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County Atty., J. E. Lindsey.
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Sheriff and Tax Collector, A. D. Tucker.
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SIXTH PLANK QUESTION.

Was the Rabbit Foot Used in the Convention?
"RECOMMEND" VS. "FAVOR."
Was the Farmers Word Substituted for the Latter by Design Rather Than by Mistake? Is Now the Important Query.

DALLS, Aug. 22.—In The News yesterday morning appears an interview with Judge Frost of Corsicana in which he claims that by the use of the word "recommend" instead of "favor," in the sixth plank of the democratic platform the intention is manifest not to commit the party to the amendment. The question is propounded: "What is your view of the difference between the word 'favor' and 'will support' as originally proposed and the word 'recommend' as finally adopted?"

The purpose of this communication is not to take issue with Judge Frost as to the construction which should be given to the words, but to have settled what words were in fact used and to put in motion an investigation to ascertain by what means and by what authority the word "recommend" has been substituted for the word "favor" in the platform. The words are so dissimilar that it is hardly probable one should have been mistaken for the other, and the apt fitness of the substituted word to the sentence strongly points to a design rather than a mistake. That the word "recommend" was not in the platform as reported by the committee and adopted by the convention, is reasonably certain. Col. Tom Brown was chairman of the committee, had charge of the report and presented it to the convention, and he asserts positively that the only change made in the original Chilton resolution was to strike out "will support" leaving his words, "we favor," etc. In conversation with other delegates and members of the committee on platform and resolutions, I find that Col. Brown is fully corroborated.

Now, notwithstanding this, when this very question was brought up on the sleeper when the delegates were returning from San Antonio, a responsible representative of The News informed me that the platform as published in The News containing the substituted word "recommend," was from a certified copy of the original paper furnished by its custodian, and he was very emphatic that it was correct. Evidently some one has tampered with the paper after the action of the convention upon it. The public are entitled to know who did it. The News doubtless has the certified copy furnished it. The original report is doubtless in the hands of some one. Let The News give the information it has on the subject and let the question be settled

and the responsibility rest where it belongs. H. G. ROBERTSON.
[The discussion of the discrepancy which seems to exist in the wording above referred to, is already a subject of investigation by The News.—EDITOR.]

Good Philosophy.

"Oh! Look at the dude get into his nibs; where did he get his togs?" Hearing these ejaculated, I turned to look at the dude" and saw a well dressed, tidy-looking young fellow, who had changed his working clothes for a broadcloth suit, which he wore with a becoming grace and dignity.

The next look was the person who called attention to the dude," and we saw a slouchy unshaven, ill-dressed man, about the same age as the dude. Both were working men, both toiled in the same shop and had equal opportunities in life. One wore broadcloth, the other wore rags; one wore a high silk hat, the other wore the same greasy tattered old hat, which he used in the shop; one wore neat, well fitting nicely polished boots, the other wore an eight and a ten, which were not purchased or polished since Grant was president; one wore a nicely starched shirt, with standing collar and shining cuffs, the other wore an old flannel apology for man's nearest friend with no collar or cuffs, one carried himself gracefully [he evidently felt that he owned something to society and was doing his best, to pay the debt], the other shambled along as though yesterday was of more importance than to-morrow will be; while one desired to hold up his head in the community and wore good clothes' the other could sneer at and deride him for being a dude," one was well dressed, but may not have considered what a good thing he was doing in way of example for others; the other had fallen into the rut from which the loafer, the pickpocket the slagger and the brothelhouse-keeper spring.—N. Y. Sun.

A ROBBER CAPTURED.

The Leader of Train Robbers Taken In—He is fully Identified.

St. Louis, Mo., Aug. 21.—An evening paper in an extra edition says, that leaders of a gang of robbers, who robbed the Missouri Pacific train at Otterville tank last Sunday morning, have been captured and placed in jail at Pacific Mo., a station thirty-two miles from here on the Missouri Pacific road. The man gives his name as James L. McCookney, and has been fully identified. The prisoner says he is a cattleman of Vinita, I. T. Marshall Davis made the capture. When searched jewelry supposed to have been stolen from the express car, a \$50 bill and a \$20 gold piece, several revolver shells, three soiled handkerchiefs folded to form face masks and showing recent usage were found. Bandages were placed over the man's head and he was made to climb upon the tender, while Engineer Frank Dwyer and Fireman Parelle of the robbed train took the same positions as they held on the night of the robbery. "That's the man," same clothes, same build, same eyes," said Dwyer. The man smiled "same teeth," concluded the engineer as the cracked incisors were shown.

HURLED FROM A TRAIN.

The Terrible Experience of a Well Known Abilene Stockman.

B. F. Daugherty, a well-known stockman of west Texas, whose home is at Abilene, is now in the city hospital in a precarious condition as the result of falling from a rapidly moving train last evening.

Daugherty was coming east on the Texas and Pacific due in Fort Worth at 6:05 o'clock. When at Aledo he went forward to the baggage to get his satchel preparatory to alighting at Fort Worth. Either by accident or intentionally he remained in the baggage car, when the train again got in motion.

When rounding a short curve about a mile east of Iona, about fourteen miles from Fort Worth, he was standing in the door of the car. Suddenly he lost his balance and fell forward with fearful momentum.

He struck on head and shoulders. When Conductor McLead stopped the train and returned he found Daugherty in a bad condition, indeed. His face, head and hands were badly bruised and lacerated.

As well as possible the injuries were dressed, and the almost lifeless body placed on the train and brought into Fort Worth, arriving here twenty minutes later than the train's schedule time. He was taken to the city hospital where he was given the best medical attention, and where he now lies in a critical condition.

STATE OF TEXAS.

In District court Sept. term A. D. 1890, To the Sheriff or any Constable of Haskell county greeting:

You are commanded that by making publication of this citation in some paper published in the county of Haskell, if there be a news paper published in said county, (but if not, then in the nearest county where a news paper is published) for four weeks previous to the return day thereof. You summon L. L. Tackett, W. S. Norflut who are now residents of the State of Texas and their residence is unknown to Plaintiff, to be and appear before the Dist. court to be holden in and for the counts of Haskell, at the court house thereof in Haskell on the 8th day of Sept., 1890. Then and there to answer the petition H. P. Hillard filed in said court on the 5th day of Aug. 1890, against the said L. L. Tackett and W. S. Norflut and alleging in substance as follows to-wit: that on the 24 day of Sept., 1886, defendants made their promissory note jointly to H. P. Hillard in writing for \$2000.00 and thereby promising to pay on demand.

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

ATTEST: C. D. Long, clerk of the District court of Haskell county.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court, at office in Haskell in the county of Haskell this 5th day of Aug. 1890.

C. D. Long, clerk District Court Haskell County Texas.
By I. S. Long Deputy.

THE ABILENE NATIONAL BANK,

Capital Surplus and Undivided Profit \$165,000.00.

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FIRST-CLASS IN EVERY RESPECT
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This Hotel is kept in First-Class Style everything in Apple-pie ORDER.
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FINE WINES, LIQUORS AND CIGARS. WILL KEEP ALWAYS ON HAND A GOOD SUPPLY OF THE CELEBRATED KENTUCKY WHISKY.
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I also Make a Specialty of Fine Stock
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DAILY HACK LINE TO Anson & Abilene.
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Hacks, Buggies, and Road Carts.
Teams, both double and single. First Class Saddle and Buggy Horses. Horses boarded at \$12 per month, single feed 25 cts. Wagon Yard in connection with Stable.
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Announcement Column.

We are Authorized to Announce the following gentlemen as candidates for the several offices mentioned below.

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FOR JUDGE OF THE 3RD JUDICIAL DIST. J. V. COCKRELL.

J. F. CUNNINGHAM.

FOR DIST. ATTY. 3RD JUDICIAL DIST. J. N. CAMPBELL.

J. W. ARMSTRONG.

J. E. WILFONG.

COUNTY OFFICERS.

FOR COUNTY JUDGE. H. G. MCCONNELL.

P. D. SANDERS.

FOR COUNTY ATTORNEY. S. H. WOOD.

FOR COUNTY AND DISTRICT CLERK. J. L. JONES.

C. D. LONG.

FOR SHERIFF AND TAX COLLECTOR. W. B. ANTHONY.

A. D. TUCKER.

FOR TAX ASSESSOR. W. R. STANDFEE.

W. J. SOWELL. (for re-election.)

H. S. POST.

S. W. VERNON.

J. T. BOWMAN.

S. BEVERIS.

D. M. WINN.

FOR COUNTY TREASURER. S. J. PRESTON.

FOR COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 1. W. A. WALKER.

FOR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT NO. 1. W. A. WALKER.

FOR CONSTABLE, PRECINCT NO. ONE. R. E. MARTIN.

REAL ESTATE COLUMN.

PRICE OF LANDS.

UNIMPROVED land is selling at \$3 to \$5 per acre in the country. Land within a radius of five miles of the town of Haskell is selling at \$5 to \$100 per acre. Town lots bring \$100 to \$1000.

Realty has made an advance of at least 100 percent in value on figures of Jan., 1889. A great deal has gone many times over and all realty has advanced 100 percent.

Land agents have sold all land they had from first hands, and the demand is growing daily. 250,000 acres of land in this county has changed hands in the last year. This is equal to nearly half the land in the county. The demand for land is growing and rent investors will be able to put their lands on the market this summer at handsome profits.

When your friend writes for a description of Haskell county, buy a FREE PAMPHLET and mail to him. He will tell him more than you could tell in a week on paper.

See 4th page for description of Haskell County.

JOB WORK!

Your Letter Heads will cost you less at our JOB OFFICE than the paper will at your stationer.

We do all kinds of Job Work at the FREE PRESS OFFICE.

The rains and the railroad prospects of Haskell is going to move things up in this place for the next few months.

The Quay resolution to delay the vote on the force bill until next session has been concurred in by the republicans so the force bill is practically a dead letter.

We have received an original copy of the Texas Kicker of Floyd City published by Mr J. F. Lockney a former citizen of Haskell. We may look to the Kicker for some spicy reading as its editor is of a turn of mind and character to whoop things up.

Owing to an increase in the demand for advertising space, we were compelled to leave out the standing description of Haskell county this week in order to accommodate the advertising public. We were loth to do this as we know that this write-up of the county has been of great service to the home seeker.

There is considerable disputing in political circles as to whether the State Democratic platform "recommends" the railroad commission of whether it used the word "favor." As originally published the word recommend is used but some of the members say that is incorrect and that it uses the word favor.

KASOGA.

Since our last we have had a scourge of fire. On the 14th inst. while Mrs. Jas Rose was visiting Mrs. T. P. Reeder, the burning of whose house was reported in our last, her (Mrs. Rose's) infant son about two years of age and only child fell into the fire pit and was badly burned on both feet and lower limbs. It is feared that he will be permanently crippled, but our sincere hope is to the contrary. Ad Vance.

A STRONG HOME BANK.

We notice with much pleasure that the First National Bank of Abilene Texas will increase its paid up capital to \$125,000.00 on Sept. 1st. This will make the First National the largest capitalized National Bank in this section of Texas, and when we take into consideration that the bank is a home institution and composed in its whole management of home people, then we cannot fail to see the great advantage there is in doing business with such a concern. This bank was established in 1876 and nationalized in 1884, and has had a career, of which every citizen should be proud.

MUD-SLINGING IN JONES COUNTY.

The following is a sample of the political fight that is going on in Jones county, as copied from the Anson Western, which we are proud to say repudiates any such proceeding by requiring the parties who are engaged in this mode

of personalities to pay for same at regular advertising rates. McEachin is right. If men want to wash their dirty linen in public, make them pay for it.

Advertisement.

The report that is abroad to the effect that Cunningham agreed to to dismiss a case against me, upon condition that I would vote for him, is false and untrue, and the report that I told the Scarboroughs so, is also false and untrue, and I hereby authorize the publication of this statement.

W. A. THURMOND.

Advertisement.

I the undersigned certify that W. A. Thurmond did say that J. F. Cunningham, Jr., agreed to dismiss a case against Thurmond in return for his support in the last election, and that he and his father would make affidavit to it. If Thurmond denies making the above statement he is an infamous liar.

WILL SCARBOROUGH.

I heard W. A. Thurmond say in the presence of Judge Cockrell and Mr. Ferrell, that Cunningham did agree to dismiss a case against him for his support in the last election, and that he and his father would make affidavit to same. This was said in the sheriff's office in the presence of the above named persons.

C. B. SCARBOROUGH.

I certify that I heard W. A. Thurmond tell Will Scarborough that Cunningham agreed to dismiss his case for his support in last election, and that he would swear to it any where.

LEE CARTER.

IT SHOULD BE DROPPED.

Vigorous Protest of a Great Republican Newspaper Against the Force Bill.

The exigencies of the situation demand that the Republicans of the Senate shall drop the Federal election bill. A rigid adherence to the purpose to press the measure, and to employ all the resources of the party to secure its enactment would be a grave blunder for which not a particle of excuse or justification could be assigned. The truth of this proposition seems so self-evident now that argument or explanation is needless. To be sure, the question of abstract right and justice involved remain the same as when, during the canvass in which the present President and Congress were elected, the Republican party pledged itself to secure for all classes at the polls the 'privileges accorded them by the law.

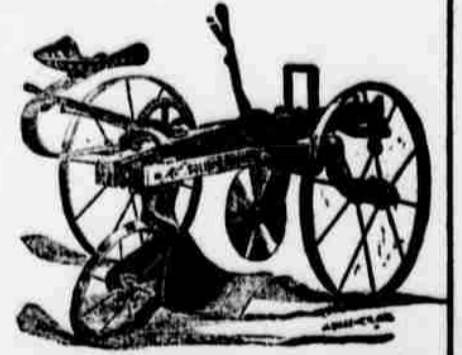
Sufficient has been learned in the past few months, though, to show that this end can not be accomplished by the method proposed. The object in view, however commendable and necessary, must be compassed by other means than those provided in the bill. The abuse

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OF ABILENE.

Don't wear out yourself, your patience and your religion trying to make out this season with your old walking plow.

YOU WILL BE OBLIGED TO BUY A SOLID COMFORT, AND YOU HAD BETTER PURCHASE EARLY SO AS TO DO ALL YOUR PLOWING WITH IT.



Some of our friends last year felt like kicking themselves for doing half of their work before they purchased a SOLID COMFORT. We are going to sell this year 300, and would like to register your name early among the purchasers.

Respectfully Yours,

ED. S. HUGHES & Co, ABILENE TEX.

THE F. L. PARKER LUMBER COMPANY

Must have a portion of the Haskell county trade. We sell Lumber according to grade, as cheap as can be Bought at Wichita Falls with Freight Added.

Yard is Located on Morris Street, opposite New Bank Building SEYMOUR TEXAS.

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Handle Boots and Shoes Exclusively.

ALL GOODS GUARANTEED. CALL AND EXAMINE OUR STOCK.

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We Keep Fresh Bread on hand all the time. Also a first-class Stock of STAPLE AND FANCY GROCERIES, GOOD FLOUR ETC. ETC.

GOEDEKE & SCHULTZ.

ABILENE TEXAS.

Haskell Hardware & Implement Co.

(Sherrill Bros. & Co.)

THEY HELP YOU.

Sulky Plows, Wagons, Hardware Etc. AND THEY PAY THE FREIGHT.

Wire. Cheap. Cash.

Co., has proposed to build the county bridge over the river, if they will let it be built on the line of the road, where it crosses the Salt Fork of the Brazos, which assures the position that Haskell would get the road. This move of the road and the recent showers will give to the Haskell boom the quality of a sure enough rail road boom. The railroad will be completed to Seymour by Oct. 1st and the work will begin in the direction of Haskell.

—Mr. Chas. E. Head, traveling salesman for B. C. Evans & Co. spent Tuesday in Haskell, selling goods. Mr. Head is one of our best business men both as a commercial man and real estate dealer, he has considerable interest in Haskell real estate, he speaks in the highest terms of the town of Haskell and of the surrounding country. He talks as if he may locate among us. We will be glad to welcome him.

A CALL

The Alliance of Taylor, Jones, Haskell, Stonewall, Fisher and Callahan are earnestly requested to meet in Convention, at Abilene Texas, Thursday, Sept. 18, at 10 a. m.

This will be one of the most important meetings of the Alliance, ever held in West Texas. And it is hoped that there will be a large attendance. There will be good speakers present. Don't fail to come.

AUGUST 27, 1890.

Railroad for Haskell.

J. E. Wilfong Esq. has returned from Seymour and he says that the depot of the W. V. R. R. Co., is laid off in the north of Seymour, and that the grading is in progress toward the river, beyond the depot in this direction, and that the R. R.

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Are Now Opening their
NEW GOODS

— IN THEIR —

NEW STORE.

Go and Compare their Prices with
RAILROAD PRICES, DRY GOODS AND CLOTH-
ING Especially.

NEW Goods are being opened up dai-
ly now, and Within two weeks their Stock
will be Worth OVER \$10,000.

—S. W. Scott Esq. has returned from Austin which city he visited after the convention.

Wills Point have arrived and will make Haskell their home in future.

—Haskell county has been visited with a general rain.

—FOR—
SINGLE BUGGY HARNESS

Alexander, J. N. Ellis, C. A. Dan Moonahan, Walter

Haskell County.

Her Resources, Advantages, Progress and Future Prospects.

Topography, Water, Soil, Products, Shipping Points, Railroads, Public Schools and Mail Facilities.

HASKELL county is situated in the southern part of the panhandle on the line of the one-hundredth Meridian west from Greenwich. It is 1500 feet above the sea, and has mild winters and summers. It is 30 miles square and contains 576,000 acres of land. It was created in 1858 from a part of Fannin and Milam counties, and named in honor of Charles Haskell, a young Tennessean, who fell at the massacre at Goliad in 1836.

It remained unsettled until 1874 when there was one or two ranches established. Other ranchmen followed and in 1880 the county could boast of 15 or 20 inhabitants. There was no further development until early in 1884, when the town of Haskell was laid off and by donating lots a few settlers were induced to build residences, and in January 1885 the county organized with a polled vote of 57 electors.

Up to 1884 the soil had never been turned by a plow, and the people depended upon raising cattle, sheep and horses as the natural grasses furnished food both winter and summer for immense herds. The poorer people made money by gathering many thousand tons of Buffalo bones and shipping them east to be made into fertilizers for use in the old states.

Experiments were made in 1885 with garden products, corn, oats, wheat, rye, barley and cotton and the yield was bountiful.

In 1886 and 1887 the entire west, from Dakota to Mexico suffered from seasons of unprecedented dryness, but the faith of the few farmers of Haskell county, kept green and in the fall of 1887 farming begun in dead earnest, and the crop of 1888 far surpassed all anticipation, corn made 25 bushels per acre; oats made from 60 to 100, wheat from 15 to 25, rye 20, and cotton, one-third to one half bale per acre, and sorghum, hay and millet was so bountiful it was hardly considered as a part of the general crop and there was no demand for it in the local market. The acreage in farms have been increased to at least 20,000 acres.

TOPOGRAPHY.

The county is an undulated plain with occasional creeks and branches. It is bounded on the north by that picturesque stream the Salt Fork of the Brazos, and on the west by Double Mountain Fork.

There are a few washes and gulches along the creeks and rivers, but with river breaks, rocks and poor land combined, their area in Haskell county would not average over 10,000 acres that would not be a fine agricultural land.

WATER.

It is traversed by numerous creeks and branches besides the rivers mentioned, some of which are fed by never failing springs of pure water.

Besides the numerous branches that afford water for stock all the time, the south half of the county is traversed by Paint and California creeks with their numerous tributaries draining the south half of the county.

The north half is traversed from Southwest to Northeast by Lake

and Miller creeks whose tributaries furnish water and drainage for the same.

Besides the surface water there is an abundance to be obtained by digging from 15 to 40 feet, and all of a good quality, some of which is unsurpassed by that of any section in the state for purity and temperature.

SOIL.

The soil is an alluvial loam of great depth and fertility, varying in color from a red to a dark chocolate, and by reason of its porosity and friable nature, when thoroughly plowed, readily drinks in the rainfall and in dry seasons absorbs moisture from the atmosphere; and for the like reasons the soil readily drains itself of the surplus water, thereby preventing stagnation of the water and the baking of the soil, as well as the germination of miasma. It is those peculiar qualities of soil that enable vegetation to withstand all varieties of weather.

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. One man with machinery and a little hired help has been known to cultivate over 100 acres in grain and cotton.

PRODUCTS.

Indian corn, wheat, 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, Colorado grass grow to great perfection and the hay made from this grass 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 50c to 1.25 per bushel; the wheat yield for the year '88—a dry year—ranged from 18 to 30 bushels—averaging 25 bushels per acre, and sold in the home market for 90 cents to \$1.00 per bushel; oats yield 60 to 100 bushels per acre, and usually sell at 25 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.

RAILROADS.

There is one road being built from Wichita Falls to this place and one to be built from Fort Worth.

The Texas Central will have to extend in a short time from Albany or forfeit its charter, and Haskell is on the line as originally surveyed.

The land men of Austin have organized a company to build road from that city to this section of the state where they control nearly all the land and one of the principal members owns 150,000 acres in this and Knox county, besides he owns the large addition to the town of Haskell on the south.

Haskell is 60 miles north of the T. & P. R. R. and 90 miles south of the Ft. W. & D. R. R. and is situated on the direct line of the cattle trail over which the Rock Island, and G. C. & Sa F. propose to extend their lines.

PUBLIC SCHOOL.

Our school fund 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 four 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.

MAIL FACILITIES.

There is a daily mail services from Haskell to Abilene via Anson and a tri-weekly mail north to Benjamin and to Dundee on the Wichita valley railroad, these lines also carry express and passengers.

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 Sundays, also preaching at other points in the county. We have a good Union Sunday School, and weekly prayer meeting that are well attended.

HASKELL.

The town of Haskell is the county site of, and is situated one and one-half mile south of the center of Haskell county, on a beautiful table land, and is six 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 five drygood and grocery stores that sell goods at prices as low as can be had in railroad towns, with 50 cents per hundred pounds for freight added, and drygoods and groceries as cheap as can be bought any where, one gin and mill. Also has two drug stores two hardware one furniture one notion one hotel and one all first class; two blacksmith shops; two cabinet and wood shops; one lumber yard one national bank, one barber shop; one silver smith shop one saddlery shop, one boot and shoe shop; one meat market; two livery

stables; three doctors; 10 lawyers and land agents; one first class county newspaper and job office and only one saloon, all doing a good business. The town of Haskell with her natural advantages, of location, climate, good water and fertility of soil 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 these,

ADVANTAGES AND RESOURCES.

In almost every neighborhood of the older states and the thickly settled portion 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 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 home, and assist to commence business in life, but can not do so with their present surroundings, and must seek cheaper lands and better opportunities in other and newer localities.

To such we would say you are just the people we want. Come and see us, and you will find a broad field of occupation and investment to choose from, with chances greatly in your favor. In coming to Haskell do not imagine we are a people wild and woolly indigenous to these "weterans wilds," that we are loaded with dynamite and shooting irons, that our conversations are collections of cuss words and Mulhattan mixtures, but rather that we are a people reared among the same surroundings, that we have receive, the benefit of the same advantage, 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 country 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 country 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.

Reader, please hand this to your friend.

BASS BROTHERS, HEADQUARTERS

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Official Paper of Haskell County.
Terms \$1.50 per annum, invariably cash, in advance.
Advertising rates made known on application.
Saturday, Aug. 30, 1890.

LOCAL DOTS.

—Go to Turner's for Wall Paper.
—Go to McLemore to get your ink.
—School Books at F. E. Turners.
—F. M. Morton was in the city Monday.
—Dentist at McLemores Drugstore.
—Go to F. E. Turner for Oils and Paints.
—Go to the saddle shop for bug-gie whips.
—W. D. Garren was in the city Tuesday.
—For Toilet Soap call on F. E. Turner.
—All kinds of Lamps at the Abilene China Hall.
—Geo. Boyt is building a residence in the city.
—When you want a good watch and chain call on Glover.
—Go to McLemore's to get your lamps.
—J. F. Ross of Lake creek was in the city Monday.
—Lee Corker of Burnett county was in the city this week.
—Turner has the nicest lot of Perfumery ever brought to Haskell.
—Bob Morrow has returned from a trip to Palo Pinto.
—Dentist at McLemores Drugstore.
—Hugh Parter of the Salt Fork was in the city Wednesday.
—See the "ad" of Goedeke & Schultz in an other column.
—Lamps and Lanterns are cheap at Bass Bros. Abilene Texas.
—See in an other column the ad of J. F. Clark the Abilene Jeweler.
—The low figures at Johnson Bros. will make your head swim.
—Come and see Glover and dress up with a nice Watch Chain.
—T. C. Suggs has built a market house on the north east of the Square.
—See the "ad" of the Abilene Boot and Shoe store. Read it and ponder!
—For any thing in the Drug line call on F. E. Turner N. W. corner Square.
—Don't fail to call on McLemore when you want anything in the drug line.
—Fresh supply of chewing gum at F. E. Turner's call and see him little folks.
—Every body come and see the fine stock of goods at the new store of Johnson Bros.
—Miss Vannie Agnew is out in the country visiting Miss Cue Standefer.
—Mr. J. T. Hammons and Lady have gone to Burnett, their old home on a visit.
—The largest stock of Wall Paper in the west at Bass Bros. Abilene Texas. Try them.
—S. W. Scott Esq. has returned from Austin which city he visited after the convention.
—Mr. J. F. Armstrong was in the city Tuesday and ordered the FINE PASSES for one year.
—J. O. Baldwin Esq. is having a law office built on the east side of the square.
—J. G. Dewees passed through Haskell Tuesday on his way to Throckmorton.
—Mr. J. M. Bogart has returned from Aransas Pass, San Antonio and other cities of the state.

Groceries! Groceries!

We are Still asking you to Spend your money Where you can get the most Goods. We have the Largest Stock and best Assortment of

GROCERIES

In the West and tell you in "Plain English," "We want your TRADE, we will not be UNDERSOLD."

Get our Prices we are here for BUSINESS, and Mean what we say.

COME AND SEE US AND BE CONVINCED WE ARE HEADQUARTERS.

J. M. RADFORD.

LEADER IN LOW PRICES,

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J. F. CLARK,

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The Pine Street Jeweler Abilene, Texas.

I will sell you a watch or anything in the Jewelry line at eastern figures. Come and get my prices before buying

I sell all kinds of musical instruments.

Repairs of all kinds and engraving done.

—In an other column will be found the advertisement of Messrs Word & Alexander.
—Buy Furniture from Miller Bros. & Tuttle the wholesale and retail furniture dealers. Abilene.
—Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Gossett spent several days this week at the H 4 ranch on the Salt Fork.
—Rev. Will James has been conducting a series of interesting meetings at this place this week.
—Go to McLemore to get your lamps he has the largest line that has ever been brought to Haskell.
—If you want a Baby Carriage write Miller Bros. & Tuttle and they guarantee to please you. Abilene, Texas.
—Dr. Dodson of Paint creek was in the city Wednesday and reports a good rain in his vicinity.
—Mr. E. H. Morrison of Graham has arrived in Haskell and will engage in business with Mess DeLong & Co.
—J. H. Hoskins of Denton was in the city Monday Mr. Hoskins owns some fine land in the county.
—J. A. Rodriguez and family of Albany were in Haskell this week visiting the family of Mr. M. H. Gossett.
—M. S. Pierson and family of Wills Point have arrived and will make Haskell their home in future.
—Miller Bros. & Tuttle the Furniture men have a fine assortment of bed room suits, parlor suits, beds wardrobes, all kinds of furniture and Baby Buggies until you can't rest.
—In an other column see the "ad" of the F. L. Parker Lumber Co. Read this ad if you want any lumber.
—After September 1st Dickenson Bros. will deliver meat to any part of the city from 5 a. m. to 8 a. m.

—See the new "ad" of the Abilene Dry Goods Co., and read it if you ever expect to buy any dry goods.
—The Union Market will start a delivery on the 1st. and will deliver beef at your residence in any part of the city. Prices reasonable. Suggs & Tanner.
—R. S. DeLong and Frank Long have returned from St. Louis where they have been for several days purchasing goods.
—N. PORTER, Abilene, Tex.,
—FOR—
CHEYENNE SADDLES, Prices \$17.00, \$20.00, \$25.00 and \$30.00
—Mrs. J. A. Rodriguez who is visiting her sister Mrs. M. H. Gossett has been quite sick, but she is now able to be up again.
—Are you married? If not, send your address to The American Cor. responding Club; P. O. Box 643. Clarksburg, W. Va.
—In an other column will be found the "ad" of the Haskell Lumber Co. The firm is composed of respectable men, and citizens of Haskell.
—Kill your Prairie Dogs, they destroy more grass than the cattle—you will find what you need to do the work at reasonable prices at Bass Bros. Abilene.
—Haskell county has been visited with a general rain. The farmers are now happy and they will prepare the ground for seeding this fall.
—Mrs. J. O. Baldwin and Miss Thomson will open up a millinery and dress making establishment Sept. 1st, and ask a liberal patronage from the ladies of Haskell and surrounding country.
—If you want to buy furniture or trunks go to Miller Bros. & Tuttle they will sell to you cheaper than any other house in the west. Cor. 1st and Pine St. Abilene Texas.

—We learn that F. E. Turner's drug store will start up under a new firm name after the 1st.
—Becknell & Morrow have plenty of "Chuck" and invite their friends to call and see them.
—Visit the Abilene China Hall next door to and connected with Miller Bros. & Tuttle Furniture store and you will see the finest assortment of Queensware china tea sets, chamber sets, fancy ware and every thing in that line that has ever been brought to Abilene.
—Mr. J. W. Agnew is carrying his head in a sling from a rising on the back of his neck. "Hold your head up if you die hard."
—Mrs. W. R. Standefer and daughter were in the city Tuesday and spent the day with Mrs. N. M. Martin.
—See the new advertisement of Sherrill Bros. & Co. in an other column. These gentlemen carry a full line of hardware and agricultural implements.
—Mess W. E. Johnson and Bruce Ainsworth have returned from Floyd City. They report that county as settling rapidly, that gardens and crops are fine and that there has been plenty of rain in that section this season.
—N. PORTER, Abilene, Tex.,
—FOR—
SINGLE BUGGY HARNESS—\$10.00—\$12.00 and \$15.00. Full NICKLE HARNESS \$16.50 and \$18.00. Team Harness \$12—\$15—\$18—\$20—\$25.
—Miss Millie Massey has been awarded the medal for the best work done during the last term of the Haskell school. her average grade being 98. Miss Millie will move with her mother to Albany in a few days. She will be missed greatly in the social circle. We wish her all the happiness and pleasant surroundings she so much deserves in her new home.

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FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC EXCHANGE BOUGHT AND SOLD ON ALL THE PRINCIPLE CITIES IN THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE.

—N. Porter of Abilene was in the city this week. Mr. Porter has the largest saddle and harness establishment west of Fort Worth and is in every respect a first-class business man.
—Mr. M. H. Lackey was in the city Thursday. He reports two good showers in his neighborhood. He says he will have 40 acres of land sowed with oats in two more days, and he will then start plows for 100 acres of wheat. Mr. Lackey is a successful farmer, and his example should be followed, especially with regard to oats.
—The following is a list of the grand jury drawn for the September term: J. M. Tucker, E. H. Crossett, J. C. Bohanan, F. G. Alexander, J. N. Ellis, C. A. Norris, Dan Moonahan, Walter Roberts, E. Hill, R. Pearce, (who died since the list was drawn) Jas. Standefer, J. S. Post, J. M. Thompson, J. S. Williams B. J. Tyson, C. P. Killough.
—J. O. McLaren, Sheriff of Stonewall county on last Saturday brought two prisoners to this county for safe keeping, by the name of Donohoo and Woodring charged with the murder of a man by the name of Anderson in Stonewall county. These parties had given bail on the charge but their bondsmen gave them up since which they have been unable to give bail.

—Messrs Paris and Pattenon had a little altercation Thursday in which their discussion was conducted with chairs. Friends of the parties interferred and prevented any serious damage to the participants. Both men are quiet, peaceable citizens, and the FREE PRESS regrets very much that they could not settle their differences otherwise. Squire Walker concluded the ceremony by taking up the usual collection on street fights.
—R. S. DeLong & Co. will have some of their Dry Goods in the last of next week and don't fail to hold your orders until their goods arrive. They can make it to your interest to do so. We will give some prices on a few staples:
Dark Prints that usually sell for 5 cts. you can get at R. S. DeLong & Co's. for 3 cts per yard; Cotton checks usually sold at 8 and 10 cts you can get for 5 cts; Good heavy boots usually sold at \$2.50 for \$1.50 and all other goods at similar low prices. Some of our oponents say that they have money to burn wet dogs with, we have'n't, but we can sell you your goods if you will give us a trial.
—For sale a good improved farm of 200 acres, 45 acres of which is in a high state of cultivation. House with five rooms, well of good water on farm.
Oscar Martin;

