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WHOLE No. 1246

Busy With Holiday Goods this Week at COLLIER'S DRUG STORE

**WE HAVE SOME
REAL VALUES
TO OFFER YOU
IN
OVER-SHIRTS, UNDERWEAR
HATS and SHOES.**

Why not give as a Xmas present for your husband a nice **Stetson Hat** or a pair of **Walk-Over Shoes** and add to that a nice Tie, Muffler or something along that line, these are useful presents and something that every man needs. Our line is complete and we will be glad to show you through our line.

THE HUB
The Store that Wants Your Trade.
HASKELL, TEXAS.

What Life Insurance Will Do.

Pay debts. Help the poor. Educate the children. Buy food and clothing for the little ones. Starts young men in business. Lessens crime. Relieve the family of intolerable burden. Inspire the family for respect for its head. Lead men to be honest. FRANKLYN said "I perceive it hard for me in want to be honest." Make better christians. One can be a better christian with debts paid and money in hand. Keeps people out of Poor Houses and Prisons. Reduce porperism in the community. Prevent business failure. Keep the family united. Enrich the community. Shelter the family. Stimulate economy. Ward off sickness. Ease the mind. Saves HOMES.

The Haskell County Home Circle,

offers you protection for your family at actual cost. REMEMBER not one dollar leaves home. No lodge to attend, no high salaried officers to pay.

Don't wait to be solicited, but give us your application now. We need you and you need us, for in Union there is strength.

SEE,

IRA N. ELLIS, Secretary.

MONEY TO LOAN.

on land at 8 per cent and 9 per cent interest also to buy Vendors Lien Notes. If you want a loan come and see us,
Sanders & Wilson.
Haskell, Texas.

BIRD THAT NEVER FLIES

The ostrich, because of its resemblance to the camel, has been said to be the connecting link between beasts and birds. There is a horny excrescence on the breast of both the dromedary and the ostrich, on which they lean while resting; they have similarly formed feet; the same muscular neck; their food is much the same, and both can go an incredibly long time without water.

Moreover an ostrich never flies, nor is it possible for it to lift itself from the ground in the slightest degree by the use of its wings; but like the camel it is very swift footed. In its native country the shells of the eggs afford almost the only household utensils used. An egg will weigh from three to four pounds and is equal to two dozen hen's eggs. It requires thirty-five minutes to boil one, and longer if required hard. A fresh egg is worth twenty-five dollars.

The keeper of an ostrich farm says the birds are the only thing he ever tried that he has not succeeded in taming. They are known to live to be seventy-five years old, and some think they will reach a hundred. They are about eight feet in height, their hearing and sight are very acute, and these seem to be about all the sense they are blessed with. Their legs are very powerful, and are the only weapon of defense; when they attack an enemy they do so by kicking, but always strike forward and never backward.

The choice "ostrich" feathers are found only in the wings; the undressed feathers vary in price, having been as low as twenty-five dollars per pound and as

high as three hundred dollars, and there are from seventy to ninety feathers in a pound. A single bird rarely furnishes more than a dozen fine feathers; and the birds themselves, if fine ones, are valued at one thousand dollars per pair—Our Dumb Animals, Boston, Mass.

H. C. Pierce Acquitted; Verdict is Instructed.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 7.—Acting under instructions from Judge Calhoun, the jury this morning rendered a verdict acquitting Henry Clay Pierce of the charges of perjury and false swearing made against him by indictment in connection with the affidavit which he made at the time the Waters-Pierce Oil Company was granted a permit to do business in Texas in May, 1900. This charge was given when Judge Calhoun sustained the defendant's plea of immunity upon the ground that Pierce had as an involuntary witness given testimony in the case of the State against the Waters-Pierce Oil Company and that he was entitled under the laws of Texas to immunity.

This afternoon Pierce stood as a free man upon the steps of the court house while the properties of the Waters-Pierce Oil Company, Security Oil Company, Navarro Refining Company and sixty-five cars belonging to the Union Tank Line Company were being auctioned off by the receivers of said companies under anti-trust judgments secured by the State.

Suggestions For Christmas SHOPPERS.

SOMETHING FOR MEN.

A Watch.
Chain.
Fob.
Charm.
Cuff Link.
Stick Pin.
Ring.
Tie Clasp.
Gold Collar Button.

FOR WOMEN.

Brooch Pin.
Waist Set.
Collar Pin.
Necklace.
Locket.
Bangle.
Fob.
Stick Pin.
Set Ring.
Watch.
Cut Glass.
China.
Fancy Clocks.
Gold Mounted Bracelets.
Silver Knives and Forks.
Cold Meat Fork.
Sugar Shell.
Cream Ladle.

If you want Jewelry and Silverware where quality is the first consideration, come to Evans.

Finest line of China ever seen in Haskell. Hawkes Cut Glass, every price stamped in the glass. Our prices are low, but the quality is High.

GUS EVANS
GOGDELL'S DRUG STORE.

DELLIS BROS.

One Price Spot
Cash to All

Men's Outfitter's

Haskell,
Texas.

THE USEFUL BARN OWL

A family of barn owls will number from three to seven birds. It is hard to believe what an amount of vermin a family of owls will consume. An old owl will capture as much or more food than a dozen cats in a night. The owlets are always hungry. They will eat their own weight in food every night, and more if they can get it. A case is on record where a half-grown owl was given all the mice it could eat. It swallowed eight, one after the other. The rapid digestion of birds of prey is shown by the fact that in three hours the little glutton was ready for a second meal, and swallowed four more mice. If this can be done by a single bird, what effect must a whole family of owls have on the vermin of a community?

It would be difficult to point out a more useful bird than the barn owl in any farming country. Like many other birds, it deserves the fullest protection,

but man is often its worst enemy.—American Birds.

NOTICE

Dr. Chalmers McPherson of Fort Worth will preach at the Christian Church on Sunday, Dec. 19th. Dr. McPherson is one of the strongest men in the Christian Church in Texas. Be sure to hear him.
Ranald McDonald.

TO CALIFORNIA

All our household effects and furniture of all lines, kitchen outfit, chickens. Two houses and lots, one in Highland Addition with 4 rooms. One in north part of city, 3 rooms, nice lot, 13 1/2 acre tract of land in S. E. Haskell, will sell as a whole or in 3 acre blocks, for fair values.
A. V. Atkins,
West Haskell near Mr. Odell's place.
50-2t

CLUB NOTES

The Magazine Club met on Saturday, December 4th, with Mrs. S. R. Rike at the Library in the McConnell building. There were eleven members present who responded to roll call from the American Note Book. Mrs. S. W. Scott related a story, "Plymouth Old and New," in a most interesting manner, and the lesson on American History was conducted by Mrs. Lewis Ellis. On December 11th Mrs. Fred Sanders will be hostess.

Owing to inclement weather the Book Reception which was to have been on November 30th was postponed until January 1st 1910. The hours are from three to six in the afternoon.

FOR TRADE

I will trade for house and lot in Haskell, one fine harness and saddle stallion, six years old, color solid black, fine form and action. For further particulars call at the office of the Free Press.
50-4t

SAYLES

This cold spell has caused the death of a great many fine porkers, so we have lots of spare ribs and sausage in this part—come out to see us, Mr. Editor. I presume you are fond of such eating.

Judging from the number of people passing going toward town Monday, that it was a big day for Haskell. Some live stock changed hands for Mr. Charley Fouts traded a fine driver for a good saddler.

A crowd of Sayles' people went to Sunday school at Center Point Sunday p. m. It was rather a cool drive too.

Mr. W. F. Pate was in Haskell Wednesday on business.

Messrs. W. S. Fouts, M. H. Guinn, D. T. Dodson, G. O. Hardeman, W. F. Pate and others have received two cars of corn from North Texas.

R. C. Whitmire is moving to Haskell, we regret the loss of such an excellent neighbor and patron, but glad, others will

profit by our loss.

Mr. M. H. Guinn has bought the Whitmire place and will move in as soon as it is vacated.

We are sad to report the death of our esteemed friend Mr. Yancy, which occurred at 9 a. m. Monday.

Melvin Coleman, who has been sick with typhoid fever, is reported much better; his sister is quite sick with some disease. These people have had a siege of it—are we doing our duty toward them?
V. W. B.

5,000 OYSTERS 5,000

Will be served at the Haskell Opera House Tuesday evening Dec. 21st, from 6 to 12 o'clock. Everybody come, enjoy eating Oysters, meeting your friends and stay as long as you wish. 50-2 t p

The Commissioners Court are having the Court House repaired. This is very commendable as the hail last June did great damage to the cupola and roof.

DISTRICT COURT.

The following Cases were disposed of in the district court up to Friday morning:

T. E. Hartrick vs. City of Haskell, damages, verdict for plaintiff for \$600.00

C. Sears vs. City of Haskell, damages, verdict for the City.

F. E. Barker vs. City of Haskell, damages, verdict for the plaintiff in the sum of \$275.

D. Phelps vs. Cora Phelps. Divorce, judgement for plaintiff.

An announcement has been received by Mr. and Mrs. Will Brewer announcing the marriage of Miss Lola Wallis to Mr. William Hunt on Wednesday, the 29th day of Dec. 1909 at San Antonio, Texas.

Miss Wallis and Mr. Hunt are both well known in Haskell and have many friends here who joins the Free Press in congratulating the young couple.

Try a bucket of our Gee Whiz Butter Scotch Flavor Syrup.
Stephens & Smith.

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THE SENATE

The Senate of the United States is the most powerful of our institutions of government, perhaps the most powerful institution of government in the entire civilized world. In the United States, the greatest of all nations in industry, in commerce and in wealth of natural resources, the Senate is almost the government. It stands at the center and towers at the top.

Participating in important executive functions, controlling executive appointments, with a power of life and death over administration "policies," the Senate always influences, often controls and sometimes dominates over the executive department of the government. With judicial functions of its own, and with its control of judicial appointments, it exerts a powerful influence in shaping the tendencies of the judicial branch of the government. In legislation, the Senate is supreme. The House is no longer a co-ordinate branch of legislature. It is distinctly sub-ordinate to the Senate. The House, in recent years dominated by a leadership chiefly concerned in being able to "deliver" that body to the supports of the schemes and programs of "Big Business," engineered by the "System" management of the Senate, has degenerated in influence and power until today it does little more in the enacting of great measures outside of mere routine legislation, then to ratify the action of the Senate.

The Senate created as an aristocratic institution, with the growth of its power, has grown more arrogant and more aristocratic. Establish as a check upon the popular branch of the legislature, it has well nigh eliminated the popular branch as a factor in important legislation. Established to be beyond the reach of the people, it has come to be irresponsible and irresponsible to the will of the people. Founded as expression of distrust of the people, it has come to be mistrusted by the people.—La Follette's.

There are no eggs being brought to town and wont be till Xmas eve. Then they will pile up at the grocery stores by the bushel. The people in town do their baking before Christmas or do without. By Jan. 10th the egg market will be glutted. This happens every year. The price of eggs goes down. Would it not be best to bring in the eggs and get 30 cents per dozen now and let the people consume them, for they will hardly sell for that Christmas day.

PUBLIC OPINION

President Benjamin Ide Wheeler of the University of California recently spoke at the University of Berlin. He began his address with the following words:

"The origin of all power in the United States is public opinion. The outward machinery of government, whether it works at expressing public opinion or keeping it in check, is never for any length of time power itself. Public opinion is a power which often slumbers and more often lacks a definite direction, is not in focus, as we say, but it is always there in the background, ever ready to awake from its slumbers, ever ready to assume speedy shape and expression. Once it is stirred up and becomes clearly conscious of its destiny, no statesman dares to withstand it, or should he dare, he vanishes without compunction beneath the wheels of its chariot."

Was it recognition of this power that inspired the presidential journey? Did Mr. Aldrich reckon with it when he invaded the Middle West? Is it fear of this power that sends Speaker Cannon to the public platform in defense of himself and his power? And was it the force of public opinion that determined the character of Secretary Ballinger's report?—La Follette's.

There was some real fine poultry exhibited at the little fair held in Haskell a few weeks ago. The showing, as a whole, was good considering the very short notice given for preparation and indicated that the people were beginning to realize the value of good stock in poultry raising. At that time we heard considerable talk of organizing a Haskell County Poultry Association to promote and encourage the adoption of better methods and better fowls throughout the country. We were reminded of the talk we heard by noticing reports of a number of poultry shows in various parts of the state and announcements of others to be held and this item is written to remind those who proposed the idea here and to suggest that they take the matter up in earnest, as we believe it a move in the right direction.

Overcropping of cotton is the poorest policy a farmer ever pursued. It entails double labor for the same money that they could get from one-half the acreage, on the average, and it prevents them from making their farms self-supporting, or nearly so, by raising grain, forage and other food stuffs for their live stock and for family use. And, worst of all, the big cotton acreage is responsible for more ignorance and illiteracy in the South than all other cases combined, because seventy-five per cent of the farmers keep their children out of the schools in the fall to pick cotton and take them out in the spring to hoe it. This is not as it should be.

BANK NOTICE

To our customers the following banks will close Friday, December 24th at 12 o'clock sharp.

Haskell National Bank.
Farmers National Bank.
Haskell State Bank.
Haskell, Texas.

Mr. J. H. Yancy of this city died at his home the 6th and was buried the 7th instant in the Haskell cemetery.

"Lounging Cars" Put On.

A leading western railroad has had constructed four novel coaches termed "lounging cars" for use upon four of its through trains, a particular feature of which will be the installation in each of a small library to include Dr. Elliot's famous "five feet of books."

Light Best Enemy of Vice.

The mayor of Baltimore says that one good light is worth a dozen policemen.

RULES FOR THE PICTURE PUZZLE CONTEST.



We have endeavored to make the rules perfectly plain to our little friends but the Mamas can aid greatly if will read them over with each little Miss and aid her in applying these instructions to her work.

First, the little lady will need a pair of scissors, some pasteboard about 15 x20 inches square. With her scissors she must cut along the dotted lines around each separate piece of the puzzle, doing so with great care, a little mistake on a piece or two and they will not fit correctly. Then lay out puzzle on the pasteboard have it laid out correctly and complete before attempting to paste in place. When she has the pieces all correctly placed, paste each piece neatly on to the cardboard just where it belongs, then write her name and address and age where indicated on the puzzle.

Now on a separate piece of paper tell us the five best reasons why your papa and mamma should patronize the store that give you this little book. Each little girl entering this contest must be under fourteen years of age. To the little girl who hands in the neatest correct picture puzzle Contest, together with the neatest and best "five reasons whyslip" we will give this beautiful little Junior Range. Let all the girls try. Contest will end December 20, 1909 have your Picture Puzzle in by that time.

CASON, COX & CO.

Haskell, - Texas.

SUMMARY OF THE PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE.

It opposes an investigation of the Sugar Frauds at the port of New York.

He dodges the conservation of natural resources question and gives the land grabbers more time.

He notifies Congress that he is at war with Nicaragua on account of the two Americans who were maltreated and shot by order of Pres. Zelaya of that country, and intimates that the executive department can handle the situation, or words to that effect.

He says the country is prosperous and has just garnered a harvest unexampled in the market value of agricultural products.

He stands pat on the present tariff law and wants the tariff agitation to sleep three years at least in the protecting arms of the republican tariff commission. He proposes the issue of seventy-three million dollars in Panama bonds to meet deficiencies.

He recommends the ship subsidy graft, publicity of political contributions in elections for members of Congress, civil pensions, a higher rate of postage on periodicals and magazines, \$50,000 apportion to suppress the White Slave trade, reform in legal procedure, and an artificial island and fortification at the mouth of the Chesapeake Bay. Two battle ships, one repair ship. The establishment of a Naval base at Pearl Island, Hawaii. A national bureau of health. Statehood for New Mexico and Arizona. The celebration in 1913 of the 50th anniversary of emancipation of the negroes, reimburse the depositors of the defunct Freedman's Trust and Savings Company. Remodeling the jail of the District of Columbia.

He endorses the Central Bank idea and the Postal Savings Bank, but he is willing to wait till the banking commissions report.

PROFESSIONAL.

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Office in the McConnell Building.
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RESIDENCE " " 149.

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DEALERS IN
Poultry and Pet Stock
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WRITE FOR PRICES



Sold By
Spencer & Gillam

We have the GOODS NOW.

New goods for every department this week. Heavy buying the last few weeks forced us to go to market again. In some lines we found some exceedingly good bargains. Below we give you a few items you can't afford to pass:

16 Ladies Tailored Suits, worth from \$15.00 to \$18.50. Priced at **\$12.75**
35 Ladies Skirts, Panama and Voil, worth from \$5.00 to \$6.50, Priced **4.15**
8 Ladies Coats, Gray, Castor and Red, worth from \$8.50 to \$12.50, " **6.50**

DRESS GOODS.

Woolen Serges.....50c
Poplin all new shades.....25c
The new Woolen Plaids.....60c
Suitings all good collors.....15c

BOYS CLOTHING.

We are still leaders in childrens clothing. Widow Jones of Boston Clothing for Boys cant be beat.
Prices from.....\$1.50 to 85c.

GINGHAMS.

A. F. C. Gingham,.....12½c
Olympis ".....10c
Light Shades Gingham,.....8½c

BLANKETS AND CUMFOTTS

1 Lot of Blankets left over from last season worth \$2.00 now.....\$1.75
1 Lot of Blankets worth \$1.75 now \$1.50
1 Lot of Comforts left over from last year Price cut 1-2.

Now is the time to begin to look out for Xmas Presents. We have prepared a good line of useful articles that will be on display. Shop early and avoid the rush of the last week before Xmas.

The Store for all the People.

C. M. HUNT & CO.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS WORTH WHILE.

Big Assortment of **Holiday Goods** on display, including **gifts suitable for everyone.** Come and see our line before you buy elsewhere.

SPENCER & GILLAM DRUGGISTS

Middle North Side Square.

Locals and Personals.

Mr. P. D. Solomon spent several days in East Texas this week, on business.

Judge Phelps of Belton attended our district court last week.

Mr. Bob Robertson a drummer of Seymour, and son of our townsman S. L. Robertson, was in Haskell Tuesday.

Deputy M. S. Edwards reports that the jail is empty again, he having discharged the last inmate Wednesday.

Editor Thomas of the Weinert Enterprise was in Haskell Monday.

Bring us your green hides for highest market price.

Palace Market.

Burns up to a clean white ash, What? The Coal that comes from Chambers Coal Store.

I Will place a few loans from \$1000.00 to \$5000.00 on good and well improved farms at 8 per cent interest. See me before it is all gone. M. Pierson.

200 bushels of milo maize for sale. See or 'phone

Lee Pierson,
Haskell, Texas.

Claudis Walden, Clyde Foot, Milton Sprows and Fred Alexander of the Stamford institute, spent Sunday with their respective parents in this city.

Fred Haley and Claud Foster left Monday for Dallas, where they will spend the holidays.

We have money to loan at 8 per cent on farm property in Haskell and Knox Counties.

Scott & Key,
Haskell, Texas.

Tobasco Sauce at Stephens & Smith's.

Mr. A. D. English returned the first of the week from El Paso County, where he has been for the past week or ten days looking after a mining interest in that county.

Chester Neathery has returned from Collin County to spend the holidays with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. A. G. Neathery.

Fresh shipment of Candy just arrived. Stephens & Smith.

Street has several good horses for sale.

New pickles, the best on earth. Stephens & Smith.

Now is the time to put out shade trees phane no 167.

C. W. Ramey.

500 Tons of the best Colorado and McAlester Coal to begin the winter. E. A. Chambers.

Fresh barrrell krout at the city Grocer Co.

Mr. M. O. Fields of Rule was in the city Wednesday and renewed his subscription to the Free Press.

Mr. T. P. Martin of Snyder was here this week and renewed his subscription to the Free Press. Mr. Martin said he began to take the Free Press in 1887 and has taken it twenty years.

Mr. J. E. Ellis renewed the subscription of a relative in Ark. the other day. He said he wanted her to have the news from Haskell County.

Queen Olives and Grape Juice, fine stuff.

Stephens & Smith.

The best coal is the cheapest. Try an order and be convinced from Chambers.

We have money to loan on improved farms at 8 per cent. No limit.

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For Sale—A high grade jersey cow, price reasonable. For particulars see

J. J. Stein,
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Can insure country tenement dwellings property, as well as nearly anything else against fire and tornadoes. H. M. Rike. tf.

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

(tf) Sanders & Wilson.

We handle only the best Eupion oil. Stephens & Smith.

We want at least 1000 school children to call at our stand on the north side of square and buy apples, candy, bananas, pecans, chewing gum and all kinds of good things for Xmas.

Cude & Gardner.

We have anything in the way of fruits, cranberries, nuts, raisins, currants and citran. Get them while they are plentiful.

Alexander Merc. Co.

Fresh Chocolate Candy just arrived at Stephens & Smith's.

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

(tf) Sanders & Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Oglesby have arrived from Gilmer, where they have lived for the past year.

Send your children to our store, we will treat them right and give them the best grade of candies and nuts for the least money. Cude & Gardner.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Foster of Canyon City, who have been visiting their son, Mr. Geo. D. Foster of this city, returned home Tuesday.

We have just put in a bone grinder and can supply you with chicken feed, the best in the world to make hens lay

Palace Meat Market.

List your land with Ramey & French. They will sell it for you.

NO CLINKERS, NO SOOT

in E. A. Chamber's Coal.

For the best line of fruits, nuts and candies, call at Cude & Gardner's on the north side of square.

Lost—On last Sunday afternoon, a child's air gun, in the south-west part of town. Finder please leave at Sanders & Wilson's office, Haskell, Texas. It

Mr. Fred Wankans left Wednesday for Dexter, in advance of his parents, who will follow and make their home at that place.

Elder and Mrs. A. V. Atkins, have received a telegram from their daughter, stating that she and her husband, Dr. Guthery have arrived in California from Alaska. Mr. and Mrs. Atkins are arranging to move to California.

Miss Mary Kates who has been visiting relatives in Haskell, returned to her home at Dallas Wednesday.

LOST: Check book containing \$10. bill. Reasonable reward for return to this office.

1 t p. J. A. H.

Miss Celia A. Hankerson of Axtell Kans. is visiting here to spend the winter with her brother, Jas. A. Hankerson.

FOR SALE: two mules, wagon, harness, one horse one mare, farmig tools and feed and four hogs.

J. T. Wells.
1 t p. two miles S. E. of Haskell.

Mrs. Chas. Irby's tea on Friday afternoon, complimentary to the bride elect, Miss Wheeler, and the bride, Mrs. Bryant, was a most charming hospitality. Nature was in a gracious mood and a more perfect afternoon could not have been wished for.

At the door the guests were greeted by Miss Kathleen Wilfong and in the receiving line were Mrs. Irby, Miss Wheeler, Mrs. Bryant, Mrs. Joe Irby, Mrs. Key, Mrs. Moore, Miss Taylor, Mrs. Cason and Mrs. Scott. In the dining room Mrs. Henry Alexander and Mrs. Earl Cogdell poured tea, assisted by Misses Wright, Winn, Hughes and Fields.

The reception hall was beautifully decorated in white and yellow chrysanthemums with ferns. Large quantities of the white and yellow flowers were banked on piano, table and book cases. A curtain of smilax draped the large doorway between the reception hall and the dining room, the latter being a veritable dream of spring time with masses of pink and white carnations and roses with the soft green of feathery ferns. The table was laid with a handsome cluny cloth and doilies and beautifully appointed in cut glass, silver and dainty china. The soft light from the many shaded candles and fern covered electroliers emphasized the perfect harmony of the color schemes used in the rooms. The entire house party was becomingly gowned and the tea one of the most beautiful events of the season. More than one hundred ladies called during the afternoon.

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MATCH THIS

250 Acres, 150 in cultivation, 5 sets improvements, 5 wells free stone water, 1 running spring, 8 acres Bermuda Meadow, 8 acres in peach orchard, 4 Elberta's and 4 miscellaneous, one-fourth mile to church, 1 mile to school, on Rural Route. All of this land can be cultivated, Oak Timber, 4 miles from town, 16 miles south of Tyler. No incumbrance. Will trade for land in Haskell county. SEE

Texas Land Co.

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ELKS MEMORIAL SERVICE.

The first Sunday in December being the day set apart by the Elks Grand Lodge for the Annual Memorial Service of the order, a most impressive service was held by the Haskell Lodge in the M. E. Church on December 5th at eleven o'clock a. m.

Rev. C. B. Meador delivered an able discourse to the body of Elks present. The music was furnished by Elks and Ladies of the Symphony Club. The anthem, "Enter Ye in at the Straight Gate," being especially well rendered.

A quartette was sung by Messrs Scott, Pinkerton, Long and Reaves at the close of the service which impressed the solemnity of the hour and was enjoyed by those who attended.

AGENTS WANTED

To represent THE HASKELL COUNTY HOME CIRCLE. One can earn from 25 to 50 dollars per week.

For particulars, see
Ira N. Ellis, Sec.

NOTICE HASKELL NATIONAL BANK STOCK HOLDERS MEETING.

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Stock Holders of the Haskell National Bank will be held at the office of said bank, in Haskell, Texas, on the second Tuesday, the 11th day of January, A. D. 1910, at two o'clock p. m., for the purpose of electing a board of directors for said bank, and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before such meeting.

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The Right Place.
The Tramp—"Ab, Mister, what would you do if you felt like you did not have a friend in the world?" The Fish Man—"What would I do? Why, I'd apply for a job as baseball umpire, of course!"—Chicago News.

A Double Hold.
Miss Moonlight—"Er—let me hold the reins, please." Mr. Rashphul—"What will I do, then?" Miss Moonlight—"You might hold the holder of the reins."

The Rural Cynic.
"Hard work," said the ready-made philosopher, "brings the greatest happiness in life." "Yes," answered Farmer Cornstossel, "specially when you kin afford to hire somebody to do it for you."

Missed Her Destiny.
Alice in Wonderland said she could easily believe six impossible things before breakfast. "How fitted for a clubman's wife," they exclaimed. Sad to relate, however, she missed her obvious destiny.

Woman's Latest Conquest.
Sea otter has been requisitioned for the adornment of fashionable feminine attire. Heretofore it has been exclusively reserved for the use of men, no doubt on account of its weight and durability.

School Teachers Well Treated.
Disabled teachers in Munich receive pensions of 75 per cent of their salaries and a schoolmaster's wife who loses her husband gets three-fourths of his salary with an allowance for every child under 20.

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Visitor—"Heavens! What's that infernal noise, dear boy?" Parlor Socialist—"Only the 12 o'clock whistle, old chap. I have too much sympathy for my fellow workmen to have a mere ornamental chime clock in my drawing room."—Puck.

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Yule-Tide Pranks in the U.S. Navy

By WALDON FAWCETT

THE ENTIRE holiday season and especially Christmas day, is pre-eminently an occasion for "letting down the bars" with reference to the personnel of the enlisted force of the U. S. navy. Ordinarily pretty rigid discipline is enforced on the warships of our navy—as is necessary where so many men are crowded together in close quarters—but at the joyous yule-tide season the officers are wont to allow the bluejackets pretty free rein for their frolics. This latitude is allowed not merely because Christmas week is universally recognized as an occasion for mirth and merriment. Fully as potent is the fact that a general good time at Christmas keeps Jack from getting homesick for the sort of family



WRITING CHRISTMAS LETTERS TO THE FOLKS AT HOME

reunion that most other people are enjoying during the closing week of December. Of course, any one of Uncle Sam's tars may enjoy an old-fashioned Christmas at home if the ship to which he is attached happens to be in a port where his parents or other relatives reside, but, naturally, that is a rare contingency for any of the boys in blue. The average naval seaman is bound to be away from home on Christmas and he lays his plans, accordingly.

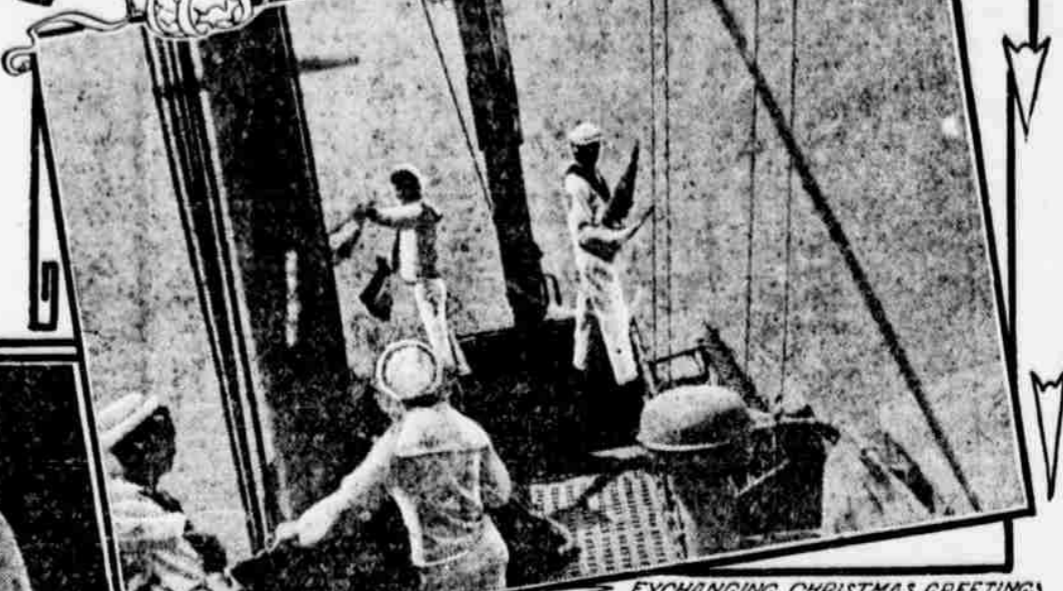
Many of the features of the average Christmas program in the navy indicate above all else that excess of animal spirits that might be expected from a whole community of red-blooded and militantly healthy young men who have been cooped up for some time previously. This accounts for the prominence given to sports and athletic contests in the yule-tide program. Of course muscular competitions do not monopolize attention on this day of days. There are other red-letter events on the twenty-fifth of December, not forgetting the traditional Christmas spread and the almost inevitable minstrel show which rounds out the day. It is in connection with these, by the way, that the men-of-war-men play many of the pranks, the privilege of practicing which they claim as their inalienable right on such occasions.

Your keen-witted naval sailor dearly loves a joke on any occasion and all through the year the bluejackets display that propensity for playing pranks that might be expected of a body of husky lads who combine with strenuousness that irresponsible ability which comes with the comforting assurance of an unflinching supply of substantial food and warm clothing. At Christmas this spirit reaches a climax. The tars play pranks on each other; they play pranks on their officers, who cannot resent such attentions at this time, and they are pretty apt to play pranks on every body in sight. They start in before daylight on Christmas morn-

Usually the gibes for the officers are reserved for the minstrel show in the evening, but there have been occasions in the history of the navy when the bluejackets played decidedly practical jokes on their superiors in connection with the Christmas dinner. For instance, at Shanghai, China, a few years ago, a delegation of the enlisted men got ashore almost as soon as the ship dropped anchor in port, and having forestalled the wearers of gold braid they proceeded to "corner" the limited market of turkeys. Thus they had plentiful slices of the light and dark meat at their spread, while the ward-room mess had to put up with a not altogether satisfactory substitute. The high prices paid for fowl on this occasion constitute but one of many illustrations that might be cited to prove how lavish are the bluejackets in their expenditures when it comes to providing ammunition for the proper observance of Christmas.

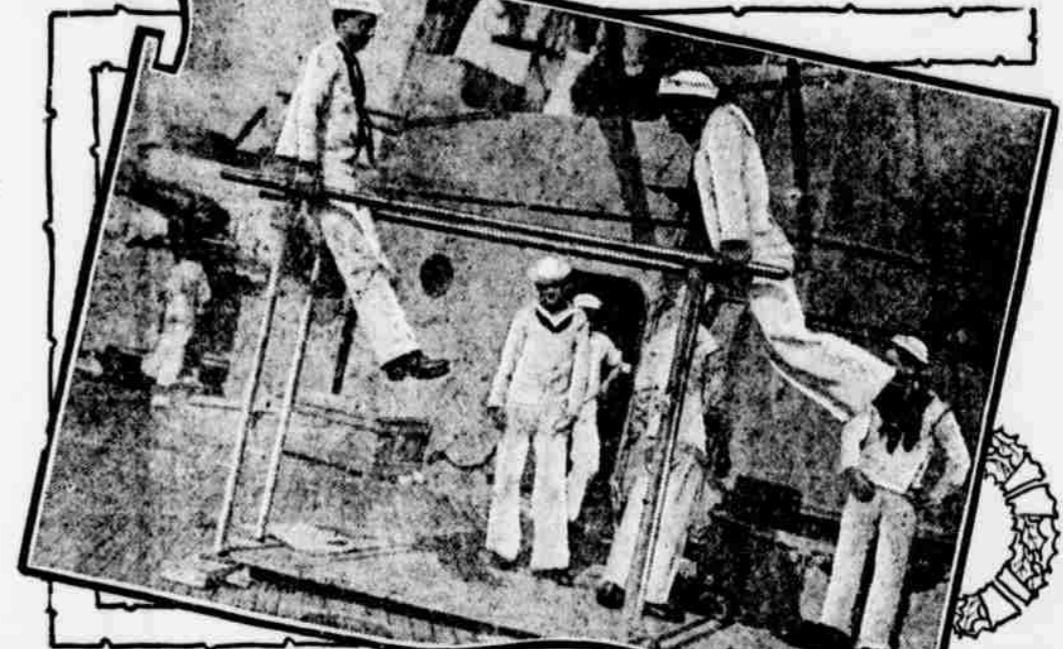
The mischievous nature of these boys grown tall crops out in the character of many of the contests that take place on Christmas afternoon. There are boxing, wrestling and fencing contests that are in deadly earnest, but there are also such merriment makers as egg races, potato races, three-legged races, sack races, etc., and finally there are ludicrous pie-eating contests and similar stunts. A time honored Christmas prank aboard Yankee fighting ships is that wherein a procession of fantastically garbed sailors visits the captain's quarters, carrying a bucket of whitewash, and petitions the commanding officer to literally or figuratively wipe out all scores or demerits standing against members of the crew for minor infractions of the rules. If the master of the craft is not utterly lacking in that tact and discernment which makes for popularity in the navy, he hastens to take cognizance of the spirit of the day by granting this request for universal clemency.

The opportunities for enjoyment open to our American bluejackets at Christmas have been materially enhanced by the present policy of having the warships, whenever possible spend the holidays in some populous port. For instance, the plan, at this writing, is to have the big battleship fleet spend



EXCHANGING CHRISTMAS GREETINGS BY FLAG SIGNALING

Another new line of policy in the navy that makes all holidays more worth while is that outlined in the recent order of the secretary of the navy which prescribes that work aboard our warships shall be reduced to a minimum on Sundays and holidays. Even ship inspection and inspection of the crew are dispensed with on such occasions—or rather is



CHRISTMAS ATHLETICS IN THE NAVY

Christmas in New York harbor. This means plenty of entertainment for the bluejackets when they have "shore leave," and it likewise gives many of the tars opportunity to entertain fair friends aboard and proudly show them over the floating fortress.

It ordered that such functions shall take place on some other day and that the men be given practically a "free day" for their own amusement. Bluejackets who do not attend as participants or onlookers the Christmas athletic program may often be found on the holiday reading in some unfrequented corner of the ship, writing to loved ones at home, playing cards, or maybe exchanging Christmas greetings with friends on other ships of the fleet by means of the picturesque wig-wag system of flag signaling.

THE HOLLY AND THE MISLETOE

A CHRISTMAS ARGUMENT

One morning in the snow the Holly and the Mistletoe met, and straightway into argument they fell; And the Holly in his pride his very hardest tried To show he was by far the greatest swiftest.

"Oh, it's folly, folly, folly!" cried the Mistletoe to Holly.

"To give yourself the silly airs you do; For you'll very soon find out that the world, without a doubt, Could get along quite nicely without you."

"Ah, I know, I know, I know!" said Holly to the Mistletoe. "You're as envious as ever you can be! And you're cross and angry very, 'cause you haven't got a berry Red, and round, and bright and beautiful, like me."

Answered Mistletoe then, laughing: "Why, of course you're only chaffing. I've a berry too, as pure, and white as snow. Every Christmas time they find me, and they take me in and bind me Just above the door, as very well you know."

"What a silly tale you're telling!" scoffed the Holly. "For one of you they'll use a dozen of me. You're an interloping person and you only grow, what's worse, on The branches of some other kind of tree."

"Now, to children, I'm the symbol of the nights when 'Hunt-the-Thimble,' 'Blind-Man's Bluff,' and such games keep them out of bed; And the plum-pudding at dinner, you will find or I'm a sinner, Always has a sprig of holly in his head."

Then the Mistletoe said, winking: "There's just one small point, I'm thinking, That you have altogether failed to see: If at Christmas time I'm missing, why there can't be any kissing! So the palm, you must admit, belongs to me."

Now the moral of this story is, if you're inclined to glory In your own importance, you are sure to find That in others' estimation you're a less important station, And in argument you may get left behind.



Short-Sighted Old Gentleman—How your little boy has grown! But you shouldn't let him go out without a hat.

A Double Delight.
"Congratulations me," said young Smith to a fellow clerk. "I'm going to get married."
"Fine. Glad to hear it. But don't marry all her family."
"Oh, there's only one sister—a twin," said Smith.
"Look alike?" asked the other.
"Can't tell 'em apart."
"Well, that's rather awkward, isn't it? How do you know which is which?"
"Well," confessed Smith, "up to date I haven't tried very hard."

Good for the Nerves.
At a recent archery tournament in London 300 women took part in the contest, the game having become very popular. It is recommended by London physicians as splendid for the nerves. American women have never taken very kindly to the sport, but the renewal of interest abroad may effect a change in this country.

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A Risky Thing.

"I think I'll go home."
"But it's only 11 o'clock, old man."
"Well, there's nothing doing at the club."
"I know; but consider. Once I went home at 11 o'clock and came near establishing a dangerous precedent."

Sufficient Evidence.

"Father was evidently drinking again last night."
"What makes you think that?"
"He sassed the janitor when he came in."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

No, Alonzo, we wouldn't advise a man with an impediment in his speech to go to a speakeasy for treatment.

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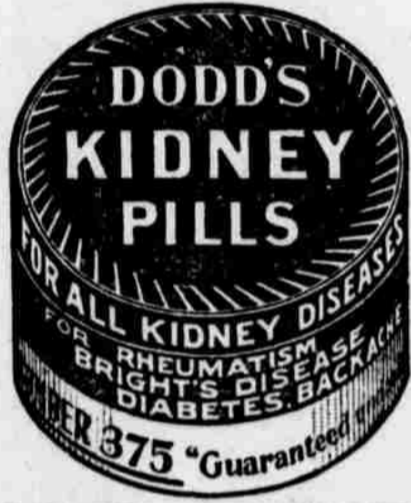
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ATTENDS SALE OF PROPERTY

The Big Oil Property Brings Near a Million and a Half Dollars.

Austin, Dec. 8.—Acting under instructions from Judge Calhoun, the jury Tuesday morning rendered a verdict acquitting Henry Clay Pierce of the charges of perjury and false swearing made against him by indictment in connection with the affidavit which he made at the time the Waters-Pierce Oil Company was granted a permit to do business in Texas in May, 1900. This charge was given when Judge Calhoun sustained the defendant's plea of immunity upon the ground that Pierce had as an involuntary witness given testimony in the case of the State against the Waters-Pierce Oil Company and that he was entitled under the laws of Texas to immunity.

This afternoon Pierce stood a free man upon the steps of the court house while the properties of the Waters-Pierce Oil Company, Security Oil Company, Navarro Refining Company and sixty-five cars belonging to the Union Tank Line Company were being auctioned off by the receivers of said companies under anti-trust judgments secured by the State.

The properties of the Waters-Pierce Oil Company were sold to Col. Sam W. Fordyce, the well-known financier and railroad magnate of St. Louis, who is a close personal friend of Mr. Pierce. He made the bid of \$1,431,741.78 for himself and associates, declining at this time to say who these associates are. The final inventory value of the property was \$1,358,000. Notice was given that the properties of the Waters-Pierce Oil Company are subject to a mortgage of \$5,000,000 of which \$3,500,000 is outstanding in the hands of holders, for values, and that said mortgage covers this property.

John Sealy of Galveston, the well-known banker, bought the properties of the Security Oil Company, which are subject to a mortgage of \$2,500,000 and accrued interest, an aggregate of \$3,500,000, for the sum of \$85,000; the property of the Navarro Refining Company for \$750,000, and the sixty-five tank cars of the Union Tank Line Company for \$40,000, which latter sum is \$35,000 less than the amount of the judgment secured by the State. There were no other bidders except mentioned, and the sales were devoid of interest.

Safe Blowers Get Busy.
Corrigan: Using a heavy charge of nitroglycerin, expert safe-blowers about 1 o'clock Tuesday morning demolished the vault and safe of the State Bank of Corrigan. All doors were blown from their hinges and the strong bolts and bars reduced to debris. The robbers secured \$2,050, all the cash the bank contained, a good portion of the reserve being kept in other banks.

No Masonic Lodge Delinquent.
Waco: The seventy-fourth annual grand communication of the Masonic Grand Lodge of Texas began Tuesday. The address of Grand Master J. J. Davis of Galveston made it evident there had been wonderful growth in the Masonic order in Texas, and not a single lodge in nearly one thousand is delinquent in dues or failed to report.

Diaz May Be Mediator.
New Orleans: Well defined rumors are that President Diaz of Mexico has tendered his services as mediator in an effort to settle the dispute between the United States and President Zelaya, growing out of the killing of Cannon and Groce, the young Texan from Hempstead.

14.25c For 500 Bales.
Gainesville: J. W. Powers, a local cotton buyer, Tuesday loaded 500 bales of cotton for export, selling it at \$14.25c.

Hogs Sell at \$8.40.
Kansas City: When hogs sold at \$8.40 a hundred at the stock yards Tuesday a record for twenty-seven years was established. In July, 1882, several car loads of hogs sold at \$8.80. This was due to a cholera epidemic that had passed through the country.

Six Above in Oklahoma.
Oklahoma City: This section experienced the coldest weather for December in its history Tuesday morning, the thermometer registering 4 degrees above zero.

Proposed Texas Building.
Washington: Senator Bailey introduced a bill asking \$200,000 for a Federal building at Amarillo. Representative Smith introduced bills to appropriate \$100,000 for a public building at Ballinger and \$100,000 for a building at Stamford.

Baby Fatally Burned.
Sherman: The 14-month-old son of J. M. Richardson was seriously burned Tuesday, the infant's clothing catching fire from an open grate. Recovery is doubtful.

BACKACHE IS KIDNEYACHE.

Usually There Are Other Troubles to Prove It.

Pain in the back is pain in the kidneys, in most cases, and it points to the need of a special remedy to remove and cure the congestion or inflammation of the kidneys that is interfering with their work and causing that pain that makes you say: "Oh, my back." Thompson Watkins, professional nurse, 420 N. 23rd St., Parsons, Kan., says: "For some time I was annoyed with sharp twinges across the small of my back and irregular passages of the kidney secretions. Since using Doan's Kidney Pills, I am free from these troubles." Remember the name—Doan's. Sold by all dealers. 50 cents a box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.



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Baby Boy Had Intense Itching Humor—Scatched Till Blood Ran.

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"Our son, two years old, was afflicted with a rash. After he suffered with the trouble several weeks I took him to the doctor but it got worse. The rash ran together and made large blisters. The little fellow didn't want to do anything but scratch and we had to wrap his hands up to keep him from tearing the flesh open till the blood would run. The itching was intense. The skin on his back became hard and rough like the bark of a tree. He suffered intensely for about three months. But I found a remedy in Cuticura Soap and Cuticura Ointment. The result was almost magical. That was more than two years ago and there has not been the slightest symptom of it since he was cured. J. W. Lauck, Yukon, Okla., Aug. 28 and Sept. 17, 1908." **Petter Drug & Chem. Corp., Sole Props., Boston.**

An Ever Ready Opening.
The editor suddenly became conscious that some one was standing behind him. Looking round, his glance fell upon a seedy looking individual with the eyes of a crank. "I beg your pardon," said the newcomer, "but is there an opening here for a first-class intellectual writer?" "Yes," grimly responded the editor, "an ingenious carpenter, foreseeing your visit, has provided an excellent opening. Turn the knob to the right, and do not slam the door as you go out."—The Sunday Magazine.

Taught by Experience.
"So the jury returned a verdict without leaving the courtroom," said the visitor.
"Yep," answered Broncho Bob. "That's the way Crimson Gulch juries always do nowadays. The boys have had so much trouble that they stay where they are instead of taking chances on getting separated from their hats and overcoats."
"Think of it! They charge as much for that imitation stuff as they do for real, delicious, fragrant WRIGLEY'S SPEARMINT."

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Many an heiress buys a gold brick in the form of a husband.
Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup, for children's teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. 25c a bottle.

In a man's life the greatest necessity is more money.

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A Revelation to the Cook.
A happily married woman, who had enjoyed 35 years of wedlock, and who was the grandmother of four beautiful little children, had an amusing old colored woman for a cook.

One day when a box of especially beautiful flowers was left for the mistress the cook happened to be present, and she said: "Yo' husband send you all the pretty flowers yo' gits, missy?" "Certainly, my husband, mammy," proudly answered the lady.
"Glory!" exclaimed the cook, "he suttainly an holdin' out well."—Ladies' Home Journal.

There All the Time.
It is told of Dr. Thorold that he was once asked to give away the prizes at a school belonging to the London school board.

In the course of his opening address he gravely asked the children, "Which was the largest island in the world before Australia was discovered?" When the youngsters gave it up, he said in the same grave way, which made them laugh all the more, "Why, Australia, of course; it was there all the time!"

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A Decoy.
The minister who had exchanged with Rev. Mr. Taleom was scandalized to see Deacon Snowball in the vestry, after service, deliberately taking a 50-cent piece out of the contribution-box and substituting a dime.
"Brer Snowball," he exclaimed, in horror and amazement, "that's plain dishonest doings!"

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Every time you want to smoke, chew WRIGLEY'S SPEARMINT. The desire goes away. You save nerves, pocketbook, and digestion.
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There is one man in the United States who has perhaps heard more women's secrets than any other man or woman in the country. These secrets are not secrets of guilt or shame, but the secrets of suffering, and they have been confided to Dr. R. V. Pierce in the hope and expectation of advice and help. That few of these women have been disappointed in their expectations is proved by the fact that ninety-eight per cent. of all women treated by Dr. Pierce have been absolutely and altogether cured. Such a record would be remarkable if the cases treated were numbered by hundreds only. But when that record applies to the treatment of more than half-a-million women, in a practice of over 40 years, it is phenomenal, and entitles Dr. Pierce to the gratitude accorded him by women, as the first of specialists in the treatment of women's diseases.

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CITATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS.
To the Sheriff or any Constable of Haskell County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon the unknown heirs of Hays Covington, of Thomas Covington, of John L. Covington, of Sarah F. Stanford, of Elizabeth Ferguson and of Polly Blakey, whose names and residences are unknown, to appear at the next regular term of the district court of Haskell County, to be held at the court house thereof, in the city of Haskell, on the 22nd day of November, A. D. 1909, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 13th day of October A. D. 1909, in a cause numbered 612 wherein E. Burgess and F. E. Burgess are plaintiffs and the unknown heirs of Hays Covington, of Thomas Covington, of John L. Covington, of Sarah F. Stanford, of Elizabeth Ferguson and of Polly Blakey are defendants, the cause of action being alleged as follows, to-wit:

Plaintiffs represent to the court that on or about the first day of January 1909, plaintiffs were lawfully seized and possessed of the following described land and premises situated in Haskell County, Texas, holding and claiming the same in fee simple, viz: Being 369 acres and being all of that certain survey of land which was patented to said Hays Covington by the state of Texas Dec. 15th, 1858, by patent No. 785, Vol. 11 by virtue of certificate No. 243, and being survey No. 131, abstract No. 96, and is bounded on the north by the Wm. Dennis survey, on the south by block No. 3, H. & T. C. R. R. Co. lands, on the east by the Indianola R. R. Co. survey No. 101, and on the west by the John Carrington survey No. 44. That on the day and year last aforesaid defendants unlawfully entered upon said premises and ejected plaintiffs therefrom, and unlawfully withheld from plaintiffs the possession thereof to their damage one thousand dollars.

Wherefore plaintiffs pray judgment of the court that defendants be cited to appear and answer this petition, and that plaintiffs have judgment for the title and possession of the above described land and premises and that writ of restitution issue and for their damages and costs of suit, and for such other and further relief, special and general, in law and in equity as they may be justly entitled to.

You are further commanded to serve this citation by publishing the same once in each week for eight successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in a newspaper published in your county; but if no newspaper is published in said county, then in the nearest county where a newspaper is published.

Herein fail not, but have you before said court, on the said first day of the next term thereof of this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness J. W. Meadors, Clerk of the District Court of Haskell County, Texas.

Given under my hand and seal of said court, in the city of Haskell, Texas, this 18th day of October, A. D. 1909.

J. W. Meadors,
Clerk District Court,
Haskell Co., Texas.

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CHOATE ITEMS

Happy Jack would like to hear from Sagerton Items once again.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Bishop moved to Robertson County last Thursday. We regret their departure.

Mr. Jasper Boon's horse got cut very badly on wire last week.

Miss Nannie Elliott of McKinney came Sunday to make her home with Mrs. J. C. Choate.

Mr. Will Sywer has been attending court this week.

Mr. Jones bought Mr. Will Bishop's place, and moved here last week. We are glad to have Mr. Jones with us again.

Mr. Choate is on the sick list this week.

Mr. Haner Rainwater of Baylor County, visited homefolks last week.

Mr. Will Lucallen has returned home from Bell County.

Happy Jack.

THE RACKET STORE



For many years, the Racket Store has provided bargains for the people and has provided toys and novelties that has brought the joys of Christmas morning to the juvenile hearts in many homes.

The stock this year, as in the past, for the most reasonable out lay, will supply your necessities, and brings the pleasure and joys of a Christmas morning to your home.

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SHERIFF'S SALE.

Tyler Commercial College, Tyler, Texas. On January 1st, 1910, our \$45.00 scholarships will be advanced to \$50. Our \$85 combined course scholarships will be advanced to \$95. This advance is to be made from the fact that we are adding to our course of study a number of new and modern features of business office training. Our course has always been thorough and far more complete than that of any other commercial school, but business methods are advancing. The recent panic has driven business concerns to more rigid methods of accounting and transacting of office work; their demands are far more exacting upon the stenographer and bookkeeper. In order to meet this demand and in order to give every student thorough training on the various office appliances, we will advance our tuition as stated above. We feel safe in saying that each and every student will be delighted with the advance in the course of study, and will readily admit it is the cheapest \$50 worth of education ever obtained, and in no case would he take \$10.00 for this work that has been added to our course. But very, very few commercial schools are teaching the use of the modern filing device, mimeograph, multigraph, adding machine, and the similar modern office appliances, and those that are teaching them charge the student extra for each machine. We make no extra charge.

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State of Texas.
County of Haskell.

By virtue of an execution issued out of the County Court of Haskell County, Texas, on December 7th, 1909, and by virtue of a levy thereunder on the hereinafter described property on December 7th, 1909, I, M. E. Park, Sheriff of Haskell County, Texas, will proceed to sell at public auction at the Court House door of the County Court House of Haskell County, Texas, on the first Tuesday in January, 1910, it being the 4th day of said month, the following described real estate:

All that certain lot, tract or parcel of land in Haskell County, Texas, and being out of the Peter Allen Survey, Abstract No. 2, Certificate No. 136, Survey No. 140, patented to the heirs of Peter Allen on Dec. 31, 1866, by Patent No. 365, Vol. 17, and more particularly described as Lot No. 3 in Block No. 5 of the J. W. Meadors Addition to the town of Haskell, Texas, as shown by a map or plat of said Addition recorded in Vol. 32, page 79 of the Deed Records of Haskell County, Texas.

Said property being levied upon as the property of D. B. Boyd to satisfy a judgment in favor of the Skandia Furniture Company rendered on the 6th day of July, 1909, in the County Court of Haskell County, Texas, in the sum of \$318.05 together with costs amounting to \$8.90, against the said D. B. Boyd. Witness my hand on this the 7th day of December, 1909.

M. E. Park,
Sheriff of Haskell County, Texas.
By J. H. Meadors, Deputy.

NOTICE

Positive I forbid any more hunting at the Hemphill Lake. If you do you will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

M. R. Hemphill.

Injury Done by Mosquitoes.
Before the draining and diking of England and Holland, mosquitoes, malaria, chills and fever were as bad as in our southern states to-day. Un-drained and undrained, neither of these countries had risen to its place in history, but had been balked by malarial degeneration.