reach \$25,000.

The commissioner of agriculture has given out a statement containing a list of the nurseries in Texas. The list shows a total of 234, which is a decrease of twelve from last year and a decrease of six for the previous year.

Okeene, Ok., is building the biggest gyp mill in the state. The plant will be 214 feet long by 80 feet wide. It will be up-to-date and so constructed as to eliminate the annoying dust common to most plants.

Former United States Senator Geo. Peabody Wetmore of Rhode Island was re-elected Tuesday.

Lee Carroll, a negro, was killed at Pendletonville by a freight train. He was one of the work gang stationed between Temple and Pendletonville.

SOUNDS RATHER FISHY

CLAIMS AN ANARCHIST PLOT IS UNEARTHED.

PLAN TO BLOW UP ARMADA

Foreign Reds Said to Have Laid Plot to Destroy Vessels at Rio de Janeiro.

Rio Janeiro, Jan. 20.—The Brazilian police have discovered an anarchistic plot here having as its object the destruction of part of the American fleet now lying in the harbor. The conspiracy, while centering in Rio de Janeiro and Petropolis, has ramifications in Sao Paulo and Minas Geraes. An individual named Jean Fedher, who resided in Petropolis, was the chief conspirator here, although it is understood that foreign anarchists are deeply involved in the plot. Fedher is believed to have fled to Sao Paulo, and police who know him have been sent to that place for the purpose of apprehending him.

As yet the people of Brazil are ignorant of the details of the plot to do injury to the visiting warships, though there has been some slight inkling of the matter. The impression which the exposure of this plot will create here will be a profound one, because it is the first anarchistic conspiracy that has been known in Brazil.

The police of Sao Paulo have sent word that they are on the track of the malefactors, who, they declare, will not be able to come to Rio de Janeiro.

Aged Editor and Veteran Dead.

Atlanta, Ga.: Captain Varly Pritchard Sisson, one of the oldest editors and publishers in the South, died at his home in Kirkwood, a suburb, Sunday, aged seventy years. Captain Sisson was a Confederate veteran, and served with distinction throughout the Civil War. He was connected with the Atlanta Intelligencer before the war, and with the Constitution for a number of years after its termination. He leaves a widow and daughters.

It Means Business.

Tecumseh, Ok.: Alfred, a prominent banker of Tecumseh, advocates the merger of Tecumseh, the county seat of Pottawatomie County, with Shawnee, six miles distant, in order to unite their efforts to secure the State Capital. A delegation of Tecumseh citizens has been selected to meet with the Shawnee Commercial Club to draw up the merger contract. The merged town would have a population of 14,000.

Harvester People Fined \$12,500.

Topeka, Kan.: Judge Dana, in the Shawnee County District Court here, has assessed a fine of \$12,500 against the International Harvester Company, which the Court found guilty on forty-three counts of violating the Kansas anti-trust law. The maximum fine is \$1000 a count and the minimum \$100. The company was given a stay of execution of sixty days to prepare a case for the Supreme Court. The criminal suit was filed a year ago.

School teachers are so scarce in Chicago that many of the classes in the public schools are turned over to the best pupils to manage, rather than dismiss the classes and turn the children into the streets.

John R. Walsh Found Guilty.

Chicago, Ill.: John R. Walsh, former President of the defunct Chicago National Bank, was Saturday found guilty of the misappropriation of the funds of that institution. The penalty under the law for the crime is imprisonment of not less than five years nor more than ten on each count. This does not permit the substitution of a fine for the prison term. He was convicted on fifty-four counts. New trial is sought.

Selected His Coffin and Shroud.

Plano: John W. Martin, a retired merchant of this city, died at his residence in this city at 10 o'clock Saturday. He was seventy-two years old. About three years ago he had a local carpenter construct for him a coffin made according to his own ideas and had it stored away in the upper story of his residence. About two years ago he celebrated his golden wedding with his wife, who survives him.

After forty-Six Days Buried.

Ely, Nev.: After having been entombed forty-six days in the Alpha shaft of the Circum mine, A. D. Bailey, P. J. Brown and Fred McDonald were rescued Saturday night. At 3:30 Bailey was brought out. Fourteen minutes later McDonald, while ten minutes later Brown was brought up. Whistles over the district blew loudly, while the crowds in the streets cheered, and every bell in the town was set ringing.

IN A BLIZZARD'S EMBRACE.

The Eastern States Sport a Mantle of White.

New York, Jan. 25.—New York is digging itself out of a foot of snow so evenly divided that while exposed and infrequented spots like Coney Island were blown bare, the thoroughfares of the millions were left piled high with drifts that impede the progress of man and beast and in the more open sections have tied up street car and vehicle traffic.

The snowstorm which crept into the town slowly Thursday night and continued until past noon yesterday, was the first of importance of the season. Much suffering has been occasioned, there has been the usual toll of death exacted, and the monetary damage must be estimated by the tens of thousands of dollars. Mercifully, the snow was accompanied by moderate temperature, and in the early stage it was welcomed by the honest part of the 35,000 unemployed men in the city. All who sought employment from Thursday at midnight on found it readily and at good wages. Even with all who would work employed, the streets in the outlying sections could not be kept open, however, and many a house-owner who had waded home after a day in the office was obliged to spend the evening in a more or less futile attempt to comply with the sidewalk cleaning ordinance.

Probably the most poignant distress was experienced by the several thousand tramps who, having ridden into town with the hard times, and who have since enjoyed the city's bounty, awoke yesterday to find themselves confronted with an unmistakable opportunity to work. Some rose to the occasion and others shifted their lodgings.

Newport, R. I.: With the wind blowing sixty-five and seventy miles an hour, a heavy fall of snow and the temperature continually falling, Newport is in the grasp of the first real blizzard of the winter, last night the conditions grew worse instead of better. Between two and one-half and three feet of snow had fallen up to 6 o'clock last night, and the storm continued with increasing violence. At that hour the temperature had dropped to eighteen degrees above zero.

A TUBERCULAR HERD.

Twenty-Four Head of Milk Cows Affected.

Fort Worth, Tex., Jan. 25.—As a result of the recent crusade begun by the State Health Officer against impure foods, and in which a feature was introduced in the investigation of dairies to ascertain the condition of milk and cows that supplied it, an experiment was made at the stock yards at North Fort Worth.

One of the largest dairymen in the State, with a dairy located adjacent to Fort Worth, gave his consent to a test of his milk cows, and a number were brought to the stock yards for examination by the Bureau of Animal Industry inspectors.

Of twenty-five cows slaughtered and examined, twenty-four were condemned for having tuberculosis, and two or four yearlings examined were condemned for the same reason.

Great Strike is Averted.

Manchester, Eng.: There will be no lockout of the Manchester cotton operatives. Lengthy negotiations between the cotton mill workers and their employers resulted in the capitulation of the workers Friday evening. The employers insisted upon the acceptance of their terms, and these the men agreed to.

Contract Let for Big Dam.

Dallas: The Granite Manufacturing Company, with offices in the North Texas Building, has contracted for the construction of a big dam across the Colorado River at Marble Falls. The company has bought seven thousand barrels of cement from the Western States Cement Company and 500,000 pounds of Rogers shear bars. The dam is to be the biggest in the State. It will be over 13,000 feet long, and will be adaptable to a 36-foot rise. Its minimum capacity in horsepower will be 1500, and its maximum will be 15,000. It will be built in marble entirely, and will afford power, as needed, to the city of Austin.

Emmaline Prather, a negro woman eighty-five years old, was burned to a crisp Friday at Waco. She was seated in front of a fireplace when discovered by her granddaughter. It is supposed her clothes took fire in that way.

Vets Will Have Two Parades.

Birmingham: Adjutant General Mickle of the United Confederate Veterans has notified the arrangements committee for the annual reunion to be held in Birmingham, Ala., June 9, 10 and 11, that two parades will be given. In one parade are to be only actual veterans. In the other will be the sponsors, aids and National Guards and all others. This innovation, it is believed, will make the parade less trying on the veterans.

USE PRINTERS' INK

BEST METHOD OF COMBATING MAIL-ORDER EVIL.

HOME MERCHANT TO BLAME

Facilities for Attracting Custom Are at His Command in the Columns of His Home Newspaper—Advise Rightly.

Much has been written about the subtle influence of the big four-pound catalogues sent broadcast over the land by the houses located in the big cities, and which, strange to say, refuse to sell goods to the residents of the cities in which they are located. There is no mysterious element in these bulky paper books. From cover to cover they are filled with pictures and with prices and descriptions of goods. It is the power of printers' ink that is the only magnet, and this magnet can be used by merchants everywhere. The publishers of these great catalogues do business running well up toward the fifty millions yearly. All their success has been in the ink they use, and the way they use it. Because these concerns receive patronage that should go to the home merchant it is the home merchant's fault. He neglects to do just what the houses which publish the big catalogues do. He may not have the money to get out such a great list, neither the means of carrying great stocks of goods. Yet he possesses all the means necessary to gain the trade that goes to these great concerns. He can buy goods just as low, has less expense, and while the big catalogue goes to a customer only once in a year or two, through the medium of the local newspaper the merchant can go to all the people of the community once a week and at the lowest expense.

As to the matter of prices, the big catalogue is an educator. It tells the people of values. These values are associated with classes of goods. The merchant in the home town can turn this information to his own account. In the catalogues are only pictures. The merchant can show the goods, and can explain the difference between grades. It is evident that if trade is to be held at home it must be upon a business basis. Sentiment cuts a mighty small figure in matters where dollars and cents are concerned. The average farmer would rather buy good from the home store than from some distant place if he is only sure that he is getting a square deal. It is up to the merchants to let him know that he is getting this square deal. There are towns in the western agricultural sections which a few years ago were getting only half the trade that was to be had in the district. Merchants became convinced that they were weak somewhere. They found that they were not advertising rightly and commenced a campaign which has resulted in driving the catalogue houses out of business as far as these towns are concerned. The newspapers of these towns tell of the enterprise of the merchants. The merchants themselves will tell you that they do not fear the mail-order houses, as they have educated the people to trade at home. The people who were mail-order house patrons will tell you that they know that they can do better by buying at home, that they are convinced that their interests are best protected by the home merchant, and that since they have thrown off the mail-order habit they are saving more money. The mail-order house is a great bugaboo. It is not near the evil than many suppose it is. It is harmful only in accordance with the lack of enterprise on part of the home merchants. Where the merchants are awake, are up-to-date, and advertise rightly, there is no complaint as to the mail-order system.

Each country editor can do his share in educating the merchants as well as the people in business methods, in principles that are helpful to the home town. The live merchant can hold his own. Business is based upon such principles as give the competent merchant a fair show in the competition for trade. No one person has a monopoly of the right to advertise. The way is as open to the small merchant as it is to the big one. The principles involved apply to the small business as well as to the large business. The only magic used by the catalogue houses is that found in advertising and in prices.

D. M. CARR.

Point Too Frequently Overlooked.

If five thousand people reside within a certain town or district, and these people send away to some distant place \$100 per day, it represents a loss that would not be offset by a factory located in the neighborhood that would give employment to 40 hands. Here is a point that is too often overlooked by commercial and "booster" clubs. Efforts are made to secure factories for a place, and the fact is overlooked that citizens who form the habit of trading away from home daily send away perhaps four times the amount that would be paid in wages by the factory.

Keep Money at Home.

By patronizing home industries people prevent money going to other sections of the country. Dollars sent to a distant place for commodities that can be produced, and often are produced at home, is money gone from local circulation, and which is not likely to ever return. It is the keeping of the wealth produced in a locality that makes that locality rich.

PRIZE AND PREMIUM FAKES.

Bait Held Out to Catch the Trade of the Unsophisticated.

Prize and premium offering are methods that are resorted to by some concerns that seek to do business through the mails with people residing in agricultural districts. The wise people will never be caught on this game. All classes and kinds of goods have a real value, and are worth so much in the markets of the world. The farmer who has 1,000 bushels of wheat to sell knows that his goods have a fixed value dependent upon the market prices. It would be foolish for him to offer to the buyer as an inducement a few head of cattle, a barrel of cider or a slab of bacon in order to induce him to buy. Yet these very farmers will bite at a proposition which is identically the same in principle. The manufacturer of soap of fifty cents' worth of soap and ten cents' worth of furniture of the value of ten dollars. Is this a fair business deal? Can the manufacturer afford to do it if his goods are standard? He may say that by selling direct to the consumer, and cutting out middlemen's profits, he can afford to do so. But this is a lie, a flimsy excuse, and is not in accordance with sound business principles. There must be a profit for the manufacturer or he will fail. He does make a profit. He even makes a larger profit than the average dealer in goods of his kind. In the first place he sells the cheapest kind of article, even though it may look nice and be highly perfumed. In the second place he gives light weight and gets the highest price. The value of the premium given is always misrepresented, exaggerated, and that which is supposed to be worth ten dollars is not worth four dollars, and for the latter amount can be purchased from any respectable dealer. The premium is never free. It must be paid for and it is the one who receives it that generally pays for it. Mrs. Jones would wonder if Grocer Brown would ask that she give half a pound of feathers with every dozen eggs he buys of her. Mrs. Jones has too much common sense to think that she can afford to give away a pound of butter with each dozen eggs. She knows she would be loser. But if she could induce the grocer to pay her 40 cents a dozen for her eggs when the market price is only 20 cents, she might see how it would be profitable to her to throw in as a premium a pound of over-ripe butter. Still Mrs. Jones will join soap clubs, coffee clubs, and fakes in the premium line of every kind, just because she does not stop to do a little sound thinking.

Local Dealer Sometimes to Blame.

Thousands of dollars go out of Jefferson county each year in connection with the mail order business, to the loss of the local dealers and manufacturers. It does not help very much to appeal on the ground of patriotism to those people who buy of outside dealers, as purchasers go where they think they can find the best bargains. Every one must recognize the fact that the local dealer cannot prosper without local trade, but there are a lot of people who fail to govern themselves accordingly. Orders for goods are sent to Syracuse or New York, or Chicago which could have been as cheaply bought in Watertown, but this is frequently the local dealer's fault. The great success of the big mail order houses has been built up almost wholly by advertising. Fortunes are spent in letting the people of the country know what they have to sell. Liberal space in the newspapers and magazines is used to exploit the mail order business in addition to the catalogues issued. These are the avenues through which the houses draw a large part of their business.

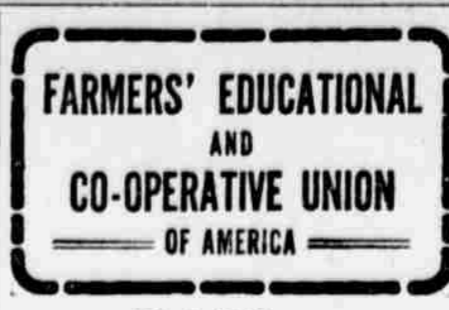
Is there not a lesson here for the local dealer? Cannot he hold some of the business which goes to the outside mail order houses by judicious use of the columns of the local newspapers? The Watertown newspapers have a large circulation through the towns and rural districts of northern New York. The Standard believes the local merchants and manufacturers could divert much of this trade to themselves if they took the proper methods. The Standard's interests are wholly with the local dealer and these suggestions are made with the firm conviction that he has a remedy for his loss of trade in local advertising.—Watertown (N. Y.) Standard.

Work That Wins.

He who would succeed in any undertaking must first understand that intelligently directed work is the only kind that wins. He who starts out to accomplish things for his home town cannot blunder along unless he dangers that which he sets out to do. Commercial clubs too often fail in accomplishing good because of a lack of system in the efforts made. There is an old saying: "Too many cooks spoil the broth." This axiom is exemplified frequently by the organization which attempts to carry out great projects without the proper system for doing the same. Work must be rightly pursued or it comes to naught. Each worker should have his particular part to perform, and for this part he should be selected with a view as to his fitness. Concerted effort rightly made always wins.

Would Benefit Mail Order Houses.

A parcels post threatens the continuance of the country store's business by enlarging the opportunity of the mail order houses. Who will spring to the defense of the cracker barrel and box of sawdust—together with the little red schoolhouse, joint palladium of our liberties?—Providence (R. I.) Bulletin.



BE A MAN.

Under this head, the National Co-Operator closes an article with these wise words:

The country merchant does not sleep on flowery beds of ease, nor have thornless paths to pursue. He has his living to make, and always a good part of the capital he has invested in his credit, and his credit he must keep good or quit business, and when debts are due him he must collect that he may pay what he owes. The statistics show that 97 per cent of the merchants who sell their goods on a credit, no matter how they safeguard themselves, fail and become bankrupt. Just think of these figures! Out of every 100 merchants who sell on credit, ninety-seven of them break! Can you blame the merchant, then, for seeking every protection he can? The Golden Rule is the motto of our order, the very life and soul of the Farmers' Union, so let's live up to it. In thought and words, as well as in deed.

What each one of us needs to do is to raise our living at home so that we will not have to buy at all save the few things we cannot raise. If we will do that, not one of us will be forced into the "dumper" ranks; not one of us will have to put ourselves under obligations to other people, and fret our heart into repining because of these obligations.

See to it this year, friends, that you put a sufficient portion of your lands into forage crops for your livestock and foodstuffs for your family to last until another crop comes on. You can do it, and if you fail to do so, you are untrue to your wives and children, untrue to yourselves, untrue to your union, untrue to your country.

Holy writ teaches us that the man who provides not for his family is worse than the heathen.

Turn over a new leaf. Begin life over again and resolve to belong to no human being, save your wife, your children and yourself, and to have your granary, your smoke-house and your pantry on your own premises.

Don't forget now that this is the year for your best garden, and it is already late to begin getting things in shape.

By careful diversification, you may yet make 1908 the biggest and best in your history.

Manage your croppings so that the land will yield two or three crops instead of one, as you have been in the habit of raising.

Don't neglect to hold aloft the slogan, "Build warehouses, but be as zealous in holding aloft the grandest emblem of all—"Diversify."

The man who lets his stable manure go to waste needs a few lessons in the school of common sense, and there is a big bunch of them, too.

It is still time for you to show that you are a good Union man by planting a few Union memorial trees in some of the vacant spots around your place.

If you have to rent this year, don't let the grass grow under your feet until you have fixed it so this will be the last. Become a citizen of the country you live in.

This is a good day to make some move toward treating the fowls a little better this year. They pay better than anything else on the farm, and, as a rule, have the least care and attention.

If you take care of the farm manure you will find that it is a poor policy to sell any sort of stock feed. If you use the feed to the best advantage and then save the manure, you are getting two prices for the stuff.

There is not a good Union man in all the South whose tools and implements are out in the weather. The Union will see to it that the Union men are taking time by the forelock in beating the implement and vehicle trust barons.

Get busy and see to it that your good wife has as many of the late conveniences to help her in her arduous and never ceasing grind as you have in your work. Indoor work is hard on the worker at best, so see to it that every ounce of work is lifted that can be safely taken away.

They are all planting peanuts, pigs and potatoes and the day of the "Northern Smokehouse" for the Southern planter is about over and over to stay over forever. The nearer a country is self supporting, the sooner that country will become wealthy and independent of all outside assistance.

Have you held to the price (\$20) for your cotton seed? The Union made the price after deliberation, and it should have been upheld to the last ditch.

Things are coming the farmers way now if he will get it into his craw that the price of liberty is eternal vigilance. There is not an organization on the face of the earth that can secure so firmly the rights of the producer that he will not have to "keep everlastingly at it," to hold his own place.

OPENING BIG COTTON COUNTRY.

One of the most important acts acts of the recent session of the British Parliament was the passage of the House of Commons of a clause in the public works loan bill pledging the credit of the government for \$10,000,000 for the construction of a railroad up the Niger into northern Nigeria, Africa. Nigeria has not thus far been a good investment. The Royal Niger company, after thirteen years of failure to make it pay, abandoned the territory in 1900, and it was taken over by the British government as a protectorate. The southern part of Nigeria is comparatively prosperous. The northern part has been dependent on government grants for the expense of police, telegraph construction and other public works. Traffic in the interior is carried on by means of caravans.

Cotton has been grown in northern Nigeria for a thousand years and worked up by the natives for their own use. The soil, climate and labor supply of the region are said to rival the Southern States of America for the production of cotton. British experiments in cotton growing in Niger date back only five years. It is now proposed to build a railway into this territory, using only the lower part of the river Niger as part of the transportation system up 70 miles from the coast. The head of navigation is at Baro, from there the road will run through several towns to Kano, the capital of Hausaland, a town of 35,000. There the road is expected to connect with other roads, which have been projected. The total length will be about 500 miles, and it is expected to be completed in 1911.

The cotton industry of Lancashire, England, is dependent on the American market, and a shortage in that market causes embarrassment of Lancashire. The British cotton growing association desires to multiply the resources of cotton supply, so that with many fields available, the climate risk may be averted and the deficiencies in one direction made good by abundance in another; then, too, the British are perfectly willing to raise cotton under the British flag rather than buy it from other nations. It is anticipated that as soon as the railroad is completed a great deal of cotton will be raised in northern Nigeria.—Southern Cultivator.

The legislatures of most of the Southern States have been composed principally of lawyers. If you do not like the sort of legislation you have been having, get together and put out the men you want for these places and elect them. The Union would sit down on any sort of political claptrap, but the members of the Union can and ought to get together, and pick out the very best men they can find and put them in office.

The Union needs you if for no other reason than that your presence adds one more to the crowd. You always vote for the president, and it's mighty few of us whose votes have had much to do with electing him, this, however, did not deter us from doing our duty in this matter, and we should be as prompt to do this more important duty of attending all meetings of an institution founded and run in our interests—when we run it.

See to it that you have teachers in your schools that have sense enough to not teach that the banker is a higher sort of a citizen than the man who works with his hands. The banker is not a necessity to the welfare of man, but the man who drives the scavenger wagon is. Have we reached a degree of degeneracy wherein we set a higher value on leeches than we do on workers? Not on your tin-type; let honor go hand in hand with usefulness.

Don't get woozy, and let the neglect of duty by somebody else be a model for you.

The fact that the non-union farmer has stood by the Unions in mighty near everything proposed, ought to be an indication that there is not much argument necessary to get him into the Union. The ladies, God bless them, make fine Union hustlers, and they make the very best kind of members at the same time. Get them interested in the growth of the Union, and then watch her grow. It is upon the ladies that the social side of the Union depends.

The storekeepers and the express companies are turning up heaven and earth to keep down the movement for a parcels post system. There are probably 10,000,000 of the people in this country who are interested in killing the movement, but what about the other 80,000,000 who are intensely interested in removing the express robbery? They ought to have some rights that should be respected, and they would have if they were properly organized, as the \$10,000,000 are.

The cotton in the warehouse is getting better all the time.

The hardware and implement dealers have recently held meetings all over the country for the purpose of coming to an agreement about allowing time on credit purchases. It is a good thing to take the cue, and hold some meetings at which compulsory plans will be adopted to "beat them in the game," by taking such good care of the implements and vehicles we have that we won't want any more right soon.

A CHANGE IN BUSINESS METHODS

We beg to announce to the many customers who have patronized us so liberally during the short time we have been in business, and to every other man and boy in Haskell County, that on and after February 1st, 1908, we will adopt a

One Price Spot Cash

business.

We do this in view of the fact that it will enable us to give better values for the same money. We carry nothing but men's goods of the best quality that money can buy and shall sell at most reasonable prices. We guarantee satisfaction in every article we sell.

...THE HUB...

stands flat-footed behind every article sold---

Satisfaction or Your Money back

If it is hats, shoes or anything in furnishing goods, give us a trial and you will understand the difference between a cash and a credit business.

We don't carry ready-made clothing, but we will sell you a tailor-made suit from

\$12.00 to \$45.00

and guarantee a perfect fit and will give you a suit---that is so much better made and fits so much better---that it will wear twice as long as a cheaper ready-made suit that has possibly been in stock for five years.

Wouldn't you rather select your own cloth and have your suit made especially for you? See the 2,000 samples at The Hub and you can certainly make a selection.

Best Union Made Overalls at 95 cts.

A Russett Full Stock Plow shoe worth \$2.50 at \$1.95.

We invite you to make the HUB headquarters.

For Style **THE HUB** And Quality

Only exclusive Men's Furnishing Goods Store in the County.

Mr. J. D. Roberts and son Vontress of the east side had business in the city Thursday.

Guest & Abbott are now offering a large and well assorted stock of lumber, shingles, doors, sash, etc., at prices which it will pay you to investigate.

Mr. W. H. Day, who resides about 15 miles southeast of town, near the Clear Fork and Paint creek, was in town Thursday. Mr. Day has been doing some trapping this winter and he brought in twenty coyote wolf hides, ten coon hides and a lot of skunk and opossum hides which he shipped to a furrier in St. Louis. There is some rough country in Mr. Day's locality, bordering the streams, where these animals find refuge and abound more than in any other portion of the county.

The Abbott pasture eight miles north of Haskell is on the market to actual settlers, in tracts from 80 acres to whatever may be desired. With a small cash payment, all the time desired will be given to purchasers, and any one actually making his home on the land will not be closed out as long as interest is kept paid. Perfect abstract furnish, with every piece sold, and a warranty deed from the daughter of patence, phone. S. W. SCOTT. 45-tf Haskell, Texas.

Mr. Martin Arend of the north-east part, who was in town Thursday, remarked to the reporter that that winter had been fine so far for farming operations. He said that he had nearly a hundred acres of new land broken and that sod land was now in condition to turn as nicely as he ever saw it.

Mr. J. W. Underwood, who resides three miles south of Rule, was in the city Thursday and reported that the farmers in his section were busy sowing oats and were putting other farm work along with good success.

Spring Storms

will soon be here, and "you had better be safe than sorry;" therefore, get a Storm Policy with Sanders & Wilson & McPherson.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

The State of Texas, County of Haskell. By virtue of an Execution issued out of the Honorable County Court of Ellis County, on the 21st day of December, 1907 by the Clerk thereof, in the case of the State of Texas versus Will Kelly, I. W. Kirkpatrick, and Lee Brown, and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell within the hours prescribed by law for Sheriff's sales, on the first Tuesday in March, 1908, it being the 3rd day of said month, before the Court House door of said Haskell County, in the City of Haskell, the following described property, to wit:

"All that tract or parcel of land lying and being situated in Haskell County, Texas and known and described as survey No. 62, located about 50 miles S., 87 W. from Ft. Belknap on the waters of the Clear Fork of the Brazos River, district No. Cook District No. Cook District by virtue of donation warrant No. 704, issued by James S. Gillett, Adjutant General on 22nd day of June 1855.

Beginning at the S. E. corner of survey No. 61 for R. G. Cummings, a stk. from which a mesquite bears north 22 1/2 W. 19 1/2 vrs. another bears N. 72 1/2 vrs. Thence east 450 varas, crossing branch 1900 vrs. to a stake and mound for the S. E. Corner from which a mesquite bears S. 68 W. 43 vrs. another bears N. 46 1/2 vrs. E. 61 1/2 vrs. Thence North 1900 vrs. to the N. E. corner from which a mesquite bears North 80 W. 11 1/2 vrs. another bears S. 62 east 26 1/2 vrs. Thence 1900 vrs. to the N. W. corner a stake and mound from which mesquite bears. No. 20 E. 40 vrs. another bears N. 3 1/2 west 44 vrs. Thence South 310 vrs. branch 1900 to place of beginning and containing 640 acres of land, bearings marked H." Levied on as the property of I. W. Kirkpatrick, to satisfy a judgment amounting to \$100.00 together with interest at 6 per cent from 10-31-1898 in favor of the State of Texas and cost of suit.

Given under my hand this 14th day of Jan. 1908.

M. E. PARK, Sheriff Haskell Co.

They Are Getting Good

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 24—Music and slot machines will disappear next week from 5,000 Chicago saloons by order of the officials of the saloonkeepers' organization. Close observance of the Sunday closing ordinance will also be commanded and drawn shades and unlighted windows advised for Sunday. At a directors' meeting of the Chicago Liquor Dealers' Protective Association yesterday the decision to banish music and slot machines came after an earnest plea of several officials. The activity of State's Attorney Healy in the Sunday closing cases and the work of the No License and the Chicago Law and Order Leagues were declared to presage a saloon upheaval if close observance was not paid to the law.

The trouble with the whiskey and saloon interests is that they never get good or obey the laws intended for their regulation and the protection of society against their most flagrant evils until they are forced to the last ditch. This defiance of the law and the public interest has brought upon them the condemnation of most right thinking people and the sentiment is growing daily, and it is probable that they have waited too long for an enforced submission to law and decency to save them.

"Better Be Safe than Sorry."

Moral—Get a Storm policy with Sanders & Wilson & McPherson

New Feed Store.

To my Friends in Town and Country:

This is to inform you that I will on the 15th inst. open up a grain and feed store in Haskell, in the Solomon Implement house. Later on I will handle all kinds of East Texas produce, both fresh and canned.

Hoping to have a part of your trade, I am, Yours truly,

G. J. MILLER.

Yesterday was the last day of the open game season and quite a number of Haskell gunners went out for a final shoot. Now that the open season is past all should observe the law and aid in its enforcement. It is only by this course that the game can be saved from entire destruction and increased from year to year.

NOTICE.

The people are warned not to deposit dead animals and refuse in the south part of town. We have a scavenger who, if you will call for his services, will remove such things.

WARREN FITZGERALD, City Marshall.

Mr. H M Hannah, of the firm of Hannah & Allen at Sagerton, was in the city yesterday and called at our office and gave us an order for stationery.

Mrs. Jno. F Jones returned home Wednesday from a visit to relatives at Farmersville.



DRAW A CHECK

Against this bank (of course after you have made your initial deposit with us) and you will realize the immense convenience a check account is. No risk of losing cash or having it stolen; the check is a receipt when it's been cashed. Customers can have distant accounts collected through us.

FARMERS NATIONAL BANK.

R. C. MONTGOMERY, Cashier, Haskell, Texas.

BISCUIT

That most people like good biscuit and light, fluffy, wholesome bread is proven in the great success we have had in introducing and selling

"Queen of the Pantry"

flour. This flour is guaranteed to be made of choice selected wheat, thoroughly cleaned before being milled, and is bound to make wholesome and nutritious bread.

Have You Tried it Yet?

Your attention is also invited to our general stock of groceries, which includes everything in the line of staple and fancy family groceries, flavorings, seasoning etc., and which we endeavor to have of the purest and best. Being an

Exclusive Grocery Store

we buy in large quantities and are in position to make you the best prices.

W. W. FIELDS & BRO.

NEW FEED AND FUEL STORE

We are now opened up and ready for business in our new building near the Postoffice with a stock of

GRAIN, HAY, BRAN, CHOPS, WOOD AND COAL

WEIGHING

We have put in a reliable 5 ton scale and will do weighing for the public. GIVE US A CALL.

It is our purpose to keep on hand at all times a full stock of the above of the best grades to be obtained, and to make the closest possible prices. On this proposition we solicit a share of your business.

...MARSH & ENGLISH...

South Side Restaurant

Meals 25c. Board by Week \$3.50.
Ham, Eggs, Fish, Fresh Oysters, Hot
Coffee served on short order. -o- -o-

Mart Lynch, Propr.

GROCERY STORE--OPEN AGAIN

If you want the best service obtainable in the grocery line, buy from the City Grocery Company, successors to Foster & Neal. We have a down-to-date line of Fancy and Staple Groceries, and are up to the minute when it comes to delivering. No late dinners when you buy from us. Of course we sell for cash only, but everyone knows this to be the only legitimate way to conduct a business, and even if you do pay cash, you get your moneys worth in good groceries and quick service. That's some consolation, and better still, you don't have to wrangle with your grocery man every month over your account. Adopt the pay as you go habit. It's better and after you once get started it is cheaper. All we ask is a trial, after which we know you will be satisfied with us and our way of doing business will please you. Remember, the best the markets afford and quick service is our hobby.

Call on us,

CITY GROCERY CO.

S. H. FOSTER, Mgr.

Phone 142

For Sale. Two business houses for sale \$2,400, \$1,000 cash, balance can be had on liberal terms. Rents now paying 15 per cent on investment. Apply to Progressive Lumber Co.

City Taxes. The City tax rolls are now in my hands for collection. Call at office in north end of Farmers' National Bank. WARREN FITZGERALD, City Marshall.