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Triumphant Spring Sounds Her Trumpet...

For the greater part of the last two months we have gradually been receiving our stock of new Spring and Summer Goods, and today we believe we can show you one of the grandest assortments along this line you have ever had the opportunity of inspecting.

To go into detail about each and every article would require some little space as well as time, so suffice it to say that we believe that nowhere can you find a better assorted stock of goods than ours.

True, there are many items yet to come that should have been in long before now and were bought to be here, but the transportation companies are all crowded with freight now and the shipments are moving very slowly, but we will be able to show you everything in our line, we trust before a very great while longer.

We are showing a very elaborate line of new dress goods, and fancy waistings, in both silk and cotton.

Our line of Mauss "Urb" shoes for men are all in now and we are showing them in all the new shapes.

We cordially extend to every one an invitation to come down and let us show you through our entire line of goods.

"Once a customer of ours, always a customer," is our motto and we are ever striving to make you so.

May we expect a call from you?

YOURS TO PLEASE,

D. EGGER & SON

"HAVE IT FOR LESS"
STAMFORD and HASKELL

TERRELL Druggist, Jeweler and Optician HASKELL, - TEX.

THERE COMES A TIME

In affairs of every man when the ability to command some ready money will help him to better his condition for the whole of the balance of his life. The chance to add a desirable bit of land to his farm at a bargain. The chance to buy into a good business. And yet how few people there are who are really forehanded and always in a position to take advantage of such opportunities.

But the man who carries a bank account in the

THE FARMER'S NATIONAL BANK

steadily banking his surplus money, soon places himself in this highly desirable position. Everyone can get ahead if they make a sincere effort. Better deposit your money in this strong, home bank where it will be available for a real opportunity than to tie it up in some questionable investment, where you cannot get it when you need it, or where you may lose it.

R. C. MONTGOMERY

ESTIMATES AS TO THE VALUE OF GOOD ROADS.

From Dallas News.

Of course nobody can tell just exactly what bad roads cost. They cost in the wear and tear of vehicles millions of dollars, not to speak of the destruction of teams. Other millions are lost in products which could not be carried to market in time. Other losses are caused by a lack of timely information. No one can tell just what the footing would amount to. From the Birmingham Age-Herald we take the following statistics, showing the increased cost of hauling cotton, etc., over bad roads, which must be of interest to all of our readers:

"From 1,894 correspondents the Department of Agriculture has ascertained a number of facts of interest to Southern farmers. For example, it has ascertained that in forty-seven counties in Alabama their wood 'stave weight of cotton'...

going game here consists mostly of antelope, have set at my window and counted as high as thirteen within rifle-shot. There are some deer, blue quail, wolves, and occasionally a bear may be found in the brakes, I am told.

Some of my Haskell friends who anticipate going into the mercantile business asked me to report what I thought of this place. I will tell facts, be your own judge. This country is cut into quarter sections with some one on nearly every quarter. I have stood in one place and counted 180 houses. These people have to be fed and clothed, have wire to fence their millions of acres of land and implements for its cultivation. According to the way I see it the new town of Grady, now three months old, is a fine location. It has two stores, a hotel, saloon and blacksmith shop. Will say to the doctors and preachers, they are not very well represented here and you would be welcomed by all.

Now my friends of Haskell, who are many, for any further information you wish I am at your service at any time.

One other thing before I ring off—the wind blows here and blows hard, though this is March, no sand storms. No rain yet, up to March 28th.

Any one wishing to write me will address me at Texico, N. M. Success to the FREE PRESS. F. M. Blair.

Board and Lodging.

Any one wanting good board and good beds at reasonable rates, call and see me in the two houses near the depot. Board and lodging \$3.50 per week. MRS. E. J. MCNATT.

Mrs. H. S. Wilson in her charming manner, entertained a few young people on Monday evening at 6 o'clock dinner in honor of her brother, Mr. Robt. Reynolds of Kentucky.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

In Interest of Farmers' Union.

Arrangement has been made to have public speaking at the following times and places in Haskell county in the interest of the Farmers Union and on subjects of interest to the public:

Howard, at night, April 8
Sayles, " " " 9
Plukerton, " " " 10
Cook Springs, " " " 11
Carney, " " " 12
Haskell, at 2 p. m. " 13
Pleasant Valley, night, " 13

Notice is also given that the next regular meeting of the Haskell County Union will be held with Foster local, 11 miles northwest of Haskell, on June 21 and 22, 1907.

J. G. WAKE, Sec. and Treas.

A Traveling Man's Experience.

Mr. Albert Eldrige, representing the Edgar Printing Co., Paris, Ill., says: "I used Harts' Honey and Horehound during the winter of 1901 and 1902 for a bad cold and influenza. I found it an excellent medicine, which effected a cure in a short time." Our readers are invited to call on the druggist named below and secure a large sample bottle of this excellent medicine free. 25c, 50c and \$1.00 bottles. Sold at Terrells drug store.

White Plymouth Rock Eggs.

I have a select strain of birds from premium stock and my own took two first premiums at the Haskell fairs.

Eggs will be carefully selected and orders promptly shipped, \$1.25 for 15. G. S. FORRESTER, Abilene, Tex.

OF INTEREST TO WOMEN.

These constitute very good of Street backs to that country.

Capt. T. P. Boyd of Fort Worth, who purchased property in Haskell fifteen years ago, was here Wednesday looking after his interests. Capt. Boyd says that he is confident that the Rock Island and the Weatherford, Mineral Wells & Northwestern railroads, or one of them at least, will build to Haskell.

Mr. Roy Shook came in Wednesday from the Shook ranch in the northwest part of the county. He says that grass is good and stock are getting fat.

Terrell's drug store has one of the finest soda fountains in West Texas. It is arranged for the most scrupulous cleanliness and sanitary perfection. All of the popular cold drinks will be served during the season.

Judge Pete Helton left Tuesday to attend the county and district courts in Comanche and will be absent two or three weeks.

Miss Kate Glasgow of Munday is here on a visit to her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Johnson.

A full line of painted and galvanized screen wire at McNellie & Smith's.

Judge H. G. McConnell went to Abilene Monday to try the Lester Power murder case, which was transferred from this county, in which he is leading attorney for the defense. Others who went were Judge H. R. Jones, J. W. Collins, J. W. Meadors, J. E. Wilfong, Dr. A. G. Neathery and quite a number of witnesses from Carney, the place of the tragedy.

Mr. L. L. Morris from Tyler has taken a position with Sherrill Bros. & Co.

Lost—a day book with some checks and bills. Finder please return to Morgan & Tompkins.

Corn planting is over and we are going after more buyers. List your lands for quick sales. 10-11 West Texas Development Co.

CHINA'S STARVING MILLIONS.

We have received from the Christian Herald, of N. Y. City, an appeal on behalf of the starving Chinese, which we publish for humanity's sake.

The famine, caused by extensive overflows and the destruction of all crops and means of subsistence over a large territory, has now been in progress there for several weeks, and we are advised that the responses to appeals for aid have not so far been at all sufficient to relieve the suffering and tide the people over until another crop can be made.

We think no one need hesitate to send money to the address given below. The Christian Herald secured large contributions for the famine sufferers in India a few years ago, also for the famine in Russia and its methods or honesty in handling the funds has never been questioned.

We suggest the making of collections in all of the Haskell churches tomorrow.

The Christian Herald presents the matter as follows:

Between four and five millions of men, women and children are starving in northeastern China. This we know and, as well, that conditions in the devastated district, totalling 40,000 square miles in area, are growing worse day by day. They must of necessity grow worse until crops can be raised, food furnished from the soil.

We cannot know the awful suffering entailed, the despair of millions, the added horrors of cold and storm from which there is no adequate shelter, the ravages of disease in unsanitary famine camps, the bitterness of a fate which, to the simple-minded peasantry, seems unwarranted and cruel.

We know this too: Money given by Americans at this juncture save a million lives; will mitigate the sufferings of a highly

successful past and a most promising future. Communicate with us if you are interested.

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Capt. Bartlett, former government scout and Indian fighter, but now representing the Peters Cartridge Co., will give a free shooting exhibition here on the 10th. Capt Bartlett is one of the most expert crack shots in the United States.

Mr. S. H. Brasher, who resides seven miles southeast of town, was in Wednesday doing some trading.

Mr. J. E. Davis returned some days ago from a trip in the northeastern portion of the state. He confirms the published reports that the green bugs have ruined the small grain crops in that section and a large portion of the territories. He says the wheat fields are being plowed up and planted in corn and cotton.

Dr. D. T. Long of Hollis, O. T., was in Haskell Wednesday and purchased a lot in Highland addition.

Miss Arroy Houston entertained a few friends at forty-two Wednesday evening.

Dr. David L. Cummings, late of Sparta, Bell county, has located in Haskell and will do a general medical practice. His office is in French Bros. Drug Store.



Through good flour like our Big "M" Brand good bread is an assured fact. Indeed, it is almost impossible to make had bread with it, for it is so pure, wholesome and nutritious that the bread can't help being the kind that satisfies the palate and benefits the entire system. Onesack of Big "M" Flour will reveal many virtues—today is the best time to try it.

C. C. MILL, ELEVATOR and LIGHT CO.
SEYMOUR, TEXAS.

Mr. R. B. Williams was in Thursday from his farm on Wildhorse and said that farm work was well advanced on the prairie.

Sheriff M. E. Park made an official visit to Rule Wednesday.

Mr. J. A. Rose of the east side, who was in town Wednesday, told the reporter that he had up a good stand of corn and his maize and cotton are coming up. He enrolled on the FREE Press list of readers.

Mr. Jas. S. Smith of Missouri is here on a visit to his relative, Dr. J. D. Smith, and incidentally sizing up the country.

Mr. H. A. Rainwater of the east side was doing business in town Wednesday.

Mr. Henry F. Bredthauer of Georgetown was in our city prospecting this week.

Mr. J. N. McFatter visited Abilene this week on business for the Haskell Brick Company.

Mr. John Reeves of the Cook Springs community had business in Haskell Thursday.

Mr. B. C. Mobley was over from Throckmorton Thursday.

Mr. A. H. Bryant of Carney was in the capital city Thursday.

J. M. Westbrook & Bro. shipped a car of scrap iron to St. Louis this week.

Mr. R. W. Tyson has sold his farm to a party from Bell county, whose name we did not learn.

Mr. S. S. Cummings has sold his place in south part of town to Mr. N. C. Smith, which means that Mr. Smith doesn't want any Alpine or Sierra Blanca in his.

Mr. W. H. Spiawn of the Paint Creek community, who is an old Ellis county friend of the junior editor, paid this office a pleasant call Thursday and chatted over old times in Ellis.

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EVENTS OF EVERYWHERE

Friday night a large millinery store in the business section of San Antonio was burglarized and about \$2500 worth of goods were removed.

A violent hurricane which caused serious damage has swept over Italy. Several vessels are reported to have been wrecked.

The contract for waterworks, electric lights and sewerage for Snyder, Oklahoma, has been awarded to W. W. Cook of Junction City, Kansas, for \$28,599.

The Chinese boycott against Americans has been effectively suppressed, according to mail advices received recently from the American Consul General at Canton, China.

The Chicago Limited, from New York to Chicago, on the Pennsylvania Railroad, while going about thirty-five miles an hour, was wrecked early Friday morning at Stewart, Pa.

On account of recent adverse legislation by the Tennessee lawmakers, the great Memphis spring races have been declared off, and all entry money has been returned.

Examination has been made of nineteen bulletins which report and classify 448 railway collisions. Of these, 317 are attributed to "neglect of trainmen and engineers."

Brigadier General Theodore J. Wint, U. S. A., commanding the department of Missouri, with headquarters at Omaha, died suddenly in Philadelphia, where he had gone to undergo medical treatment.

The prediction was made in an address before the Institution of Naval Architects that warships in the future would be propelled by gas engines instead of steam. This, it was stated, would make it possible to do away with funnels.

Legislature of New Mexico
bill prohibits

ATTORNEY JEFF D. McLEAN IS SLAIN

MOST HORRIBLE TRAGEDY IN
TARRANT'S CAPITAL.

THREE ARE FATALLY SHOT

Gambling Sees an End Through
Tragedy Most Terrible and
Heartrending.

Fort Worth, Tex., March 23.—County Attorney Jefferson D. McLean, one of the most prominent prosecuting officers in the State, was shot and almost instantly killed at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Former Deputy Sheriff Hamil P. Scott, now claim agent of the Denver Railway, was mortally wounded, and William Thompson, who has but one hand, and that his left, was riddled with bullets by the police, who surrounded him in a lumber yard, whither he had fled after the shooting, and has little chance of recovery.

All this came about as the result of a raid made on a gambling hall over a saloon yesterday afternoon by County Attorney McLean, Sheriff Wood and a large force of deputies.

Five men, it is charged, were found playing poker and faro. They were arrested and the paraphernalia hauled off in a wagon. The deputies departed to raid another suspected place, and Mr. McLean crossed the street to request his wife, who was seated in her buggy, to remain there until his return. He retraced his steps to follow the officers, and as he reached the front of the Stag Saloon Thomason stepped from the interior and accosted him, uttering an oath. Thomason had been running the games in the rooms above, but was not present when the raid was made.

McLean paused when at the foot of the stairway leading to the gambling hall, and as he did so Thomason fired, the heavy bullet striking the County Attorney in the Adam's apple, passing through his neck and

deputy failed to work rapidly, and the fugitive found himself at the mercy of the policemen. He continued to fight, however, and a fusillade of shots were fired. One penetrated his bladder and lodged in his back against a rib, another shattered his leg above the knee and a third broke his shoulder. He tumbled to the ground, still clutching the pistol taken from Hamil Scott, and which had failed to work properly at the critical moment.

Five thousand men surrounded the officers and the wounded man, and it was only by threatening the crowd with drawn revolvers that the police were enabled to load the bleeding body into the patrol wagon and haul it away. The horses were lashed into a run and several thousand people followed to the police station, where, after Thomason had been placed in the hospital every available Deputy Sheriff and policeman was thrown about the building to guard it and prevent possible mob violence, for by this time the excitement ran high and the people were in an ugly frame of mind.

At midnight last night Scott was dying, and physicians said that Thomason would die unless removed, and operated on. The officers fear to undertake this removal, because it is thought the sight of the man would start a movement to lynch him that could not be stopped without a more terrible tragedy and untold bloodshed.

Fort Worth, Tex., March 25.—Hamil P. Scott, who was desperately wounded while endeavoring to arrest Bill Thomason Friday evening, was removed from his residence to St. Joseph's Hospital between 4 and 5 o'clock that night and reported to be resting easy, with chances favorable for his recovery.

Bill Thomason died Saturday and was buried Sunday afternoon.

STATE S. S. CONVENTION.

Adjourns Saturday Night. New Officers
Are Elected.

Dallas, Texas, March 25.—The Texas State Sunday School Association transacted the most important business of the convention Saturday. Officers for the ensuing year were elected, recommendations with regard to future work made, and the financial status of the association discussed. As the result of the presentation to the convention of the financial needs of the Texas association, \$3,000 for the State work was subscribed at the morning session, \$1,508 at the afternoon session and a considerable amount at the evening service.

Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President, W. N. Wiggins of San Antonio; Vice President, George T. Jester, Corsicana; Recording Secretary, Miss Essie Haynes, San Antonio; Treasurers, J. D. Van Winkle and C. B. McConnell of Dallas.

The convention adjourned last night, the farewell service being held at the First Methodist Church. Sunday morning many of the visiting workers occupied local pulpits. The next session occurred at Austin.

SIX KILLED IN COLLISION.

Santa Fe Train Carrying Load of Students
Collides With Limited.

Los Angeles, Cal., March 25.—A special train on the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe, carrying scores of students home from an intercollegiate field, met at Claremount and collided with the outbound limited train No. 2 on the same road while both trains were moving at a rapid rate within the city limits here Saturday night.

Six persons were killed and seventeen injured, several of them fatally. Both engines, one of the baggage cars, one of the Overland Limited and the smoker, were demolished. The crash was terrific and was heard many blocks away.

Our Austin Contributor

John E. Davis

Austin, March 25.

It is becoming more and more evident every day that the members of the Thirtieth Legislature are tiring of their duties here and are getting extremely anxious to get through and go home. The continual grind through the long hot days, and especially the \$2 per day wage scale, accelerates this desire.

Leave Important Measures for the Last.

One measure that is always a necessity with every Legislature is the general appropriation bill, which makes appropriations for the support of the two fiscal years to follow. This is always left until the last thing and it has been the custom heretofore to leave this over for an extra session. This time the Legislature has a question to deal with that ranks in importance next to the general appropriation bill, and that is the revenue bills. Several bills have already passed which carried additional appropriations and provided for new departments to the State government, purchasing battle fields, etc. Several bills have also passed which cut off sources of revenue and as the revenues of the State were already insufficient to meet the expenses, the question of raising additional revenue now becomes absolutely imperative. These two measures have been left for the last and the moment they are taken up and finally passed it practically means that everything else will die on the calendar.

April 20—the Date.

For some time it has been the prevalent opinion here that there would be no extra session of the Legislature, as the Governor and those in strong sympathy with him have succeeded, it appears in convincing those members who wanted to adjourn early after the expiration of the first sixty days and force an extra session in order to raise their pay back to \$5 per day, that such a course would be a bad breach of faith. It having been accepted, generally, that there would be no called session, the only question now is at what time final adjournment will occur. Speaker Love has been quoted as saying that April 20th is the latest date and that he feels sure the work can be completed by that time.

Take Junketing Trip.

Noses at the Grindstone.

In his speech at the State Convention in Dallas, Governor Campbell, in accepting the nomination for Governor, said that he was going to have the Legislature to fulfill the platform pledges if he had to hold their noses

A few weeks ago I called attention to the fact that the Legislature had, contrary to custom, taken no junketing trip this time, and that there was none in sight. That, I considered, was complimentary to the Legislature. However, the compliment doesn't go now, as adjournment was taken from Thursday of last week to Monday of this to permit the members to go to Fort Worth in special cars, provided free, to attend the fat stock show, and incidentally to let some of the Bailey partisans attend the reception to Senator Bailey in Gainesville Saturday. The salary and other expenses of the Legislature went on just the same as had they remained in session. They have also accepted the invitation of the citizens of Victoria to attend the inland waterway jubilee there on April 4, though acceptance in this instance may mean a mere matter of courtesy and they may not adjourn to go.

Two-cent Fare Bill Meets Opposition.

Those who thought that the only opposition to the bill reducing passenger fares to the rate of 2c per mile would come only from the railroads themselves have found that they were mistaken, as many commercial organizations and others throughout the State are bringing strong pressure to bear to defeat the measure. They say that the population of Texas is not dense enough to justify the reduction; that a reduction in the rate means a reduction in the facilities and the cutting off of homeseekers and excursion rates that have done much to develop the State. They also urge that it would be better to reduce freight rates if the conditions justify reduction anywhere.

Occupation Tax Repealed.

The bill repealing occupation taxes on useful occupations, which was enacted during the E. J. Davis administration in the re-construction period, has been finally passed and approved by the Governor. This is a measure that has been demanded by the people of Texas for many years, but has always been defeated in the Legislature before on the grounds that the State could not afford to suffer the loss in revenue that its repeal would bring until additional revenue was provided from some other source. The Retail Grocers' Association and other commercial organizations have been actively advocating its repeal before the last three or four Legislatures.

The Passing of the Pass.

If there ever was a time when the House adopted a measure that it wanted to see killed it was the anti-free pass bill, the final enactment of which was accomplished last week. It was really according to a looker on to see

is most here, and you will want some new clothes for the occasion.
We have your measure and a suit made for you at a good big reduction 6.
about 15 minutes to get our clothes, why wait 15 days.