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## Directory.

### DISTRICT OFFICERS.

District Judge, (39th Judicial Dist.) Hon. J. V. Cockrell.  
Dist. Attorney J. F. Cunningham.

### COUNTY OFFICIALS.

County Judge, P. D. Sanders.  
County Attorney, J. E. Wilfong.  
County & Dist. Clerk, C. D. Long.  
Sheriff and Tax Collector, A. D. Tucker.  
County Treasurer, S. J. Preston.  
Tax Assessor, W. J. Howell.  
County Surveyor, G. R. Couch.  
Deputy Sheriff, W. H. Stauffer.  
Commissioner, W. D. Garren.

### COMMISSIONERS.

Precinct No. 1, W. A. Walker.  
Precinct No. 2, E. H. Qualey.  
Precinct No. 3, J. S. East.  
Precinct No. 4, W. D. Garren.

### PRECINCT OFFICERS.

J. F. Prec. No. 1, W. A. Walker.  
Constable E. M. Carter.

### CHURCHES.

Baptist, (Missionary) Every 1st Sunday and Saturday before. Rev. S. H. Blair, Pastor.  
Presbyterian, (Cumberland) Every 2nd Sunday and Saturday before. No Pastor.  
Christian (Campbellite) Every 3rd Sunday and Saturday before. Elder Pless Taylor, Pastor.  
Methodist, (M. E. Church) Every 4th Sunday and Saturday before. Rev. C. V. Belly, Pastor.  
Union Sunday School every Sunday.  
F. D. Sanders, Superintendent.  
Union Prayer-meeting every Wednesday night.  
Haskell Lodge U. D. A. F. & A. M.  
Meet Saturday on or after each full moon.  
J. W. Evans, W. M.  
G. W. Keister, Secy.

### Professional Cards.

#### DR. J. H. M'GEE

Physician Surgeon and Obstetrician Haskell Texas Office at Johnsons Drug store, offers his Professional service to citizens of Haskell and surrounding country.

#### Dr. A. G. Neathery.

Physician, Surgeon and Obstetrician Offers his Professional services to the people of Haskell and surrounding country.

#### J. E. Lindsey M. D.

PHYSICIAN & SURGEON.  
Haskell Tex.  
Solicits a Share of Your Patronage.

#### Dr. F. N. Brown,

DENTIST.  
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Will exchange work for stock.

Fred Cockrell, Joseph E. Cockrell,  
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COCKRELL & COCKRELL,  
ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW,  
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OSCAR MARTIN,  
Attorney & Counsellor-at-Law  
Notary Public,  
HASKELL, TEXAS.

J. L. DEWEES,  
CONTRACTOR AND BUILDER.  
Estimates on Buildings Furnished on Application.  
Shop Southwest of Public Square.  
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Wm. T. Hayes, Pres. Wm. T. Hayes, Secy.  
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Real Estate and Insurance. (Money to loan) on farms and ranches. Special attention to purchasing of Vendee's Lien Notes. Homestead laws and assistance due the State do not interfere with our method of loans or purchases of Notes. Call at office or write to us.  
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DEALER IN  
GROCERIES, PROVISIONS &  
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Fine St. ABILENE TEXAS  
Call and see me before buying elsewhere.  
All goods guaranteed to be as represented.

## A PATRIOTIC AMERICAN.

### The Noble Sentiment of a New Hampshire Congressman.

The following was the speech of a northernman at Galveston the other day:

Fellow countrymen: For I rejoice that I can now address you as such. I am a member of congress from the granite hills in New Hampshire, a republican in politics, and I am ashamed to say it is my first visit south of Mason and Dixon's line, but I shall not be my last. Had our people visited more and become better acquainted with each other, they would have learned that they sprang from a common ancestry and enjoyed the same heritage of free government bequeathed by patriotic revolutionary sires, and there would have been no bloody war of father against son, and brother against brother. Since the day we crossed that imaginary line between the north and south, our trip has been an unending ovation. I had long heard of your charming climate, your fruitful soil, the beauty of your women, the chivalry and valor of your men and the universal hospitality of your people, but the half has not been told me. I go back to the bleak hills of my native land a changed man. Never again will I speak or permit unheeded in my presence an unkind word of my southern brethren. Your country shall be my country and your God my God.

Just before leaving the capitol of our common country, the stately city named in honor of Washington himself a southern soldier and statesman, it was "decoration day" at Arlington national cemetery, the home of your illustrious and God-like leader, Robert E. Lee. In that peaceful home of the chivalric dead there sleeps side by side in fraternal embrace the hallowed dust of the blue and gray, many thousands of the former but few of the latter. I blush to say that in the distribution of the floral bounties which canopied the sacred dust of heroic federal and confederate alike, the few mounds above the latter were neglected and desolate. A little blue-eyed maiden over whose golden head scarce eight balmy springs had sired their glory—God bless the dear child!—with a tiny basket of fragrant flowers in her dimple hand scattering some of them upon these few neglected mounds. An aged man, whose gray hairs, already ripe for the grave, should have taught him the sweet lesson of human charity, in tones of severe rebuke said to the innocent child: Do you not know that this is a rebel grave, and that its occupant fought against your father and your country? With tears coursing down her velvet cheeks, she replied: "Yes sir, I know that; but my father was a union soldier, and in one of the great battles in the far southland he was killed and now lies sleeping in a southern graveyard, and I thought if I placed some flowers upon this rebel's grave, perhaps some little rebel girl would place some flowers upon my father's grave. Oh, sir, were you with my father when he died?" No, my stricken countryman, he was not or he never could have employed, at such an hour, the language of hate which found no lodgment in the breast of any brave soldier, blue or gray. And now, my countrymen, let us, and our posterity, through all the cycles of endless time, emulate the holy example of this christian child—the example of our blessed Saviour, who taught "Peace on earth and good will to man," and we will forever

remain one people marching to the victories of peace, which are mightier than those of grim-visaged war, under the protecting folds of one flag, and enjoying the glorious inheritance of one government; and the valor and illustrious achievements of the soldiers of both armies alike shall become the common glory and pride of all patriotic Americans.

The climax was reached. Human nature could stand no more. Every eye in that vast audience was moist, and every breast swelled with patriotic emotion. Such incidents promote the growth of patriotic sentiments through the union.  
Geo. F. Alford, in Dallas News.

### Lassoing an Alligator.

GREENVILLE Ala. Nov. 17.—H. W. Allen proprietor of a saw-mill on the Yellow river, just south of this county, had a most thrilling experience with a monster alligator, which he is not likely ever to forget. The gentleman was out in a skiff in search of logs that had broken away from a boom and saw an alligator sunning himself on the land and apparently asleep. As silently as possible he moved up to where his alligatorship lay slumbering, and making a slipnoose out of a rope in his boat, he deftly threw it over the head of the creature and hauled it taut. As soon as the alligator felt the rope he made a tremendous dash for the water, nearly capsizing the boat, which, fortunately, was a heavy one made of cypress. Then commenced a most exciting race. The alligator, in his efforts to loosen himself from the rope, rushed at an awful speed down the river, tugging and jerking and nearly burying the bow of the boat under water. At last the alligator ran under a low tree extending out over the river, where Mr. Allen who was bent on capturing him threw the rope over the heaviest limb and made it fast. The animal thereupon turned and commenced to fight, burping his teeth so deep in the boat that he broke off some of them in the rail. Several times Allen barely escaped being bitten by the infuriated alligator, and finally put an end to the struggle by splitting his head open with an ax. The animal weighed over 500 pounds, and measured 4 feet 9 inches around the body. His jaws when opened, measured 28 inches. Mr. Allen sold the hide, forty-two pounds, for \$22, and the tusk for \$7. The boat was nearly cut to pieces and ruined by the alligator in his struggle to get away.

### Sullivan Interviewed.

BOSTON, Mass., Nov. 29.—John L. Sullivan was met at the scene of the great fire this morning. In his waistcoat pocket he had a dispatch just received from California, but already wrinkled and soiled from handling and reading.

"Look at that," said the proud champion. "May be the people who think I am played out will change their minds. Nobody in this little world ever had admirers willing to put up \$35,000 to see him fight, and no one ever will after I'm dead."

The dispatch was from the president of the Pacheco, Cal. athletic club, guaranteeing \$35,000 to the winner of a finish fight between himself, the great John L. Sullivan, and Jackson, the negro fighting prodigy.

"Now," said Sullivan, "this kind of thing I like. It shows there is some appreciation of real fighting left in this country. In fact it proves that the ring is growing in favor again. Why, if it was not for the laws the politicians make to get Sunday school votes, there would be such fighting enthusiasm in this country as old timers never dreamed of."

"Why do they offer me such big money to fight. Well, I'll tell you. You see I have been licking pretty near every body so easily that, honestly, I must confess, folks hardly get their money's worth.

If a man stood up to fight me he always went to sleep before the fun had really time to begin. Men who have stayed in the ring for a while have done it by running all the time, and of course it is hardly worth thousands of dollars to see one man run away from another.

"Now, you see, they think they've got a really great man in the black fellow and that he is going to make me work and do a big fight, but I guess it won't be as hard as they think to make a 'has been' of him. They bank too much on his having done Smith. Smith was a good one to look at and a good one to stand punishment, but he could not hurt anybody. To make a black man loose interest you want to hurt.

"Of course I'll accept this \$35,000 invitation. If Jackson can get out of his ridiculous contract binding him to the California club there will be a fight. That was not the contract of a great man. A great man in any line, acting or fighting like me, does not tie himself up. He knows his own importance."

### A Mule Wrecks a Steamboat.

A very small thing will sometimes cause a very serious catastrophe. The truth of this statement was fully demonstrated a few days ago in Texas. A Galveston man, the owner of a small light draft steamboat, concluded it would pay him to go on a trading expedition up a narrow bayou or creek which emptied into the Gulf, and had never before been navigated. The start was made under very favorable auspices, and the prospects of making the trip a success by purchasing with cheap whisky, calico, knives and other nick-nacks, marketable goods from the farmers, were very bright indeed. Everything went smoothly until the boat was rounding a sharp bend was approached by a Mexican and his wife mounted on a small but what proved to be an elastic mule. The mule happening to be a purely rustic character, born and raised far from the haunts of man, had never before seen anything in the shape of a steamboat, and the sight was more than it could stand. It gave one terrific snort, and commenced to leap into the air and to buck in the most agile manner. Every puff of the boat caused the mule to pitch higher and higher. Something had to give way and the first was the Mexican's wife, who was shot up in the air, together with a bunch of checkers which she clutched tightly in one hand, and landed with a dull thud. The next moment the Mexican himself shot upwards and then dived headlong into the chaparral. In the meantime the antics of the mule had so convulsed the pilot with laughter that, failing to properly handle his wheel, the boat, under a full head of steam, plunged into the bank and was wrecked and the captain, who was standing on the bow also roaring with laughter, was hurled overboard by the snob and has not turned up yet. This is perhaps the first case on record where a steamboat has been wrecked by a mule.

### Working Up the Express Robbery.

FORT WORTH, Nov. 28.—Detective Haynes is here working up the Pacific express robbery case. The tale is believed to be known and it is reported that he has promised to give up the money. It was supposed that but three persons had the combination of the safe and they were all trusted employes, but it may be that another knew and having the right of entry to the office entered at night, opened the safe, effected the robbery and escaped, leaving no trace.

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J. G. LOWDON, Cashier.

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Shingles, Sashes, Doors, Blinds, Mouldings, Lime, Plaster and Hair Cement.

Purchasing for cash in large quantities enables us to offer our patrons advantages that our competitors cannot.

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Iron, Steel, wagon Timber, Fence Wire,

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Agents for Charter Oak Stoves, Studebaker Wagons, Etc.

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SUBSCRIPTION, \$1.50 per year.

The cash drawer of the freight depot was ransacked Thursday between 12:15 and 12:45 p. m. and \$100 in cash taken out. As yet no arrests have been made but it is altogether probable that the thief will be caught.—Abilene Reporter.

A MAN living at Cottonwood had carried 3 bales of cotton to Baird the other day and on returning home night overtaken him, and when in two miles of Cottonwood too men hauled him and requested him to hand over his ready cash, which was about \$150.00. Having no arms he was obliged to submit, and the highwaymen rode off with their booty.

ATTORNEY-GENERAL Hogg has shown more than an average amount of sagacity and legal acumen; in addition to this he has not kept it a secret that he has the backbone to enable him to do battle for the interests of the masses of the people. Whether they make him governor or not, the fact still remains that he is for the people, and the avowed enemy of unlawful corporations and every species of jobbery and double dealing.—Abilene News.

The fact that Abilene has been made a common point, which means that goods are delivered here from New York, St. Louis and all other places at the same rate of freight as they are delivered at Dallas and other large trade centers, gives our merchants a good chance to increase their trade. Abilene can now sell goods as cheap as any other wholesale point, and hundreds of thousands of dollars of new trade will come here, when this advantage is made known to people all over the country. Push, enterprise and united effort secured this advantage for Abilene and the people who trade here.—Abilene Reporter

HURRAH for Abilene and her merchants. Haskell is also interested in the Abilene freight matters.

JUDICIOUS advertisements for a state, county, city or its merchants are splendid investments. Look what has been accomplished in Abilene, and how many thousands of energetic people have been induced to locate in the Abilene country by being advised of its advantages. Liberal and judicious advertising made Barium rich, and applying it nearer home, see how liberally the state fair management advertised and what a magnificent success they made of the fair. Abilene merchants advertised liberally, too, and Abilene has been made a common point, and people who never traded here before do their buying here, for goods can be delivered in Abilene as cheap as in Fort Worth or Dallas, and can be sold cheaper to the consumer, for our merchants do not pay the high taxes and big rents paid in these cities.—Abilene Reporter.

**OUT OF HIS SPHERE.**

TEXAS Panhandle.  
SOME time ago we told our readers about a turkey gobbler that had found a gain a fowl's nest and had undertaken to hatch out the young ones. We have since learned that he did a creditable job, bringing a chick from each of the eight eggs. The gobbler, however, seemed to be aware that he had committed an unusual feat and it gave him the big-head making him arrogant and quarrelsome. One of the guinea hens wanted to help him raise the youngsters, but he resented her kindly meant interference and would strut about in high dudgeon totally regardless of the fact that nearly every time he stepped the

life was washed out of one of the little family. And so they died, one after another, and the gobbler is left lonely and sad.

The following is an extract from the last bi-monthly circular issued by E. T. Dumble state geologist:

North Texas:—The first reconnaissance of the Abilene country was made by Messrs. Dumble and Cummins. This was a trip through Jones, Shackelford, Haskell, Stone-wall and Fisher counties, and one of the three preliminary trips to prepare for the detailed work already planned. The trip showed, however, that the fertility of most of the country is far beyond question, and its adaptability to grain and fruit is being proved over and over by the successful crops which are being raised on it. Immigration is rapidly taking up the lands, and fine farms are found even inside some of the large ranches. Its advantages and possibilities need only to be known to secure for it a rush of settlers.

In many parts of the district gone over we found deposits of very fine building stone and gypsum. Salt also occurs in places and will become a source of profitable business at some early day. Good water is gotten at reasonable depth in most places, although in others it contains "gyp" in more or less quantities. Many places were also found which were well suited for dams, tanks, and storage reservoirs.

The second line, now being run by Prof. Cummins, assisted by Mr. N. F. Drake, begins at Albany and runs northwest to the foot of the Staked Plains in Dickens county.

Mr. Ralph S. Tarr has been appointed Assistant Geologist in this division and assigned the work of a detailed study of the different coal seams of the district already marked out by Prof. Cummins as our Central Coal Region.

We take the following extract from an editorial that recently appeared in the Haskell Free Press:

The News exerts a wide influence over the country newspapers of the state, whose editors have so many duties to perform in the publication of their papers that they allow the great dailies to do the most of their thinking. We have a striking example of this in the Baird Star. A few weeks ago it came out in a well considered editorial encouraging Hogg, and said it wanted him to father a suit in Callahan county. We suppose it got the substance of that editorial from the fair minded Fort Worth Gazette. The last issue is just the opposite and contains many paragraphs in the style of the News against Hogg.

The Free Press made a mistake in crediting that "concise and well written editorial asking Hogg to father a suit in Callahan county."

The article referred to never appeared in the Star either as an editorial or otherwise. We noticed the article at the time and intended to correct the Free Press but sickness and a press of other business prevented us and we had for gotten it. But we repudiate the article in toto and the Free Press can find the author of it if it wants to but the Star is not responsible for it because we are not nor likely to be a supporter of Gen. Hogg unless the democratic party should make the mistake of nominating him for governor. So far as the daily papers doing any of our thinking it is a mistake, for if the Free Press will notice the Star frequently differs with all of them. We are awful busy it is true, but not so busy that we have to borrow ideas as the readers of the Star are pretty well aware.—Baird Star.

You are correct Bro. Gilliland. We find that the article credited to you was written by one K. D. We do not know how came it credited to you. At the time we penned the criticism we had an assistant to examine our files to see if you were responsible for the article and he reported you were and failed to say it was written by the said K. D.

We frankly acknowledge our error and place you again upon our list of constant fair-minded contemporaries and hope by the publication of this to repair any injury we may have done by the error we committed. However, we are sorry you favor autocratic official discharge of duty instead of the in-

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Ed. L. HUNTLEY & Co., Style Originators.

References—First National Bank of Chicago, capital \$2,000,000; Continental National Bank of Chicago, capital \$2,000,000.

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enforcement of the law, as made by the people and we cannot agree that executive officers shall be allowed to say what law shall be enforced or what shall not. Their duty is plain in a republican government, and we are sorry to see so many professed democrats advocating so many radical policies.

# Closing Out

Just one month has past since we commenced to

**Close out our Business**

and we are gratified at the success we are having,

**WE THANK THE PEOPLE OF HASKELL COUNTY AND THE PUBLIC GENERALLY FOR THEIR LIBERAL PATRONAGE.**

THE PEOPLE WHILE DOUBTFUL AT FIRST ARE NOW CONVINCED THAT WE ARE IN EARNEST ABOUT CLOSING OUT.

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 Advertising rates made known on application.  
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### LOCAL DOTS.

—J. S. Boon was in the city Tuesday.  
 —Lamps, 25cts to \$10. at Carter's Palace Drug Store Abilene.  
 —N. A. Mathews was in the city Friday.  
 —J. D. Roberts was in town yesterday.  
 —A. B. Caruthers was in the city this week.  
 —Prof. Clifton was in from Idella Tuesday.  
 —C. B. Banks has moved into his new residence.  
 —Geo. Roberts was in the city Monday.  
 —F. E. Turner has returned from a "flying" trip to Abilene.  
 —H. G. McConnell made a business trip to Abilene this week.  
 —Mr. York was town this week with cotton.  
 —W. T. Hudson has returned from a business trip to Abilene.  
 —Traveling Cases of all kinds at Carter's Palace Drug Store Abilene.  
 —Mr. Frank McGregor and lady were in the city Tuesday.  
 —B. H. Dodson has added a twenty foot room to his store.  
 —Geo. Mason has sold his farm and pasture to F. G. Alexander.  
 —Mr. W. P. Paris is building a business house on the north side of the Square.  
 —Bob Marr has gone to Dallas to make a \$1600 trade. 'bet that's a windy.  
 —Gug Smith of Albany passed through the city Wednesday on his way to Rayner.  
 —Mr. and Mrs. Oran Wade of Knox county were in the city this week trading.  
 —Miss Lula Wade is visiting in the city this week.  
 —A. C. Foster Esq left for Houston, Monday to take degees in masonry.  
 —J. E. McCannless one of Haskell county's good farmers was in the city Thursday.  
 —Writing Desks, \$2.50 to \$15. at Carter's Palace Drug Store Abilene.  
 —Judge Evans went to Houston Monday to attend a masonic celebration.  
 —Miss Shalie Wray of Stone-wall county is in the city visiting.  
 —Vases of all kinds, from 25ct to \$5. at Carter's Palace Drug Store Abilene.  
 —Horn, to Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Bowman, a fine boy on the 4th inst.  
 —The farmers have been bringing in pork corn and cotton this week.  
 —The young people had a gay social at the residence of Mrs. T. F. Tucker Monday night.  
 —Odor Cases and Baskets, at all prices, at Carter's Palace Drug Store Abilene.  
 —The ring of the hammer of industry is making a great noise in the land.  
 —Mr. G. W. Tanner is building a nice residence one mile north of town.  
 —Teachers' Bibles, \$1.40 to \$9.00, at Carter's Palace Drug Store Abilene.

MANUFACTURERS TRAVELING AGENT IN WEST TEXAS FOR  
**CHAS. D. L. NEWSOM,**  
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—Put up your turkeys and save your eggs. Its only three weeks until Christmas.  
 —The best line of Fine Extracts and Toilet Soaps in Abilene, at Carter's Palace Drug Store Abilene.  
 —The weather has been beautiful this week until yesterday morning it was cloudy and foggy.  
 —All who want holiday goods would do well to call on Bass Bros. of Abilene.  
 —Mr. G. W. Tanner and lady went to Abilene this week to purchase household goods.  
 —Wagons, Velocipedes Doll Carriages and Hobby Horses at Carter's Palace Drug Store Abilene.  
 —R. C. Lomax has gone to Grandbury after his family who have been visiting friends and relatives.  
 —Hair brushes—the finest stock in Abilene. All prices, 25 cents to \$5. each. Carter's Palace Drug Store.  
 —PARENTS—Christmas comes but once a year—make your children happy; buy from Carter's Palace Drug Store Abilene.  
 —Go and see the new stock of Ladies and Childrens Shoes at Johnson Bros. next week.  
 —Books—all kinds, 5 cents to \$12.50 each—Carter's Palace Drug Store Abilene. Will order any book not in stock at publisher's prices.  
 —B. J. Tyson has returned from Milan county with a fine four year old stallion of the norman and gray eagle breed.  
 —Mr. Bayham of Rayner was in the city Thursday. He says when the public well at Rayner was bored a depth of 80 feet a good quality of water was obtained.  
 —N. PORTER, Abilene, Tex.  
 —FOR—  
**CHEYENNE SADDLES,** Prices \$17.00, \$20.00, \$25.00 and \$30.00.  
 —Several land sales occurred this week among which were purchases of town lots by parties who will build immediately.  
 —J. W. Armstrong Esq. and T. F. Tucker had a little fistic contest Friday morning. Both contestants came out a little bruised but not seriously hurt.  
 —DOLLS—China, Wax, Bisque, Rag and Indestructible, dressed and undressed, from 5 cents to \$5. at Carter's Palace Drug Store Abilene.  
 —The gin has been running steady this week. The proprietors will gain as many bales as they expected to. Next year they will have all they can do.

—Plush, Leather and Oxidized Silver Dressing Cases and Albums at Carter's Palace Drug Store Abilene. All prices, from \$1.00 to \$30.00.  
 —Rev. S. H. Blair filled an appointment at the Ward school house last Saturday night and Sunday morning and preached here Sunday night.  
 —Dr. Ezell will attend patients in the city and country. He will always be found at his office at F. E. Turner's Drug Store.  
 —Johnson Bros. will receive this week a well selected line of Ladies and Childrens Shoes; go and see them before buying.  
 —Carter's Palace Drug Store has the Largest, Newest, Best and Cheapest stock of Christmas Goods ever brought to Abilene. Only the Best Goods, No shoddy goods and no old and refused stock.  
 —Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Hammons left for Abilene Wednesday, where Mrs. Hammons will take the train for Burnett to visit friends and relatives. She will be absent until after Christmas.  
 —G. T. Bagget will buy furs pelts and hides and pay the largest market price for same. North side public square Haskell Tex.  
 —The Druggists Bass Bros. of Abilene have the most beautiful assortment of plush goods, such as dressing cases, whisk broom holders, manicure sets, work-boxes, cuff and collar boxes, with a select line of glassware, dolls, toys etc. all of which they are selling at very reasonable prices, and it will pay to call and see them.  
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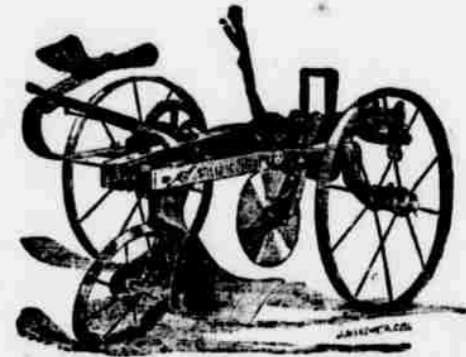
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Idella returned from Abilene slightly weather-beaten, but in fine humor with the city. Sheep are well sheltered from the boreal blast of winter in the vicinity of Idella and the herdsmen know it. Their is a fortune in store for the person who discovers some practical means by which jack rabbits can be extinguished from our farms. There seems to be quite a degree of gravity attaching to our great Hogg. Question? Texas has long been proverbial for the manner in which her domain has been lavished upon speculating corporations and individuals. It is thought by some that Gov. Roberts ruined himself politically by trying to check this evil, at any rate he tried with much emphasis and has ever since been a political past. Now we have another state officer in the person of Hon. J. S. Hogg who seems to be laboring in the interest of common justice, and in the performance of duties that he has sworn to perform, and some news papers that I see and some people that I have seen are exercising themselves most vehemently to cast odium upon his name. If Mr. Hogg is transcending his official limits and usurping unauthorized power, why dont his accusers apply the statutory strait edge and force him within his legal bounds? Abuse is the weapon of coward; and if Mr. Hogg is going officially and so naturally wrong why don't some one who knows the fact call a legal halt to his proceedings? But if Mr. Hogg can, legally, redeem at this late date, and checks that unrighteous scramble and save even a small amount of land for the state why hinder him? Thousands of worthy families of Texas and other states are to-day homeless; while millions of acres of Texas fertile lands that might provide homes and happiness lie around us in unproductive idleness all because the custodians of the people's interest have allowed speculations to snatch the lands from the state and hold them beyond the reach of the people. The laws that squandered so much land, and the succession of administration that has transcended in bestowing the lands upon speculation was more wrong, and if Mr. Hogg's enemies wish to stop efforts that are being put fourth in the interest of the state, should first suggest a remedy for the great wrong that is being perpetrated upon Texas in the matter of her lands.

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### THE FIRE RECORD.

The Boston Fire Caused, it is Claimed, by the Crossing of Electric Wires.

Loss Various Estimated at from \$4,000,000 to \$10,000,000—Fire men Missing—A Powder Explosion.

BOSTON, MASS., Nov. 29.—The burned district begins at Columbia street on the east and extends two blocks westward along Bedford street to Chauncey street on the west. On the south side of Bedford street the fire consumed the entire block bounded by Bedford, Kingston, Essex and Columbia streets. Westward of this the entire block bound by Bedford, Kingston and Chauncey streets and Rowe Place, and westward of this the buildings on Chauncey street, from Bedford to Exeter Place. It also badly damaged the building on the southeast corner of Bedford and Columbia streets, north of Bedford street. It consumed the buildings on both the northeast and northwest corners of Bedford and Kingston streets, and damaged the block at the corner of Bedford and Chauncey.

The total loss, according to the latest conservative estimate, will reach \$4,000,000.

The scenes about the fire were replete with excitement and activity. The police were prompt in roping off the streets and keeping back the crowds, leaving ample room for the firemen. On every corner engines puffed, rumbled and emitted torrents of black smoke, while hose lines by the score lay in a twisted tangled up and down the streets for blocks on all sides. The territory bounded by Kingston, Bedford and Chauncey streets was the principal theater of destruction. Here the conflagration levelled everything. Within an hour after the first alarm sounded the whole

structure of Brown, Durrell & Co.'s building collapsed with a tremendous crash. The flames were darting from the doors and windows and the interior of the block was a glowing furnace. The dry goods and other combustible matter with which the houses were packed burned to a white head. The granite crumbled and the iron girders melted away like ice. The streams from the engines were turned to vapor before they touched the fire. Suddenly a cry arose: "The walls are falling, back, back."

The crowds were urged back for their very lives. Startled by the shouts the firemen dropped their nozzles and ran to save the apparatus. Great gaps opened in the wall and bricks from the cornice dropped into the streets with an ominous clatter.

### THE BACKMAN KILLING.

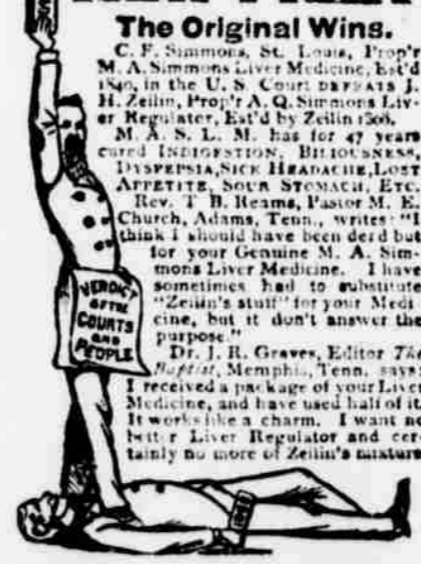
The Case in Court and the Testimony Seems to Favor the Slayer

SAN ANTONIO, TEX., Nov. 28.—Before Judge King to-day, in the forty-fifth district court, the case of attorney H. H. Childres, charged with the killing of backman Draper Tuesday night, was opened. He has secured the ablest counsel that the bar of west Texas affords and apparently has all the means necessary to a through conduct of his case.

The only witness examined was Jessie Rudder, the backman who was driving Childres on the night the difficulty occurred, with whom he had the dispute, whom he cursed and in his behalf Draper interfered. Rudder testified that Draper followed them out of the saloon where the dispute took place in the sidewalk and there leaned against a tree while the talking was in progress, seemingly an uninterested spectator. He said further that when Childres cursed him, Draper rushed forward in a threatening manner, throwing back his coat. So impetuous was his onslant that Childres stepped back a couple of feet and then fired.

On cross-examination and on redirect the witness maintained his statements. The examination was continued until to-morrow, and it looks now that Childres will come clear on a plea of self-defense as Rudder was the main witness for the state.

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purpose."  
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Medicine, and have used half of it.  
It works like a charm. I want no  
better Liver Regulator and cer-  
tainly no more of Zettin's snare."

Rudder also testified in the most positive manner that Childres, his friend Cochran, a drummer, Draper and himself were the only people on the sidewalk when the shots were fired. Owing to the exceptionally high standing of the accused and his wide acquaintance with the most prominent men of Texas, the case has excited great interest, and the courtroom was crowded during the hearing.

### NEW VOLCANO IN SONORA.

One of the Most Destructive in Extent of Territory in History.

CITY OF MEXICO, Nov. 25.—The exploring commission sent soon after the earthquake of May 2 to Hermosillo, Sonora, by the government of that state, has returned and presented the following report: "Fourteen miles south of Bavispo a volcano has burst forth in the Sierra Madra mountains. Its crater is enveloped by dense columns of fire and smoke, and lava flows from it in such abundance as to prevent an approach at a closer distance than four miles. Boiling water streams from the crater in immense quantities destroying the vegetation of the valley, while the lava is rapidly filling the canyon and even forming little hills. The noise from this volcano resembles that made by a fleet of steamboats. The land owners of that neighborhood are completely ruined. Grass, vegetables and every thing that lives have disappeared. The devastation is complete and there is no hope for an improvement in the situation.

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