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 Feb. 12, '86.

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 RESTAURANT  
 Table supplied with the best  
 the market affords,  
 Polite attention.  
 The patronage of the public  
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 Any person or persons wishing to  
 pass over this line can always go on the  
 MAIL HACK CHEAPER  
 than they can hire a buggy and team  
 I mean what I say  
 Try me and see  
 Respectfully  
**OSCAR COCHRAN,**  
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How Cincinnati Received the News  
**HASKELL CITY**  
**FREE PRESS.**

Our Liberties we prize, and our rights we will maintain.  
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**FIRST NATIONAL BANK**  
 ALBANY, TEXAS,  
 Authorized Capital \$250,000  
 Paid up Capital \$50,000  
 Geo. T. Reynolds, Pres. R. E. McAnulty, Vice-President.  
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 Will buy and sell Exchange on the Principal Cities in the United States, and transact a general Banking Business

**OSCAR MARTIN,**  
 Attorney at Law  
 and Real Estate agent.  
 Haskell City, TEXAS

Austin, Sept. 21, 1886.  
 Mr. R. C. Lomax,  
 Haskell Tex.  
 WEATHERFORD.  
 Sir: Referring to your inquiry some time since regarding the condition of the account of A. D. Tucker as Collector of Haskell county, I beg now to state that the information furnished you from this office showing that Mr. Tucker was largely in arrears was incorrect. Mr. Tucker's accounts are settled in full, and were at the time, and the state owes him on that settlement, \$273.80. The mistake arose in this way. From a peculiar arrangement of the figures on the records here certain amounts of the tax rolls were included twice in the same charge, and besides the rolls of Haskell for 1884 and so charged while Mr. Tucker had given a separate receipt to Mr. M. F. Barber of Throckmorton county (to which Haskell was attached for 1885) for the rolls of Haskell for 1884 and was charged with that receipt also. I am glad to be able to say that every thing is perfect satisfactory to this office. Mr. Tucker has full statements which I trust will be satisfactory to all parties in the county interest.  
 Respectfully,  
 W. J. Swain, - Comptroller

**NOTICE.**  
 Notice is hereby given that the county Commissioners court of Haskell county Texas will convene on the 15th day of December 1886, to consider bids for the leasing of the Haskell county school lands which is located in Haskell county Texas and includes four leagues of land, lease to be for ten years and to be paid annually in advance, but the court reserves the right to reject any and all bids.  
 J. L. Jones Co. Clk. Com'r's court H. O. T.  
**BEEF MARKET.**  
 Will have on hand at all times,  
**FRESH BEEF.**  
 Respectfully,  
**B. M. KEANS.**

**Geo. Walshe & Co.,**  
 Wholesale  
**GROCERS & IMPORTERS,**  
 PINE ST., ABILENE TEXAS.  
 We would call the attention of the trade, to the fact, that we are selling at Fort Worth prices, Dallas or Galveston prices the following goods, thus saving local freight:  
 Leggett & Myer's star tobacco  
 " " scalping knife  
 Lorillard's Climax tobacco.  
 F. C. Williams & Co Lucy Hinton tobacco, besides a full line of other brands of tobacco and cigars, and we respectfully ask dealers to give us a trial.  
 We have in stock a full line of staple and fancy groceries which we are prepared to sell at very low prices, as all our stocks were purchased from first hands in car load lots, and our prices will compare favorably with any market. Have just received per steam ship Olbers, from Rio de Janeiro, Coffee imported by us direct. We respectfully ask dealers to give us a call.  
**GEO. WALSHE & CO**  
 Wholesale grocers and import

Continued from last issue.  
 The child had made a contract with him, and out of respect to her the man of business carried it out to the letter. At last the final payment was made. As Mabel turned to go, after thanking her benefactor, his voice recalled her to his side.  
 "Little Mabel," he said, "I have been an interested spectator of your manner of life since you and I made our bargain. I have seen your cheeks grow pale for want of the food you persisted in denying yourself, that you might bring your weekly board to me, and I wondered if one so young would be able to carry out so high a resolve. You have succeeded, and all your life long you will have it to remember. Now, your part is done, and mine begins. Give me your hand, my child, for Randolph Gwinn respects you. More than that, he loves you well."  
 She was not to be deceived. He had adopted daughter. "Come and furnish your home with me. You shall have every advantage that bountiful means can provide. You will have no objections. Chauncey, my boy, will you?" as his grandson came into the room.  
 A few words explained his meaning, and Chauncey turned his handsome eyes differently toward the hesitating girl. It was not the first time they had met—as Mabel was conscious in every fibre of her sensitive being, but Chauncey did not remember her.  
 "So the careless but good-natured "Of course, grandfather, one more or less does not matter in this great house," sank deep into Mabel's memory, to rise again to the surface and influence her future long after Chauncey had forgotten them.  
 So it was that Mabel was domiciled at the Gwinnes. A governess was engaged for her, and music and painting lessons soon occupied the time not engaged in her studies. Thus a year passed on.  
 One morning the daily paper was brought as usual to Mr. Gwinn, as he was sitting at the breakfast-table, sipping coffee.  
 Suddenly an exclamation from him arrested Mabel's attention.  
 He had read a notice asking for the knowledge of the whereabouts of one Rachel Freeland, whose married name was Wynne. Her only surviving parent had died, and she, if living, was sole heiress to a large fortune; if dead, her children would inherit it.  
 "Well I remember poor Rachel," said Mr. Gwinn musingly. "She was the handsomest girl I ever saw. She gave up all for love, and made a splendid marriage with a man of whom her parents disapproved. Poor Rachel! I wonder if she is alive!"  
 Mabel rose from the table, and went to Mr. Gwinn. She was very pale, but her eyes shone with excitement.  
 "Rachel Freeland was my mother's maiden name. Oh, my kind benefactor, how little you know whose child it was you were befriending! But for you she would be sleeping in a nameless grave!"  
 "Truly the ways of God are mysterious!" said the kind-hearted old gentleman, taking off his spectacles to wipe away the sudden mist that blurred them.  
 Mabel had no difficulty in proving her claim, as her parents' marriage certificate was found among some papers stowed away in an old chest. So the orphan waif adopted by Randolph was now independently wealthy in her own right.  
 Mabel was now fifteen. She had not changed much in personal appearance during the year of her stay at the Gwinnes'. She was still slight and rather underized. Her complexion was rather sallow, and though her features were regular, she was undeniably plain. Her luxuriant shining hair and lustrous eyes, were however, sufficient to redeem her from plainness.  
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**S. H. Johnson**  
 North & West Texas  
**LAND AGENCY**  
 Have for Sale:  
 640 acres fine farming land on Lake creek, 10 mi. north of town at 2 1/2 per acre on easy terms.  
 1500 Acres about ten miles south of town on Paint creek for 2.25 per acre terms easy.  
 1392 Acres about ten miles West of town, fine agricultural lands—2.00 per acre.  
 1000 Acres south of west of county seat—prices and terms furnished on application. Besides this we have property in all parts of the county and are able to fit up any one desiring to invest in Haskell county real estate.  
 We offer for sale nothing but perfect titles over which we have full control.  
 640 Acres 12 Mi. south of town \$2.00 per acre terms easy.  
 800 acres 10 Mi South west of town or \$2000.00 easy terms.  
 605 acres 13 Mi North of Haskell reasonable price a terms.  
 For Sale! 2000 acres at the junction of Pant and California Creeks.  
 For Rent! 320 acres all fenced with 3 wires 80 acres subdivision, farm at the house fenced off, good house, two rooms and a good cistern, fine stone fence around yard and garden, 7 miles east of town.—apply for terms.  
 Will render property and pay tax for non-residents, adjust titles and ranch abstracts—Non-residents interest in particular attention.  
 Will redeem lands sold for taxes.  
 Will buy and sell lands and ranch property on commission in any of the Pan Handle counties.

**S. H. Johnson & Co.**  
 Haskell City Texas.  
 "Did you attend church, my daughter?" "Yes, papa." "How did you like the sermon?" "Well, the minister stuck to his text, and I must say delivered a very cheerful though somewhat unseasonable discourse." "What was the text?" "Many are cold but few are frozen."  
 The mad-dog craze in New Jersey and New York is becoming laughable. The superintendent of the New York dog pound recently issued the following order: "People come here almost every day and ask us to take away mad dogs. When we get there the dog is no more mad than the people."  
 Minister's wife (rather trying at times): "How much did you get for performing that marriage ceremony this morning?" Minister: "Two dollars." Wife: "Only \$2?" Minister: "Yes. The poor fellow said he had been married before, and I hadn't the heart to charge him more than that."  
 Among the relics of the late war stowed away in the United States ordnance museum is a saber fully five feet long, which was found on the battlefield of Manassas. A Virginian who visited the museum recognized the saber as one that had been used by a giant Virginia cavalryman in "Job" Stuart's command. "The cavalryman in question," said the Virginian, "was nearly seven feet high and broad in proportion. He had that big saber stude by a cross-roads horsehoover, and promised to hew his way through the Yankee lines with it and enter Washington, but poor fellow, he was shot at Manassas before he could carry out his rash purpose."  
 A short time since a gentleman who lived in a small town far from Buffalo went the way of all flesh, and the burial ceremonies to be performed over his remains were committed to the care of a local undertaker. The funeral was quite an important one, for the gentleman was prominent in his own town and a number of his friends from the city were present. The services were held in the church, but just as the time arrived for taking the remains to the cemetery a severe thunder storm came up, and it was considered best not to start until the worst of the storm was over. The wait was rather an embarrassing one, but the undertaker was equal to the emergency. Standing on the chancel steps, he shouted so as to be heard in the choir loft at the other end of the building: "The organist will please give us a little music to while away the time." Even the mourner smiled.



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BULL AND ERICSSON.

How the Great Violinist Touched the Inventor's Heart with His Music.

In conversation a few evenings ago a distinguished chemist and physician, who is also an enthusiastic and critical lover of music, told an interesting story about Ole Bull and John Ericsson, the great inventor.

Bull, happening to be in New York on a concert tour, determined to look up his old friend and renew the acquaintance.

His acquaintance being thus renewed, Bull continued to call upon his old friend when visiting New York, and usually when taking his leave would ask Ericsson to attend his concert.

Here were two men the very opposites of each other. Bull an impulsive, romantic dreamer; Ericsson stern, thoughtful, practical, proving every movement with mathematical precision.

AMOURS IN WHITE AND BLACK. This man's amours in white and black have been the scandal of the community for forty years.

Caring for the Mummies.

Dr. Schweinfurth takes a very sensible view about mummies. He holds that every possible step should be taken to secure the remains of ancient Egyptian kings from that decay against which such admirable precautions were taken between 3000 and 2000 B. C.

Prohibition Inconsistent.

"I don't believe in Prohibition," said a liberal-minded man to an acquaintance. "And why not?" "Well because it is inconsistent."

Mutual.

Billings (meeting Baxter who is walking rapidly along the street)—"Hallo, Baxter, why this rush?" Baxter—"I am walking fast to keep that fellow Staggs from catching up with me."

The largest mail contractor on the Pacific coast is a female—Mrs. I. B. McClain: she has twenty-three contracts and her lines extend through Idaho and a large part of Washington territory.

THE END OF A DESPICABLE CAREER.

The Story of an Assassination—Life of the Murdered Man—His Loves and Peccadilloes—A Mixed Family of White and Black.

ARLINGTON, Ga., Oct. 21.—White Seaborn Sheffield, one of the wealthiest citizens of Southwest Georgia, was sitting at his table counting his money, the loud report of a shotgun was heard, followed by still another.

MR. SHEFFIELD'S LIFE. Mr. Sheffield was the son of one of the original pioneers of this county, having been raised in boyhood among the Indians.

DISAPPEARED BENEATH THE WAVES. The storm which began Tuesday between 2 and 3 o'clock rose steadily worse, and the water rose rapidly until 4 o'clock, when the whole face of the earth had

At Beaumont a relief party has been organized, and an engine of the West Texas road placed at their disposal to visit the scene of the disaster and render such aid as they can.

LAKE CHARLES, La., Oct. 18.—The loss of property along Cameron parish, the gulf coast and for some distance west of Sabine Pass, by the storm Tuesday night, was fearful.

ORANGE, Oct. 21.—There are now about 500 survivors of the recent disastrous storm at Sabine Pass in this place and others continue to struggle in from time to time, and there is great need of help from outside communities to sustain them.

Ninety People Known to Be Drowned.

BEAUMONT, Texas, Oct. 18.—The relief boat L. Q. Lamar, which left Beaumont at 10 o'clock Wednesday night with a relief committee of forty men, has returned from Sabine Pass.

Dr. Calhoun reports many people without clothes, and a relief boat will return this evening with clothing for them.

A. T. McDonough, one of the Houston Light Guard, had a relative at the Pass. He passed through to Orange to-night with grief.

Berry Foley, Capt. McDonough's grand child, and his wife were picked up dead on the railroad track to-night five miles from the Pass, where their bodies had washed.

Capt. F. A. Hyatt, of Louisiana Jefty and Lightening company, had everything swept away, but escaped unhurt. The nearest approachment to the loss at the Pass is \$150,000.

GALVESTON, Oct. 18.—Further reports of the storm at Sabine Pass Tuesday confirm the telegraphic report sent you yesterday evening. Nothing further than fragments of news sent in from other places has since been learned.

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What an Iowa Breeder Says Who Has Had It—On His Farm.

Henry Wallace, of the Iowa Homestead, who is an extensive breeder, writes: Last year, according to the Government reports, we lost six million hogs by that aggregation of diseases known as hog cholera.

There is a possibility that the losses this year will equal last and that it will extend into Illinois, Indiana and Ohio.

We wish to guard our readers, first, against the delusion that the disease is preventable by any kind of medicine or diet, or at least against the delusion that any real preventive has as yet been found.

These germs are carried on the boots of visitors, by peddlers of dead hogs, by dogs, wolves, etc. We do not believe it is carried by the wind.

First, the pig droops, holds its nose near the ground, coat starting, forehead often wrinkled; when it lies down to seek a moist place and lies flat on the belly, showing high fever.

An examination may show lungs sound or unsound, liver ditto, worms or no worms. It will nearly always show the spleen enlarged, dark colored and very soft.

That depends mainly on the weather. If the weather is fine, as in August and September, hogs will linger longer and have fewer complications.

When the deaths have ceased, take care of the rest. Your brood sows are invaluable. They are cholera proof and it is but reasonable to suppose their pigs, if from a sire that has recovered, will have strong capacity to resist the disease.

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They Are Very Intelligent Insects, and Are Also Good to Eat.

"Dine with me to-day," said a friend, "and I will promise you something new, a bonne bouche never dreamed of in your philosophy."

The dinner was served, and, by way of dessert, the mikado in attendance brought in a silver salver, upon which rested some objects that I assumed to be extraordinary large currants, of rich amber hue.

Not to be outdone, I also took one of the objects, which was a squirming ant, swallowed it, and became conscious of having eaten a drop of honey, sweet and agreeable, though the fact that each morsel was obtained only by the sacrifice of a defenseless insect was somewhat of an objection.

"I brought these," he continued, "from way down in southern California, on the edge of Mexico, where they live. They cost me about a cent apiece, and I propose to introduce them among my friends. In Mexico they are considered a great dainty.

"My host observed my modesty and laughed at me. 'You Americans are curious people' he said. 'I have seen you watch a man stab a delicate oyster, and while in its death-struggles madden it with condiments, a process as cruel as throwing a human being upon burning coals, yet you object to a single ant that is so surcharged with honey, that it is insensible to pain.'

The ants thus served up by my epicurean friend were the famous honey ants found—from Mexico to Colorado—in this country and in the east, and, while all ants are remarkable for their seeming intelligence these present certain features almost beyond belief.

The honey ant is a small red insect, extremely demonstrative and active, and found particularly in Texas and Mexico, and in considerable numbers in Colorado.

She recognized the Buttons. The minister's wife sat on the front porch mending the clothes of one of her numerous progeny.

"You seem to be well supplied with buttons, Mrs. Goodman." "Yes, very well indeed."

He Took No Chances. "There's an evidence of how an ambitious American can climb up," some one remarked as a stylish equipage rolled by on the drive at Saratoga.

MOBILE, Oct. 16.—The body of a white man, about 50 years of age, was discovered this morning lying on the sidewalk on Madison street near the corner of Royal, in the southern part of the city, with a deep gash in the right side of the neck, just below the ear, the wound severing the jugular vein, and must have caused instant death, as there were no signs of any struggle where the body lay.

Washington News.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16.—Notwithstanding the fact that the leading members of the administration have returned to Washington, there is an unusually small congressional representation at the capital.

The issue of standard silver dollars from the mints during the week ended Oct. 9 was \$984,883; during the same period of last year, \$1,084,744.

Grave Desecration by Ward Island Physicians.

NEW YORK, Oct. 16.—The commissioners of emigration are investigating the charges of grave desecrations which have been made against the doctors on Ward's Island.

UVALDE, Oct. 16.—William Ware, has been taken to the Eagle Pass jail, in pursuance to Governor Ireland's order of two hundred-dollars reward for delivery there.

Mr. Nallus has just shipped from Uvalde and D'hanis, on a large contract, to a cattle company at Albuquerque, N.M., in thirty cars and trains, 1100 head of yearling steers, purchased at Uvalde and adjoining counties, at eight dollars around. He found cattle hard to buy at those prices.

DREAM OF THE NEWS.

A war is being made on Sunday papers in Columbus, Ohio.

The National Convention of Laundrymen met in Cincinnati on the 13th.

David Allen was killed by a falling embankment at Kansas City on the 12th.

Secretary Manning has resumed charge of the treasury department again.

Tax values of Comanche county increased \$17,000, and of Red River county \$175,000.

A. W. Gregg, of Palestine, has been nominated for State senator from the Seventh district.

The remains of a lady were found in a box of garbage dumped in a garbage pile at Pittsburg, Pa.

A snake ten feet eight inches long was killed on Clear Fork in Throckmorton county recently.

The assessed values of Houston county decreased \$25,000, and Concho county increased \$48,600.

H. C. Nash, station agent at Paige, was robbed of \$350 by two masked men on the night of the 13th.

A sheepman and his daughter aged 15 were found dead near their camp in Throckmorton county recently.

G. W. Grace, charged with the murder of Mr. Barrett, at St. Joe, in 1878, has been arrested and jailed in Montague county.

A 12-year-old girl eloped with an unknown man at San Antonio on the 14th, but the two were overtaken and the girl rescued.

The second year's lease money is due on the lease in the disputed territory or county of Greer, and the lessees will probably refuse to pay, inasmuch as the State is fighting their locations in the same county.

John L. Sullivan and Paddy Ryan have signed articles of agreement for a slugging match at San Francisco within the next sixty days.

Chatfield Alliance No. 735 has passed resolutions endorsing the minority of the Farmers Grand State Alliance in refusing to have anything to do with politics.

Hon. R. Q. Mills spoke at Brenham on the 11th to a large and appreciative audience. His speech was confined to a discussion of the prohibition and tariff questions.



