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ABILENE THE RIGHT MAN.
 Ex-Senator McDonald's Opinion as to the Effect of Thurman's Nomination on Indiana's Voters.

Many Democrats Believe Blaine's Nomination Will Be the Result of the Chicago Convention.
 WASHINGTON, June 15.—Ex-Senator McDonald of Indiana believes the nomination of Judge Thurman will strengthen the Democratic ticket in Indiana and is confident that the electoral vote of that state will be cast for Cleveland and Thurman. Mr. McDonald says: "Thurman is wonderfully and peculiarly strong in Indiana. In his support the Democratic party of Indiana is unanimous. There isn't one dissenting voice. He represents the highest form of Democracy. Indiana is a peculiar state; in ordinary elections she is close and uncertain, but when the dividing line is drawn on question of Democratic principles, there are some seven, eight or nine thousand who appear at the polls with their ballots and who inevitably and invariably

DECIDE THE ISSUE.
 To these voters the nomination means all that Democracy and Democratic principles mean. The triumph of the Democratic national ticket in Indiana is certain."
 Many of the Democrats still cling to the belief that Blaine will be nominated as the easiest and best solution of an inevitable contest. The Republicans are not so sanguine on this point. The Republican Senators seem to be as much at sea in regard to the probable action of the convention as any of the less prominent men of their party. One thing that is really troubling the Sherman managers just now is the extreme difficulty of keeping the southern delegates from straying away from the Sherman fold. It has been at best

AN EXPENSIVE OPERATION
 so far and there is too much reason to fear that the cost will increase rather than diminish as the day for balloting approaches. It is freely asserted that some of the delegates who are down on the Sherman list have given their leaders to understand that they know their own value, and that they have found that a trip to Chicago is quite expensive. It is also asserted that overtures from other candidates supposed to possess much of this world's goods, have been openly invited by certain men now wearing Sherman colors. The fact that they are not wholly unfamiliar with this sort of things does not make it any more palatable to the Senator's real adherents, nor does it add to their confidence in the result at Chicago.

STONEWALL JACKSON.
 Dedication of the Monument on the Spot Where He Received His Fatal Wound.
 Fredericksburg, Va., June 13.—At Chambersburg the monument that marks the spot where Stonewall Jackson received the wound from which he died, was dedicated today with imposing ceremonies. The Fredericksburg Grays the Murry camp of Confederate veterans, delegations from the Lee camp of Richmond and the Lee camp of Alexandria were in attendance.
 General Fitzhugh Lee was chairman of the meeting. He made a brief but feeling address, after which he introduced Hon. John W. Daniel as the orator of the day who spoke for more than an hour reviewing the life and character of Jackson. Five thousand per-

ILLEGAL INTERFERENCE.

Uncle Sam Objects to the Stoppage of Love Letters.
 Quite a sensation was caused in Mount Vernon, Ohio, last night by the arrest of Mrs. Charles Williams, a respectable lady of the place, by Deputy United States Marshall Groves of this city, for opening and destroying a letter addressed to her sister, Miss Hutchinson, says a special to the Post-Dispatch. The story is as follows: The sister has been keeping company with a fellow named Len Duckworth, who had been forbidden to enter the house, and clandestine meetings have been the result. A regular correspondence has been kept up between them through the mails. Several months ago the lady under arrest went to the postoffice and took the mail from the box which is used commonly by all the family the infatuated girl being a member of her sister's household. She noticed one letter addressed to her sister and, recognizing the writing as that of Duckworth, determined to open it and see its contents. Upon reading it she says she discovered it to be improper for her sister to read, and destroyed it. Inquiries for the missing letter were instituted by the foolish girl and the sister acknowledged having opened it and burned it because of its contents. The girl became greatly enraged, and at once told the whole matter to the author of the epistle, who made a row. Wednesday, when the postoffice inspector reached Mt. Vernon, he was made acquainted with the facts. Going to the house of Mrs. Williams he asked her regarding the matter and she told him the circumstances. There was nothing left for him to do but to place her in custody of the United States officials and he immediately telegraphed to Deputy Groves to proceed to Mt. Vernon and cause her arrest. This Mr. Groves did last night. Mr. Groves and the lady accompanied by Mr. Albert Sparks of Mount Vernon, came to Evansville and on the arrival of the party here the lady was taken before United States Commissioner Warren and bound over to the United States court which meets in October. She gave bond for her appearance. She has two little children who were left with a neighbor while she came to Evansville. She telegraphed her husband, who is a traveling man, yesterday and he arrived in this city last night. He was terribly excited, and threatens vengeance on Duckworth.

Garfield Children Married.

Mentor, Ohio, June 15.—A large number of guests, including many well known people from the cities of Cleveland, Chicago, Cincinnati, Buffalo, New York, Boston and Washington assembled this afternoon at the pleasant country home of Mrs. James A. Garfield, near Mentor, Ohio, and witnessed the double marriage of Mr. Henry Garfield and Miss Belle Mason of Cleveland, and Mr. J. Stanley Brown of Washington, D. C. and Miss Mary Garfield.

County Ticket Nominated.

Guineville, Tex., June 16.—The Farmer's Alliance and Knights of Labor of this county held an open session here this afternoon and nominated candidates for county officers from floor down. The members of the convention states that the nominees would go before the county Democratic convention and abide the result.

Murdered for His Money.

LONGVIEW, TEX., June 10.—For several days unusual activity has been noticeable about the jail and the sheriff's office here, and the road leading toward Omega, a hamlet eleven miles from here in this county has been kept hot with deputy sheriffs and other officers. By dint of hard labor the story was partly learned, which discloses a very shameful state of affairs at that little hamlet. On the fifth of last Nov. Littleton Webb, a well-to-do negro man, was missing but the fact of his murder was not suspected until some time ago when the officers went to work and from very small clues, and but scattering facts have at last woven a chain of evidence strong enough to arrest Carolina Webb, the wife of the missing man, a colored man and two white men. A thorough examination of the house shows that blood stains were sawed off at the surface of the kitchen floor and afterwards scraped or planed smooth, as was also the sill of the house which was not covered at the door, where it appears the man was killed, likely with his feet on the steps and his head and body inside the door, but the sleepers under the floor show blood to have passed through the floor, which has cracks at each plank, also foot prints made on the floor of the adjoining room, where no effort was made to erase them. The accepted theory is that Webb was shot by the negro or one of the white men in his lot near the house and ran to his back door dying half way in as above and that the crime was committed for the possession of \$200 which the old man was known to possess and also for the possession of his daughter, Roxy Ann, whom the old man would not suffer these men to have, which it is thought the mother was willing to accede to. This girl, Roxy Ann, though perfectly sane on other subjects, is madly insane on the subject of her father's murder, of which she perhaps knows only from reason and not from being personally a witness of the crime or the hiding place of his body, which was possibly located once in a creek bottom but was removed when the murderers found it located. This girl from all appearance is a terrible victim of vodooism in its blackest and vilest form, and thinks something beyond human conception would take place if she was to divulge what she knows, and this fact has caused her to become without a doubt really crazy on this subject.

The Old Woman, who is in jail refuses to make any statement which will criminate the accused, and may also be under the spell of this terrible negro charm.

The negro, Green Webb, who was arrested with the white men, has made a partial confession, showing the theories above correct, and that Littleton Webb was knocked in the head and shot in his back door and his body taken and sunk in cypress creek, but fearing detection caused them next day, to take the body up and burnt in a pine fire, saying they were burning a cow to avoid smelling it. The preliminary trial is set for Tuesday next.

Says Editor Watterson: "The Mills Bill, which I support, is a protection, not a free trade measure. As for free trade, it is in no wise at stake and never will be realized—if it be ever realized—until the manufacturers put themselves at the head of the movement and put it through. The menace, like the chimera of the royal brigadiers, is a figment of sectional and partisan malevolence gotten up by the Republicans for campaign purposes."

Fitch Will Become a Democrat.

Washington, June 16.—Representative A. E. Fitch of the Thirtieth New York district, whose ringing speech in support of the Mills tariff bill a few weeks ago created so much consternation in the ranks of the protectionists, has, it is reported, decided to affiliate with the Democratic party in the future. Mr. Fitch was elected to the present Congress as a Republican, receiving nearly 4000 more votes than his Democratic opponent, General Viole. Fitch it is said applied for membership in the Tammany Society. He has been considering the advisability of a change of parties for some time. He believes that his political principles are more closely allied with those of the Republicans. An evidence of this is his pronounced views in favor of tariff reform. It is understood that he will make the race for congress again this fall as a full fledged Democrat.

WAGER ON CLEVELAND'S VOTE IN NEW YORK.

Congressman Timothy J. Campbell of New York wagered; \$3000 with ex-Congressman Pugh of California last night that President Cleveland would carry New York state next autumn by a good round majority. One hundred dollars forfeit was posted by each gentleman and the remainder of the wager is to be deposited immediately after the Chicago convention has finished its labors. Mr. Campbell, who returned yesterday from a visit to his district, reports the party well organized in New York City and Brooklyn. He fixes President Cleveland's majority in New York City as not less than 60,000 as compared with 48,000 four years ago. In Brooklyn and throughout the state he believes the gains will be correspondingly large.

Blaine on Thurman.

In James C. Blaine's "Twenty Years in Congress" that Republican speaks of Mr. Thurman as follows:
 His rank in the Senate was established from the day he took his seat, and was never lowered during the period of his service. He was an admirably disciplined debater, was firm in his method of statement, logical in his arguments, honest in his conclusions. He had no tricks in discussion, no catch phrases to secure attention, but was always direct and manly. His mind was not preoccupied and engrossed with political contests or with affairs of state. He had natural and cultivated tastes outside of those fields. He was a discriminating reader and enjoyed not only serious books, but inclined also to the lighter indulgence of romance and poetry. He was especially fond of the best French writers. He loved Moliere and Racine and could quote with rare enjoyment the humorous scenes depicted by Balzac. He took pleasure in the drama and was devoted to music. In Washington he would usually be found in the best of the theater when a good play was to be presented or an opera was to be given. These tastes illustrate the genial side of his nature and were a fitting complement to the sterner and sterner elements of the man. His retirement from the Senate was a serious loss to his party—a loss indeed to the body. He left behind him the respect of all with whom he had been associated during his twelve years of honorable service.

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McCullough County Crops are reported very fine.

Ballinger will celebrate her second anniversary on June 29, in good style.

VIRGIN B. DUVALL, a prominent attorney of San Antonio, has been arrested and jailed on a charge of forgery.

MOBERTIE will celebrate the fourth in glorious style. The fatted calf will be killed and much powder will be sent skyward.

A deep water convention is to be held at Fort Worth on July 10th and Texas should be well represented. Deep water is a matter in which all Texas should be interested.

SHACKELFORD county is applying for space in the Philadelphia exposition and Jersey State Fair. They should send along a copy of Edgar Eys's letter, published in the last issue of the paper.

ALBANY reports 700,000 pounds of wool for sale. All raised in Shackelford and Throckmorton counties. Too hilly to haul it on market and no train to haul it on. Oh! Albany! A-l-b-a-n-y!!!

The Franklin Herald says: Buck Kilgore led the way and it is said every member of the Texas delegation refused to fill General Sheridan's dying pillow with the peoples money and prepare the way for silver fringes and greenback founcens on his wife's dress after he is dead. Once more Texas was heard from for the interest of the people.

MATRENS in the Democratic party had just about come to such a point that to be elected Governor of New York and Indiana was virtually a nomination for the Presidency and vice-Presidency of the United States. The nomination of Mr. Thurman knocks this custom into a cocked hat, and shows that the party is now determined to give statesmanship preference over popularity, and it will no doubt prove a wholesome change. If Governor Gray could carry Indiana for Cleveland and Gray by stirring himself he can carry the State for Cleveland and Thurman.

The Field and Farm, the leading stock paper of Colorado, announces that at the next session of the legislature of that state it will insist upon a law being passed making the turning out of horses and cattle upon the plains in winter time to starve as they have done a misdemeanor, punishable with fine and imprisonment. It says: "Men who will grow cattle must be compelled to be humane. More than 200,000 cattle have died the past winter within the borders of the state. Men should be sent to prison and fed upon bread and water for such inhumanity as we have witnessed in this cattle business every winter."

It would be a good idea for our State Legislature to follow suit. Man's inhumanity to stock, makes countless millions of bones. The man who owns stock and is not able to take care of them through the winter, should engage in some other business.

A rugged old farmer has been appointed County Judge of Haskell county, and the Free Press is apprehensive that direful consequences are to follow. We know nothing of the man, but other counties we know of that made that kind of selections are getting along better than ever before. Practical horse sense is more to be relied on as a rule, and brings better results than the superficial accomplishments or glittering emptiness so often palmed off as genuine knowledge.—Broken leg Texian.

Does not the state constitution demand that our Judges shall have a knowledge of law, neighbor? It is the principle of the thing that the Free Press is kicking against. If we cannot have a man capable of determining a knotty question of law, what is the necessity for a county Judge? Horse sense is good in its place, but on the bench, we want legal ability. Where were you raised, anyway?

A protective tariff Association was organized at San Antonio Saturday night, during the formation of which Mr. I. Efron a local merchant, made a novel disclosure and an extraordinary charge. So unique and amusing is Mr. Efron's notion that the Post gives it as published in Sunday's Express, viz: Mr. Efron said he had information from an entirely trustworthy at Philadelphia that a trade to result in the serious injury to the main industries of Texas had been entered into between President Cleveland and Congressmen Mills and Crain. This trade contemplated the elevation of Mr. Mills to a cabinet, portfolio and the commission of Mr. Crain to an important foreign mission in the event of the adoption of the Mills tariff bill by the present congress. If Mr. Efron credits such silly ideas as those ventilated in the foregoing, and he speaks as though he did, there will be no trouble in getting him to believe that the Fourth of July is Christmas day, that Sam Houston was an Italian from Cork or that the Old A'caide is still Governor of Texas.—Houston Post.

Mr. J. W. Vaughan informs us that the lumber has been ordered and that all necessary machinery for a gin and mill has been bought and is ready for shipment. Mr. Vaughan has succeeded in interesting and associating esteemed parties with himself in this project. The site has been located in the southeastern part of town. It seems that it is an assured fact Ruby is to have the long desired mill and gin and there is no doubt but what it will be a paying investment to those interested from the first, as there will be not less than four hundred bales of cotton and thousands of bushels of corn raised in this country this year.—Fisher County Call.

For two years but little money has been invested in ranch property in any section. Capitalists have turned their attention to property which for the time seemed more attractive. A disposition is manifested this spring, however, to invest again to a limited extent; and although a good deal of caution is displayed, it is plain that confidence is in some degree strengthening again. The greatest investment that we have heard of for a long time is that of the Goodrich Cattle Company just organized to operate in New Mexico with a capital of \$500,000. There is not likely, though, to be an early and heavy rush of money in this direction. And the country can well afford to hope that capital will never again set in cattleward as it did a few years ago on the plains.—National Stockman.

Words Over the Plumed Knight.

Chicago, June 14.—An incident showing how the whirl of excitement is beginning occurred during the day at the Grand Pacific. Colonel A. C. Babcock of Chicago, who made a fortune as the partner of United States Senator Charles B. Farwell in the Texas Capitol Syndicate, came into the Grand Pacific rotunda carrying a tinted photograph, life size, of the Plumed Knight mounted in rosewood frame. He brought it to the desk and requested the clerk to place it in position behind the desk with the pictures of Sherman, Alger, Allison and Greham. John Drake, owner of the Grand Pacific, saw the picture before it had been placed in position and ordered it removed.

"I want it there," said Col. Babcock. "His picture has as much right there as any of those you have there now."

"No, it has not," retorted Mr. Drake. "He is not a candidate and his picture can't be in this house."

"He is my candidate," said the Colonel hotly, "and I am going to have his picture wherever I am." Both disputants are old men, and their hair is white, but their eyes flashed brighter fire than shone in the eyes of many a younger man as they stood for a moment facing each other in a semi-belligerent attitude. Mr. Drake insisted on the removal of the picture, but Babcock partly carried his point, for he placed the picture of his political idol in the window of one of the stores in the hotel rotunda. This did not satisfy him and he got another lithograph of Blaine, which he placed in a niche in the wall near the drinking fountain and hired two stalwart colored men to stand guard over it.

HASKELL COUNTY.

Mer 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 you 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 cuss words and Mullabaton mixtures, 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. Fortunes 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 40 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.

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 drouth 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 plows, 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, durah 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 \$3.50 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.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Our school is perhaps the best of any county in the northwest.

In addition to the amount received from the state, about \$5.50 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. Header, please hand this to your friend.

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The public is solicited to stop at this house when in Haskell. You can get a nice comfortable bed for 25c; also a meal of the best the market affords for same price.
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Good Comfortable Rooms and Clean Beds. The Tables Furnished with the best the Market Affords. Nice and Convenient Sample Rooms for COMMERCIAL Travellers.
Terms very Reasonable.

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My Leading Prices on Cheyenne Saddles are \$25, \$30 and \$35.
Keep Your Money at Home, and buy Cheyenne Saddles Cheaper in Abilene than in Cheyenne.

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Fine Boots and Shoes.
We carry the finest stock in the city, and sell cheaper than you can buy elsewhere in Western Texas. Repairing a specialty. We respectfully solicit a share of Haskell County's trade. Next door to Post Office.
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Manufacturers of sash, doors and blinds in
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The Humphrey House
Is still open for the accommodation of the public. We promise to keep our tables supplied with the **BEST THE MARKET AFFORDS** AND TO GIVE OUR PERSONAL ATTENTION TO THE COMFORT OF OUR GUESTS. PATRONAGE SOLICITED.
H. P. Humphrey, Prop'r.
ANSON, TEXAS.

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 Official Paper of Haskell County.
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 Our rates for announcing candidates are as follows:
 FOR DISTRICT OFFICES, \$12.00
 COUNTY OFFICES, \$7.50
 PRECINCT OFFICES, \$5.00
 Cash in advance.
 For name on ticket same as above, if candidate does not announce.
 Saturday, June 23, 1888.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.
District Attorney.
 We announce J. F. CUNNINGHAM as a candidate for County Judge of Haskell County. Election November 9, 1888.
COUNTY JUDGE.
 We announce W. R. STANFORD as a candidate for County Judge of Haskell County. Election November 9, 1888.
TAX ASSESSOR.
 We announce D. F. WILLIAMSON as a candidate for Tax Assessor of Haskell County. Election November 9, 1888.
 We announce D. L. Smith as a candidate for Tax Assessor. Election November 9, 1888.

LOCAL DOTS.
 Cotton knitting yarn at Dodson's.
 The golden grain is about harvested.
 All kinds of dress lining at Dodson's.
 Mr. S. R. Mills was in the city Tuesday.
 Mrs. Baldwin is recovering from the mumps.
 Ladies Lyle thread hoes at Dodson's.
 BORN—to Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Jones, a fine girl.
 Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Gillmore were in town Monday.
 Miss Dora Owsley has returned to her home on Lake creek.
 Messrs. Pearce and E. Y. Hildreth were in the city Monday.
 Go to D. R. Gass to find best assortment of Virginia tobacco.
 Miss Sarah Marr and Mrs. Casner were in the city Wednesday.
 Rev. J. B. Boen has been preaching a series of sermons this week.
 Mr. W. S. Vernon and family have gone to Coryell county on a visit.
 Call at B. H. Dodson's for Dole & Son's Famous Buffalo Brand Breakfast Bacon, Hams and Lard.
 Messrs. Fassett and McGregor have about recovered from the mumps.
 Mr. A. D. Tucker has moved to the house he bought of Judge Chapman.
 Array yourself in a thin coat and vest at Dodson's, he has them from \$1.75 up.
 Mr. Amos Bean and Miss Jessie May Taylor were in the city Monday.
 Mr. John Agnew is now a member of the typographical staff of the Free Press.
 Bridle bits, girths, stirrups, lace leather and curry combs at DeLong & Johnson Bros'.
 Misses corsets, hose, mits, collars, cuffs, handkerchieves, slippers, gloves, dress articles, busties, etc., at DeLong & Johnson Bros'.
 Mr. B. J. Tyson cut his oats last week. They were so thick and heavy that the binder could not bind the bundles fast enough.
 Don't forget that you will find a nice line of ladies and misses hats at Dodson's which he proposes to close out at cost.
 Drs. Davis, Webb and Tobleman, all of Seymour, are in the city repairing old teeth and other mechanical implements.
 Mrs. C. D. Long, Mrs. J. L. Labry, Mrs. L. R. Lynn, Dr. R. A. Anderson and Dr. J. H. McGee have joined the Christian Church and all except Dr. Anderson were baptized Wednesday.
 Grand opening of ladies and misses slippers, low shoes, and Newport ties at Dodson's, Saturday, June 23rd.—Don't forget to call and see them and purchase before the stock is culled over.
 We call attention to an announcement in this issue, of Mr. D. F. Williamson, of Miller creek, for tax assessor. Mr. Williamson is thoroughly qualified for the office, he having had the advantage of a first class education. We commend him to a careful consideration of the people.

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Headquarters
 For Drugs, Patent Medicines, Oils, Window Glass, Wall Paper, Stationery, School Books, and Druggist sundries, with a select line of HOLIDAY GOODS
 LARGEST STOCK, Greatest Variety, Lowest Prices, SOLICIT THE TRADE OF ALL.
West FINE STREET, ABILENE, TEXAS.

Haskell county wants 1,000 farmers.
 Corn promises to yield 40 bushels per acre.
 All traces of the two years drouth have disappeared.
 Mrs. J. W. Evans, wife of our county judge, is in the city.
 Come to Haskell county for cheap homes and good lands.
 Read the write-up of our immigration committee of Haskell county.

Haskell county can show crops, already harvested with any in the state.
 Haskell county has the best school fund of any county in the northwest.
 Choice farming lands can be bought at from \$2 to \$3 per acre in Haskell county.
 Mrs. W. A. Walker has returned from Cisco where she has been visiting for sometime.
 Rev. Pleas Taylor of the Christian church will begin a series of sermons at this place Monday.
 \$13.50 per capita available school fund come to Haskell to educate your children.
 When you visit Abilene call at the drug store of Bass Bros. & Co. and examine their stock of wall paper, paints, oils and glass. They carry a large stock and sell at low prices for the cash.
 We want farmers to come to our county. That is the kind of immigration we want.
 Read carefully the write-up of Haskell county, and then come and see the best county in the northwest.
 Wheat 25 bushels and oats 80 bushels per acre already made. Our immigration committee did not exasperate.
 Miss Amanda Post and sister and Mr. Henry Post were in the city this week. Miss Amanda has joined the Christian Church.

Horrible Cutting.
 Last Monday at DeLong & Johnson Bros' the cutting commenced on ladies' and gents' straw hats. The prices were cut to suit every one's purse.
 Mr. H. B. Martin, who has been one of our faithful typos for the past two years, has established the Exchange at Benjamin, and enters the journalistic field on his own account. Mr. Martin is a young man of 17 summers, and is remarkable for the tenacity with which he sticks to his duties, and by sober, industrious habits and good moral conduct he commands the esteem of all who know him. We heartily commend him to the people of Knox county.
Bucklen's Aunika Salve.
 The best salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box.
FOR SALE BY DRUGGISTS.
 We call attention to the announcement of Judge J. F. Cunningham, Jr., of Anson, for the office of District Attorney. Judge Cunningham is conscientious and faithful in the discharge of his official duties, as he has shown himself to be as county attorney and county judge, in which capacities he has successfully served the people of Jones county. We ask for him a careful consideration.

Estay Notice.
 Taken up by M. S. Shook estray, ad before R. C. Lomax J. P. precinct No 1 Haskell Texas on May 31st 1888, and appraised by Ed. J. Hamner and L. R. Lynn at Thirty-five Dollars. One bay bald faced horse about 8 years old 14 1/2 hands high and branded with Spanish brand on left thigh and O on left jaw.
 (L.S) Witness my hand and seal this June 2nd 1888.
 J. L. Jones,
 C. C. H. C. TEXAS.

All parties who have subscribed any thing towards building a M. E. church south in the town of Haskell or who desire to donate anything will please pay the respective amounts of their subscriptions into the Haskell county bank. As the funds will soon be needed The lumber will be ordered at once.
 S. H. JOHNSON.
 F. G. ALEXANDER.

Albany is a fine town and has good enterprising merchants, but a great many people send to Dallas for all their goods. This is wrong.—Albany News.
 We beg leave to differ from the News and assert that for lack of enterprise is why people seek other markets, and were it not for the favorable location of that city the present merchants would go down in the struggle for wealth like green sappy corn before a hail storm in May.
 We call attention to the announcement of D. L. Smith as a candidate for tax assessor. Mr. Smith took part in the organization of Haskell county, and served as a member of the first commissioners court. He and his compeers erected the present elegant court house and substantial jail, and inaugurated an economical policy, which being followed by their successors, has kept the county finance in a healthy condition. Mr. Smith has been tried and found to be an honest servant, and we commend him to the careful consideration of the people.
The Verdict Unanimous.
 W. D. Suit, Druggist, Bippus, Ind., testifies: "I can recommend Electric Bitters as the very best remedy. Every bottle sold has given relief in every case. One man took six bottles, and was cured of Rheumatism of 10 years' standing." Abraham Hare, Druggist, Bellville, Ohio, affirms: "The best selling medicine I have ever handled in my 20 years' experience, is Electric Bitters." Thousands of others have added their testimony, so that the verdict is unanimous that Electric Bitters do cure all diseases of the Liver, Kidneys or Blood. Only a half dollar a bottle at Druggist's.

Gene Before.
 On June 5 1888 death, the insatiable monster, entered the quiet peaceful and happy home of J. W. and L. V. Robinson and claimed as a victim their lovely and beautiful little Evellina, thereby severing from the golden chain of the family circle, one of the brightest and sweetest of heaven's gems. If it was a heart rending scene to see the devoted mother and father standing over their sweet dying child and imprinting kisses upon its dying brow, O, how sad, how lonely that home, with no little Lena, with her bright smiles to gladden the hearts of papa and mama! she was their only child. Lena, as she was called by the family, was beloved by every one who knew her. In point of intellect for a child of her age, she was surpassed by none. She will be missed so much in her own home, and if possible to be missed by any one of the family more than another it will be by her mother, as they were constant companions. But alas! Lena has gone before. The loss to earthly parents and relatives will only be an other Rosebud added to heaven's wreath and the gems and bowers of God's eternal love. The bereaved family has the deep and profoundest sympathy of our hearts in this the sorest of all earthly afflictions. We pray God to help you both to become reconciled to the going before of little Lena. It is not a final farewell, but a short good-bye. You shall soon see her again.
 There is no death, An angel's form
 Walks o'er the earth with silent tread,
 No hours our lost loved ones away,
 And then we call them dead.
 And when he sees a smile so bright
 Or heart to pure for faint and view,
 He knows it is that world of light,
 He dwells in paradise.
 A FRIEND.

A Woman's Discovery.
 "Another wonderful discovery has been made and that by a lady in this county. Disease fastened its clutches upon her and for seven years she withstood its severest tests, but her vital organs were undermined and death seemed imminent. For three months she coughed incessantly and could not sleep. She bought of us a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption and was so much relieved on taking the first dose that she slept all night and with one bottle has been miraculously cured. Her name is Mrs. Luther Lutz." Thus writes W. C. Hamrick & Co., of Shelby, N. C.—Get a free trial bottle at Druggist's.

University of Texas.
 AUSTIN, TEXAS, }
 June 16, 1888. }
 To the Commissioners Court of Haskell Co.:

Sirs—An all-sufficient reason why the valuation of property rendered by me for 1888, namely, \$1.50 per acre, should not be raised is that I have been throughout the year and am still trying to find any one who will pay that for the land. Nothing is legally worth more than it will bring, and to tax me more is stealing, and any court which does it is a stink-pot, thieves disgrace to civilization. Very sincerely,
 Geo. Bruce Halstead, A. M., Ph. D.
 Prof. in University of Texas.

The above is a reply to a citation addressed to the literary gentleman who penned the same, and is now on file in the county clerk's office. The members of the court are very indignant, and they will no doubt enter up a fine for contempt of court as soon as that body meets, and teach the Prof. a lesson he needs. This is not the first time this gentleman has raised the indignation of some of our citizens. When he was up here last summer, he went out upon the streets in the resident part of town and shot at prairie dogs with his pistol, and came very near killing Mrs. Moonaham, and since the gentleman has brought himself into notice again he may be prosecuted for unlawfully carrying a pistol. Art. 8, sec. 1, state constitution provides that "taxation shall be equal and uniform. All property in this state, whether owned by natural persons or corporations other than municipal, shall be taxed in proportion to its value, which shall be ascertained as may be provided by law." Sec. 18, "The legislature shall provide for equalization, as near as may be, the value of all property subject to or rendered for taxes (the county commissioners court to constitute a board of equalization) and may also provide for the classification of all lands with reference to their value in the several counties." The above provisions the legislature has complied with, and when the lists of renditions made to the tax assessor are turned over to the commissioners court in this county, they ascertain the class of the land by interrogating witnesses acquainted with the same. All land of a class is placed at the same valuation, which valuation is made on the basis of what such lands are actually worth in the market adding value of improvements. The following is the classification as made by our court: First class watered land \$3 per acre; second class watered land valued at \$2.50; third class watered land valued at \$2 per acre. First class dry land valued at \$2.50; second class dry land at \$2; third class dry land at \$1.50.
 The court notified Professor that they proposed to class his as worth \$2 per acre. Now if this land ought not to be classed at such value, he could have appeared and shown the court the reason why. Now the court in fixing values can not look to the title of a claimant to fix value, and in this case this land may have been rendered under a defective title, and probably as the land of Prof. Halstead it is not worth 25 cents per acre, yet the intrinsic value of the land is not affected by this, and it should be valued at the same price as similar lands in order to make taxes equal and uniform. This county owes for court house, clerk's office and jail, and it lies to pay for the execution of the laws and adminis-

ration of justice, and we are in favor of paying the jurors and other persons who serve the county, cash for their labor, and as this cash has to come from property owners, all they can require is equal taxes and economy in the administration of public affairs.
 Lands range in price in this county from \$1.50 to \$4 and ever \$15 per acre, and everything considered, we think the court have practically performed their duty as equalizers, and if they have failed in any instance, the parties injured can have a hearing and get a correction of mistakes, and if they do not take advantage of it, they should not be so ready to condemn the county commissioners court.
 To more forcibly illustrate, suppose two men own two sections of land of the same quality in the county, both have perfect titles (which latter could not be considered) and one renders at \$1 per acre and the other at \$2. Now, unless the court equalizes these values, one will pay twice the taxes the other will pay. Prof. Halstead may support a larger list of titles than our county commissioners, but if we judge from his letter and the high official position he holds, he is mistaken as to who is a "disgrace to civilization."

The Albany news is making a strong effort to redeem Albany, as will be seen from the following clippings from that journal. The "cream city" had better watch the "cats of other towns."
 A bridge over the Clear Fork at the Haskell crossing would be many thousands of dollars to this county. Ranch owners from Haskell and Jones counties now send to Abilene for supplies when Albany is much nearer, solely on account of the river. They say a man is liable to stay a week on the bank waiting for the river to run down.
 The other towns around us are holding meetings and taking active steps toward making a grand exhibit at Dallas this fall. Shackelford has as yet done nothing in this important matter. It is true the News has been making an effort to get together the natural products, but it has received very little encouragement. The News can do nothing more than it has done. Unless the citizens of the county come to the immediate aid of the News to making up this important factor in advertising our county the matter will be dropped and another opportunity for advertising our county free will be lost, and the moss be given a fresh and firmer footing on our backs. Let us stir up ourselves and at least try to do good something worthy of our good and well favored county.

To the Democrats of Haskell Co.
 I, I. H. Carmichael, Ch. Dem. Ex. Com. of Haskell county, do hereby call a convention of the Democrats of Haskell county to meet at the court house in said county, on the 14th day of July, 1888, for the following purposes, to-wit:

- To elect delegates to represent the county in the state convention to be held in Dallas on the 2nd Tuesday in August, 1888.
- To elect delegates to the Congressional convention, should one be held for this district.
- To elect delegates to the Senatorial convention, should one be held for this district.
- To elect delegates to the Representative convention, should one be held for this district.

I, H. CARMICHAEL,
 Ch. Dem. Ex. Com.
 "The simple and plain duty which we owe to the people is to reduce taxation to the necessary expenses of an economical operation of the government and to restore to the business of the country the money which we hold in the treasury through the perversion of governmental powers. These things can and should be done with safety to all our industries, without danger to the opportunity remunerative labor which our workmen need, and with benefit to them and all our people, by cheapening their means of subsistence and increasing the measure of their comforts."—[President Cleveland.]

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W. H. KELSO,
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GRAIN, HAY, BRAN and FEED of all Kinds.
Cash paid for Hides, Furs and Pelts.

July 4, 1888.
 Following is the minutes of a mass meeting held at the court house at Haskell, the 16th day of June, 1888, to determine whether or not we should celebrate the 4th of July, 1888:
 The house was called to order and R. C. Lomax was called to the chair, and C. D. Long was elected secretary.
 Motion carried to have a barbecue on the 4th day of July, 1888, at the old grounds.
 Upon motion the following committees were appointed:
 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.
 J. S. Riddle, N. C. Smith, J. W. Becknell and R. S. DeLong.
 COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS.
 Mr. Fields, chairman, W. J. Sowell, A. D. Tucker, C. D. Long, R. W. Barrett, C. L. Gass, Jno. Agnew, H. R. Jones, S. H. Johnson, B. J. Tyson, G. P. Widmer, Robt. and Will Tyson, R. B. Miller, E. M. Standefer, Lee Smith, R. A. Anderson, Dr. McGee, T. F. Tucker, W. F. Draper, Jno. McGee, Henry Carter, E. W. Carter, B. F. Hodges, Jno. Dewees, Geo. Couch, Jno. Norris, H. Crane, Jno. Sowers, Ned Springer.
 COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.
 R. C. Lomax, S. H. Johnson and J. F. Lockney.
 COMMITTEE ON SUBSCRIPTION.
 R. W. Barrett, Mrs. R. W. Barrett, Mrs. C. D. Long, J. L. Baldwin, Ed. J. Hamner, B. H. Dodson, Miss Carrie Rogers and Miss Carrie Cain.
 COMMITTEE ON MEAT.
 F. G. Alexander, H. C. Dillahunty, A. D. Tucker, Wm. Ward, D. R. Gass, C. M. Darling, M. H. Lackey, S. R. Mills, Amos Bean, Mr. Bogard, Louis Casner, E. Hill, E. Y. Hildreth, Geo. Bowles, C. P. Kilough, N. C. Bolla, J. S. Post, Geo. Mason, J. A. Clark, J. O. Marney and Mr. Geter.
 COMMITTEE ON BREAD.
 J. W. Becknell, Mrs. Geo. Mason, Mrs. F. P. Morgan, Mrs. Dillahunty and Mrs. Tandy.
 COMMITTEE ON COOKING.
 Henry Carter chief.
 COMMITTEE ON CONVEYANCE.
 A. D. Tucker, W. E. Standefer and J. S. Riddle.
 Motion to appoint Mr. E. Fields Chief Marshal of the day carried.
 There being no other business, it was moved to adjourn until next Saturday night, it being the 23rd day of June, 1888.

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 President. Vice-President. Secretary.
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Abilene, Taylor Co., Tex.
Land Live Stock,
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 FIRST NATIONAL BANK, Abilene Texas
 ABILENE NATIONAL BANK, " "

MARK TWAIN.
 GENTLEMEN—Why is it that I can't convince you that I DO use as good, in fact, the SAME, TREES in my good SADDLES as you get in the Cheyenne Saddles. Some will persist in sending off for saddles, and throw away from \$10 to \$15 on a Saddle. I DO CLAIM that I CAN, and to those who trade with me, sell both SADDLES and HARNESS cheaper than they can possibly send off for them.
 N. PORTER,
 ABILENE, TEXAS.
 421, 1st.

\$90,000 TO LOAN.
 Within the next SIXTY DAYS on Farm and Ranch property on terms of \$250 and upwards on better terms than have ever before been offered in Western Texas.
 Call at our office or write to us.
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 Abilene Texas
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Prospectus of the Proposed "Texas Cattle Exchange."

ORGANIZATION.
The "Texas Cattle Exchange" shall be chartered by the state, with power to make rules, appoint classification committees, arbitration committees, and such other committees as may be deemed requisite and necessary for the harmonious working of the cattle industry of Texas.

LOCATION.
The location of the exchange shall be determined upon by a vote of the members.

MEMBERSHIP.
Only dealers in live stock and commission merchants, or brokers, representing producers shall be eligible to membership as active members, though any one engaged in producing stock shall have the free use of the exchange rooms on the introduction of any active member. The membership shall be limited to one thousand members.

OFFICERS.
There shall be elected annually a president, vice-president, treasurer, and twelve directors, who must all be members of the exchange, and these shall constitute an executive board to make rules, appoint committees, and generally transact the business of the exchange.

SECRETARY.
The executive board shall select and employ a competent secretary, who shall have charge of the books of the exchange and shall perform such duties as the board may direct.

FEES.
Only the secretary and other necessary employees of the exchange shall receive compensation for their services, which shall be fixed by the executive board.

INITIATION FEES.
The initiation fee of members shall be graded as follows: The first two hundred members shall pay fifty dollars each; the second two hundred members shall pay one hundred dollars each; and the next succeeding one hundred members shall be charged two hundred and fifty dollars each. A vote of the exchange shall then determine on an amount to charge the later five hundred members. Each member shall be entitled to a "certificate of membership in the Texas Cattle Exchange," which shall be transferable if all dues and assessments have been paid.

ANNUAL DUES.
The executive board shall fix upon an amount that is necessary to pay the running expenses of the exchange for one year, which the secretary shall assess the members pro rata, and after collecting the same shall pay over to the treasurer for disbursements.

CLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE.
The executive board shall select four the members: twelve expert live stock dealers, three of whom shall constitute a quorum, who shall have power to establish standard grades of cattle and mutton, which shall be the basis of all transactions between the members. Any three members of this committee may be called upon at any time by members to classify stock that contracting parties may not be able to agree upon. The executive board shall regulate the fees this committee shall be entitled to charge.

STANDARD GRADES.
The following terms shall be applied to the standard grade of stock dealt in by members of the exchange:
First quality—"Fancy."
Second quality—"Choice."
Third quality—"Medium."
Fourth quality—"Fair."
These grades shall be applied to "corn-fed," "grass-fed," or "feed cow," and the same grades shall be applied to mutton sheep.

Correct photographs of the standard grade animals shall be taken and a full explanation of the quality necessary to constitute the same shall be printed, and the same shall be sold by the secretary for their better understanding of the standard grades.

ARBITRATION COMMITTEE.

A standing committee shall be appointed by the executive board, annually, to consist of five members, three of whom shall constitute a quorum, and all matters in dispute, other than classification of stock, shall be referred to this committee for settlement.

COMMITTEE OF APPEALS.
This committee shall consist of seven members, five of whom shall constitute a quorum, and decisions of the arbitration committee may be referred to this committee, and their decision shall be final.

WEIGHING.
All transactions in live stock must be governed by weight, and only sworn weighers shall be employed, whose fees shall be fixed by the executive board.

FORM OF A SALE CONTRACT.
The following shall be the form of a contract for a seller of live stock:

I, A. B., have this day sold to C. D. (100) one hundred corn-fed steers, on the basis of "choice" corn-fed steers, at one hundred cents per pound, which I agree to deliver at the "Fort Worth Stock Yards," after giving twenty-four hours' notice to purchaser, between the 1st and 15th of 1888.

And I hereby agree to abide by the decision of the classification committee of the "Texas Cattle Exchange" in the event of any dispute with C. D. about the different grades of the said 100 corn-fed steers.

And in case of my failure to deliver the said 100 corn-fed steers, as agreed, I hereby agree that C. D. shall have the right to purchase 100 corn-fed steers in open market on the exchange; and I hereby hold myself responsible to pay any difference in the value over and above cents per pound, together with the usual commission charges on such transaction.

(Signed) A. B.
FORM OF A PURCHASE CONTRACT.
The following shall be the form of a contract for the purchase of stock:

I, C. D., have this day purchased from A. B. 100 corn-fed steers on the basis of "choice," at one hundred cents per pound which I agree to receive after twenty-four hours' notice, at the "Fort Worth Stock Yards" at any time between the 1st and 15th of 1888.

And I hereby agree to abide by the decision of the classification committee of the "Texas Cattle Exchange" in the event of any dispute with A. B. as to the different grades of the said 100 corn-fed steers.

And in case of my failure to receive the said 100 corn-fed steers, as agreed, I hereby agree that A. B. shall have the right to dispose of the same in open market on the exchange, and I hereby hold myself responsible to pay any difference in the market value below the price agreed on herein together with the usual commission charged for selling.

(Signed) C. D.
MARGINS ON CONTRACTS.
A margin of \$2 per head may be called for by either party to contract for cattle, and 25 cents for sheep, which margin must be deposited in some bank or trust company selected by the executive board for the purpose, and shall be kept with the fluctuation in the market until the contract is settled.

If agreeable to the contracting parties a responsible guarantee may be substituted for a money margin.

DELIVERY POINTS.
The executive board may select such places for the delivery of stock as may seem best, but there shall be no objection to parties selecting their own place of delivery.

If the classification committee are called on to settle any disputes between contracting parties away from the delivery points selected by the executive board, the traveling expenses of the committee must be paid in addition to the usual fee.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.
All rules and regulations are to be made by the executive board and then submitted to the members of the exchange for approval, and it shall require a two-thirds vote of the members present to make them binding.
Note:—The foregoing is not supposed to be complete, and is only intended to convey some idea of the working plans of the exchange system. It will naturally require careful deliberation and study by practical cattle dealers to determine on what rules and regulations will best answer the wants of the cattle industry. A rule must be adopted that will regulate "objections," and perhaps many other important points.

Galveston's Relation to the Great Northwest.

Deep water on the Texas coast has become a national necessity, and to discuss plans to secure it a convention will be held at Denver or some other central point, during the present summer. The producers of the country and the consumers too demand a cheap outlet for surplus productions and a cheap inlet for coffee and other necessities of life that cannot be produced in this country. Deep water on the Texas coast is not a local question, nor will the people of the great and growing country submit to the passage to the sea being blocked by a system inaugurated by and maintained for the special benefit of the people of rival towns on the coast. The great railroad systems that control the trade of the northwest all the way to the British possessions are looking to the coast of Texas for an outlet to the sea. It would be unreasonable for any town on the Texas coast to assume that with deep water it could accommodate the whole future trade of this immense country—a country so rapidly settling up, and with a commerce now of vast proportions, but fast increasing. On the contrary, it is absolutely certain that when deep water is secured at that point on the Texas coast which will best meet the demands of present commerce deep water will thereafter be secured at other points on the Texas coast, and in deed, so soon as the requirements of trade demand it. Deep water on this coast as a state movement presents many advantages.

It would induce the great railway systems from the entire northwest to build from the northern to the southern boundary of Texas. It would add thousands of miles of railroad to the present taxable values of the state. These railroads from the northwest would penetrate the rich counties of the northwest, wherein lie millions of acres of fine agricultural land belonging to the public school fund, not to say anything about the lands of individuals that would be increased tenfold in value. The railroads would render these lands accessible and bring thousands of people to settle on them; the building of these roads would make these lands accessible to the market and induce thousands of thrifty farmers to settle on and cultivate them. The tide of commerce from the northwest would build upon the coast of Texas several cities of considerable importance, thereby adding much to the taxable values of the state and increasing the demand for labor. The increase of railroad facilities, together with a deep water harbor on the coast would lessen the cost of transportation to market of all the productions of Texas, and diminish the cost of coffee and other imported articles. Consumers would save millions by having deep water on this coast. Millions of money would flow into the state treasury from increased valuations and capital be brought in by reason of deep water, thereby lessening the burden of taxation upon the people and enabling Texas to maintain a more efficient system of public free schools, to build suitable school houses and other public buildings, and yielding many other advantages unnumbered by the weak reasoning of timorous local sentiments and prejudicial fears. The United States should select a point of location for the first great harbor on the Texas coast as will best subserve the present demands of commerce. Let it be demonstrated that deep water can be secured on the Texas coast and there will be had other deep water ports and at such places as they may be needed as soon as the demands of commerce require them. For Galveston it is desirable to establish closer trade relations with the people of the Abilene and Panhandle countries and with the people of the northwest by the further extension at an early date of the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe railroad. With the building of this road through northwestern Texas to a connection with the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railroad a territory equal to a about one-third of the United States will be placed several hundred miles nearer to the sea's coast at Galveston than to any other seaport. It is obvious that thus considerable and permanent advantages would be secured which would be mutual to city and country.—Galveston News.

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St. Louis Republic.

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