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Haskell Co. Delinquent Tax List for 1887.

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By virtue of the tax rolls of Haskell county, Texas, for the year 1887 and in accordance with the law, I will proceed to sell for cash at public outcry to the highest bidder (the bidder who will pay the taxes and penalties due and costs of sale for the least amount of the hereinafter described real estate shall be deemed the highest bidder) at the Court House door of said county between the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in April next the same being the 3rd day of said month the following described tracts of land situated in Haskell county, or as much of each tract as will pay the taxes penalties and costs due thereon, said sale to continue from day to day until the list is completed:

Unrendered Roll for 1887.

Table with columns: Name of Owner, Abst. No., Cert. No., Sur. No., Grantee, No. A's, Total tax due, etc.

TOWN LOTS.

Table with columns: Name of Owner, Abst. No., Original Grantee, No. of Lot, No. of Block, Total Tax.

NON-RESIDENT RENDERED ROLL OF 1887.

Table with columns: Name of Owner, Abst. No., Cert. No., Sur. No., Grantee, Acres, Total tax and costs.

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In testimony whereof witness my hand and Seal of Office this the 7th day of March A. D. 1887. A. D. Tucker, Sheriff and Tax Collector Haskell Co. Tex.

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The Creeds of the Churches.

The Campbellites will preach and pray, Insisting on baptism. For this, they say, must be the way To merit your salvation.

The Methodists out pray the world, And call on every body To seek the Lord while they are young, That they may have the bounty.

The Baptists they come whispering round, So friendly they invite you, Saying you must repent and be baptized, Or else the Lord will slight you.

But I believe that we are saved Through God's own precious son, And by our God were chosen in Him Before the world began; (2 Tim. 1:9.)

But let this all be as it may— May God impress the thought, To lead me in the ways of truth To serve Thee as I ought.

The Throckmorton Times thus chronicles the death of a useful citizen:

If you want cheap homes, come to Haskell, before all the choice lands are taken up by actual settlers.

The Fort Worth & Denver railroad is now complete between Fort Worth Texas and Denver Colorado.

Haskell has a staunch friend in the city of Abilene, and the two towns are being bound closer together.

There is lots of work to do in the cause of immigration, and the people of Haskell should not fall behind our sister counties.

The manufacturing interest of New England, that has been built up under the protection system, continues to be as a foundling dependent upon extorting from other sections of the Union.

The Jones county crop of candidates seems to have matured earlier than our crop. We fear the people have not properly cultivated their political timber. Give them a good coating of solicitation.

When a stranger comes to Haskell, let every body show him all courtesy, and by so doing you will cultivate a manly habit that will add to your list of friends, and you will send him away from Haskell in love with our people.

Haskell county is the finest horse country in the world, for it has grass equal to the blue grass of Kentucky, and there are no flies, mosquitoes, gnats, ticks nor other vermin to annoy young stock, and they are absolutely free from all contagious diseases.

The farmers of Throckmorton county are experimenting with Kaffir corn, and are not much disposed to pin their faith to cotton. The FREE PRESS hopes to see Northwest Texas the small grain district of the state, and we believe we will see it.

Fourth rate man, but wants a man who will go there and labor for the interests of the people. A man who is incorruptible, and one who will reflect credit and honor upon his constituency. But where is the man? and is he willing to go there with expenses hardly guaranteed?

If a farmer owns ten thousand dollars worth of real and personal property and, finding that he cannot use it to produce a crop without help, goes and borrows the money—say four thousand dollars gives mortgage on his farm and agrees to pay ten per cent., while his past experience proves that he cannot make on his own investment more than two per cent., how long before he will lose his ten thousand? Some one figure it out.—Southern Mercury.

The question now presents itself, who is to succeed Mr. Browning, as the representative from this district? Mr. Browning has announced positively that he will not be a candidate, and who will? The FREE PRESS hopes to see a good and acceptable man announce for the place. This district has no need for the services of

The Albany News says: Hec. A. McEachin has associated himself with Oscar Martin and together they will push the FREE PRESS of Haskell. Haskell should stand by the FREE PRESS and give it good support, McEachin is a practical newspaper man and a "rustler" and if the business men will give them the necessary encouragement Haskell will have a paper to be proud of.

It is the sad office of the Times to chronicle the death of Mr. Joel Butler, who died on last Friday morning at the residence of Mr. R. S. Edsall, his son-in-law. The Times but joins its voice with that of the people when it says, a good man is gone to rest, for such is almost the universal expression, and the Times joins all the rest in extending its sympathy and condolence to his sorrowing relatives and friends. He was buried here on Saturday with imposing and solemn ceremonies by the Masonic fraternity.

There is lots of truth in the following suggestions from the Jacksboro Sentinel:

California produces 20,000,000 pounds of raisins annually. The soil and climate of Texas are well adapted to fruit culture, and it is an industry deserving the attention of our people. Even with the system of irrigation employed in California, fruit crops are grown at a great profit. If necessary, we can irrigate as cheaply as they do there and be nearer the market.

There is a political calm on hand in local politics; and all factions seem to be living in peace and harmony, and if the usual amount of thunder has been gathering, the dear people may shortly look for it to burst with a storm, and they will hear their best friends denounce the vilest wretch in the county.

The people of Jack county have subscribed for 15,000 copies of the Jacksboro Sentinel containing a write up of the county, for distribution. It occurs to us that this should be a valuable suggestion to the people of Haskell. A good write up in a local paper is worth a million circulars. The local paper carries with it more influence, and is certain to be read.

The people of Haskell are proud of our grand old District Judge, Hon. J. V. Cockrell, and they have reason to be. Upon the bench, he is fair and impartial, and metes out justice to all alike. Off of the bench, in the private walks of life, he is an honored and useful citizen. Well may this entire district feel proud of her judge, for he is both wise and righteous.

The man who thinks he can get into a paying office by demagoguery, is destined to meet with deserving disappointment. You might hoodwink the people in the brush but in a land where every man follows his own judgment, just as you persuade yourself you have fooled a poor voter, election day comes around, and he shows you something you had not thought of.

There was a curious scene in the United States Senate on Tuesday, when Blair introduced a bill providing that those who, were not dishonorably discharged from the military or naval service of the confederate states, and who are suffering from wounds or disabilities resulting from such service, shall be preferred to other persons not shown to have been loyal to the United States during the war. The New Hampshire Senator in favor of the bill, and Riddleberger, Daniels, Berry and other ex-Confederate soldiers took the floor against it.

Haskell county wants more farmers, in order that her agricultural interests may be better developed. All other professions and every other branch of business depends to a great extent on the labors of the farmer. Without him, our country will never be developed, and with him in greater abundance, every business and pursuit in the county will be benefited. Let the honest and honorable old granger come among us, and let a warm and cordial welcome be extended to all who may decide to cast their lot among us.

Over in Jones county they are pushing the immigration matter as shown by the following extract from the Dallas News. Let Haskell hump herself:

JONES COUNTY ORGANIZED. ANSON, Tex., March 17.—Jones county has now organized for immigration purposes, and the amount necessary to admit the Jones County Immigration Association to the state organization has been forwarded. The committee is composed of active men, all of whom will work. L. M. Buie is president, A. H. Kirby, corresponding secretary; H. A. McEachin, recording secretary, J. W. Link, assistant corresponding secretary; and Frank M. Smith treasurer. Jones county offers superior advantages to the immigrant, and will now be prepared to properly present these advantages.

A correspondent of the Fort Worth Gazette describes a monstrosity, but the description should be taken with a little salt. It is located in Parker county:

BEAR CREEK, TEX., March 11, 1888. To the Editor of the Gazette.

The last issue of the Weekly Gazette contains an article on a "peculiar freak of nature." There was born in Parker county a pig that seemed part elephant, part human and part pig. The monstrosity was born alive and only lived a few minutes. It had the tusks, ears and snout of an elephant, the snout being about two inches long. The eyes and forehead, as well as fore feet, which had well defined thumbs with nails on them, represented what seemed human, the balance of the animal being pig. The above mentioned animal is preserved in alcohol and can be seen in Weatherford. J. B. CARNOHAN.

Fruit growing in this part of Texas can be made both successful and profitable, and we hope to see the people of Haskell county take the necessary interest in the matter. Some of the finest and most luscious peaches we ever saw were grown in this country, and those who have tested it speak of Northwest Texas as a fine fruit country. The Throckmorton Times says:

It begins to look like Western and Northwestern Texas are going to be great fruit growing countries. Experiments in a small way have proven successful, and items in the newspapers of these sections announcing the planting of fruit trees on a large scale, are becoming quite common. A good many have been planted in our county within the last year or two, and we hope to see extensive planting the coming fall.

Our County Attorney Oscar Martin has received a copy of the brief of Attorney General Hogg in the case of Abner Taylor vs. J. M. Robinson, Sheriff and tax collector of Oldham county Texas. This is a suit by injunction pending in the circuit court of the United States for the northern district of Texas, to enjoin the collection of Taxes on the capital lands for the years 1886 and 1887, on the ground that the title to the land was in the state and that the interest of the plaintiff in the land was only a lease for less than three years, and therefore not subject to taxation. The brief contains an able argument that goes to show that so much of Art. 4661, R. S. of Texas, which attempts to limit the right of the state to tax households to those of a term of three or more years is in contravention of the State constitution and is void.

It is pretty generally conceded that Haskell will soon become the leading city of the west. All we need now to develop the town is a railroad, and the indications are that work will soon begin on the Fort Worth Western. When this road is built it is certain to come to Haskell, and when it comes to Haskell, we will see the town develop so rapidly that it will surprise even those who cherish the most sanguine expectations. Now is the time for the people of Haskell to stir themselves. It is get up and get that makes small towns great. If every man who has an interest in the town will go to work and work with all his vim, energy and determination, their labors will soon result in something tangible and substantial.

Grand Jury Report.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF HASKELL. To the Hon. J. V. Cockrell, Judge of the District Court of Haskell County, Texas—To March term A. D., 1888:

We, the Grand Jury, organized and empaneled as such, at the term and for the county above written, beg leave to submit the following as our final report: We have as diligently as we know how, inquired into all of the violations of the law committed in our county, of which we have been made cognizant, and in so doing, have succeeded in finding testimony sufficient to warrant the presentment of five indictments, three being felonies and the remainder misdemeanors. We have investigated fully, by all witnesses who have been before us, as to the shooting into Dr. R. A. Anderson's room, and we have failed to find the guilty parties. Our body unanimously condemns the act of the shooting, and with evidence sufficient to anything like warrant an indictment, we would have presented a bill, but we have not been able to secure testimony sufficient to even cast a reflection on any particular parties. We now desire to thank the court and officers for assistance rendered, and ask that we be finally discharged, having no further business on hand except to receive the report of the financial committee, now at work on the books of the officers, and we ask that said report be filed by the clerk, and submitted to the next Grand Jury for full investigation. We also ask that this report be published by the FREE PRESS.

J. W. EVANS, Foreman Grand Jury.

In speaking of the work done by the country weekly, the Vernon Guard says:

Do those who allude to it with an intentional sneer ever reflect upon the duties and mission performed by the poor, obscure country weekly, which is as much, nay more, to its few hundred readers in the country as is the metropolitan daily to its thousands of readers in the city? Oh no; they never think of placing any estimation upon a country paper; it has none within the narrow limits of their superficial and contracted brains. * * * We turn from the contemplation of this human superficiality to the practical and common sense men, who wish to be informed as to the pursuits, condition and prospects of the people of his own immediate state and county. He finds in the rural paper the information he seeks. The county organ to him is the camera lucida which faithfully portrays all that occurs; it is in a great measure the reflex of the character of the people comprising the county where in it is published. But what is the interest even he derives from it compared to that which is felt and entertained by the country people themselves? It is everything to them. In it is found news which they alone probably can appreciate and understand, information regarding their friends and neighbors, the condition of the crops and the market quotations which, to the farmer and tradesman in this country, is a primary importance; matters of local consideration wherein they are interested and a thousand and one different things which affect them, both privately and publicly. As a medium for advertising it offers facilities which are unsurpassed. By it the farmer, the laborer and mechanic becomes acquainted with the goods and wares of the tradesman; they learn where they can purchase what they desire and at the lowest prices.

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AUSTIN.

The Governor Apprised of the Passage of the Texas Indemnity Bill--The Rangers Wanted

Austin, Tex., March 22.--Today Governor Ross received an official intelligence from Washington of the passage of the bill of the Texas indemnity appropriation.

Washington March 22, 1888. To L. S. Ross, Governor, Austin Tex.

The appropriation bill containing the Texas indemnity appropriation passed in the Senate and goes to the president.

The people of Texas send their representatives in Congress hearty thanks for their efficient work in securing this long deferred indemnity.

The Governor received an application from Uvalde county asking him to send a company of rangers to aid the civil authorities in breaking up a gang of cattle and horse thieves.

The Putnam Farmers' Alliance Co-operative Association filed a charter to-day; capital \$20,000.

To-day Eastland county paid \$1800 interest due on her bonds held by the permanent school fund.

Application to purchase and lease public school lands were received and filed in the General Land Office to-day as follows:

To purchase--One for 640 acres, watered agricultural, in Hemphill county, offers \$2 per acre; one for 640 in Collingsworth Co., \$2 per acre; one for 640 acres in Kimble county \$2 per acre; one for 640 acres in Carson county, \$2 per acre; one for the purchase of 1200 of timber in Tyler county, \$2.25 to \$2.50 per acre offered.

William M. McCarnell, state agent and classifier, filed his report on forty-two surveys of 160 acres each, in Eastland county. These lands formerly purchased, have been forfeited for the nonpayment of interest for 1885, and are classified as dry and priced at \$2 per acre, exclusive of improvements made by original settlers.

Fear Mob Violence.

Gatesville, Tex., March 22.--Sheriff Lanham and deputy arrested Sam Whitaker this morning charged with murder in Mills county, also Albert Bervie who was with Whitaker, and who is wanted in San Saba county.

Rusk Penitentiary.

JACKSONVILLE, TEX., March 20, 1888. To the Editor of the Gazette:

I visited a few days since the East Texas branch of the penitentiary situated at Rusk, in this, Cherokee county, where the state has no less than \$1,000,000 invested in a fine state prison and machinery for making iron from the crude ore which abounds here in inexhaustible quantities, together with other machinery.

On my arrival at the prison I was shown into the office of the assistant financial agent, Mr. G. D. Neely, (by the way, right man in the right place), where I met Mr. R. A. Barrett, manager of industries. After spending a few pleasant and profitable moments there, I was shown by Mr. Neely through the entire prison, who introduced me to the other officers at their respective stations.

In my round I visited all the officers. The cells and bedding I found perfectly clean and neat, and the entire building free from any odor whatever. Planing mill, grist mill, pattern shop, machine shop, blacksmith shop, foundry, laundry, soap factory, barber shop, store room, new kitchen, in which is a new range and fixtures run by steam, which cost \$2500; convicts dining room, the chapel, which is a model, in which is a fine library for the use of the prisoners.

The blast and pipe furnaces are an immense mass of machinery. I then visited the stables and barns which I found in the most perfect order, and the many fine mules and milch cows show the good care and attention they receive. That which I was most pleased with was the perfectly clean condition of the cook room, dining room, dishes in dining room, and the good food furnished the prisoners.

Jacksonville must be on a boom from the amount of property changing hands. We would like to be on a line of railroad from Fort Worth to the coast. Respectfully, W. H. LOVELADY.

A CYCLONE.

Portions of Tennessee and Georgia Visited By A Terrible Wind Storm.

CHATTANOOGA, TENN., March 22.--The hurricane that did such damage at Calhoun, Ga., Tuesday night was much more serious and widespread in its destruction than at first reported. It seems to have formed in the vicinity of Colhoun, and proceeded in a north easterly direction through North Georgia and into and beyond East Tennessee bounding across to the Chilhowee mountains, and was next heard from near Loudon, Tenn., a distance of 100 miles in about thirty minutes.

tin, or was mown as with a great scythe. A heavy bureau was found a mile from the house that had contained it. The list of seriously wounded men, women and children in Loudon county is very large.

Andy Worldy his wife and eight children were every one injured, and some of them will die. The station at Calhoun was unroofed and a colored porter received injuries which may prove fatal. Several houses were carried a distance of half a mile.

AT LUMBER CITY.

SAVANNAH, GA., March 22.--A cyclone struck Lumber City, Ga., Wednesday morning, B. Holland of the firm of Holland, Strickland & Co., and W. B. Widdon, of Widdon & Holland, both prominent men were killed.

MORE DISASTROUS THAN REPORTED.

SAVANNAH, GA., March 22.--A special from Lumber City, Teffair county to the Morning News shows the cyclone to have been more disastrous than reported. Besides those already killed the following were killed: Joseph Neibles, superintendent at Wilcox of the coal and lumber merchants, John Turner an employe of that firm. The injured are C. S. Smith, William Wilson, Henry Ryals, B. B. Rawl, Eugene Rawl, Mrs. Rawl, Mrs. Miller and eight colored men whose names could not be ascertained.

MURDEROUS HIGHWAYMEN.

They Burn a Man's Feet and Get Twenty Cents from Him.

Weatherford, Tex., March 22.--Late this evening Mr. A. Smith, a freighter who is freighting from this place to Graham, came in and reported a dastardly deed perpetrated on him on Rock creek fifteen miles north of the city. The particulars are as follows: About 9 o'clock last night just after he fed his team, spread his bed and retired for the night, five men rode up to his camp, dismounted and jumped on him, throwing a pillow over his head to prevent any one from hearing him cry. They then demanded of him his money. He told them he had none. They said they knew he had money and had to give it up. He persisted he had no money, when they told him they knew he had money, and if he did not give it up they would burn him up. Two of the men held him while another went to the camp fire and got a chunk of fire and came to the bed and applied the chunk of fire to Mr. Smith's feet, burning them to a considerable extent in the endeavor to make him tell that he had money, and where it was hid. After they burned him as long as they wanted to they went through Mr. Smith's pockets and secured 20 cents, all he had. The bandits then burned his bed clothing and took the feed from the wagon of Mr. Smith and fed their horses, and after the horses had eaten, rode off. Mr. Smith says one of the gang was called John. Further than this no names were called. He says the murderous highwaymen left the camp towards Weatherford. Mr. Smith suffered great agony in consequence of the severe burning. When he arrived here this afternoon, his badly burned feet were dressed by a doctor, who pronounced it a very severe burn. There is no clue whatever to this daring gang.

Versatile.

Atkinson Graphic.

A South Atkinson woman last Sunday tied her boy to a bedpost, spanked her little girl, kicked the cat under the bed, called her husband "a tallow eyed old snoozer," and then fixed up and went to church to help the choir sing that good old hymn "Nearer My God To Thee."

AUSTIN.

AUSTIN, TEX., March 23.--In the office of Secretary of State the following charters were filed: The Southwestern and Mexican Ore Syndicate of El Paso, capital stock, \$100,000, incorporators, J. J. Kraue, F. M. Defrez, Geo. B. Sempleman, C. C. Fitzgerald, E. C. Roberts. The Reck Hill Institute of Minden, capital, \$30,000, incorporators, J. H. Welch, R. R. Smith, Paul Bettig, H. J. Jerrell, W. H. Hayes. The Sociedad Mutualista Mexicana of Eagle Pass a social organization.

Kauffman county redeemed two of her bonds held by the permanent school fund amounting to \$645, paying interest on the same \$340.

Guadalupe county paid her April interest, \$1680, and redeemed \$4000 of her bonds. Deposits were as follows: State revenue, \$3575, available school fund, \$2488.

The force in the Agricultural Department are busy forwarding blanks to assessors for their final statistical reports to that department. These reports are made by the assessors from information direct from the people and cover a wide range of subjects pertaining to crops and the resources of the several counties of the state. They will be arranged and published about the close of the year, making a book of 400 pages. It will be the first book ever issued by the state giving anything like a correct collection of facts pertaining to the state's wealth, condition and resources, socially, morally and financially.

Over-Production of Cattle.

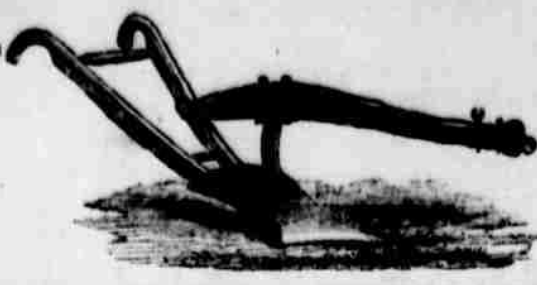
There is clearly an over-production in the cattle business, and it interests every tax-paying and renting farmer in the United States who raises a calf. This over-production is a serious drawback, especially to the cattle raiser in the great corn-growing States. Cattle have depreciated in value so rapidly that they can hardly be raised with profit on lands worth twenty-five dollars per acre and upward. The result is being felt far and wide; money is borrowed on mortgages in the hope of better prices, which do not come. The direct cause of this has been the use of foreign capital in the cattle-raising business on the public domain, rent-free and tax-free. Powerful cattle companies can afford to lose twenty-five per cent. of the increase of their herds, and then be ahead of the man who raises cattle on his own land. The use of the Government land for stock-raising purposes retards rather than assists the settlement of the extreme Western States and Territories. Home seekers do not care to go where they are likely to be persecuted, or to have their crops over-run by herds of cattle. There is a remedy for this. Let Congress prohibit the unpaid use of the public lands for grazing purposes, as strictly as it prohibits the poor settler from taking timber from the public lands to build his cabin with, or to keep his family from freezing.--American Agriculturist.

IN A LAND-SLIDE.

NORTH ADAMS MASS., March 22.--A train of the Newbaun and Northampton Railway on Tuesday night ran into a slide near Conway junction. Engineer Burke saw a small storm coming down the face of a high cut and supposed it was water. He was on the land-slide before he was aware of the situation. He stopped the train when a large body of land slid down, struck the train and carried it from the track to the very edge of the embankment, which is eighty feet high. The accident occurred only a mile and a half from the scene of the Bardwell disaster, and to the very train that first brought the news of the wreck to the telegraph station. It was also the same night of the week and the same month of the year.

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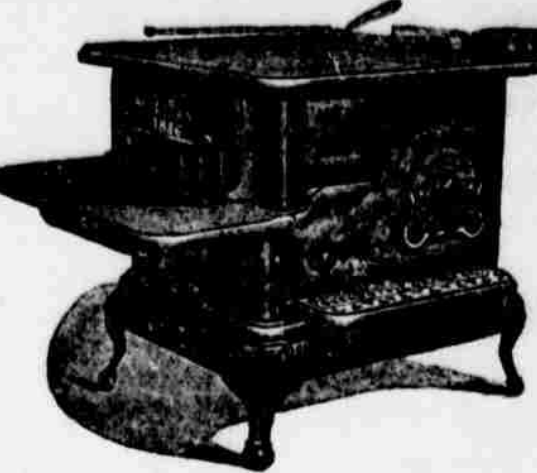
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CONVICTS BRUTALLY TREATED.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK., March 22.--A Coal Hill special says: Governor Hughes and the penitentiary board arrived at 3 o'clock this afternoon to further investigate the brutalities to convicts in the coal mines. They found that another warden who preceded fugitive Gafford, named J. B. Scott, was proved even more brutal. He whipped as many as seventy-five men in one night, until blood ran in streams from their bodies. The place where the convicts are confined was so filthy that a sickening stench rose from it. The beds and blankets were dirty and many were covered with vermin. The whole place was overhauled and white-washed last week. Yesterday a lot of shoes and clothing arrived and the men were provided who had gone barefooted all winter. Physicians to day examined a large number of men whom Gafford had whipped and found their bodies almost solid sores. The men feared to complain while Gafford was here for fear of being beaten again. It was proved that Eraak Tobert, colored, ran off, hid in the mines and refused to come out, and Warden Scott, ordered Toddis, the pit boss to go down and shoot him. He did so and reported to Scott, but nobody knew anything then about the murder. Things are changed now, but the details of past acts are sickening and horrible.

A Wandering Orphan Boy.

Waco, Tex., March 22.--A little boy by the name of William Kuley, about twelve years of age, was found on the streets at a late hour last night. He said he was an orphan, homeless and a wanderer. He was poorly clothed and barefooted. Policeman W. M. Mahan came across him and took him to his home and gave him some clothes, and will keep him until he can procure for him a home. He is rather an intelligent little boy and is willing to work. Since the death of his parents he said he had been working in a boarding house at East Liberty, just beyond Houston, where he was promised \$1 a month and his board, but he never got the \$1. A conductor on a mixed train on the Texas Central brought him to Waco.

A Murderous Highbinder.

San Francisco, Cal., March 22.--Woo Suong, a notorious highbinder, who acts as collector of blackmail for a society of highbinders, tried to levy on Mack Sam a wholesale cigar dealer, last evening. Sam refusing, Woo Suong drew a large navy revolver and fired twice into the merchant's face, who dodged the bullets and disappeared in the cellar. The highbinder, after being shot at several times by a policeman without injury, was arrested. He was found to have a shirt of mail of a novel design, the material being papier mache of such consistency that when worn under a thick padded tunic it would be impossible for a bullet or a knife thrust to penetrate it. Formerly the Chinese highbinders wore steel shirts of mail, which were both heavy and expensive. The new style of armour is of cast-iron manufacture, and is light and inexpensive.

Butchered for Bullion.

Denver, Col., March 22.--The latest advices this afternoon from Arizona show that instead of two messengers having been murdered while carrying bullion from the Yulture mines to Phoenix three were murdered. No traces have yet been found, but Mexican outlaws are supposed to have done the deed. Ex-Senator Tabor has telegraphed the President requesting him to notify the troops on the frontier and custom authorities to use their best efforts to intercept these brigands. Undoubtedly they will attempt to cross the Mexican frontier with their plunder, which consists of 657 ounces of gold bullion, the usual weekly product of the Yulture mine. The mines in this part of Arizona are just beginning to be developed. Railroads are rapidly approaching them, and the move will protect the lives of the miners.

Remarkably beautiful and very brilliant by the aurora on the Yukon river, Alaska, during the winter months. Commencing in the early fall, it lasts with more or less brilliancy throughout the long season of Arctic weather, generally commencing at the setting of the sun, though in midwinter it has at times been so bright that it was visible at noon while the sun was shining brightly. The rays of light first shoot forth with a quick, quivering motion, are then gathered and form a great arch of fire spanning the heavens. It glows for an instant like a giraffe of burnished gold; then unfolding, great curtains of light drop forth. These royal mantles, of bright orange, green, pink, rose, yellow and crimson, are suspended and waved between heaven and earth as with an invisible hand, and form a spectacle of extraordinary power.