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State Bank.

DOING BUSINESS

This is worth a good deal to us to have you know that this bank is open and doing a nice business. But it's worth just as much to you to have the knowledge, because we will treat you right. We invite you to deposit your money with us where it will be handled conservatively for the benefit of legitimate business in Haskell and Haskell county. We are conveniently located; offer every up-to-date facility for promptness in banking and wish to do biz with you. Come in and let your wants be known.

Haskell : State : Bank

A. C. Sherrick, Pres. H. E. Fields, Cash. J. J. Stein, V-P.

THE HASKELL NATIONAL BANK

HASKELL, TEXAS

Affords Protection and Safety For its Depositors. With

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SAFE, SOUND AND SOLVENT

Call and see us and we will treat you right

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..

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.

JAKE'S POOL HALL

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

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TERRELL

Druggist, Jeweler, Optician

Terrells Drug Store

Haskell, Texas.

A happy and prosperous New Year to all.

Don't Squall About the Panic. Attention!

Terrell's Drug Store has, at all times, been willing to extend credit favors to the friends and patrons of our house, of course, having faith in their purpose and ability to pay their just debts and obligations. There now remains on our books unpaid such accounts amounting to about Four Thousand Dollars, which if paid would place us in a position to pay our just debts and obligations.

Nearly every one who has an account on our books is able to pay, and ought to do so, and we must insist that they come in and pay up at once. We need the money and propose to collect it if there is any possible way to do so. We are now sending statements to all who owe us accounts past due. If you think there is anything wrong in your account come in and see about it and if there is any error it will be corrected.

We want what is due us, no more, no less. Now don't dodge us, or cuss and "chaw the rag." Come in and square up and save trouble and expense. We are going to collect—don't squall about the panic.

Terrell's Drug Store.

C. L. TERRELL, M. D.

Terrells Drug Store, Haskell, Texas.

Office practice.



A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

To place proper insurance upon your property should not be made one of the paving stones of Hades, but should be carried into effect with the dawn of the New Year. Delay is dangerous, get a policy now.

O. E. PATTERSON.

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

For Tax Assessor.

Mr. E. W. Moser, who resides in the community near Rule, authorizes us to announce him as a candidate for Assessor of taxes, subject to the Democratic primary.

Mr. Moser came from Bell county and located in Haskell county on a farm about two years ago and while we are not personally much acquainted with him he is well spoken of by his neighbors. Having suffered the loss of a leg he is somewhat incapacitated for active farm work and seeks an employment in which this deficiency will not be a detriment to his work. This is not offered however as his only plea for favorable consideration by the voters, as he claims to be competent and qualified to handle the work of the assessor's office in a correct manner, being already familiar with its requirements, having served as constable at Holland, Bell county for a period of twelve years and for several years as city assessor and collector of taxes. He also served for a considerable time as deputy in the sheriff's office. In these capacities he became pretty well familiarized with the details of tax assessing and collecting.

We commend these facts to the consideration of the voters with the suggestion that they consider Mr. Moser's claims for their support.

Subscribers Take Notice.

The postmaster General has promulgated a ruling prohibiting the transmission in the mails of weekly newspapers at the regular second-class or pound rate to subscribers who are more than one year in arrears on subscription account. The ruling provides that publishers may continue to send papers to subscribers who are more than a year in arrears but it requires that postage shall be prepaid on such papers by placing a one-cent stamp on each copy sent. As this would require 52 cents postage to send the paper to such subscriber a year it will be readily seen that no publisher can afford to send a \$1 paper on such terms.

All postmasters were originally ordered to put this ruling into effect on Jan. 1st, 1908, but the Postmaster general has extended the time to April 1st in order to allow publishers to give due notice to their subscribers and give them an opportunity to settle their subscription accounts so as to bring them within the one year limit.

The FREE PRESS has always carried subscription accounts on unlimited time and now has a number of subscribers on its list who are from one to several years in arrears. We have been perfectly willing to extend this accommodation to all who required it but the matter is practically taken out of our hands by the postal department of the government. We will be compelled to comply with the ruling on April 1st by cutting off all subscriptions which are more than one year in arrears on that date—if any such remain. We hope, however, that we will not lose a single subscriber on this account. Having extended the favor as long as we were permitted to do it, we believe it will be only the fair thing for all who are in arrears to now come forward before April 1st and arrange so that their papers may be continued after that date.

Our abstract books are complete and up-to-date. Get your abstracts from Sanderson & Wilson.

About Roads.

Jan. 12, 1908.

Haskell FREE PRESS, Haskell, Tex.

Gentlemen:

I had the pleasure of spending Sunday in your city. Since my last visit some few months ago I notice quite a number of new buildings have been erected, new farms opened, and many signs of prosperity.

All of this I was very proud to see, as I was one of the first from our section of the country to invest in Haskell dirt, before you had a railroad. Now there are located in and around Haskell some fifteen or twenty families from our community, most of whom have bought land. Not boasting, I believe my wind-jamming for Haskell sowed the seeds which are producing good citizenship for Haskell community. My purpose in writing you these few lines is to try to get you to use your influence with the County Commissioners to open a much needed road running north and south with the east line of my farm, from the Post ranch, intersecting the Haskell and Raynor road. Some eight months ago a prominent land firm of your city told Mr. Norman and myself that if we would reset our fences and donate a road to the county, as mentioned, that they would see that the road was graded and made passable.

Your county judge told me four months ago that an overseer had been appointed, the road had been accepted by the county, and would be opened up. Upon his promise and the promise of this real estate firm, I have spent \$700.00 in new improvements fronting this road and the road is yet unopened. I talked with a prominent gin man and some others of your city and they say this is a very important road and should be graded at once. Another thing I want to call your attention to is the condition of the public road between Haskell and my farm. In one and one-half miles, lying right in the public road, are the decaying carcasses of three dead cows and besides this, refuse from the city, old tin cans and rubbish of all kinds have been dumped in the road. In most any civilized country these are finable offenses, and if your officials do their duty your public roads will not be made a dumping ground for carrion, etc.

Possibly I may be a little fresh in making these suggestions, as I am not a resident of your town, but having relations and friends who do live in your city, and owning a turnip patch inside of your special school district, I feel interested in the health and general prosperity of your city.

C. C. HAYDEN

Grandview, Tex.

Magazine Club Dots.

On the afternoon of January eleventh, the members of the Haskell Magazine Club met with Mrs. Henry Alexander in her pretty west-side cottage. Notwithstanding the stiff breeze from the north, the attendance was large and each member eager for the work of the afternoon.

The scheduled lesson for the day was the schools of England, with Mrs. S. R. Rike as teacher. The critic's report was interesting.

When the time for the social session arrived, the hostess surprised the members by requesting them to write three reasons why they are club women, and state two ways in which they have been benefited by the club.

Pencils were kept busy during the allotted time, and the papers when read by Mrs. Alexander were found to be most interesting, and the author of each was guessed by the club.

The following are the reasons given by a few of the ladies for being members of the club:

Self-culture, pleasure and social intercourse, to keep in touch with the world, to strengthen friendship toward the members, to keep from rusting mentally. "Because club work appeals to me and causes me to study and thereby refresh a dull and uncultivated brain."

Some of the benefits derived were these:

Hours spent in study, self-confidence, improvement in English and in expressing thoughts, and a clearer idea of parliamentary usage.

At five o'clock a dainty two-course luncheon was served, during which time the ladies discussed their club work and study, and it was found that the general opinion is that this has been the most pleasant and profitable year since the organization of the club.

FROM THE ANTILLES.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy Benefits a City Councilman at Kingston, Jamaica.

Mr. W. O'Reilly Fogarty, who is a member of the City Council at Kingston, Jamaica, West Indies, writes as follows: "One bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy had good effect on a cough that was giving me trouble and I think I should have been more quickly relieved if I had continued the remedy. That it was beneficial and quick in relieving me there is no doubt and it is my intention to obtain another bottle." For sale by Terrells Drug Store.

What God Created.

Here is a Missouri editor's account of the creation: "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth and the editor, then He created the liberal advertiser—which was all good. The next day it rained and He created the man who does not believe in advertising, another who does not take the home paper—and then He rested. And then the devil got into the moulding room and created the man who takes the paper for several years and fails to pay for it."—Palacios Times

A Cure for Misery.

"I have found a cure for the misery malaria poison produces," says R. M. James, of Louellen, S. C. "It's called Electric Bitters, and comes in 50 cent bottles. It breaks up a case of chills or a bilious attack in almost no time; and it puts yellow jaundice clean out of commission." This great tonic medicine and blood purifier gives quick relief in all stomach, liver and kidney complaints and the misery of lame back. Sold under guarantee at Terrells Drug Store.

Try Some Barley.

In talking with H. Brinkman, a prosperous farmer of the Rhineland community, a few days ago he stated to us that off of one acre of beardless barley which he saved last year for an experiment he thrashed 26 bushels. Mr. Brinkman further states that it matured two or three weeks ahead of wheat. This is a very important feature in barley growing in this section for, as Mr. Brinkman says, the best paying crop is one which matures the quickest. Mr. Brinkman was so well pleased with his experiment that he will sow fifteen acres this year. He thinks it a better feed and will bring in a better revenue. Suppose you try a few acres.—Knox City News.

HASKELL FREE PRESS

POOL & MARTIN, Publishers.

HASKELL, - - - TEXAS

Andrew Green, from New York, put a bullet through the center of his forehead in Miller's saloon in Houston at 1:35 Friday afternoon.

Burglars broke into three business houses in Gainesville Friday night on Commerce street and secured a nice sum of money at each place.

Tom Howeth, a barber of Wetumka, Ok., was fatally hurt by being struck with a poker. His skull was fractured with the blunt end of the implement.

The newspapers of all political shades are enthusiastic over the report that King Alfonso next year may make a trip to Mexico and other Latin-American countries.

An incipient fire damaged twenty bales of cotton on the Peoples Compress at Brownwood Saturday. The whole institution, owing to the high winds, narrowly escaped.

Klubertanz of Rochester, N. Y., won the international seventy-hour go-as-you-please walking match which closed at Akron, O., Saturday night, covering 319 miles and two laps.

The Memphis cotton oil mill was completed and turned over by Contractor Walsh a few days ago and was put in operation and is now working forty or fifty tons of seed daily.

Dennis Headley and Alex Thomas, negroes, who were employed by S. Bremson, in hauling logs from the country near Minden, La., were assassinated by unknown parties.

The first presidential bet made known so far is one for \$5,000 that Gov. Johnson, of Minnesota, is nominated will be elected. John S. McDonald, a Gotham sport, has laid the wager.

The newspaper men of Dallas last week gave a goodly banquet to C. Sterrett of the Dallas News, who retires from that paper for a time. He will enter the race for Congress from the Dallas district.

While switching cars at a siding six miles south of Taylor Saturday afternoon, R. R. Smith, a brakeman of a Missouri, Kansas and Texas freight train, whose home is in Smithville, sustained a crushed foot.

At 8:30 a. m. Sunday Wallace Schell, a Dallas capitalist, aged 52 years, was found dead with a bullet hole in his right temple in his room. His death occurred while Mrs. Schell was out of the room preparing his breakfast.

It is believed that Attorney General Davidson will yield to the solicitation of his friends in Waxahachie and formally open his campaign for the renomination in that city. In fact, his friends have received partial assurance from Gen. Davidson that he will deliver his opening address in Waxahachie.

The one hundredth anniversary of Lincoln's birthday falls on Dec. 12, 1909, and preliminary plans, made by the Lincoln Farm Association, for the celebration of the event of Lincoln's birthday in Larue County, Ky., are well under way. President Roosevelt has been asked to deliver the oration and he has consented.

A deal was closed in Dallas Saturday whereby the holdings of the Star Crescent Iron Company of Rusk, Tex., passed into the hands of W. J. Hogue of Dallas and his associates, who are Eastern capitalists. The consideration was \$250,000.

Hon. Emanuel Roos, Representative from Fayette County in the Thirtieth Legislature, has forwarded his resignation to the Governor, to take effect at once. Mr. Roos will move to Eagle Lake where he will practice law.

Jim Jones a white farmer charged with killing Charles Smith, Everett Reed and Mart Moore, three negro cotton pickers, on his place near Sanger Friday afternoon, was released on bail in the sum of \$9,000, \$3,000 in each case.

Mrs. J. W. Shanks was severely burned by the explosion of a lamp in a room at the Girardin House, Galveston, Sunday morning, and died at 8 a. m. at the Sealy Hospital. Her husband was also severely burned.

Trolley, train and telegraph service was seriously interrupted by a blizzard that swept a large portion of Michigan. At Bay City eighteen inches of snow was reported and all the churches abandoned their Sunday services.

Vincent Masoin, a graduate of Leuvaln, Belgium, has commenced a year's course in college in Fairhaven, Conn., after which he will devote his life to the leper colony in Molokai, in the Hawaiian Islands.

A FATAL AUTO TEST

JOHN TRENTHAM MEETS DEATH AT POST OF DUTY.

NECK IS BROKEN BY FALL

Machine Without Tire Skids Into Street Car—Another Machine Turns Over.

Houston, Tex., Jan. 13.—In the automobile endurance test held here yesterday under the auspices of the Houston Automobile Club, one man was killed and three others wounded. Two cars were involved in the accidents, one collided with a street car and the other skidded into a ditch while rounding a curve at terrific speed late in the afternoon, turning completely over in the air and landing at right angles to the road in an upright position.

The schedule set by the club provided for a speed of not more than eighteen miles an hour, but no penalties were charged for arriving at destinations ahead of time.

The test became one of speed instead of endurance between Cypress and Houston, a distance of twenty-six miles. The average speed made was forty miles per hour. One car covered the distance in thirty-six minutes. The casualties are:

Dead: John Trentham, sporting editor of the Houston Post, neck broken. Wounded: Ray Weiss, cut on face and neck and badly bruised; Brown Botts, seriously wounded internally; B. D. Kemp, badly bruised.

Altogether the test was to cover 112 miles; the longest control was the last one from Houston to Cypress and return. This was also the best road.

Throughout the day the drivers had been increasing their speed and on the Cypress road the climax was reached in express train velocity. Strange to say, in the accident in which the fatality occurred the car was being driven slowly on account of a lost tire. In the car with Mr. Trentham, who lost his life in pursuance of his duties as reporter for his paper, were Will Hogg, H. C. Mosehart, owner of the large, White steamer in which the party was riding, E. A. Crosser, representative of the White Company as chauffeur, and a Mr. Simmons.

An American touring car was involved in the second accident, which happened on a sharp curve at Eureka. Occupants of the car were Ray Weiss, Brown Botts, Eugene Bender and B. D. Kemp, who was driving. Owing to the high speed the car failed to negotiate the curve and skidded into the ditch and turned over a couple of times. Mr. Sontag brought the car to town under its own power.

Things are Tense in O' Kentuck. Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 12.—If the Democrats hold together, ex-Gov. Beckman will be elected United States Senator. Former Gov. W. O. Bradley has the Republican caucus nomination, and his friends claim he will defeat Beckman. The Democrats have about five majority on joint ballot, but a strong fight has been made on Beckman on account of the manner in which he secured the nomination, and several members refuse to support him.

In a panic rush at a gathering of school children in Barney, England, 16 were trampled to death and 45 were seriously injured.

The Panis Has Petered. New York, Jan. 13.—The rapid clearing up of the banking situation and the release of large supplies of credits to the money markets were the important features of last week's events in the financial world. The weekly bank statement of the previous week gave the first decisive outline of the turn in the situation. The statement Saturday, showing a \$6,600,000, has brilliantly confirmed the week's improvements.

The effect has spread throughout the money markets of the world, and has sent supplies back into the loan market with something like a rush. It was obvious that funds that had been held through a lingering spirit of distrust of the bank's position, or as a precaution against extra demands, were returning freely to central reserve points. The Bank of France marked down its official discount rate from 4 to 3½ per cent, and rates of discount receded in all foreign markets.

American Fleet Makes Good Headway. Rio de Janeiro: The American fleet of sixteen battleships entered the port of Rio de Janeiro at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon, after a passage from Port of Spain, Trinidad, more than 3,000 miles, unmarred by accidents, replete with interesting incidents and ending with a royal welcome from thousands that had gathered to greet them. The fleet weighed anchor at 4 o'clock in the afternoon of December 29, at Port of Spain.

HUNDREDS DIE IN FLAMES.

Awful Holocaust in a Pennsylvania Opera House.

Boyerstown, Pa., Jan. 14.—A catastrophe horrifying in its details and sickening in its results last night swept nearly one hundred souls of this borough into eternity in almost the twinkling of an eye and injured nearly three score, many of them fatally. A majority of the dead are members of the leading families of the town.

While the "Scottish Reformation" was being produced in Rhoads' Opera House by Mrs. Monroe or Washington, a tank used in a moving picture scene exploded. Immediately there was a wild rush for the exits of the building. Men of mature years endeavored to still the panic, but their voices could not be heard above the shrieks and screams of the terrified women and children, who composed the greater part of the audience.

The scenes can not be portrayed fitly by the most imaginative. The blood-curdling cries for help of those who were penned within the walls of the blazing structure could be heard above the roaring, seething flames. It seemed as though nearly the entire audience made a mad rush for the exits the moment the explosion occurred.

In their attempts to quiet the crowd, those persons who were on the stage accidentally upset the coal oil lamps used as footlights. The burning oil scattered in all directions, and the lamps which were used to light the opera house exploded, throwing the blazing oil over the terror-stricken people who were fighting frantically to gain the exits.

In the mad rush a section of the floor gave way, precipitating scores of persons to the basement. As the floor collapsed, the shrieks of the helpless persons who were carried down were heard for blocks.

Had the women and the children heeded the warnings of the cool heads in the audience the terrible loss of life might have been averted, but there was the usual panic and stampede, which almost invariably accompanies such a catastrophe. The flames spread rapidly and communicated to other parts of the theater. Men, women and children rushed for the many exits, and the weaker sex and children were trampled and maimed in the mad rush to gain the street.

Taft Favors 110-foot Canal.

Washington: Secretary Taft has written a letter to the President recommending an increase in the width of the Panama Canal from 100 to 110 feet. The change will cost about \$5,000,000 additional, but meets the naval view as to the likelihood of larger battleships in the future. This will increase the cost of the locks from \$52,000,000, the commission's minimum, to \$57,000,000, and the grand total cost to \$200,000,000.

Resumption of Bucket Brigade.

Pittsburg, Pa.: Twenty-five thousand skilled workmen in the Pittsburg district, who have been idle for nearly three months, returned to work Monday, or will have done so by the end of the week. The Homestead Steel Works of the Carnegie Steel Company were started Monday on almost full time. The Bessemer mills did not start, but the 14, 84, 72 and 52-inch mills resumed. The third open hearth department also resumed.

A large increase of the National Guard of Hawaii is urged by the War Department in a communication to Territorial officials.

Shot Unto Death by Assassin.

Navasota: George W. L. Carr, lawyer and prominent citizen of Navasota, was shot about 7:30 o'clock Monday evening as he was going into his stable to turn out his horse. The weapon used was evidently a large caliber revolver. The bullet entered the right side about the lower ribs and came out of the back on the right side, penetrating the bowels. Attending physicians hold out but little hope of his recovery. The assassin escaped.

Wouldn't That Jar You?

Fort Worth: Complaint has been made to the police by D. O. Holden of Riverside concerning the theft of \$800, supposed to have been taken from the Holden residence between noon and 5 o'clock Sunday. The money was in a glass fruit jar, on the top shelf in the pantry. Of the amount, \$40 belonged to Mr. Holden and the balance was the property of Mr. Guthrie, who has been making his home with the Holden family.

Nearly 1,000 delegates, representing nineteen States and Territories, and cities, counties and agricultural colleges will be present at the Dry Farming convention at Salt Lake City on January 22-25.

Mrs. J. M. Daniel, the oldest settler of Paris, died Sunday night, after celebrating her golden wedding anniversary. She was 111 years old only a few days before. She was married at 7 o'clock fifty years ago before she died.

WOULD MAKE BAGGING

WANT AN EASTERN AND ONE WESTERN MILL.

POLITICIANS NEEDN'T APPLY

Farmer's Union Asks Congress to Abolish Future Speculation on Farm Products.

Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 10.—The mass-meeting of the Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union, which convened here Tuesday, adjourning sine die last night after adopting the following resolutions:

"That any man holding office in the Farmers' Union who desires to run for any political office, either county, State or National, shall first resign his office in the Farmers' Union.

"That any man now holding an office in the Farmers' Union and at the same time holding a political office, shall be asked to give up his political office or resign his office in the Farmers' Union.

"That we denounce and condemn future gambling in farm products.

"That we believe in dealing only in bona fide contracts.

"That we ask the National Congress to enact such laws as will abolish and prohibit future gambling in farm products."

At the afternoon session a resolution providing for the establishment of two factories, one east and one west of the Mississippi River, for the manufacture of cotton bagging, sacks and other wrapping material was indorsed.

One delegate from each state in the cotton-growing section, the delegates composing a committee, will be instructed to canvass among the members of the union for funds to push the work. It will be left to the discretion of the board of directors as to where the factories will be located.

Census Cotton Report.

Washington: The census bureau Thursday issued a report showing the number of bales of cotton ginned from the growth of 1907 to January 1, 1908, 9,955,427, as compared with 11,741,039 last year and 9,725,426 for 1905. This counts round bales as half bales. The number of round bales included is 179,391 for 1908, 255,666 for 1907 and 263,581 for 1906. Sea Island included is 73,628 bales for 1908 and 54,275 for 1907 and 98,942 for 1906. The number of active ginner for 1908 was 27,276.

Ran Away From Powder Mill.

St. Louis, Mo.: Only by fleeing to the woods were the lives of many in Phoenixville, Ill., nine miles southeast of St. Louis, saved when the Gaze plant of the Phoenix Powder Company caught fire and eventually exploded, destroying the building and wrecking unpretentious others near by. The loss is estimated at \$10,000. It is believed that fourteen men who were in the plant escaped. No one outside was injured.

Two Are Killed; Eighteen Injured.

San Jose, Cal.: The Sunset express train No. 10, southbound, on the Southern Pacific, running an hour late, was wrecked Thursday night at Rucker, twenty-five miles south of here. Mrs. A. P. Boyd, of Portland, Ore., and her little son were killed. A tramp is also reported killed. Eighteen injured are being treated at the Gilroy Hospital. Two coaches were overturned on the tracks and one thrown into the country road.

Pros in The Running.

Dallas: The State Executive Committee of the Prohibition party has decided to make an active campaign for State prohibition in Texas this year. It was decided also to hold two conventions—one in May to select delegates to the National convention at Columbus, Ohio, in July, and one in August to select a party ticket in Texas. About fifteen members of the committee from various parts of the State were at the conference.

Found Murdered in Her Home.

Texarkana: Nancy Smith, a negro woman who lived alone in a cabin about five miles south of here, was found dead in her home Thursday afternoon, her head having been split open with an ax. The bloody weapon was found near the body. The woman was about 60 years of age. She owned the cabin in which she lived and a few acres of ground which she cultivated and thus obtained a living.

It is reported that a good many hogs are dying in Eastern Oklahoma from a disease that starts with a discharge from the nose, and the period of sickness is short.

It is estimated that 160,000 men are out of employment in New York City, but the number is but little larger than usual at this season.

The first train to cross under the Hudson River from New York to Brooklyn made the trip last Wednesday night.

DESPERATE JAIL BREAK.

Sherman Jail Disarmed and Beaten Inevitably.

Sherman, Tex., Jan. 11.—When Jailor Ed Hatfield went to feed the prisoners yesterday Ed Gash, who was brought here from Fort Worth on a robbery charge, after having been given fifteen years in Tarrant county for highway robbery, grabbed the jailer's pistol and knocked him in the head with it. The officer was then forced into a cell and locked up and Gash and three others escaped.

Henry Cato, one of the prisoners was in jail on the charge of murdering Alvin Frizzell, the young man whose dead body was found in Pilot Grove creek in Collin county, and who had been remanded to jail without bail, both in Grayson and Collin counties. Harry Fairless and Bob Trammell, both under sentences for horse theft, were the other two.

A posse headed by Sheriff Sam Rich was immediately organized and in three hours Gash, Fairless and Trammell were taken. Sheriff Rich took Gash and Trammell, the former shooting at him twice, but missing his mark. The prisoners were captured in the vicinity of Cotton Tail mountain, two miles south of Sherman.

Jailor Hatfield was not seriously wounded, but was knocked senseless for the time being.

OLD BOREAS GETS BUSY.

Blustering Breeze Sweeps Over the Entire South.

Dallas, Jan. 11.—Reports received by The News tell of high winds by many places in Texas and in instances it is declared the velocity during Friday was greater than has been attained at designated points in many years. Over the greater part of the section of the State heard from, being practically the entire upper half of Texas, the gale has been accompanied either by rain, sleet or snow. Reports of heavy falls of either are few and where there has been features additional to the wind, rain is usually reported.

Indications at a late hour last night were that uncertain weather would continue several hours. The Associated Press sent out the following from New Orleans:

"From Texas to Florida storm warnings were issued on the Gulf Coast today. Special warnings were issued for the Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi coasts and stated that a storm was moving eastward over Texas. Thunderstorms, warm murky weather and strong cold winds were all in turn experienced today."

Fourteen Hour Law Invalid.

Bastrop: Judge Ed R. Sinks of the Twenty-first Judicial District, at Bastrop, held that the fourteen-hour law passed by the Thirtieth Legislature attempting to regulate the working hours of employees of railroads, was in conflict with the Federal statute limiting the working of employees to sixteen hours in any twenty-four. County Attorney Jenkins excepted to the judgment of the Court and gave notice of appeal to the Third Court of Civil Appeals.

Gored to Death by Cow.

Rockdale: Mrs. Pinkie Mitchell, for a number of years past identified with the restaurant business here, was gored to death by a cow late Thursday afternoon and almost instantly killed. The cow was being driven by Mrs. Mitchell into the pen where its young calf was, and turning on Mrs. Mitchell and struck her with her horn under the breast bone. The deceased leaves two grown children.

Iron Furnaces.

Birmingham, Ala.: Announcement is made that the surplus of pig iron which has accumulated since October because of the collapse of the iron market has been reduced in the past few weeks from 90,000 tons to less than 55,000 tons and the curtailed production will shortly be called off, one furnace in the Birmingham district being started up since Monday of last week.

Schlatter Alive Again.

Boston, Mass.: Startling this city by the announcement that he has been dead, but is alive, a man appeared here declaring himself to be none other than "Divine Healer" Schlatter, who created something of a sensation in Texas and that part of the State of Oklahoma which was Indian Territory, asserting that he was possessed of power to heal divers diseases, cast out devils, etc.

Carpenter's Fatal Fall.

Dallas: John G. Graham, a carpenter at the Dallas brewery Friday mounted a brace, which he had put up for the purpose of nailing a plank over a crack in the engine room. The brace gave way under him and he fell twenty-five feet, lighting on a dead electric dynamo. His skull was fractured and four or five ribs broken. He died within a few minutes.

EVENTS OF EVERYWHERE

Rockdale's citizens have voted to low cattle to run out.

A compress to cost \$50,000 is to be built at San Angelo this year.

Michael Birmingham-suicided at Dallas Sunday night by gas-asphyxiation.

Owing to a falling off of immigration the force of officials at Ellis Island will be materially reduced.

It is stated by some that deposits in New York savings banks are heavier now than before the recent flurry.

Governor Horace Boise of Iowa is suffering from pneumonia in El Paso, and while a very sick man, the doctors say his condition is satisfactory.

The population of Chickasha, Ok., as shown by C. R. Willing is 8,667, while the directory will give only the names of persons over 16 years of age.

It is believed that the first and most important direct result of the Farmers' Union meeting at Memphis will be a wide diversification of crops.

The annual convention of the Southern Cotton Growers Association will meet in Dallas February 19-20. It is expected that 2500 delegates may be present.

Henry Coleman, a carpenter about 40 years old, working in Dallas, was arrested a few days since on a charge of having murdered James Curdry in Alabama in 1901.

An erecting plant will be used in cement work on the Gatum dam, to cost \$225,000, and a power plant to cost \$400,000, have been ordered from the United States.

While switching in the local Texas and Pacific yards at Texarkana, M. D. Bowles, a switchman, slipped from the footboard of the yard engine and was run over and killed.

Monday night R. T. Robinson, an engineer, had his left hand cut entirely off while attempting to crawl under a freight car at Baird, the train starting while he was under it.

A bill to refund to the several States the cotton tax realized by the Government under the cotton tax laws of 1862 and 1864 was introduced Friday by Mr. Thomas of Georgia.

Chief of Police Manly of Fort Worth has asked the grand jury to investigate the alleged conspiracy which he declares has been plotted to disgrace and drive him from office.

The United States Geological Survey is to make a thorough inspection of the Llano-Burnet mineral country and to that end Dr. C. Willard Hays, chief geologist, has gone to Burnet.

While hunting with two companions one mile south of Palestine, a son of Rev. G. A. Baly, pastor of the Colored Methodist church, was instantly killed by the accidental discharge of a gun.

"Caliph," the great hippopotamus, which for twenty-two years has been in the Central Park Zoo, New York, is dead. Caliph was the largest animal of his breed in America, weighing something like four tons.

At a mass meeting of prohibition advocates from every section of Mississippi held at Jackson, resolutions were adopted condemning the C. O. D. liquor traffic and memorializing the State Legislature to pass a statutory prohibition measure.

At Des Moines Charlie Hackenschmidt of Des Moines, who claims the light heavy-weight wrestling championship of the United States, Friday night defeated Walter Evans of Knoxville, Tenn., in a fierce struggle.

It is estimated that 150,000 pounds of pecans have been marketed by the farmers of Oklahoma, this being only half of the crop in the new State. The low prices are said to be responsible for the holding of a large part of the crop.

Gov. Vardaman has sent his farewell message to the Mississippi Legislature. It was the longest document ever submitted to the lawmaking body in that State, consisting of nearly 20,000 words.

While going through a fence while out hunting Marvin Lynch was killed by the accidental discharge of both barrels of a shotgun near his home in Kingsbury. He was sixteen years old, the son of Gus Lynch, a prominent merchant.

Missing from his home since the day after Christmas, the body of E. H. Ohring of Galveston, aged sixty-seven years, was found Saturday morning beneath a wharf on the water front.

There is little chance for strikes this year among the building trades. The employers have signed contracts with a large number of the men, and in cases where the agreements have not been concluded arrangements are under way.

F. E. C. U. MEETING

SOME 300 DELEGATES ARE AT THE OPENING.

SOME OBJECTS OF MEETING

Questions of Cotton Acreage and Holding Cotton Acre to the Fore.

Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 8.—The annual convention of the Farmers Educational and Co-Operative Union met here yesterday for a session of three days. About 300 delegates representing every Southern State and those of Missouri, Kansas and Washington, are in attendance. The rapid growth of the union since its organization five years ago has attracted much attention in all parts of the country, and the convention now in session will discuss matters of vital interest to the farmers of all sections. The meeting is being held behind closed doors.

C. S. Barrett of Union City, Ga., president of the Union, arrived early today and called the convention to order. One of the most important subjects to be discussed is the advisability of an organized effort to reduce the acreage of cotton. The question of holding cotton for higher prices will also be discussed.

Before calling the convention to order, President Barrett said: "We are here for business and one of the most important things we hope to accomplish is to get fifteen cents for cotton and we are going to get it if we have to hold it from market for years. I can not say how much cotton we are holding back at the present time."

Many of the largest planters in the South and Southwest are in attendance.

FIERCE FIRE IN FORT WORTH.

Texas and Pacific Offices and Freight Depot Burn.

Fort Worth: Starting from a source that remains a matter of conjecture, fire destroyed the immense Texas and Pacific freight warehouse and office building Tuesday night, and for an hour the flames, encouraged by a strong wind from the southeast, threatened to create untold havoc throughout the wholesale district of the city, which lies immediately north of the destroyed building.

The building was completed in May, 1901. In the warehouse was stored almost every conceivable freight consignment, including pianos, buggies, automobiles, furniture, farming implements and countless smaller articles of which no record is available. Along with the south side of the warehouse on the house track, stood twenty-four cars ready for unloading and these were barely saved.

Ask Pardon for Caleb Powers.

Georgetown, Ky: The citizens of Georgetown, irrespective of party, are preparing an address to the people of Kentucky, calling upon them to petition Governor Willson to pardon Caleb Powers. This address will be accompanied by petitions which will be sent into every county in Kentucky. The committee at the head of the movement is composed of four Democrats, two of whom are ex-Confederates, and three Republicans.

Parties prospecting for oil have discovered such strong indications near Sulphur Springs that it resulted in a lease of 7,000 acres of land just northwest of town.

Dramatic Demise of a Tailor.

Fort Worth: F. W. Green, aged forty, a tailor, asked a friend if he could carry him into the house, and when asked what he meant by such a question replied: "I am going to pull off a stunt that will make it necessary for you to carry me." Green went into a woodshed and drank a bottle full of carbolic acid and returned to the doorway, held the empty bottle up to the horrified gaze of his friend. He died almost instantly.

Contract for Lock and Dam No. 6.

Washington: The war department has advised Representative Boall it has accepted the Ball-Carden company's bid on lock No. 6 on the Trinity river and has let the contract, but is holding up their bid on lock No. 2 because the judge advocate general has ruled that part of the money raised by Dallas can not go into the construction of locks and dams. The matter is referred to the attorney general.

"God Almighty Hates a Quitter."

Stamford, Conn: Samuel Fessenden of this city, a former State Senator, is dead from heart trouble. When Thomas B. Reed of Maine was a candidate before the Republican convention Mr. Fessenden headed the Connecticut delegation. He worked hard for Mr. Reed, and when Joseph Manley swung away from Mr. Reed Mr. Fessenden gave utterance to the words, "God Almighty hates a quitter."

SCALPERS HIT HARD.

United States Court Hands Down a Hot One.

Austin, Tex., Jan. 9.—The Supreme Court dealt ticket scalping a blow today when it remanded two defendants to the custody of the sheriff of Bexar County to be punished for contempt for alleged violation of an injunction issued by a District Court in selling tickets marked "non-transferable," after having been forbidden to do so. It was contended that the injunction was wrong because it applied to tickets thereafter issued and those to points without the State, an interference with interstate commerce. The Supreme Court says all of these objections present no justification or excuse for violating an injunction. The court says that tickets issued in the future, under limitations, can be protected by a previous "injunction of the court and that the tickets sold were protected."

Condition of Penitentiaries.

Austin: The state penitentiary board met here Wednesday. The report of Superintendent Herring for December shows 3512 convicts on hand December 1; new received, 116; returned by sheriffs, 1; discharged, 65; pardoned, 50; escaped, 3; died, 6; delivered to sheriffs, 5; on hand December 1, 3500. Fourteen are in the insane asylums. The financial agent's report shows the amount on hand December 1, \$6509; receipts during the month, \$68,049; disbursements, \$61,435; balance on hand January 1, \$13,123.

Men Go Down at Sea.

Norfolk, Va: A broken message received here over the United States Seacoast telegraph wires from Cape Hatteras on the North Carolina coast reports the stranding and loss on the treacherous Diamond Shoals of an unknown schooner, out of whose crew of seven men, five perished and two were saved. The message, which fails to give the name of the lost vessel. The give the name of the lost vessel, reports her to have been a schooner bound for Charleston, S. C.

Blazes at Teague and Barstow.

Barstow: Fire broke out in the rear of the Barstow Irrigation Company office at 2:30 Wednesday morning and destroyed that building, the Barstow Furniture Company, Covey Meat Market and the Boxley-McCullough dry goods store. The Covey building and Barstow furniture stock were the only uninsured property destroyed. Total property destroyed aggregates \$7,000, while the insurance approximates \$5,000.

Teague: Fire Tuesday night caused the total loss of four buildings, the Avery Hotel, value \$5,000, insurance \$3,000; Hartfield Hotel, value \$1,500; Corner Saloon building, value \$800; Charles Turk, office, \$100; stock of Corner Saloon, valued at \$2,000, loss \$1,000; Midget Bar, value \$3,000, loss \$1,000; Tain Harris, furniture, value \$600; American Express office, goods saved. The passenger depot narrowly escaped the fire.

Boys Bar Booze.

San Antonio: The Spanish War Veterans, an organization, is on the water wagon for 1908. This is believed to be one of the few instances ever known when such organizations has voted to bar all spirituous liquors from its functions. This action was taken at a largely attended meeting this week. It was voted that no intoxicating liquors should be served at its smokers or other social gatherings.

Farmers' Union men in Cherokee County have resolved to reduce cotton acreage one-third next year, and to advance money on the cotton now held for 15 cents.

Mrs. William White was found dead in her bed at the home of her son, Frank White, of Greenville Wednesday morning. The deceased, who was about 75 years old, was the widow of Capt. William White, who was for many years a prominent cotton buyer of Dallas.

Robbers blew open the vault of the McCurtain, Ok. State Bank, forty miles from Fort Smith, Ark., and secured \$3000 in gold and silver and escaped, leaving no clue.

Y. C. Randolph, a tinner in the International and Great Northern shops, dropped dead at his home in Palestine on account of heart failure.

Charles Smith, an industrious and trusted negro worker at the Iola Portland Cement Works in West Dallas, was caught by a belt Sunday and instantly killed.

S. B. Corber, about 65 years of age, a prominent Odd Fellow of Ballinger, died suddenly while sitting in his buggy Wednesday evening. He was talking to some parties at the time, and remarking, "I am losing my health," died immediately.

John Rogers, one of the owners of the Ross gin at Coleman, was caught in the machinery a few days since and one arm badly lacerated.

Burglars blew open the safe in the postoffice at Houston Heights Sunday night, but found little of value.

FARMERS' EDUCATIONAL AND CO-OPERATIVE UNION OF AMERICA

The very busy man is generally the very happy one.

Let no day pass without preaching the gospel of good cheer.

Make another New Year swear, and let it be that you will know what it going on at the school house.

The busy hen has not yet heard of the low price of cotton nor of the financial flurry. Go to the hen and be wise.

While you are not too lazy, get out and fix up those flower beds for the girls. You won't have time a little later on.

The forthcoming census will cost the people \$14,000,000, and will be worth—well, mighty little to the average man.

Life is too short to spend a day without doing some good deed that has helped some struggler to make a better Union man.

Let the watchword for this year be: "Better packing and more warehouses for cotton; and unto this add large diversification."

Ask the prosperous farmer how it was done, and nine times out of ten he will tell you that it was through diversification.—Terrell Transcript.

The late flurry has not hurt any legitimate and sound business; the farmers are making as much stuff as ever, and it tastes as good as it used to.

The good Union man who has not a split-log drag already has a good-sized sapling picked out to make one the very first rainy day that comes along.

Take plenty of the cheap newspapers that are now offered to the public. This is a time when "cheap" refers to the price only; be sure you get the quality.

Poultry and prosperity; peanuts and prosperity; pigs and prosperity; and so the story goes along through the whole gamut of the man who is pushing and persevering.

Philosophizing is a very good thing for one who has nothing else to do, but we will give a great deal to find a man who has not a big lot of things that need doing that have been left over from last week.

The carloads of turkeys that are going out of Texas for the Eastern markets is another evidence that the good seed of the Union is taking hold and bearing fruit that will be the relief from the cotton fiasco.

Of course there are a lot of politicians inside of the Union who would be glad to run the whole thing in their own interests. That is a mighty good sign that the thing is worth running. Stick to the Union and weed out this sort of fellows as fast as they bob up; that's the way to do business.

Has your Union ever talked of a neighborhood cannery? Not one of those great big things that it takes an army to run and a bank to sustain, but a little quiet sort of a place where you and a few of your neighbors can take care of the surplus fruit on your place for future home use and a little to sell to the fellows you know over in town. Talk it up; it is a good thing.

This is an election year, but it is decided by all the prophets that pigs, poultry, peanuts and prosperity are keeping step to the march of progress, and that all Union men are putting lots of stress on the diversification idea.

The reason for the cheapness of cotton is found in the unpaid labor of women and children who put in from twelve to sixteen hours a day raising the stuff. Figured at the price which labor ought to bring, the cotton crop is a money-losing game from start to finish at anything like the price it has brought for the last fifteen years.

Whatever you do, or don't do, be sure that you plant only good seed. This fact should be emphasized all the time. The reason that the world is away behind in many plants is because there is little or no care exercised in the selection of seeds. Thousands of cotton raisers make no efforts to save the best seed for planting, just as if they thought that any sort of old seed would produce as good stuff as those that are particularly noted for productiveness.

The Journal wants peace between the landlord and the tenant as individuals, so long as there must be landlords and tenants. But if meting out justice to all men should cripple the private interests of any one, by all means sacrifice the personal friendship of such a one rather than hinder the course of justice. In other words, if he won't be your friend unless you meekly consent to suffer injustice, let him be your enemy. Such a friend should be spurned.—Farmers' Journal.

DON'T GIVE A MORTGAGE.

Don't give a mortgage. Do not go into debt. Make sacrifices this year, 22ys National Co-Operator, that you may be free and independent the balance of your life. You do not know how easy it is to make sacrifices until you try. And right here listen to a little story: A good farmer man and his good wife live in Harrison County, Texas, not far from Hallville. It was in the younger days of their married life, although three boys and perhaps a daughter, were growing up about them and would eat. Every year their little cotton crop had to go to their merchant for the supplies they had bought during the year, and not a cent did they have left over. After four or five years of this procedure, the wife said, when they began to pitch their little crop, "Not a dollars' worth of anything is bought on a credit this year. All we eat we'll raise hereafter, except those things we can not raise." The husband looked askance at her, but he knew when the little woman put her foot down, things had to be that way. When the coffee and the sugar gave out, she sent some eggs and chickens and butter to town, and, selling them, expended the money for these things. Not a cent's worth of anything was bought on credit that year, and never has since. They sell their cotton to whom they please, raise everything possible at home, have raised their three boys and their two girls, giving them good educations, and there are not three better young men in Texas, nor sweeter, better women than the two daughters, both married. Now, what that couple did, or rather that good little wife, every couple can do, if they will try, and it is so easy to do when you once commence.—National Co-Operator.

LEGISLATION ASKED FOR.

At the recent meeting of the Farmers' Union at Memphis, the following legislation was asked of the National lawmakers:

A law by which all money shall be issued by and under the direct control of the Government.

The passage of a law by Congress prohibiting the buying and selling of cotton futures, and all other farm products, or gambling in agricultural products in any manner.

The immediate abolition by Congress of the Federal bureau for distribution of seeds and the speedy enactment of laws substantially excluding the present alien influx by means of an increased head tax, a money requirement, the illiteracy test and other measures.

That Congress extend the parcels post, increasing the number of pounds to be carried in the mails from four to eleven, and a reduction in postage from 16 cents to 12 cents per pound; also the establishment of a parcels post system on the mail delivery routes, carrying a special rate to be charged on packages originating on rural routes, the rate to be 5 cents for the first pound and 2 cents for each additional pound up to eleven pounds.

The establishment of a postal savings bank system as a means of keeping money at home, aiding circulation and guaranteeing for the farmers a safe depository.

It has always looked to this scribe that it must be a mighty lively bug which could stand being plowed under good and deep in the fall and turned over at least once during the winter, and still come up in the spring ready for its work of destruction. By plowing under all the green stuff that you can you enrich the land and prepare it for the next crop, and if you will break up the bug some time during the winter, he will be gathered to his fathers mighty quick.

Have you an open meeting planned for your local? It is about the best time in your life to DO IT NOW.

This life is not calculated to make angels of any of us, but the mean, low-down cuss that falls to make his imprisoned live stock comfortable is suffering for a few days out of doors in the rains and half rations in his belly. That would help him a great deal.

Every shipload of immigrant coming to America raises the price of land, thus enriching the land speculator, while increasing the burdens that the homeless Americans and their families must bear before they can ever obtain homes. Yet those homeless ones get together in unions and resolve against the foreign immigrant, but are silent concerning their real enemy—the land monopolist at home.

Don't play into the hands of the implement and vehicle trust by letting your implements and vehicles go to ruin for lack of shelter, paint and repair. The implement and vehicle men all wear good trousers, but the blooming idiot, to whom it is too much trouble to take care of his things, can always feel the north wind might plain when he happens to face the south.

It is a mighty sorry bunch of farmers who can not get together and use their combined credit for anything they may need to.

Is the water and the wood as handy to your partner as they can be? If not, one of these rainy days is a mighty good time to fix em so they will be; and you are a powerful poor Union man if you are in the habit of neglecting your partner just because she is not man enough to take you and bump your head for your lack of helplessness.

TOO MANY STORES

CONDITIONS SOMETIMES FOUND IN NEWER SECTIONS.

IS A POOR BUSINESS POLICY

Good Judgment in Amount of Trade Storekeeper Can Control is Great Essential to Success.

There is such a thing as overdoing business. There are numerous illustrations of this condition in the newer sections of the west. Towns are built up before the country is fairly settled, and there is little besides the town trade to support the business concerns. There will be several general stores to supply what one good store should look after.

This is poor policy. There are certain conditions that indicate whether there is room in a town or a community for a business concern. It is a well-known fact that the people require just so much food, so much clothing, so much this and that essential to living, and while one family or person may consume more than another certain person, when the average is made it will be found that each spends so much during the year. This being the case, it is an easy matter for the man contemplating establishing a store to estimate about the amount of trade that he can safely hope to control. If he oversteps the limit, he is sure to meet with disaster. Where there are more stores than is justified some dealer must conduct an unprofitable business. It is generally the one who has poor business ability. The experienced and the capable always win, but it is seldom that the astute and careful merchant seeks a location in an overworked field.

Where there are too many business men in a town, there is always heard complaints of dull business. The field is generally made an overdone one by the classes which may be rightly called "pickers" or small-caliber merchants, who see one storekeeper in a place doing fairly well, and conclude that there is a chance for themselves to make a little easy money. The result is poor business for all, and eventually failure. It is poor judgment in matters of this kind that runs up the list of general store failures above the average in other lines.

It is important that the one looking for a good location for a store of any kind, pick out a field where there is need of the class of business establishment that he contemplates starting, and where there shall be patronage enough to make the undertaking a success. Unless this matter be carefully investigated, one runs a risk.

In a new country the towns are generally built up first, and the agricultural section settled up in a gradual way. Settlers are not always a wealthy class, and are not the most liberal buyers. Still they must have necessities supplied, and here is where the new town storekeeper gets his principal business. A store is always successful in a thickly populated community, if the management is such as to draw trade. In the large city all that is essential for success is capital and brains to rightly conduct the business undertaken, for there is always a large mass of people to do the buying, and they will turn their trade to the merchant that throws out the proper inducements to them, and satisfies them the best. In the country, or small town, things are different and business must be conducted on a different basis. Where there is not population enough to consume any great amount of goods, it would be foolhardy to try to build up a great business, for trade is regulated entirely by the wants of the people, and their wants are according to their customs, their success and tastes.

Pointer for the Merchant.

A thing that is more or less a constant source of annoyance to the general storekeeper, as well as his patrons, is the matter of arranging goods so that there is the right kind of display, protection for the goods from dust and dirt, and all arranged with a view of ready access. It is necessary that there be places for hundreds of different articles. Go into some stores, ask for a certain thing, a clerk may take several minutes in looking it up. Not long ago a man called at a general store and asked the proprietor for some small wax candles to be used for ornamentation purposes. The storekeeper said that he had them. Then commenced a search of the premises. Corners were looked into, boxes examined, and no candles found. The storekeeper was positive that he had them in stock, and finally after an hour's search found the candles stored away in a small box under the counter. It required an hour of valuable (?) time to find ten cents' worth of candles.

The up-to-date merchant will have a place for everything and everything in its place, well displayed and easy of access. In the grocery store there should be bins and drawers, shelves and cases for all the stock. Store furniture manufacturers are continually devising improved means of caring for stocks and displaying the same. But it matters not how perfect the store arrangement in the way of furniture and fixtures, there must be system employed. Sales are lost every day by not having goods arranged rightly. The buyer of groceries dislikes to go into a store where there is a barrel of sugar uncovered affording a feast for the flies and a stopping place for the dust; neither does the man have his appetite for cheese or other like things whetted by seeing the arrangement suggestive of filth.

GENERALLY OF POOR GRADE.

Sales of Cheap Jewelry by Mail Amount to Millions Annually.

The report of the sales of one large mail order house showed nearly a half millions of dollars' worth of jewelry and silverware sold annually. Take the total of all the jewelry sold by the mail order system of business and it is likely to amount to fully \$25,000,000 to \$30,000,000 annually.

If the people could be made to understand what kind of stuff in the watch and jewelry lines is generally sent out by the mail order houses they would be more careful in buying. The guarantee of these houses amounts to little, regardless of the millions of dollars of capital they may have employed in the business. All the guarantee binds them to do is to supply a new case if the one does not wear for "the 20-year period." Not one case in one thousand, even though they do not last five years, are returned to the concern for exchange. The cases are generally lowest grade, and made to order for the concerns. Not long since the manager of one of the catalogue houses called upon a large watch manufacturing concern. By the way this company would not sell the company its own trade-marked watches unless there was an agreement not to cut prices. However, before the manager left he had agreed for several thousand watches to be supplied them. Those watches were of a certain grade, were sold at prices lower than good watches could be assembled and tested. These watches have the special marks of the concern, but not the name.

In rings, emblems, all classes of jewelry, the mail order kind is the cheaper. Should something of a superior character be listed, it will be noted that prices are as high as the local dealer asks. In silverware is where the catalogue house gets in its fine work on patrons. Plated ware is generally sold according to the amount of silver, the weight to the piece or the dozen pieces, used in the plating and the amount of carved work, etc. Like other goods, the mail order house handles a class of ware that is lightly plated and inferior to that which is handled in the regular stores.

THE LAWS OF COMMERCE.

Consumption of Products in Accordance with Fixed Principles.

It is useless to fight for innovations and reforms that are not based upon logic and sustained by sound principles. There is too much of the superficial in evidence in the work of many who undertake to better commercial conditions. The scientist knows better than to ignore the laws of gravity in his calculations. The reformer is foolish to set about his work with an idea of disobeying any known natural law. He is sure to meet with failure. There are conditions in the commercial world that must be observed. Trade is in accordance with requirements are according to other relative circumstances. As our civilization advances new demands manifest themselves. While a hundred years ago the people were satisfied with certain commodities, it was because other things known to us did not exist. The expenses of living keep relatively the same. We have statistics that show the average requirements of a certain class of people. We know to a certainty how the average runs. We cannot tell how much a single man will spend for living during a year, but we do know the average that each in a thousand or two thousand men will spend, classifying them as to occupation and earning capacity. Therefore it stands to reason that in every community the amount of trade is in accordance with the population and the classes of people composing the community. It is useless to argue that trade can be increased by certain methods. A certain merchant by advanced methods may increase his trade, but as he does so some one else loses proportionately. Reformers and business-builders should bear these facts in mind, and not get their "wires crossed."

Right Kind of Advertising.

Not long since in a western town of some 7,000 population the merchants had an illustration of what can be done by judicious advertising. The proprietor of a clothing and dry goods store decided that he would add a grocery department. This was met with the disapproval of other merchants in the town, particularly the grocers. They combined and commenced an advertising campaign directed chiefly against him. Small space was used. They were greatly surprised one morning to find that the object of their attention had in the daily paper a four-page advertisement. They were further surprised when the weeklies of the surrounding towns came out with one and two-page advertisements, offering wonderful bargains and to pay the railroad fare of those who would purchase a certain amount of goods. For miles around the town large posters announced the great sale. Other merchants of the town looked upon the venture as foolish, and predicted that there was something wrong, a failure or a fire in sight. Neither happened, but in two weeks' time the enterprising storekeeper, who advertised to sell 25 pounds of granulated sugar for a dollar, when the jobbing price was more than five dollars a hundred, provided the purchaser ordered other goods, did a business amounting to more than \$16,000, or as much business as the average small storekeeper does in a year. Not alone that, but he is still doing the biggest business in the town. He advertised rightly.

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of Throckmorton County.

For Assessor of Taxes:
R. H. SPROWLS.
E. W. MOSER.

The attention of our Commissioners' Court and county officers is called to a communication in this issue of the FREE PRESS from Mr. C. C. Hayden touching several questions concerning public roads and, we may say, public decency.

We know nothing as to the matters referred to by Mr. Hayden further than the statements made by him. But we do know that too much emphasis can not be placed upon the need and value of plenty of good roads leading to the town. They are valuable in an equal degree to the town and to the rural communities penetrated by them, and all of the money and effort expended in securing such is money and effort well spent.

Mr. Hayden says that a real estate firm promised to see that this particular road was graded, not that the commissioners made any promise, and they probably promised more than they could perform without doing it at their own expense, as we understand the county road fund has been exhausted for some time and awaits replenishing by the collection of taxes. The county owns a grading machine, but little work has been done upon the country roads with it, on account of the lack of funds, although several roads are badly in need of grading.

As to the matter of dead animals and refuse being dumped in the public roads, there certainly is negligence somewhere. The law provides heavy fines for such disposition of carcasses and refuse matter and as the county commissioners are supervisors of the roads in their precincts and are supposed to go over them occasionally, it would seem as if the carcasses spoken of by Mr. Hayden would have been discovered and reported to the proper officer, (if he himself had not discovered them or had them reported to him by some citizen) and been removed and investigation made as to the guilty parties.

"Better Be Safe than Sorry."

Therefore insure your home with Sanders & Wilson & McPherson. 3-ft

Bank Foolishness.

"When attacked by a cough or a cold, or when your throat is sore, it is rank foolishness to take any other medicine than Dr. King's New Discovery," says C. O. Eldridge, of Empire, Ga. "I have used New Discovery many years and I know it is the best remedy on earth for coughs and colds, croup, and all throat and lung troubles. My children are subject to colds, but New Discovery quickly cures every attack." Known the world over as the King of throat and lung remedies. Sold under guarantee at Terrells Drug Store. 50c and \$1.00 trial bottle free.

Why Suffer from Rheumatism?

Do you know that rheumatic pains can be relieved? If you doubt this just try one application of Chamberlain's Pain Balm. It may not give you relief from pain but will make rest and sleep possible, and that certainly means a great deal to any one afflicted with rheumatism. For sale by Terrells Drug Store.

Through a telephone message to Mr. G. R. Couch we learned of the death of Mr. C. A. Norris at his home at Clairmont on last Saturday. Mr. Norris resided in Haskell for a number of years and his friends at this place will regret to learn of his death.

A Higher Health Level.

"I have reached a higher health level since I began using Dr. King's New Life Pills," writes Jacob Springer, of West Franklin, Maine. "They keep my stomach, liver and bowels working just right." If these pills disappoint you on trial, money will be refunded at Terrells Drug store, 25c.

Mr. B. S. Long of the south side was in the city Monday and told us to keep the FREE PRESS going to him.

The Meanest Man in Town.

Is the one who always wears a frown is cross and disagreeable, and is short and sharp in his answers. Nine cases out of ten it's not the poor fellow's fault, it's his liver and digestion that make him feel so miserable, he can't help being disagreeable. Are you in danger of getting into that condition? Then start at once taking Ballard's Herbine for your liver—the safe, sure and reliable vegetable regulator. Sold at Terrells Drug Store.

Mr. J. H. Kelley returned the early part of the week from a trip to the Davis mountain and Toyah valley country. Mr. Kelley said that was a fine country.

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.

Mr. A. Fuller of the south west part of the county was in the city Tuesday. Mr. Fuller handed us a dollar and we set his subscription a year ahead.

The first Quarterly Conference of the M. E. Church was held here last Monday night. Rev. Jno. E. Morris, the Presiding Elder, was present and presided. There was a very good attendance of the membership. Rev. C. B. Meadow reported seventy additions to the church since he took charge in Nov., and reported the largest number of conversions had in several years, which shows the church here to be in good condition.

Mr. Ed Davis of Pinkerton came to town Monday and bought a new buggy. Some Pinkerton girl is going to get the benefit of this investment.

Dr. O. M. Guest who was recently married to Miss Lillian Morgan of Granbury, returned last week to this city where they will make their home. The Doctor has lately fitted up a modern dental parlor in the McConnell building.

Mr. G. W. Bischoffshausen was in the city Thursday and in conversation with a FREE PRESS reporter said he moved to his farm four miles southeast of Haskell about the middle of March, went to work and put in a crop and his cotton made a half bale per acre.

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.

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Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays.
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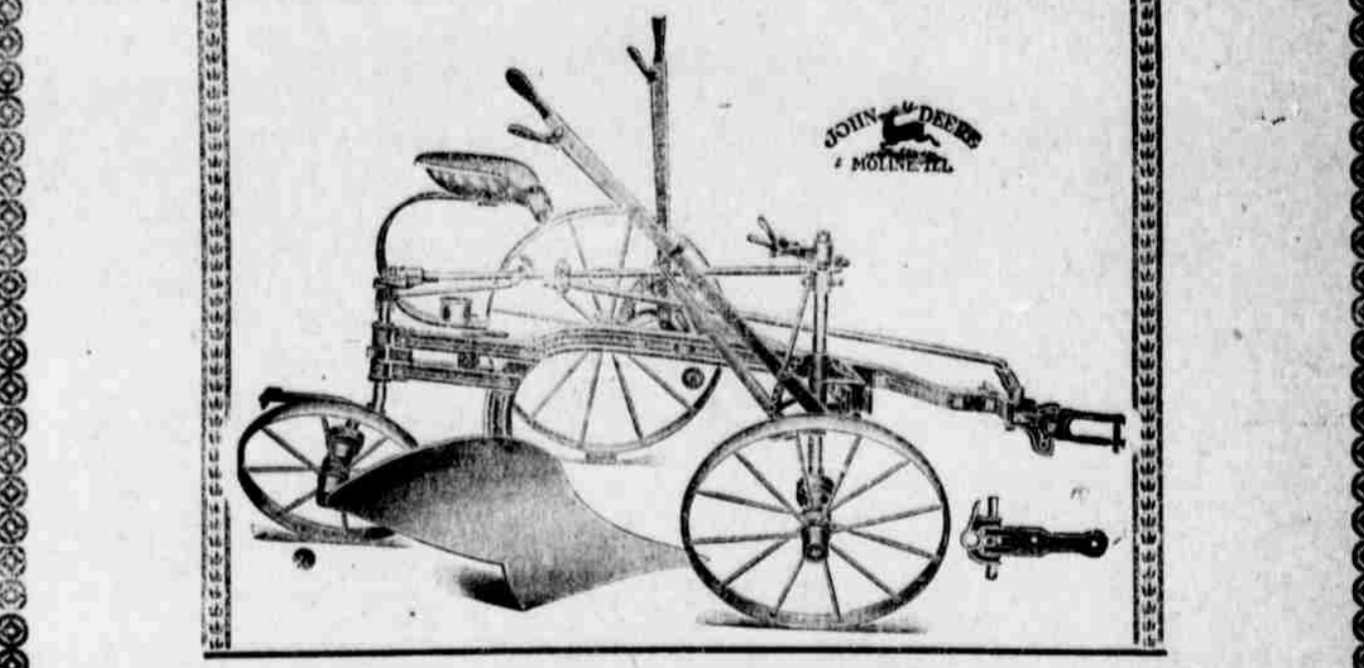
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D. M. WINN, Treas'r
WALTER MEADORS, Sec'y
Lodge meets every Thursday night.

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 anybody else.

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

It Does the Business.

Mr. E. F. Chamberlain, of Clinton, Maine, says of Bucklen's Arnica Salve. "It does the business; I have used it for piles and it cured them. Used it for chapped hands and it cured them. Applied it to an old sore and it healed it without leaving a scar behind." 25c. at Terrells Drug Store.

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.

The banks here held their annual election of officers the 14th inst. The Haskell National bank elected officers as follows: M. S. Pierson, Pres.; Lee Pierson, Vice Pres.; G. R. Couch, Vice Pres, G. E. Langford, Cashier; M. Pierson, Asst. Cashier. Directors, M. S. Pierson, G. R. Couch, M. Pierson, T. E. Ballard, F. M. Morton, S. W. Scott and Lee Pierson.

The Farmers' National Bank elected T. L. Montgomery, Pres.; H. M. Rike, Vice Pres.; R. C. Montgomery, Cashier; W. W. Murphy, Asst. Cashier. Directors, T. L. Montgomery, H. M. Rike, H. S. Post, J. F. Pinkerton, R. C. Montgomery, A. G. Neathery and A. H. Alexander. On account of bad health Mr. B. F. McCollum retired from the Board.

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, sausages, Etc. A Share of Your Patronage Is Solicited.

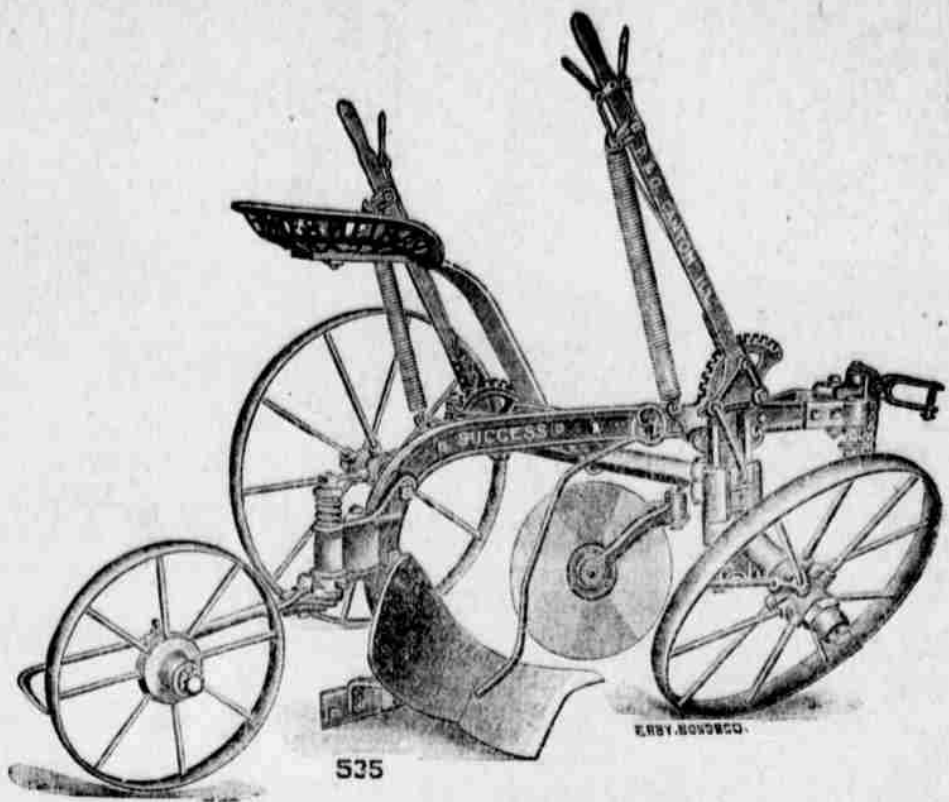
Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Neal have returned from a visit to Mr. Neal's old home in Alabama.

Mr. I. E. Terrell of Dallas spent several days this week visiting his brother, Dr. Terrell of this place.

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.

Wood. I will sell wood at \$1.50 per cord for the next ten days. In Cunningham pasture two miles east of town. J. W. Payne.

"Better Be Safe than Sorry." Moral—Get a Storm policy with Sanders & Wilson & McPherson



CANTON SUCCESS PLOWS Are Better

McNEILL & SMITH HARDWARE CO.,

Gentlemen: I have used your "Success Plow" and find it the best plow I have ever used and think it far superior to any on the market. It is the easiest handled and takes the ground the best. Have never failed to plow any kind of ground with mine. It can also be converted into a Middle Breaker, making two implements with one frame. Any boy can run them.

For Sale by

**McNEILL & SMITH
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HASKELL, 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.

SOLOMON IMPLEMENT CO
HASKELL, TEXAS

Local and Personal

Miss Cora Warren was in the city shopping Monday.

"Sweetheart" at Irby & Stephens. 46tf.

Mr. Joe McReynolds of Carney was in Haskell Monday.

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

Miss Romay Foy of Stamford is visiting Mrs. Breazeale.

Mr. Solon Smith of Missouri is visiting relatives in Haskell.

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

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

Miss Stella Couch of Monday spent a few days in Haskell this week.

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

Judge R. F. Fuston of Stone-wall county was in the city Monday.

Great bargains in gold rings, watches, spectacles, etc., at W. H. Parsons.

Mrs. O. E. Patterson left Monday on a visit to her parents at Taylor.

DeWitt's Little 'Early Risers are the best pills known. Sold by French Bros.

Constable L. F. Burns of Sager-ton was in the city Monday and Tuesday.

Miss Fred Lindsey of Abilene is visiting her sister Mrs. Joe McCrary.

Do you think of selling your land—see Norris & Counts of the City Realty Co.

Mr. J. F. Armstrong was in the county capital several days this week.

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

Mrs. J. G. White of the West side was in the city shopping Wednesday.

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

Miss Frankie Terrell who has been visiting in Abilene returned the early part of the week.

Have your saddles, harness and shoes repaired at Evers' shop, south side of square.

Mrs. R. W. Williams of Rule spent several days in the city this week visiting friends.

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

Mr. C. A. Money of the east part of the county was doing business in the city Wednesday.

Mr. F. G. Alexander left the first of the week on a business trip to Fort Worth and other Texas points.

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

For light, crisp bread and the best cakes use "Sweetheart" flour. For sale by Irby & Stephens.

Mr. Monte Smith of McCauley arrived Thursday morning on a visit to Haskell friends. It is said that one of Haskell's fair daughters is the chief attraction.

List your lands, lots, houses and stock with the City Realty Co. Norris & Counts will make it interesting for you and treat you fairly and right. Norris & Counts.

We learned only a day or two ago of the death of Mr. H. C. Dozier of the northwest part of the county. Mr. Dozier was one of the old citizens of this county and highly respected for his good qualities. He was one of our most progressive and successful farmers. It is with regret that we chronicle the death of men like Mr. Dozier.

Wood—I have pole wood, trimmed up, for sale at \$1-50 for two horse load, six miles northeast of Haskell. Gus Miller.

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.

Mr. M. R. Hemphill returned the early part of the week from Fort Worth, where he had shipped two cars of fat cattle last week.

Lost Filly—A light bay filly, 2 years past, about 15 hands, small scar on left hind leg, hind feet white, no brand—escaped from my place ten days ago. I will pay liberal reward for her return or for information leading to her recovery. H. C. Guynes, 3 miles S. E. of Haskell. 2t

Iron Roofing.

We have just received a car-load of corrugated iron roofing, both galvanized and painted. Cason, Cox & 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 Marshal.

Miss Louise Goodlett entertained a few of her friends very delightfully at "42" on last Friday evening.

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

Mr. J. W. Collins spent several days out at his farm this week. He is building tenant houses and preparing for this year's crop.

We now have a full line of 1908 patterns of wall paper. All new designs. McNeill & Smith Hardware Co.

Iron Roofing.

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Rev. C. B. Meadow left Tuesday night to attend a ministers' conference at Anson, which was held at that place this week. He was assigned to preach the opening sermon at the conference.

For Sale Cheap.

Horse, wagon, plow tools, milch cow. See Lee Pierson, Haskell. Phons No. 260. (1-4t)

Iron Roofing.

We have just received car load of corrugated iron roofing, both galvanized and painted. CASON COX & CO.

Mrs. A. F. Moffett who spent the holidays with her mother at Belton returned to Haskell Monday.

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

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

Mr. C. D. Knight of the Hawley Rustler spent the day in Haskell yesterday. He and Switzer are making a good paper of the Rustler.

Strayed or stolen a red and white spotted milk cow about five years old, branded half circle F on left side. 10 months old male calf with her. If you know anything of them please notify R. P. Williams, Haskell, Texas.

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 patnee, phone. S. W. SCOTT, Haskell, Texas.

Mr. T. E. Mathis of the south west part of the county was in the city Tuesday and ordered the FREE PRESS continued as a visitor to his home.

LOST.—In Haskell on Christmas night, a lady's gold watch and fob, size 9. Lost at the skating rink, or between the rink and Dr. Gebhard's residence. Finder please return to Miss Addie Haswell and get a reward.

TO MUCH FACE.

You feel as if you had one face too many when you have Neuralgia, don't you? Save the face, you may need it; but get rid of the Neuralgia by applying Ballard's Snow Liniment. Finest thing in the world for rheumatism, neuralgia, burns, cuts, scalds, lame back and all pains. Sold by Terrells Drug Store.

Judge P. D. Sanders left Tuesday night for Abilene to attend a meeting of the Central West Texas Association of Commercial Clubs, which he was invited to address on the night of the 15th instant.

Sale or trade—one business house adjoining the post office. Also one piano, cheap. 3-at J. C. Brewer, Haskell, Tex.

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

Mr. G. E. Courtney was in the city Monday and in conversation with the FREE PRESS reporter stated that he made the largest cotton crop last year he ever made, and got it all gathered by the first of October. He said that he had held his cotton and had not sold any of it.

CAUGHT IN THE RAIN.

Then a cold and a cough—let it run on—get pneumonia or consumption that's all. No matter how you get your cough don't neglect it—take Ballard's Horehound Syrup and you will be over it in no time. The sure cure for coughs, colds, bronchitis and all pulmonary diseases in young and old. Sold by Terrells Drug Store.

Editor F. L. Meadow of the Herald attended the meeting of the West Texas Commercial Clubs at Abilene this week.

It is very important and in fact it is absolutely necessary to health that we give relief to stomach promptly at the first sign of trouble. Take something once in a while, especially after meals; something like KODOL, for Dyspepsia and Indigestion. It will enable your stomach to do its work properly. Sold by French Bros.

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.

Mr. Jno. L. Robertson of the West Texas Development Co. spent several days at Abilene this week.

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. M. R. Hemphill drove over to Rule Wednesday on business and on his return was quite enthusiastic over the farming preparations seen along the way. He said he saw several wheat fields with stock grazing on them and they looked mighty good to him. He also said that he noticed considerable improvement going on in Rule.

Mr. J. P. Ashley of the west side was in the city Monday. Mr. Ashley said he made a half bale of cotton per acre last year.

A JEALOUS WIFE

By Adele E. Thompson

(Copyright.)

"Helen, dear, I have something to tell you."

"Yes, Robert," and though the lip trembled a little, unseen by him, the voice was bravely cheerful, "I think I can guess what it is."

"Can you?" and the happy look on the boyish face, such a boyish face still for all its 25 years, grew still brighter. "Of course, I have written you about Lillian, the dearest girl in the world; but it seems so wonderful to think that she loves me so dearly as I do her, and I wanted you to be the first to hear it," and Helen listened while he sang a lover's praises, and smiling, hid the little pain in her heart that would come with the realization that this only brother had found one nearer than herself.

"There have always been two of us," he concluded, "you and I; but now there will be three, Lillian, you and I."

"No, Robert," she said, even more cheerfully than before, "there will be two still, Lillian and you."

"Nonsense, Helen," he protested, hotly. "Nobody is ever going to crowd you out; we have come too near each other for that. When I come to tell Lillian all you have been to me, mother and sister, both, and all I owe to you through these years, I know that she will love you as well as I do."

Helen smiled a little dubiously; she could not say to him that some one else would have opinions and a voice concerning the home; and she had no desire by look or word to mar the few hours they were to have together after an absence of months.

Helen did not come for the wedding; but after they were settled in



"What Has Come Between Us So?"

their home, yielding to Robert's repeated letters, she went on for a visit. Lillian received her with sweet frostiness, so subtle as to be felt rather than observed.

Robert had built such hopes on the results of this visit, but somehow, if he began to talk to Helen of the days when they two were alone in the world together, Lillian was apt to develop a headache that shut her up in her room; and if Helen petted him in her old loving way, Lillian would show her displeasure by punishing him with a cold if not sulky silence, that made the household atmosphere anything but cheering.

Helen's visit was but short, and at its end it is hard to say which of the trio was the most relieved. "Robert"—he was standing beside Helen on the platform waiting for her train—"you know how gladly I would be a sister to Lillian if she needed me, if she would let me."

"Yes, I know," he answered, with a feeling that was half chagrin and half perplexity; "but Lillian is so jealously fond of me now; she will get over that by and by."

In time another guest came into the home. "I'm sorry," Lillian said weakly as Robert bent over her and the other, the tiny head, "that it isn't a boy. They say that sometimes men love a daughter better than their wife; but it would break my heart if you should love the baby best. Promise me that you never will?"

"What a foolish Lillian," he answered, "of course I never will."

When it came to naming the baby he had his way. "There never can be but one Lillian to me, so Helen it shall be," and he wrote "Aunt Helen" wonderful stories of the beauty and brightness of Baby Nellie.

After a little he began to catch a note, a something, between the lines in Helen's letters that vaguely troubled him, and one day there came a letter in a hand so changed he hardly knew it; she was sick, would he come to her?

Lillian was in her room with a cold and slight fever when he carried the letter to her. "Surely you are not going to leave me here sick," she exclaimed. "How can you be so cruel? If Helen is very badly off she could not have written herself. Well, if you go, only wait till morning; half a day won't make any difference to her."

Robert hesitated, he felt impelled to go at once; but if he crossed Lillian, it might make her so much worse that he could not go at all.

In the morning, as he was stepping on the train, a telegram was handed him—"Helen is dying."

"You are too late"—he felt the rebuking accent in the nurse's tone—"and she was so anxious to see you."

Lillian wrote him a letter full of love and sympathy; she said to everyone: "Dear Helen, how sad it is." At the same time down in her heart there was a little feeling that she never put into words or even concrete thought—now he is wholly mine.

But not entirely hers; there was the little Helen. And as the child grew beyond the years when she could conveniently be put to sleep or sent to the nursery, loving, lovable, always ready to spring into her father's arms, the baneful root in Lillian's heart took a fresh start. Every caress he gave to Nellie she felt herself defrauded of, every fond word a robbing of her right; to herself she said she could not bear it, that her own child should come between them, and at times she almost hated the child for it.

One day there was white crape on the door, and a white casket was carried out of their home.

Lillian shed many tears, she felt the keen stress of grief; but yet deep down, far deeper than Helen's death, lay the thought that she would hardly have owned to herself, but was none the less present, that now, for the first time, Robert was hers alone, no longer was there right or claim beside.

And yet, impalpable as the thinnest breath of vapor, not to be grasped or defined, but none the less present and felt, was the shadowy something that seemed to have come between her and Robert in the hour when she could claim him as hers, and hers only.

At first she recognized this with an incredulous petulance that in turn gave place to a vague alarm. Not that he was less tenderly kind or attentive—the more so, if anything; but he went his way as if no longer touched by her moods; frequently he said he had writing to do, and shut himself in the little room that had been Nellie's play-room, now made into a "den," it almost seemed; but then it could not be that he was living a life of his own apart from her.

At last one evening petulance and alarm flamed into speech, and as he was leaving the room on the plea of "writing a little while," she threw herself before him. "Robert," she cried, holding him fast, "what is it? What has come between us so? What are you doing?"

"I am writing on the book you have often heard me speak of," answering the last of her questions.

"But I don't want you to write that book; I hate it," the tears beginning to gather. "You are so changed to me, and now for that to come in. You have never been the same since Nellie died; I always knew you loved her best; I wish I could have died instead of her. You never loved me, or you would not make me so miserable."

"Lillian," and there was a note in his voice she had never heard before; "I married you because I loved you; I have loved you always; I love you now. You are sweet and true at heart. The trouble has been that you wanted and exacted of me what I did not ask of you, what no one has a right to demand of another, my whole and only love. Love is like a fountain, the more freely and in larger measure it flows, the purer and fuller it is; choke it up, and it either diminishes or becomes unhealthy. This, your selfish jealousy—forgive me if I speak plainly—has done for both of us. Because of it you hardened your heart to Helen, who would gladly have loved you, and loving whom would have made your own life the richer, and led me to weakly fail in the gratitude and devotion I owed to her; because of it you were an untender mother to Nellie; you neither gave her your own love nor allowed me to show her mine, for the lack of which her whole young life was clouded."

"Do not think that I blame you alone for this; I blame myself even more, that seeing it I weakly yielded, that I was not strong enough, clear-sighted enough, to have crushed it for you as you would not for yourself; but as it is, it has spoiled my home and marred my happiness and filled my heart with remorseful memories. "You say that I have changed to you since Nellie died. It is because I have thought of these things since then as I never did before, and have come to some conclusions that it were well for both of us had I done so long ago. In the future I shall give to you, as I have always had it in my heart to do, the best of my love and confidence and care; but at the same time I shall remember that I have my own life to live, and give to its duties and claims what I feel they deserve. You ask me, Lillian, what has come between us? It is the only thing that ever could have come—yourself."

She had loosed her hold on him and dropped into a chair; he bent and gently kissed her and left the room. For once Lillian's usual flow of words failed her. If there had been a trace of passion in his tone—but there was none—it was the pitiless calmness of his words that had chilled her heart as with an icy touch. Heavy draperies at the windows shut out the wintry storm outside; in the grate the fire glowed red; warmth and light were all about her, but she shivered in their midst. And this was her Robert, who had used his words with it seemed to her, as little of ruth as an executioner's sword. Listening, she followed his steps as they passed up the stairs; and its sharp click to her closed, and its sharp click to her echoed: "What has come between us? It is—yourself."

MORE DESIRABLE THAN BEAUTY.

Writer Makes Good Argument in Favor of Neatness.

We all long for beauty, but there is within the grasp of all women something even more desirable than beauty—namely, exquisite neatness. The writer has descanted on the desirability of neatness more than once, but it is something that will bear to be talked about more than once, or twice, or even a dozen times. "Faith," says Pat, when reproved for lying, "O! have such a respect for Truth, O! wud not be dhragging her out on every occasion." The writer differs in this respect from Pat. She has such a respect for neatness that she would be dragging her out on every occasion.

A man who had traveled much and seen many women in many countries, said the other day, "I prefer neatness to beauty. Beauty does not last, while the woman of 80 can still be charmingly neat." By neatness he meant more than simple tidiness. It included style and care and taste and the indefinable art of putting on one's clothes properly. It is a faculty, alas, that Canadian women do not possess to any extent, says a writer in the Montreal Herald. They doubtless inherit the lack of it from their English ancestors, who are noticeably untidy. The mass of Englishwomen do not seem to know the meaning of the word. Their skirts and belts always separate at the back. Their hair is never beautifully coiffed like the Frenchwoman's, their whole aspect is frowsy to an extreme. Of course, this does not apply to all Englishwomen. There are exceptions to every rule. On the other hand, the Americans are neat, and hence smart, for it is impossible to be smart without perfect neatness. They have a trim, tidy way of wearing their clothes that gives a style to the cheapest ready-made. If you cannot be beautiful you can at least be charmingly neat. And neatness has an attractiveness that mere beauty lacks.

Diabolo in the Past.
More diabolo discoveries. In the National Library at Paris are two prints, one entitled "The Game of Diabolo at the Beginning of the Last Century," the other entitled "The Devil for Four (the old diabolo)." Two couples are playing diabolo excitedly in a room; the furniture is upset and the mirrors broken. Another design is entitled: "The Good Devil, How He Goes!" A young woman throws a big, simple fellow in the air, and from his pocket fall pieces of gold. In the same picture is another woman, with her diabolo cord round the neck of a man, with the inscription below: "See how we lead them!" Diabolo raised a furor in France in 1812. It was then, according to the Figaro correspondent, imported from England, and an English caricature of a later date represents a great Wellington sending to St. Helena's a very little Napoleon riding on a diabolo. Long before the revolution of 1789 some missionaries in Peking sent an exact reproduction of diabolo to a French minister of state who collected Chinese curiosities. The Chinese are always found to have forgotten everything we are beginning to learn!—Dundoo Advertiser.

A Sailor and a Chow Dog.
At the hour when women were making afternoon calls one day last week a man attired in the uniform of a sailor in the navy attracted a good deal of attention in West Fifty-fourth street, New York, by something he carried under his right arm, a something that looked at first like a white bundle, but which, on closer inspection, proved to be a Chinese chow dog. The sailor was trying to sell. The little animal was unusual enough in itself to catch the eyes of the women who stopped to speak to the sailor about it. But more unusual than that was the way in which the tiny pet was clothed as protection against the cold. He not only wore a coat with "sleeves" for his front and hind legs, but he also had his furry head covered with a veritable baby's hood, with a ruffie around the front of it, the cap being tied under his neck with red ribbons. The "cawume" attracted quite as much notice as the chow dog did so long as its owner remained in sight on the block.

Future Hardwood Supply.
America's future hardwood supply must come mainly from the Appalachian mountains, according to the forest service. The other chief centers of production are now in the lake states and lower Mississippi valley, but in the former the presence of hard woods is an almost certain indication of rich soil, and the tracts once cleared are turned to agricultural uses. In Arkansas, Louisiana and Mississippi the production of hard woods has reached its height, and in Missouri and Texas it has begun to decline. The Appalachians contain the largest body of this timber remaining in the United States, and have the greatest variety of species. Rightly managed, their forests would produce 20,000,000,000 feet per year, since their soil and climate combine to make heavy stands and cause rapid growth. Much of this area, however, has been so damaged by fire and cutting that it will be years before its 75,000,000 acres are fully productive.—Leslie's Weekly.

Queens.
"You may not believe me," said the concealed beau, "but I called on four ladies last night."
"What!" snorted the poker fiend, "you must be a quitter. I'd keep on raising all night if I had a hand like that."

REASON FOR WOMEN'S "NERVES"

In Very Many Cases It Is Weakened Kidneys.

Mrs. Frank Roseboom, 512 S. Washington St., Moscow, Idaho, says: "Inherited kidney trouble grew steadily worse with me until so nervous I could not sleep at night. I was dizzy and spots floated before my eyes. My back and hips ached and every cold settled on my kidneys and made me worse. I have used many different medicines and was discouraged when I began with Doan's Kidney Pills, but now the symptoms that alarmed me are gone." Sold by all dealers, 50 cents a box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

Victim of Hard Luck.
"Hear about the hard luck of Dan Moulton, the Stanford trainer?" inquired one alumnus of another, coming back from the big game.
"No; what happened?"
"Well, Dan, you know, used to be a professional foot racer. Went all over the world when in his athletic prime, sprinting for money against all comers. They say he won 263 races; never was beaten but twice in all his career. One of the fellows that beat him Dad met later in another race and outran him. Dad was after the other fellow for a long while to get a return race. But the fellow beat Dad again."

"How was that?"
"Died before Dad got another crack at him."—San Francisco Chronicle.

THE TIFF.



She—But before you married me you said you were well off.
He—So I was, but I didn't know it.

His Opinion of the Dinner.
The guests at a large dinner party did ample justice to the tempting viands as course after course was served. They were loud in their praises of the Chinese cook, of whom the hostess was justly proud. They declared they never ate more delicious or appetizing delicacies. Finally the Chinaman brought in the last course, a huge cake heavy with frosting. He was a converted Chinaman, and desiring to honor his religion he had put a motto on the cake that satisfied his conscience. It read, "Prepare to Meet Thy God."

Universal Language.
He spoke his love in German—she answered not a word. In French he tried to woo her—the maiden never heard. He tried his luck in English, in Irish—all in vain; in Greek, Turkish and Latin, and in the tongue of Spain. And then an inspiration came to the anguished youth. "The universal language," he cried, "I'll try, forsooth!" He kissed the demure maiden and pressed her to his breast; she understood that language, and—well, you know the rest.

Was an Attendant
As the new minister was on his way to evening service in the village he met a young man whom he was anxious to have become an active member of the congregation.

"Good evening, my young friend," he said, solemnly. "Do you ever attend a place of worship?"
"Yes, indeed, sir; regularly every Sunday night," replied the young man with a smile. "I'm on my way to see her now."

RAILROAD MAN

Didn't Like Being Starved.

A man running on a railroad has to be in good condition all the time or he is liable to do harm to himself and others.
A clear head is necessary to run a locomotive or conduct a train. Even a railroad man's appetite and digestion are matters of importance, as the clear brain and steady hand result from the healthy appetite followed by the proper digestion of food.

"For the past five years," writes a railroad man, "I have been constantly troubled with indigestion. Every doctor I consulted seemed to want to starve me to death. First I was dieted on warm water and toast until I was almost starved; then, when they would let me eat, the indigestion would be right back again.
"Only temporary relief came from remedies, and I tried about all of them I saw advertised. About three months ago a friend advised me to try Grape-Nuts food. The very first day I noticed that my appetite was satisfied, which had not been the case before, that I can remember."

"In a week, I believe, I had more energy than ever before in my life. I have gained seven pounds and have not had a touch of indigestion since I have been eating Grape-Nuts. When my wife saw how much good this food was doing me she thought she would try it awhile. We believe the discoverer of Grape-Nuts found the 'Perfect Food.'"

Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Read "The Road to Well-Vill." In pkgs. "There's a Reason."

THE SOFT ANSWER.



Stern Parent—I hadn't any of the advantages you have had. How do you suppose I have got on as I have?
Young Hopeless (intending to make a soothing reply)—Er—I expect the grass wouldn't grow under your feet, sir!

AND SHE BELIEVED HIM.

After This Who Can Doubt the Power of Love?

George had been away on business for a whole long week, and during that time he had sent Clara ten letters, six letter-cards and 42 picture postcards.

Why, then, was there a touch of coldness in her greeting when he flew to her arms on his return?
"Dearest," he whispered, "what is the matter?"

"Oh, George," she said, "you didn't send a kiss in your ninth letter."
"My precious," he replied, "that night I had steak and onions for dinner, and you wouldn't have liked a kiss after onions, would you?"

And, such is the unfathomable power of love, she was satisfied, and nestled to him.

TWO CURES OF ECZEMA

Baby Had Severe Attack—Grandfather Suffered Torments with It—Owe Recovery to Cuticura.

"In 1884 my grandson, a babe, had an attack of eczema, and after trying the doctors to the extent of heavy bills and an increase of the disease and suffering, I recommended Cuticura and in a few weeks the child was well. He is to-day a strong man and absolutely free from the disease. A few years ago I contracted eczema, and became an intense sufferer. A whole winter passed without once having on shoes, nearly from the knees to the toes being covered with virulent sores. I tried many doctors to no purpose. Then I procured the Cuticura Remedies and found immediate improvement and final cure. M. W. LaRue, 845 Seventh St., Louisville, Ky., Apr. 23 and May 14, '07."

It Was Real.

"What a beautiful piece of mistletoe you have on the chandelier, Miss Clara!"
"Yes, Mr. Simpkins, it is; but do you know, I'm afraid it's not genuine." Just at this point she discovered that it was, and the conversation ended.

Many Professional Men, clergymen, teachers and singers use Brown's Bronchial Troches for curing hoarseness and coughs.

Occasionally a woman is glad when her husband makes her cry, because she can work him for a peace offering.

FILES CURED IN 6 TO 14 DAYS. FAZO OINTMENT is guaranteed to cure any case of itching, blind, bleeding or protruding files in 6 to 14 days or money refunded. 50c.

For he that once is good is ever great.—Ben Johnson.

OF SUCH STUFF ARE DREAMS.

Little Virginia Imagined She Had "Eaten Herself."

Little Virginia, three years old, brought her mother to her nursery a few nights ago with heartbroken walls.

"What is the matter, dearie? Why are you screaming so?"
"Mamma, am I all here?"
"Certainly you are all here, right in your bed."

"But, mamma, feel of me, see if I'm all here. Are my feet here and the top of my head, both?"

"Certainly, Virginia, every bit of you is here, tucked in your little trundle bed. Why do you think you are not?"

"I dreamed"—this with another great sob—"I dreamed I was a chocolate stick and I had eaten myself."

NATURE AND A WOMAN'S WORK



Nature and a woman's work combined have produced the grandest remedy for woman's ills that the world has ever known.

In the good old-fashioned days of our grandmothers they relied upon the roots and herbs of the field to cure disease and mitigate suffering.

The Indians on our Western Plains to-day can produce roots and herbs for every ailment, and cure diseases that baffle the most skilled physicians who have spent years in the study of drugs.

From the roots and herbs of the field Lydia E. Pinkham more than thirty years ago gave to the women of the world a remedy for their peculiar ills, more potent and efficacious than any combination of drugs. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is now recognized as the standard remedy for woman's ills.

Mrs. Bertha Muff, of 615 N.C. St., Louisiana, Mo., writes:

"Complete restoration to health means so much to me that for the sake of other suffering women I am willing to make my troubles public."

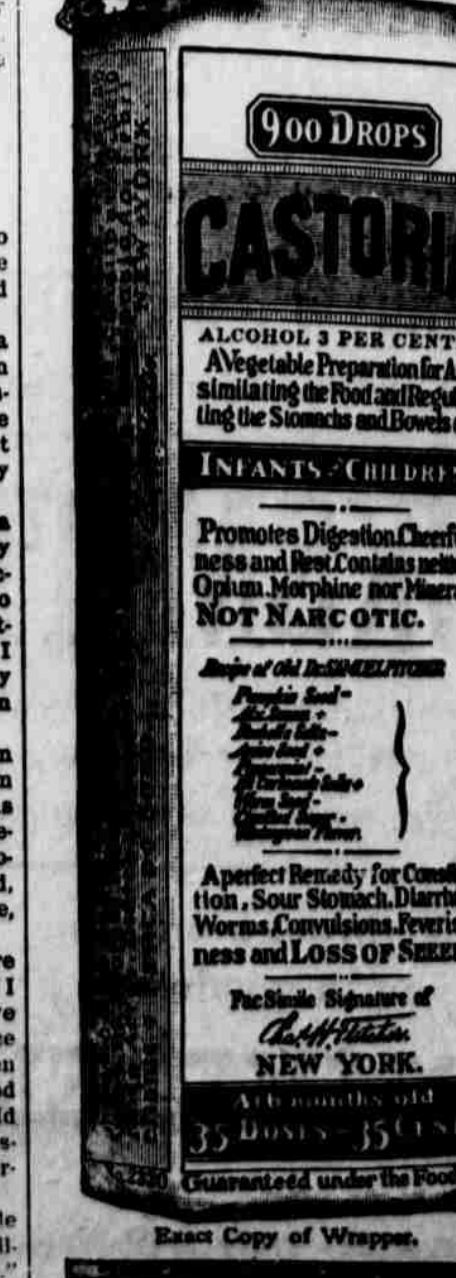
"For twelve years I had been suffering with the worst forms of female ills. During that time I had eleven different physicians without help. No tongue can tell what I suffered, and at times I could hardly walk. About two years ago I wrote Mrs. Pinkham for advice. I followed it, and can truly say that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and Mrs. Pinkham's advice restored health and strength. It is worth mountains of gold to suffering women."

What Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound did for Mrs. Muff, it will do for other suffering women.



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CASTORIA
For Infants and Children.
The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of
J. C. Atchafalaya
In Use For Over Thirty Years
CASTORIA

A GREAT HALF-PRICE SALE

Having decided to list our Stock whereby we can account for every article, from the time it is ordered until it is sold, it becomes necessary for us to dispose of all goods of which we have not a regular run of sizes, patterns, &c. We therefore offer for

SPOT CASH

AT ONE HALF THE REGULAR CASH PRICE

About 150 pair Men's, Ladies' and Children's Shoes, several pair Lace Curtains, number of Men's Hats, Suits and etc. Also our complete line of Furs, several numbers of Dress Good and other articles to numerous to mention. We will sell \$5.00 Shoes for \$2.50, \$3.50 Shoes for \$1.75, \$3.00 Lace Curtains for \$1.50, \$10.00 Suits for \$5.00, and all other goods on sale, at same reduced price.

Don't Miss This Opportunity

Of laying in a supply of good seasonable goods at one-half their cash value. It is a chance you will not have again.

Sale begins Saturday, Jan. 18 and ends Saturday, Feb. 1.

Better be one of the first to buy, for the goods will not last long at one-half their cash value.

C. D. GRISSOM & SON.

"The Store With The Goods."

Farmer's Union Department.

Jan. 11, 1908.

Brother Farmers:

Another year is now before us. Another year behind us; passed into history. As we retrospect the year nineteen hundred and seven, what lessons may we learn? To some of us it has been a prosperous year, to some of us it has been fruitful of disappointments, but to all of us it has brought many useful lessons. As an organization our Farmers' Union has sailed a stormy sea, but we are thankful that she was officered and manned with wisdom and courage and has successfully ridden the crest of every breaker.

Now Brethren of the Plow, what are we going to do to strengthen and fortify our organization in this good year of 1908? Yes, what are we going to do? There are many things to do. The battle of 1907 is not over by any means. We must ever keep in view that we have not yet secured our demands for 15 cent cotton, notwithstanding the fact that a short crop has long ago been a certain and acknowledged fact. Why have we not yet succeeded in getting our price? There are many reasons taken together, that form an answer to that question.

First of all, we had too much "distressed" cotton, that is, there were too many of us who owed the merchants and laborers more than we could pay without selling cotton. Again too many of us are renters with no bottom under our affairs to give us financial standing. The merchant and banker seem to think because we have no home and no settled habitation, that we are ever seeking an opportunity to take a moonlight stroll without asking their company.

Then again we have been disappointed and hoodwinked by the spinners. We thought they were,

as a class, honorable men, and if we would deal honorably with them they would be willing to deal honorably with us. Our great staple crop has long been made a plaything by a coterie of unprincipled gamblers, and the sport market has been systematically beaten down that they might reap unearned wealth off the labor of the poor of the South, at the same time jeopardizing the spinners' interest, so the spinners said. We offered them a solution of the problem and freedom from the dishonest speculative element in trade. We built warehouses and stored our cotton and offered them facilities for direct trade on an honest basis and a solid nonfluctuating market. They smiled and said the plan was all right, but went home and ignored us entirely.

Then again a lot of wildcat speculators wrecked some big financial concerns in New York City, that hotbed of unprincipled dardevil financiers, and lo! almost every bank in the country turned the keys on their money vaults and business was brought to a standstill, confidence disappeared and for a while all was chaos. But the farmer stood firm. He was expected, as in times past, to rush his cotton on to the market and force the price down, but, thanks to organization, he held the market firm.

Now brethren, this has been done in the face of a bear estimate coming from the bureau of agriculture that, at any other time in past history, would have of itself broken the market. So, with all our disappointments, we have much to encourage us for the future.

Now let us today set about strengthening our plan to plant more grain, more hogs, more milk and butter, more poultry, more eggs, more old patched clothes. Plant more repaired farm tools, more shelter for stock and tools, more garden

truck, more sorghum molasses and less credit accounts, more prosperity and then, if there is any land left, plant some cotton.

W. A. STRICKLAND.

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 str. 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. 6 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. 31 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.

Mr. Will Lowry visited friends at Rule Monday.

Second-hand stoves wanted. Phone No. 135.

The Haskell State Bank has had some beautiful signs painted over its doors.

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

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

Mr. C. W. Turner of Aspermont spent several days in the city this week.

DeWitt's Carbolyzed Witch Hazel Salve is especially recommended for piles. Sold by French Bros.

Mr. J. C. Brewer, who has been sick for some time, is again able to be up.

Take DeWitt's Kidney and Bladder Pills. They promptly relieve backache and weak back. Sold by French Bros.

Mr. J. A. Reed of Leonard, Texas is visiting his cousin, Mr. Burwell Cox.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Atchison of the northeast part of the county were in the city Wednesday.

Mrs. Edward Ellis of Rule visited relatives in Haskell this week.

KODOL is the best remedy known to-day for dyspepsia, indigestion and all troubles arising from a disordered stomach. It is pleasant, prompt and thorough. Sold by French Bros.

Mr. W. T. Newsom has set his subscription account a year ahead.

Mr. W. H. Waldrige of Rule was in the city Monday and subscribed for the FREE PRESS.

Henry Fuller, Post Edward, Wis., used Re-Go Tonic Laxative Syrup for Constipation and states that it is the best medicine he ever used. 25c, 50c and \$1.00 bottles sold by Terrells Drug Store.

The young people's Athletic Club has leased the second story of the FREE PRESS building, which is being fitted up for their occupancy.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy a Safe Medicine for Children.

In buying a cough medicine for children, never be afraid to buy Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. There is no danger from it, and relief is always sure to follow. It is intended especially for coughs, colds, croup and whooping cough, and there is no better medicine in the world for these diseases. It is not only a certain cure for croup, but when given as soon as the croupy cough appears, will prevent the attack. Whooping cough is not dangerous when this remedy is given as directed. It contains no opium or other harmful drugs, and may be given as confidently to a baby as to an adult. For sale by Terrells Drug Store.

Messrs. H. S. Post and W. W. Murphy left the early part of the week to visit their old home in Louisiana. Mr. Post has been away from his boyhood home for 20 years having moved to Texas with his parents in childhood.

EVERY MOTHER

Is or should be worried when the little ones have a cough or cold. It may lead to croup or pleurisy or pneumonia—then to something more serious. Ballard's Horehound Syrup will cure the trouble at once and prevent any complication. Sold by Terrells Drug Store.

Mr. R. H. Kingsbury, a representative of the Fort Worth Record, was here Tuesday in the interest of that paper. The Record has made a permanent place for itself in the public estimation. It is now on a substantial basis and ranks among the leading dailies of the state.

Druggists have for sale anywhere from thirteen to thirty different kinds of cough medicines. When any one medicine proves so much more satisfactory and salable than another it must possess more than ordinary merit. R. B. Gibson, the leading druggist at New Auburn, Wis., says: "Harris' Honey and Horehound is my favorite remedy for coughs, colds, croup, sore throat and whooping cough. I never fail to recommend it to my customers." 25c, 50c and \$1.00 bottles sold by Terrells Drug Store.

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.

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When the baby is cross and has you worried and worn-out you will find that a little Cascaesweet, the well known remedy for babies and children, will quiet the little one in a short time. Contains no opiates. Sold by French Bros.

Mr. D. B. Reeves of the west side was in the city Wednesday. Mr. Reeves is one of our new citizens who recently came from Johnson county. He had us enroll his name for the FREE PRESS.