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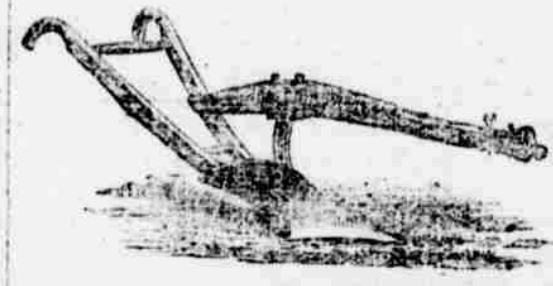
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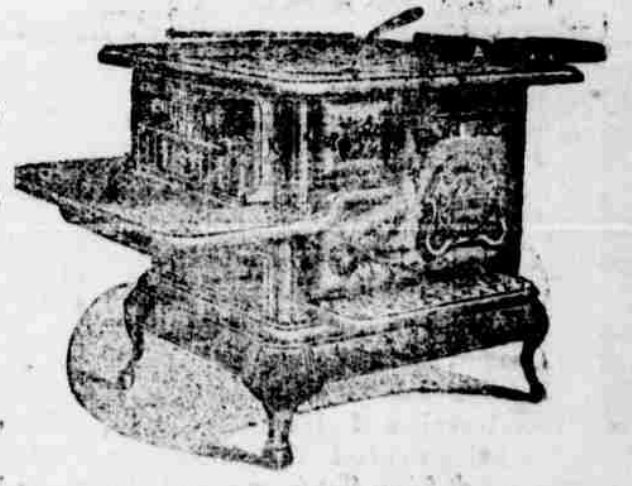
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emblems paraded down town thoroughfares and then withdrew to a garden in the suburbs. The anarchists were in the procession and declaring themselves to be carpenters. They were permitted to retain the place they had quietly slipped into. At the garden they unfurled their flag and refused to acknowledge the stars and stripes. The committee in charge induced them finally to put their flags away. When the committee turned their backs, however, the anarchists secured their emblem of blood and waved it aloft triumphantly. Immediately they were attacked by a hundred honest workmen whose indignation was beyond control. The flag was trampled under feet and the anarchists one after another, went to the ground in a fight that continued for at least ten minutes. All the anarchists but five escaped, but those who got away were bleeding and will hardly appear in public for sometime to come. The names of those arrested are: Ben Hill, carpenter; Emil Schilling, machinist; Godfrey Ostermayer, Charles Lubling, Gustav Beutner, carpenters. They were locked up at the Forest street police station charged with riot.

GRAMAM.

Seven Law Breakers Brought in from the Territory.

GRAMAM, TEX., Sept. 5.—Ed Johnson, one of United States Marshal Cabell's most efficient deputies, came to Gramam last evening with seven prisoners arrested in the Indian Territory. Four of them, Alf Charles, Eop and Boon Marlow, are brothers. The two last named were arrested near the line of the Chickasaw, Comanche and Kiowa nations. The other two were arrested in an old house in the Scott mountains. They made a break for their guns, which they had left in their wagon, but Johnson and his two assistants got the drop on them. Their fire-arms were of the finest make—three long range rifles, four shot-guns and three Colts 15-caliber six-shooters.

The other arrests were Bill Monecrite, horse thief; D. Phelps, thief of cow, and Jack Nestell for returning to the reservation after being put off by the agent. All the offenses were committed in the Indian Territory; and Ed Johnson says Boone Marlow is wanted in Wilbarger county, Tex., for murderer. The Marlows had twenty-three horses in their possession, and their examining trial, for want of witnesses, has been put off till October 1. Another of the Marlow brothers has been arrested since Johnson left the Territory.

Ballot Boxes Stolen.

St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 6.—A special from Little Rock, Ark., says a big sensation has been created there by the stealing of the ballot boxes from the office of the clerk of Pulaski county. The safe was blown open some time last night to get them. The boxes were from Big Rock, Last Way, Eagle, Owen Bayou, Mota, Ellis, Gray and Manuel. The burglary was the work of experts. A special election in the county will be called in consequence of the fact. Excitement is running high. Hundreds of negroes are gathering about the clerk's office, and a riot is imminent. The ballot box from Old River town-ship, while being taken to the county seat was stolen by a gang of masked men.

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Following is a list of some of the various occupations not protected by the tariff. The people engaged in them pay tribute on every protective article they buy, and reap no corresponding benefit in return: All employes of railroad companies.

- Artists, Auctioneers, Barbers, Barbers and hairdressers, Boarding-house keepers, Bookkeepers in stores, Blacksmiths, Brick and stone masons, Bridge builders, Butchers, Carpenters, Carpenters and joiners, Civil engineers, Clergymen, Clerks and copyists, Clerks in express offices, Clerks in hotels, Clerks in railroad offices, Clerks in stores, Commercial travelers, Coopers, Dealers in books and stationery, Dealers in boots and shoes, Dealers in dry goods, Dealers in groceries, Dealers in hides, Dealers in iron, tin and hardware.

Dealers in jewelry, watches and clocks.

- Dealers in lumber and marble, Dealers in newspapers, Dealers in paints and oils, Dealers in paper, Dealers in provisions, Dealers in real estate, Dealers in tobacco, Dealers in wood and coal, Domestic servants, Draymen and teamsters, Druggists, Employees of hotels, Engineers and firemen, Farmers, Hostlers, Hotelkeepers, Householders, Insurance agents, Journalists, Laborers, Landrresses, Lawyers, Livery stable keepers, Machine shop and round house men.

- Milkmen, Millers, Musicians, Painters, Paper hangers, Photographers, Physicians and surgeons, Plasterers, Porters and laborers, Printers, Quarrymen, Restaurant keepers, Salesmen and saleswomen, Sectionmen on railroads, Sextons, Stovemakers, Stockraisers, Teachers, Telegraph employes, Traders, Undertakers, Veterinary surgeons, Weighers, Whitewashers, Woodchoppers.—[Gazette.

The Anarchists at it Again.

Cleveland, O., Sept. 3.—An immense blood red flag was carried through the leading streets of Cleveland to-day and behind it marched a score of anarchists. To-night the flag is bedraggled and five of the men who followed it are in the lockup. This was "labor day," so-called, and 1200 men formed in line, and with music and waving

name would have been withdrawn whatever might have been Grayson county's action about the florigal representation."

Mr Bailey says of course he knows that the Gazette does not intend to do any one an injustice, and will be glad to say there was not assemblance of a truce in the whole matter. The statement in write-up from Gainesville was simply an error—nothing more.

ALBANY.

First Bale of Cotton Ever Ginned in Shackelford County.

ALBANY, TER. Sept. 6.—The first bale of cotton for this season was brought in to-day by Mr. James Boler and was classed strictly good ordinary and was bought by Goldsmith, Johnson & Co. for 12 1/2 cents, with a sum of \$30 for the first bale also paid. This is the first bale of cotton ever ginned in Shackelford county and excited considerable enthusiasm when brought on the square, decorated with flags and bunting and in charge of Mr. T. V. Baker, proprietor of the Albany gin.

Mr. R. E. McAnulty and family left this morning for an extended visit to the mountains of Montana. They go for the benefit of Mr. McAnulty's health, which has been failing for some time.

Fight Betw en Vigilantes and Outlaws in the Neutral Strip.

Sept. 6.—A terrible fight occurred last week between vigilantes and a band of 17 desperadoes, in which three of the vigilantes were killed, and several wounded, and sixteen desperadoes were killed. Mr. Washburne, of Higgins, gives the following account of the fight to a gazette correspondent:

"Freighters brought in information Saturday that a battle had been fought between the vigilantes and a band of desperadoes that at one time infested the Indian Territory. A great deal of stock has been misfed lately, and the gang of men who were in camp on the Paladorn were suspected of being implicated in the wholesale stealing. Action was taken in the matter and a vigilance committee was at once organized. Friday morning the committee made a raid upon the camp. The camp fires were burning brightly and preparations were being made for breakfast. A party of three of the vigilantes were sent upon the outlaws camp with an order for an unconditional surrender. The party were fired upon and one of the number killed. Then the fight began in earnest and for ten or fifteen minutes revolvers and winchesters cracked with an appalling rapidity. When the smoke of the battle had blown away, it was found that three of the vigilantes were killed and several wounded. Of the outlaws only one man escaped. Three or four horses were killed and several wounded. Who commanded the desperadoes is not known, but it is supposed that it is the same gang that has been giving the railroads through the Territory trouble in attempting to rob the trains. There were seventeen of the outlaws, and sixteen of them were killed out right. The vigilantes were commanded by an old ex-ranger of Texas, and they were armed with winchesters, while the outlaws used sixshooters, principally, only one of them using a rifle, and he was killed early in the fight. Mr. Washburne says the people in that country are determined to rid the country of such men, and propose to take the law into their own hands until the country is rid of them. Much of the stolen property was recovered."

IT SPREADS.

The Yellow Fever in Florida Extending Among the Women and Children of the Stat.

Government Aid is Badly needed A Man Who Thinks the Fever will not Stop Till Frost Comes.

THE SITUATION GRAVE.

CHICAGO, ILL., Sept. 8.—Dr. John G. Ames of Palatka, Fla., who is in the city has expressed great views of the situation of yellow fever at Jacksonville and believes the most stringent means of quarantine should be enforced. He thinks the epidemic at Jacksonville will continue to spread through the city until November freezes nip it. He thinks Surgeon-General Hamilton deserves the highest praise for the way in which he has handled the fever infected district. Dr. Ames believes there is no danger whatever of the plague in any parts of Florida except Tampa and Jacksonville.

THE SITUATION GLOOMY.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., Sept. 8.—The Times-Democrat's Jacksonville special says nothing favorable can be said to-day. It is the same old story of fever spreading with amazing rapidity, more deaths and no outlet for the survivors. A very heavy gale prevails to-night, the wind blowing a hurricane while incessant thunder and lightning and torrents of rain add to the terror of the scene. To-day is damp, chilly and uncomfortable even to the well. It has had decidedly bad effect on the sick and as soon as the hot sun comes out again new cases will probably be numbered by the hundred. The people have given up pretty much all hope of securing aid from the government to get away and many will take their chances at Camp Perry, which is said to be greatly improved. Camp Mitchell will be ready soon, and they will in all probability accommodate 2000 persons. Energetic efforts are being made to send off all persons and as none of them have changed their mind in regard to going very probably the authorities will be able to send off 2000 as soon as accommodations are ready. As the fever waits for no one, the work is being rushed rapidly ahead. If Surgeon-General Hamilton had not agreed last week that 1000 or more people should go to North Carolina much sickness would have been averted. As it is now the women and children being taken and in this weather it goes very hard with all delicate persons.

GO NE TO FLORIDA.

Washington, Sept. 8.—Surgeon-General Hamilton left the city to-night for Florida, and will use his best efforts for the relief of that stricken region.

An Explanation.

Bonham, Tex., Sept.—Hon. J. W Baily in reference to the Hare Davis congressional contest at Gainesville, requests your correspondent to say that the Gazette was mistaken in supposing that any bargain or compromise was made, that the fact is Mr. Davis requested his name to be withdrawn, and Mr. Bailey went to the Grayson county delegation and told them that they were going to withdraw it, and that as Judge Hare had a majority of the convention he thought that Mr. Davis' friends would not resist the nomination. Mr. Bailey says: "I then told them they ought to support Mr. Murrell, our nominee for floater. I did not make any reservation or condition and Mr. Davis

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Respectfully,  
MAXEY R. ANDREWS.

What is the immigration committee doing?

OUR District court had no use or a petit jury this week.

THE Republicans of the Senate say that their tariff bill will be reported next week.

THE immigration association is in arrears with it account for advertising in the FREE PRESS.

COPIES of the FREE PRESS should be kept at the Abilene fair for distribution to visitors.

POSTMASTER GENERAL DICKINSON was an interested listener to the debate in the Retaliation bill in the House.

THE total number of cases of yellow fever at Jacksonville Fla. to September 10th is 632 and number of deaths 78.

THE House Committee on appropriations has passed a resolution expressing regret at the enforced absence of Mr. Randall, and hoping for his speedy return.

RUMORS continue to float around here of the contemplated removal of the Chicago postmaster. Postmaster General Dickinson refuses to confirm or deny the rumor.

DO you ever think that you are indebted to your local paper for the business property you are enjoying.

THE State Department has received a telegram from the United States Minister to China, stating that he has no positive knowledge of the rejection of the treaty.

THE FREE PRESS, with the skilled compositor Max Andrews, at the form tables will loom up in future as she has never loomed before.

OUR Editor says he is incensed to work with renewed energy since he has a good mechanic to assist in the mechanical department.

THE Farmers of Texas have combined to burst the cotton bagging trust, and are using cotton cloth which answer their purpose very well.

THE Democrats in Congress are still hammering away at trusts, and they propose to keep it up until something is done to break up such monopolies.

You are sharing in the general prosperity of the country, and we ask the question how much have you ever contributed to public enterprise to produce this result?

Judge Corral delivered another one of those grand charges to the Grand Jury Monday. The jury was very much impressed with the responsibility of their duties and have done some good work.

THE Jurors need not be in haste to sell their scrip at a great discount. There is only about \$4000.00 worth of scrip out and there is about \$11,000.00 in county taxes to be paid by the tax payer who can pay same in county scrip. Your scrip will be in demand.

The farmer generously gave the manufacturer of cotton bagging a protection, by putting such a tax on foreign goods that he has grown very arrogant, and instead of being satisfied with reasonable profits, they are trying to rob him.

Will the people continue to protect this ungrateful class.

THAT \$18,000 contribution of Mr. Cleveland's is still worrying the Republicans. Senator Plumb referred to it in the course of a running debate in the Senate the other day, but he took care to say that he did not object to it. Nobody had asked him whether he did or not.

THE claims of several prominent Democrats are being pushed for the Russian mission, made vacant by the resignation of Mr. Lothrop, of Michigan. How soon the appointment will be made is not known, but owing to the number of other important things upon which Mr. Cleveland is now engaged, it is not probable that it will be made for some time.

SENATOR TELLER, in speaking of the Chinese restriction bill, made several personal allusions to Representative Scott, whose haste in pushing the bill through the House was criticized. Mr. Ingalls, the presiding officer, called him to order for his personal language, but all the effect it had was to cause him to refer to Mr. Scott as a member of the Democratic National Committee, instead a member of Congress.

THE land agents are advertising to buy Haskell county scrip. One enterprising agent, A. C. Foster, Esq., wants \$500 worth. What other county in West Texas which has such a small amount of this character of indebtedness afloat, that is not hawked around on the market at a great discount. This state of affairs speaks well for the present commissioners court and is a high compliment to their financial policy.

In levying a tax sufficient to produce this state of affairs, they have sometimes been censured by individual tax payers, but when the real resources and liabilities have been thoroughly understood by the tax-payers, they have endorsed the policy of the court.

County commissioners are hired public servants, and when they fail to do their duty they should be held to account, and when they do their duty well they should be encouraged by a prompt acknowledgment of same, as a man would do if they were the employees of an individual.—Haskell Free Press.

To the inquiry in your first paragraph we answer Throckmorton county. We keep the cash on hand to pay as we go. There is money in our treasury belonging to each county fund—except the jury fund which is a little behind—to pay the scrip issued against it. Is there anything else in which you excel your neighbors?—Throckmorton Times.

Yes, we excel your county in public improvements, and point with pride to our substantial brick jail and magnificent Court House.

## THE COMING CATTLE CONVENTION.

Special attention is called to the call signed by the presidents of the International Range Association and the Butchers' National Protective Association for a convention of beef growers and butchers to be held in St. Louis on November 20. For the first time since the depression in the cattle business there can be found hope ahead for a return to the natural conditions in the beef trade which will secure competitive markets and which will cause prices to both producers and consumers to be fixed by the laws of supply and demand. This means a benefit to Texas alone of over \$90,000,000. The power of the beef combine will be broken if the cattlemen and butchers of the country, aided by the consumer rise in their might and demand of the legislatures that are to assemble during the coming winter the passage of laws requiring towns and cities to have inspected on hoof all cattle offered for slaughter. The power of the beef combine has risen from the concentration of the entire beef business of the United States in a few hands at one central point, which enables the syndicate to secure freight rates for beef products to eastern markets which render it impossible for competition to exist. A short time ago the rate on dressed beef from Chicago to New York was 65 cents per 100 pounds; the dressed beef syndicate gave their business the Grand Trunk Railway of Canada and secured a rate of 35 cents per 100 pounds. This caused a war among eastern roads and rates went down to 10 cents per 100 pounds. All this was done without the consumers in the east receiving any benefit.

The butchers of Akron, Ohio, refused to buy Chicago dressed beef some time ago. The syndicate established shops of their own in the city and sold beef at less than cost. This ruinous policy was continued until they had broken the butchers up business, when they put up prices to consumers higher than ever.

It was only a short time ago that the price of ice box meat, which is supplied to the principal hotels and railroad eating houses in Texas, was put up three cents per pound. This was done without any increase in the price being received by the cattle producers.

The methods of the beef combine are pernicious and against public policy, and if the cattle men and butchers of the United States sleep longer on their rights their condition in a short time will little better than that of peons.

The call for the meeting to be held in St. Louis this fall indicates that there is a general awakening throughout the country to those monstrous evils which it is in the power of the people of the country to overcome. The Gazette has been foremost among the papers of the country to advocate measures of relief which are now about to be put into successful operation, and it calls on Texas cattlemen to respond of their fellow citizen, Hon. T. T. D. Andrews, president of the International Range Association and as many of them as can do so attend the meeting at St. Louis.—Ft. Worth Gazette.

REPRESENTATIVE OATES introduced a resolution in the House Wednesday which was vigorously applauded on both sides. It fixed the 20th instant as the date for adjournment. The members of the House are all anxious to get away, but they can do nothing without the Senate, and if the republicans of that body are in earnest in saying that they intend to pass their tariff bill before adjourning, it is more than likely that there will be no adjournment this year.

As soon as the news, unofficial though it was, of the rejection of the Chinese treaty by that government was received here, Representative Scott prepared a bill restricting Chinese immigration very short and very stringent, and on Wednesday it was promptly passed by the House without a division. It has been hung up in the Senate to hear from China.

REPRESENTATIVE WHEELER had introduced bill putting cotton bagging on the free list. A similar bill has already been introduced in the Senate. If either of these bills become a law it will be good-bye to the cotton bagging trust.

## County Finance.

The Finance Committee appointed by the Court to assist the Grand Jury in examining the several county officers' accounts with the county, reported that all accounts were correct, and all public funds in proper condition. The following show the financial standing of Haskell county:

CASH ON HAND SEPT 13 1888	
Jury Fund	60.84
Road and Bridge Fund	608.50
Common Fund	818.50
Court-house Fund	120.10
School Fund	84.61
Total Amount	2092.45
Less Treasurer's Commission	30.73
Balance	2061.72
REGISTERED INDEBTEDNESS.	
Common Fund	6166.25
Jury Fund	616.55
Road and Bridge	1566.00
Total registered indebtedness	8348.80
Total bonded indebtedness	82500.00
Total reg. and bonded indebtedness	90848.80
ASSESSMENTS FOR A. D. 1888 ON TAX ROLL.	
Common Fund	64154.05
Court House Fund	4154.05
Road and Bridge Fund	540.00
Total	68758.10
Cash in Treasury	611.44
Total Resources Less Amount Remaining on rolls of '84, '85, '86, '87	69369.54
Deficit outstanding registered indebtedness	90848.80
Will Leave	67181.91

THE Leveson county jail has not a single occupant. This indicates that crime must be on the decrease in our county or else our officers are becoming more careless in bringing offenders to justice. We attribute the fact of the first mentioned cause.—Hallettsville Herald.

A good showing that for Leveson county, and one that will attract the attention of the good classes of immigrants seeking homes in Texas.—Hous on Post

The Throckmorton county jail has been empty for more than a year, yet back East they ball this the "risky west."—Throckmorton Times

Haskell jail has been empty for about 15 months and at this time of District court we have no use for a petit jury; not a criminal case appearing on the docket.

THE FREE PRESS, TEXAS Western and Taylor County News deserve a great deal of credit for the flood of immigration our section is receiving. Land agents, merchants and property owners should not forget this.

## Old Jim.

BY GEORGE S. WILLIAMS.  
With sorrowing heart and tearful eye,  
I come to say a last good-bye.  
Thou'rt at an end, but faithful friend,  
Thou'rt done thy part thro' "lick and skin."  
In years ago, thou wast sleek and fat,  
Thy coat out shone a "parson's hat."  
Thou wast full of life and picked and played  
"O'er meadow, hill and thro' the glade."  
But, times a wonderous change has wrought,  
Thy beauty's gone, thy strength is naught,  
Thou'rt in memory of "Old Long Time."  
My aching heart doth repeat:  
Ahi! dear old Jim forgive the loads,  
And never to impose on these—  
And don't repeated laughing too,  
My best of horses, noblist, true.  
It seems now thou'rt gone could I recall,  
Just on the "O'er muddy roads,"  
I'll work thee less, and feed thee more,  
Make lighter the load a thou often bore.  
I've begged thy new master lenient be,  
And never to impose on these—  
A task so great thou can't perform,  
And to shelter thee from wind and storm.  
And now with arms around thy neck I sigh,  
And softly whisper, "Jim, good-bye!"  
To say the words I'll weep with pain,  
I'll never see thy like again. 9-8-88.

## The Chickasaw Governorship.

DAUGHERTY, I. T., Sept. 9.—The contest for governor of the Chickasaw Nation was decided Saturday evening, the 8th inst. in favor of Byrd, who took his seat the same date. When the Legislature met, September 1st the majority was 17 in favor of Guy, but the Byrd party contested the vote and counted out enough of the Guy vote to put Byrd in the majority. The Indian agent was summoned to be present at Tishomingo, the capital of the Chickasaw Nation, to settle every difficulty that may arise from a disagreement of the Byrd and Guy parties. He made an appeal to the Senate Friday morning in which he was in favor of Guy taking his seat, but owing to the House's right to decide and say who was Governor, Mr. Guy would not take his seat and declare himself Governor as his party wished him to do, saying that he wished to settle the matter fully before he would take the seat so as to avoid all trouble. Both parties were armed; each expected trouble. Mr. Byrd was greatly agitated when he took his seat, fearing trouble from the other party. There is great dissatisfaction among the Guy party, and there is trouble to be feared for a while, as there is great excitement over the unexpected change of Governorship. About three-fourths of the Senators and Representatives of the House are Byrd men.

## HASKELL COUNTY.

### Her Advantages, Resources and Future Prospects.

In almost every neighborhood of the older states and the thickly settled portions of our own state there are many of its citizens who are contemplating a removal or a change of residence for many reasons. Some to restore lost health, some to make their first beginning in the world, others to repair financial losses, others seeking safe and profitable investments of surplus capital. There are many others who have comfortable homes and are well contented, but who have children, whom they would like to provide with lands suitable for homes, and assist to commence business in life, but can not do so with their present surroundings, and must seek cheaper lands and better opportunities in other and newer localities.

To such we would say, you are just the people we want. Come and see us, and you will find a broad field of occupation and investment to choose from, with chances greatly in your favor. In coming to Haskell do not imagine we are a people wild and woolly and indigenous to these "western wilds," that we are loaded with dynamite and shooting irons, that our conversations are collections of curse words and Mulatto mxtures, but rather that we are a people reared among the same surroundings, that we have received the benefit of the same advantages, that we have availed ourselves of the same educational privileges, that we have had the same christian instructions you yourselves have had. Be enlightened by past experience. For times have been made by the development of new countries, and fortunes are yet to be made in our new and equally as good country.

We have a county endowed by nature with all the conditions of soil prairie and valley adapting it to the production of all the grains, grasses, fruits and vegetables of the temperate zone. We have a climate which is a happy medium between the extreme cold and extreme heat, a climate which will preserve the strong and robust and strengthen the sickly and weak. We have a county well adapted to stock raising of all kinds. We have a county where no malarial sickness ever comes. We have a county of the best lands in Northwest Texas. We have an abundance of mesquite, elm and hackberry timber for firewood and fencing. We have the most substantial inland business town in the northwest. We have the greatest abundance of the purest water. We have a class of citizens as honest and industrious, as hospitable and good natured, as law abiding, patriotic and religious as can be found anywhere in the United States. We have plenty of room, and invite you and all who contemplate a change, to come, all who want good and cheap lands. We have them, and want you for neighbors and friends.

This county is situated in the northwestern part of the state, and is about 1800 feet above the level of the sea; is in form of a square, embracing an area of 900 square miles, or 576,000 acres, of which 4-5 is arable or agricultural.

## WATER.

The water supply comes from the Double Mountain Fork of the Brazos river, in the western portion of the county; California creek entering the county from the south, then running an easterly direction across the S. E. portion of the county; Paint creek heading near the west line of the county, and running east; Miller and Lake creeks heading near the center of the county, and running in a northeasterly course into Baylor county. The waters of these streams are pure and free from mineral or alkali.

Aside from the surface water furnished by these streams, we have the greatest abundance of the purest water all over our county, which can be obtained at a depth of from 15 to 60 feet. Free from mineral of any kind, it is nearly pure freestone water. Good lands and good water in abundance, form the basis and foundation for a prosperous farming country, second to none anywhere in the state.

## soil.

The soil is an alluvial loam of great depth and fertility, varying in color from a red to a dark chocolate, and by reason of its porosity and friable nature, when thoroughly plowed, readily drinks in the rainfall, and in dry seasons absorbs moisture from the atmosphere; and for the like reasons the soil readily drains itself of the surplus water, thereby preventing stagnation of the water and the baking of the soil, as well as the germination of miasma. It is these peculiar qualities of the soil that enables vegetation to withstand much drought and wait for the coming of the rain. Crops will survive three or four weeks drouth without very serious injury—it is a six or eight weeks drouth in mid summer that blasts and ruins crops. Except mesquite grubs and stumps, which are easily extracted, there are no obstructions to plow, and the land being level or generally rolling, and easily worked, the use of labor saving implements at once becomes pleasant and profitable.

## PRODUCTS.

Indian corn, wheat, oats, barley, rye, durum corn, millet, sorghum, castor beans, field peas, peanuts, pumpkins, and all the squash family, turnips and cotton are grown successfully and profitably. Also sweet potatoes do well, and Irish potatoes as well as anywhere in the South. Garden vegetables grow to perfection, and melons luxuriate in Haskell county soil, growing to fine size of superb quality. Besides the native grasses that grow on the prairies, sustaining large numbers of cattle, horses and sheep throughout the year, Johnson and Colorado grasses grow to great perfection and the hay made from these grasses form a valuable adjunct to the winter pasture, in keeping stock over winter.

## YIELD AND PRICES OF FARM PRODUCTS.

The average yield of Indian corn per acre is about 30 bushels, and the price varies from 50 cents to \$1.25 per bushel; the wheat yield for the year '87—a dry year—ranged from 3 to 30 bushels—averaging between 16 and 18 bushels per acre, and sold in the home market for 90 cents to \$1.00 per bushel; oats yield 50 to 75 bushels per acre, and usually sell at 35 to 75 cents per bushel; cotton yields a half to three quarters of a bale per acre, but owing to the great distance to market its cultivation is not engaged in to a great extent. Other crops make good yields and command corresponding prices. Home made pork is usually worth 6 to 8 cents per pound; fresh beef 4 to 6 cents; home made butter, sweet and delicious, usually sells at 25 cents per pound; chickens 15 to 25 cents each, and eggs 10 to 25 cents per dozen.

## SHIPPING POINT.

As yet Haskell has no railroad, and our people do their principal shipping to and from Abilene, a town 60 miles south, in Taylor county, on the Texas and Pacific Railroad. There is also some shipping done to Albany, a town 45 miles southeast, on the Texas Central Railroad, but not so much as to Abilene, because of rougher wagon roads.

## RAILROAD PROSPECTS.

At present there is no prospect of a railroad building into Haskell in the immediate future. We expect to get an extension of the Texas Central Railroad from Albany to Haskell, but that road is in the hands of the U. S. Court, and not likely to be extended until it is discharged from the control of said court. We also think that the Fort Worth Western Railroad will build from Fort Worth westward through Haskell, and it is believed that the St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad will build southward through the Panhandle and through Haskell, and it is possible that the Chicago and Rock Island Railroad may yet build through Haskell.

## PRICE OF LANDS.

Rich river valley unimproved agricultural land more than 5 miles from town, sells at \$3 to \$4 per acre. Rich unimproved agricultural prairie uplands, more than 5 miles from town, sells at \$2 to \$3 per acre, and within 5 miles from town, \$3 to \$15 per acre. Pasture land unimproved sells at \$1 to \$2 per acre. The usual terms of sale is one-third cash, and the balance in equal payments in one and two years, with ten per cent. interest.

from the state, about \$5.60 per capita, our Commissioners Court have wisely executed a lease for 10 years of our 4 leagues of school land, situated in the Panhandle, the revenue from which added to the amount received from the state gives us a fund amply sufficient to run the several schools of the county ten months in the year. This fund can also be drawn upon to build school houses in any organized school community of the county. The fund of Haskell Co. is all sufficient to run the school without voting a special school tax provided by law, thus relieving our people of the additional tax, to maintain an efficient school system.

In Haskell there is a flourishing school with more than 100 scholars enrolled, besides several flourishing schools in different parts of the county. Our school fund is ample for all who may come. It is a source of pride to our citizens, and an evidence to all of the enlightened views of our people and wise management of our county government.

## MAIL FACILITIES.

There is only one post office in Haskell county, that at the town of Haskell. It has a daily mail, over the mail line from Abilene via Anson; which line also brings express freight, and proves very satisfactory to our people.

## RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS.

The religious and moral status of the people of Haskell county will compare favorably with that of any people. The Methodist, Baptist, Christians, Old School and Cumberland Presbyterians each have organized churches in the town of Haskell, and have preaching on three Sundays in each month; also preaching at other points in the county. We have a good Union Sunday School, and Band of Hope, and weekly prayer meetings.

## HASKELL.

The town of Haskell is the county site of, and is situated one and one-half miles south of the center of Haskell county, on a beautiful table land, and is four years old and has a population of 600 to 700. Has as good well water as can be found anywhere, which is secured at a depth of 18 to 22 feet. Also has two never failing springs of pure water in the edge of town. Haskell has four drygoods and grocery stores, which carry full lines, and supply the people with groceries, at prices as low as can be had in railroad towns, with 50 cents per hundred pounds for freight added, and drygoods as cheap as anywhere. Also has two drug stores; one hardware store; one notion store; one hotel, and one restaurant, both first class; one blacksmith shop; one cabinet and wood shop; one exchange bank, one barber shop; two silver smith shops; one saddlery shop; one meat market; two livery stables; four doctors; eight lawyers; three land agents; one first class county newspaper and job office, and only one saloon; all doing a very good business. The town of Haskell with her natural advantages, of location, climate, good water and fertility of soil of the surrounding country, is destined in the near future to be the queen city of Northwest Texas, and railroad connection for Haskell is all that is needed to accomplish this. Reader, please hand this to your friend.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY. J. P. CUNNINGHAM, of Jones county, announces himself as a candidate for the office of District Attorney of the 20th Judicial District. Election in Nov.

W. B. ROUSTON, of Seymour, announces himself as a candidate for the office of District Attorney of the 20th Judicial District. Election in Nov.

COUNTY JUDGE. W. M. STANFEEFFER announces as to announce himself as a candidate for County Judge of Haskell county. Election in Nov.

SHERIFF & TAX COLLECTOR. P. Y. HELDRETH announces as to announce himself as a candidate for Sheriff and Tax Collector of Haskell county. Election in Nov.

W. B. ANTHONY announces as to announce himself as a candidate for Sheriff and Tax Collector of Haskell county. Election in Nov.

A. D. TUCKER announces as to announce himself as a candidate for Sheriff and Tax Collector of Haskell county. Election in Nov.

M. MORTON announces as to announce himself as a candidate for Sheriff and Tax Collector of Haskell county. Election in Nov.

COUNTY & DISTRICT CLERK. C. D. LONG announces as to announce himself as a candidate for the office of County and District Clerk of Haskell county. Election in Nov.

FOR COUNTY TREASURER. S. J. PRESTON announces as to announce himself as a candidate for re-election to the office of County Treasurer of Haskell county. Election in Nov.

FOR COUNTY ATTORNEY. R. J. JONES announces as to announce himself as a candidate for County Attorney of Haskell county. Election in Nov.

TAX ASSESSOR. D. F. WILLIAMS announces as to announce himself as a candidate for Tax Assessor of Haskell county. Election in Nov.

D. L. SMITH announces as to announce himself as a candidate for Tax Assessor of Haskell county. Election in Nov.

P. ROBERTS announces as to announce himself as a candidate for Tax Assessor of Haskell county. Election in Nov.

Having faithfully tried to discharge my official duties as Tax Assessor of Haskell county for the past two years and believe that I have filled the office to the satisfaction of the people of Haskell county, I respectfully offer myself as a candidate for re-election at the November election. W. J. SOWELL.

ALEXANDER ERWIN announces as to announce himself as a candidate for Tax Assessor of Haskell county. Election in Nov.

S. BEVERS announces as to announce himself as a candidate for Tax Assessor of Haskell county. Election in Nov.

J. H. CARTER announces as to announce himself as a candidate for Tax Assessor of Haskell county. Election in Nov.

Y. W. CHRISTOPHER announces as to announce himself as a candidate for Tax Assessor of Haskell county. Election in Nov.

District court commenced Monday.

T. A. Gillmore visited the city Wednesday.

Mr. Judson was in town this week.

Our subscription list continues to grow.

Look out for Dodsons big clothing "ad" next week.

When you want Blacksmithing of any kind, go to Ed Carter.

There was not a criminal case on the docket of the District court.

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Mens and Boys Hais at Gesses. Mr. Tom Tatum is able to be up again.

The Baptist Meeting closed on Wednesday night last. Mr. F. G. Alexander was in from the range Wednesday.

Tenants and Walkers Boots and Shoes at Gesses. Prof. Christopher has returned from Buffalo Gap.

We have one of the most enterprising towns in Western Texas. Go to Andersons for fresh drugs He will treat you right.

Mrs. W. A. Walker has returned from Dallas county where she has been visiting her son.

Ladies hat and shoes at Johnson Bros., the best ever offered at this market.

L. W. Campbell esq., of Albany was in attendance at our District court this week.

J. E. Cockrell esq., of Abilene was in the city on legal business this week.

A fine line of patent medicines always kept in drug department of Johnson Bros.

Mr. S. S. Cummings came in from the range the other day with a fever.

Judge Sawmle Robertson has been in the city attending court his week.

Mr. Miller Hammons and wife, accompanied by Miss Lyda Buchanan have returned from Burnett county.

Judge Flemming of Albany, was in attendance on our District court this week.

W. T. Andrews Esq., of Throckmorton was over this week on legal business.

Mr. Lee Fitzgerald had the misfortune to lose two \$20.00 bills out of his pocket the other day.

Several new dwellings are going up in town, and Haskell is on a boom generally.

The City Hotel is the place to stop when you are in town attending court this week.

Prescriptions carefully filled day or night at Anderson's Drug Store.

R. A. Anderson will practice medicine and furnish all Drugs necessary in his practice.

Mr. J. L. Baldwin and family, accompanied by Miss Effie Kowitz of Hunt county, have returned from Honey Grove.

If you want a buggy or phaeton go the Haskell Stable, which has just received some very fine vehicles.

Revs. Messrs. Blair and Hodge left, at the close of their labors here Wednesday, for Stonewall county.

If the Ministers who preach at this place will send in their subjects before hand we will take pleasure in announcing them.

From the amount of lumber Mr. F. C. McGregor is hauling, he must be building a fine residence on the Doublemountain.

Mr. J. H. Carter says the Frazz Pamas is one of the best county papers in the West. Correct Mr. Carter, your head is level.

We will publish President Cleveland's letter accepting the nomination of the Democratic party for President next week.

Mr. John McGee has just finished applying the Painter's brush to the dome of our court house. This adds greatly to the looks of it.

Grand Jury Report.

The State of Texas, County of Haskell. To the Hon. Dist. Court of Haskell county, Texas, at its September term A. D. 1888.

We the grand jury organized and empanelled as such at the above named term of said court beg leave to submit the following as our final report:

We are fully investigated all violations of the law that have come to our knowledge and in each case where the evidence would have presented bills of indictment. There have been some violations of the law in our midst but we could not find out the parties hence no bills, we have examined reports of finance committees one appointed at the last term of court and one at the present term and we endorse same with pleasure since they reflect much credit on the prosperity of our county, in that she has the records properly kept. Having no further business we desire to thank the court, officers, and especially Bailiffs for the attention and courtesy extended us during the deliberation and ask to finally discharge.

Respectfully submitted by the grand jury through our foreman this Sept 13th 1888.

H. C. DILLAHNTY Foreman, D. R. Gass Clerk.

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The following gentlemen composed the present Grand jury: H. C. Dillahunty foreman B. H. Oasley G. W. Keister J. O. Marcey Geo. Mason D. L. Smith W. D. Garran J. A. Clark Tom Marr D. R. Gass M. H. Luckey L. W. Roberts.

Our Baptist Brethren have been holding a big revival here for the past week and resulted in the organization of a church, and is in good working order here.

We feel we owe the people of Haskell an apology for typographical errors in the Frazz Pamas last week, but owing to other business of legal nature our attention was running in other channels.

Messrs H. G. McConnell, R. C. Lomax and S. H. Johnson have just finished examining Prof. W. H. Clifton, an applicant for the Haskell school. They granted the Prof. a first grade certificate.

Miss Erie Henry of Buffalo Gap, who is to assist in teaching school at this place will be in Saturday. Miss Henry gave perfect satisfaction while here last session and now we feel safe in saying, with Prof. W. H. Clifton as principal and Miss Henry as assistant, we will have one of the best schools in Western Texas.

Little Johnnie Massey while herding horses the other day was thrown from his horse and lay in an insensible condition for three or four hours in the hot sun before he was found by his friends, who picked him up and cared for him.

His injuries were internal but are not of a fatal nature. His physicians say he is convalescing.

Mr. Hampton showed us a stalk of cotton the other day grown on his farm that contained sixty-four full grown bolls. There was but one boll open and the stalk was not over eighteen inches high. Every boll seemed to have bloomed about the same time, and from the regular positions occupied on the stalk we would judge that it had not thrown off a single form.

Mr. Hampton says that this stalk was not specially selected, but was cut by a prospector and after being out the bolls were counted and it was found to be well fruited.

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