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To have Headquarters up town—a place you can come to and feel perfectly "at home"—a cool retreat where you can rest or phone your friends.

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West Side Pharmacy

Telephone 180

Negro Commits 14 Cars in One Day Suicide

J. S. Schooley Shoots Self Twice in Breat. Member K of P. Lodge at Taylor

Family Trouble Cause

On last Thursday afternoon, just shortly after the Free Press had been printed, a negro killed himself in this city. He shot himself two times in the chest and death was almost instantaneous. A .38 calibre, double-action revolver was used. It is understood that domestic difficulties lead up to the darkey taking his own life.

The negro, whose name was Julius S. Schooley, together with his wife, had been living out near Rule, and the day before the tragedy the wife came to Haskell. On Thursday Schooley followed, and it is said endeavored to get his wife to return home with him, which she refused to do.

One statement made to this writer was to the effect that Schooley, before shooting himself, had tried to persuade his wife to give him money with which to purchase poison. This being refused, he then shot himself two times.

This is one of the rare instances wherein a colored man takes his own life. As a usual thing, the race of colored people are very happy and contented, and do not take life so seriously as is the case with other races, consequently the rarity of suicides among the colored people.

A coroner's inquest was held over the remains, and the verdict was death by gun-shot wounds—self-inflicted. The death caused considerable excitement among the colored residents of the city.

Schooley's remains were shipped to Taylor, Texas, for interment. It is said that the colored K. P. Lodge of that place wired money to cover the expense of shipment of the remains.

Baptist Church Announcements

9:45 a. m. Teaching service of the church for young and old.

11 and 8:30 p. m. Divine Worship. The pastor will preach both morning and evening.

8:30 p. m. Subject, "Why over 1000 drowned in the Chicago River."

The B. Y. P. U. meets at 2 p. m. to proceed in cars to Munday to conduct the Young Peoples' Meeting there. Every member of each group will be needed.

Cheery services, heart helping music and a homelike welcome for all! Let us help you to be bright and happy.

Want Regular Troops At Fair

Dallas, Texas: President W. I. Yopp, of the State Fair of Texas, Mayor Henry D. Lindsley of the city of Dallas and other prominent men are endeavoring to get the War Department at Washington to send 2000 U. S. regular soldiers to visit the State Fair this year. Last year the United States army program was a big drawing card; of unusual interest and educational in every respect. Indications are that the soldiers will be at the State Fair this year. Their exhibition drills, contests, sham battles and other presentations will be a big feature.

Haskell County's Fine Grain Crop is Attracting Considerable Notice

Being Sold at Top Price

Large shipments of grain are daily being made from Haskell, but there was one shipment in particular that was brought to the attention of the writer on last Saturday morning. At this time there were fourteen cars of grain to leave the W. V. station in one train.

That the top prices have been paid in this city is generally conceded. We have been informed that Haskell buyers have been paying anywhere from one to three cents per bushel more than has been the case in neighboring towns. There yet remains much of the golden grain unsold in the county, and every day witnesses the arrival of many wagon-loads, while it is going out over the Wichita Valley railroad in very large quantities.

This year's grain crop is going to more firmly establish this section's claim as to being the choice grain belt of the State than ever before, and doubtless there will be more ground planted to small grain another year than was ever known in this country.

There have already been some few land deals made, and there are a number pending, we are informed, and it now looks like there is going to be a large influx of immigrants to settle up the surplus and formerly idle, but virgin soil, of the Haskell territory. This will mean that the county's population will be considerably augmented, and there will be more land in cultivation next year than ever before. This all will mean added prosperity to both town and county. Haskell is now enjoying more favorable advertising by reason of this year's splendid crop prospects than was ever known before, and we can see no reason why both town and county should not grow, and grow fast.

One citizen informed us the other day that he counted thirteen threshers, all running, one day last week, and the grain thus being turned out was being hauled to town and marketed here. These thirteen named threshers were just the ones in the immediate vicinity of the city, and there were doubtless many more running at the same time at other points over the county.

H. C. Baker Was Here

H. C. Baker of Dallas, the genial representative of the Barnhart Bros. & Spindler Type Foundry, was here the first of the week. This was Mr. Baker's first visit to Haskell, and he says he was not looking for anything like as good a town as he discovered upon his arrival here. He says this country certainly looks good to him. In connection with Mr. Baker's visit, we might add that while here the Free Press gave him an order for considerable new type for our job printing department. Thus we are better prepared now than ever to execute good job printing on short notice.

F. G. Alexander & Sons

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Our fall line of Ginghams is now ready. This stock consists of Judiciously Bought and Carefully Selected patterns both

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Our Pleasure to Show You

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A Busy Institution is the Haskell Laundry

This writer had occasion Monday of this week to pay a visit to the plant of the Haskell Laundry Company. We found everything at the laundry running smoothly and the force at work down there are turning out a large volume of first class work.

This is an institution that is a valuable asset to the city, and the plant in many respects equals the steam laundries in the larger cities. Especially is this true as regards quality of work. The Haskell Laundry Company, in addition to being a great convenience in handling the laundry work of the city, furnishes employment to several workmen, and any institution that increases the city's payroll list is an asset.

Returns From Meeting

The Pastor of the Baptist Church has just returned from Sagerton, where he has been in a meeting with W. B. Phipps, the Baptist Pastor there.

Rev. Groom reports an excellent meeting with good crowds to each service. There were 25 conversions and restorations, 22 uniting with the church, 11, being by baptism. The church also decided to have preaching twice a month in the future instead of once.

Return After Most Interesting Trip

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Morton returned the latter part of the past week, after an extended trip to California and other states. They were accompanied on this trip by Miss Nevada Baker. Their travels carried them to many points of interest, and Mr. Morton reports that they had a highly enjoyable time. Leaving Haskell, this party went by way of the Southern route to California, and took in the Panama-Pacific Exposition at San Francisco.

After spending some time at the exposition, the party visited Washington, Oregon, Colorado, and many other points. Their trip included visits to the National Park, the Grand Canyon, and many other points of historical interest.

While on this trip, Miss Baker compiled a highly interesting diary, securing much interesting data regarding points visited by her party. The diary includes many statistics, such as population of cities visited, altitudes, descriptions of the Geysers, of the Grand Gorge; in fact, the diary is a complete history of the entire trip.

We have property in Waco, Texas, to trade for Haskell county land. West Texas Loan Co.

NOTICE!

To all Prospective Automobile Buyers

Don't be too hasty and buy a 1915 model. Wait until you see the

1916 MITCHELL

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Will have a carload of 1916 Mitchell Automobiles in Haskell in a few days.

W. A. WHATLEY, Dealer

Home Talent Play Here Friday Night

On Friday night of this week, a home talent play will be put on at the Haskell Opera House, as a benefit for the Baptist Church. The title of the play is "Mrs. Briggs of the Poultry Yard" and is announced as being a first cousin of "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch."

Much study and practice has been put into the make-up of the play, and every indication points to a pleasing and successful production.

Following is the cast of characters for the production:

Mrs. Briggs, a woman of business—Linnie Lamm.

Ralph, Bert Davis; Jimmie, Edgar Ford; Alvira, Gladys Taylor; Melissa, Eldora Bowman—Her Family.

Silas Green, a near relative—Bailey Collins.

Mr. Lee, a wealthy neighbor—Charlie Conner.

Virginia Lee, his daughter—Irma Durnell.

Daisy Thornton, her friend—Elwa Norton.

Mrs. O'Connell, with no liking for goats—Winnette Lindsey.

Mandy Bates, whose tongue will stumble—Willie V. Jones.

Admission will be 20, 25 and 35 cents. It is announced that the opera house will be equipped with plenty of fans to keep the building comfortable and cool.

Big Musical Feature for Fair.

Dallas, Texas: 40 trained musicians, and instrumental soloist, is the great musical feature for the 1915 State Fair. These men wear the kilts and the regulation costume of the Scottish Highlands. Prof. Roy N. Smith, a band master of international fame is their leader.

Be sure and figure with Hunt's before selling your grains. We will pay you the top price. We will also loan you sacks to deliver them in. Hunt's.

Children's Society Representative Here

Mr. W. A. Nicholas of Abilene, representing the Texas Children's Society, was here Sunday, remaining over until Tuesday evening, at which time he departed for Stamford. On Sunday, Mr. Nicholas made six talks in this city, speaking at each of the various churches. Mrs. I. Z. T. Morris, of Fort Worth, is State Superintendent of this Society.

That the Texas Children's Home and Society is doing a great work will be admitted by everyone, the main object of the society being to care for dependent children, and where possible place them in good, Christian homes. Many worthy children are in this manner every year placed in good homes.

Among other things the society is doing, we might mention the following: It is saving hundreds of children from hunger, cold and neglect. It takes them from surroundings of poverty, vice and crime; places them where they have a chance to become honest, industrious and happy. It saves the State thousands of dollars by curtailing crime and creating good citizenship. It makes many childless homes happy by placing desirable children in them. It reclaims the fallen and gives hope to the discouraged.

While here this time Mr. Nicholas paid the Free Press an appreciated call. He tells us that many Haskell citizens contribute to the great cause in which he is interested. He showed us many pictures, also, of beautiful children that are now in care of the Society.

Strother Menefee arrived home Monday from his summer vacation which he spent in Waco, Marlin, O'Brien and other interesting points.

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